

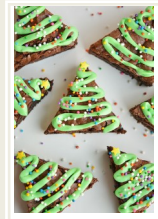
"BE ON GUARD ... PRAY CONSTANTLY
for the strength to escape whatever is in
prospect and stand secure before
the Son of Man."
- Luke 21: 34, 36



**1st Sunday of
ADVENT**
◆
**December 2,
2018**

MASS SCHEDULE December 4th thru December 9th

Tuesday (Dec. 4) 7:00 am Daily
Wednesday (Dec. 5) 7:00 am Daily
Thursday (Dec. 6) 7:00 am Daily
Friday (Dec. 7) 8:30 am School (Gym)
7:00 pm Immaculate Conception (Holy Day) & Adoration
Saturday (Dec. 8) 8:00 am Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)
5:30 pm Vigil
Sunday (Dec. 9) 9:00 & 11:00 am, and 4:30 (Fr. Pepka)



**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AT OLG SCHOOL ON
SATURDAY, DEC. 1ST (6 TO 7 PM). THERE WILL BE
COOKIE DECORATING AND HOT CHOCOLATE
THEN WE SURROUND THE TREE FOR LIGHTING.**

**ALSO, THE MOM'S MINISTRY WILL
HAVE FREE CRAFT MAKING TABLES FOR THE
KIDS AND HOST THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
BOUTIQUE & BAKE SALE. ALL PROCEEDS HELP
THE MOM'S MINISTRY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
MANY FUN AND FREE ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS.**



**COME OUT AND SUPPORT OLG.
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THIS SATURDAY.**



SIMBANG GABI by Claude Tanyag
Serigraph, 1995 (71 x 74 cm)

SIMBANG GABI (MASS AT DAWN)

A tradition celebrated as spiritual preparation for Christmas, in commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ and is also seen as a way to request blessings from the Lord. Many believe that if you complete the series of 9 Masses at Dawn, your wishes will be granted. The Mother of Perpetual Ministry will sponsor 9 Masses at 5:30 am starting Dec. 16th thru Dec. 24th at the Church. Each service will be followed by a light breakfast in the Rectory.

PLEASE COME AND ENJOY THE MASS, PRAYERS & BLESSINGS.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY - IS 2:1-5; PS 122:1-2, 3-4B, 4CD-5, 6-7, 8-9; See PS 80:4; MT 8:5-11
TUESDAY - US 11:1-10; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; LK 10:21-24;
WEDNESDAY - IS 25:6-10A; PS 12:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6; MT 15:29-37
THURSDAY - IS 26:1-6; PS 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27A; IS 55:6; MT 7:21, 24-27
FRIDAY - IS 29:17-24; PS 27:1, 4, 13-14; MT 9:27-31
SATURDAY - GN 3:9-15, 20; PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4; EPH 1:3-6, 11-12;
See LK 1:28; LK 1:26-38
SUNDAY - BAR 5:1-9; PS 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; PHIL 1:4-6, 8-11; LK 3:4, 6; LK 3:1-6

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF GRACE

*Pastor's
Corner*

Every Advent, the Liturgy of the Word gives our sense of time a reorientation. There's a deliberate tension in the next four weeks' readings—between promise and fulfillment, expectation and deliverance, between looking forward and looking back.

In today's First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah focuses our gaze on the promise God made to David, some 1,000 years before Christ. God says through the prophet that He will fulfill this promise by raising up a "just shoot," a righteous offspring of David, who will rule Israel in justice (see [2 Samuel 7:16](#); [Jeremiah 33:17](#); [Psalm 89:4-5](#); [27-38](#)). Today's Psalm, too, sounds the theme of Israel's ancient expectation: "Guide me in Your truth and teach Me. For You are God my Savior and for You I will wait all day."

We look back on Israel's desire and anticipation knowing that God has already made good on those promises by sending His only Son into the world. Jesus is the "just shoot," the God and Savior for Whom Israel was waiting. Knowing that He is a God who keeps His promises lends grave urgency to the words of Jesus in today's Gospel. Urging us to keep watch for His return in glory, He draws on Old Testament images of chaos and instability—turmoil in the heavens (see [Isaiah 13:11,13](#); [Ezekiel 32:7-8](#); [Joel 2:10](#)); roaring seas (see [Isaiah 5:30](#); [17:12](#)); distress among the nations (see [Isaiah 8:22/14:25](#)) and terrified people (see [Isaiah 13:6-11](#)). He evokes the prophet Daniel's image of the Son of Man coming on a cloud of glory to describe His return as a "theophany," a manifestation of God (see [Daniel 7:13-14](#)). Many will cower and be literally scared to death. But Jesus says we should greet the end-times with heads raised high, confident that God keeps His promises, that our "redemption is at hand," that "the kingdom of God is near" (see [Luke 21:31](#)).

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BLESS, PROTECT and PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY, O LORD

Nash Bulaong	Thomas Burkstrand	Brian Chrisman
Shelby DeLamora	Jason Enjambre	Zachary Evans
Angelo Garcia	Mikayla George	Lawrence Hermosa
Anthony Huggins	Diana Jacinto	Austin Mora
Wesley Paige	CeCe Pitts	Renald Rivera
Terrin Vilhauer	Christian Watson	Rick G. Marston Jr.

Please pray for their families, the Chaplains, first responders, police, firefighters and all who protect and serve.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2018 "REPORT OF GRATITUDE"

As we reflect with gratitude for the many blessings God has given us, Catholics throughout the Diocese are invited to view the 2018 "Report of Gratitude" at [scd.org/annual-catholic-appeal](#). By coming together as Catholics, see how parishioners have helped No. California social service agencies to provide hope and help to our brothers & sisters in need. Through love and care inspired by Jesus Christ, more than 253,000 families/individuals moved closer to independence and dignity. Please take a moment to see the difference you've made. It's not too late to participate. No contribution or act of charity is ever too small or insignificant. You can donate online at [scd.org](#). Thank you for your consideration and generosity.



**OLG GRACED YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING THIS SUNDAY, DEC. 2ND
AT 6:00 PM IN THE SCHOOL GYM.**

ALL HIGH SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS ARE WELCOME.

**THERE WILL BE A 2ND COLLECTION ON DEC. 8TH & 9TH FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND
FOR RELIGIOUS. POSTERS and INFO ARE IN THE CHURCH ENTRANCE.**



Names remain on the Prayer List for 1 month. Please notify the Parish Office if you wish to add or remove.

**JIM THOMPSON
JOSEPH PLATINO**

**ANA RAMIREZ-PALMER
ORLANDO PIZOLA**

**LOUIE TALANI
CARY COPPEL**

**JEANNETTE DE DIOS
DIANE MONTGOMERY**

MASS INTENTIONS:

SATURDAY, December 1st at 5:30 p.m.
SUNDAY, December 2nd at 9:00 a.m.
at 11:00 a.m.
at 4:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, December 4th at 7:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, December 5th at 7:00 a.m.
THURSDAY, December 6th at 7:00 a.m.
FRIDAY, December 7th at 8:30 a.m.

For Maria Morais +
For Valentine Gunasekara +
For All Parishioners
For All Victims of the Wild Fires (Healing)
For Christopher James Harty (Healing)
For Anselmo Pamintuan +
For Harry & Jan Valencia (Wedding Anniv)
School Mass (Gym)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 8th

5:30 pm -- Bonnie Sue Barrow, Trudy Connolly,

Sunday, December 9th

9:00 am -- Anna Beall, Michael Beall, Laura MacDonald, Glenn Mochel
11:00 am -- Celine Lawrence, Job Lawrence, Mario Mejia, Maureen Talani
4:30 pm -- Anita Sargent, Isabella Zink

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 8th

5:30 pm -- Grace Mosely, Rick Mayoral, Rick Mayoral

Sunday, December 9th

9:00 am -- Rose Lloyd, Ernie Guerra, Ernie Guerra
11:00 am -- Charles Shunk, Cindy Fabonan, Mike McFeely
4:30 pm -- Dennison Ocampo, Sydney Galvan, Sydney Galvan

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 8th

5:30 pm -- TBD

Sunday, December 9th

9:00 am -- TBD
11:00 am -- TBD
4:30 pm -- TBD

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 9th

9:00 am - Stacey/Jeanne 11:00 am - No Class 4:30 pm - Meg

Weekly Budget Goal = \$4,271.00; Nov. 25, 2018 Collection = \$2,592.00

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays; Rosary & Novena, 6:00 pm, followed by Mass (Church).

Bereavement Ministry: Call the Parish Office 916-371-4814 as needed.

Bible Study: Tuesdays, 7:00 pm (Parish Ctr). Topic "Gospel of Mark"; format in Lectio Divina.

Catholic Faith Formation: Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:45 pm (Sept 2018 to May 2019); for K-5 & Confirmation Prep for 6th - 8th (School).

Graced Youth Ministry: Every other Sunday, 6:00 pm (School Gym).

Moms Ministry: 3rd Sunday of the month, 6:30 - 7:30 pm (Parish Center).

OLG Prayer Meeting: 2nd thru 5th Fridays of the month, 7:00 pm (School Chapel).

RCIA: Thursdays, 5:30 pm and Mondays Inquiry, 7:00 pm. (both in Parish Center).

Respect Life Ministry: 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm (Church Rectory) and HOUR OF POWER Prayer Session on Tuesdays (6 to 7 pm) starting Dec. 4, 2018.

St. Vincent de Paul: 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm (Church Rectory).

Women's Council: 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm (Parish Center).

**SAVE THE DATE! The Women's Council Meeting & Potluck will be on Tuesday,
Dec. 4th at 7 pm in the Parish Center at the School. Board members will make
enchiladas and Spanish rice. If you can, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

