

Rev. Austin C. Doran, Pastor
Rev. Thomas Feltz, Senior Priest

Website: www.ourladyofgrace.org

MASSES

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)
Weekdays: (Mon.—Fri.) 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.
Holy days: Eves, 5:30 p.m., 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.,
 12:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
First Fridays: 6:30 and 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.
First Friday: 5:15 to 5:45 p.m.

BAPTISMS/BAUTISMOS

By appointment. Six weeks notice required.
 Se requiere cita con seis semanas de anticipación.

MARRIAGES/MATRIMONIOS

By appointment. Six months notice required.
 Se requiere cita con seis meses de anticipación.

PARISH STAFF

Parish Office	(818) 342-4686
Mrs. Vilma Chegade	Parish Business Manager
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Ms. Beth Engman	Parish Receptionist
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Mrs. Vicky De Vivero	Quinceañeras
Mrs. Alma Shirley	Music
Mrs. Betty Vanek	Adult Confirmation
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Mr. Christopher Knabenshue	Youth Coordinator
(Confirmation/Youth Ministry)	

SOCIAL CONCERNS MESSAGE FOR JANUARY, 2008

“In assuming human nature Christ has united to himself all humanity in a supernatural solidarity which makes of it one single family. He has made charity the distinguishing mark of his disciples in the word: By this will everyone knows you for my disciples by your love for one another.”

Credit:Vaticau II Decree on the Apostolate of Lay people chapter II #8

The donuts and coffee after Mass **today, Sunday** are sponsored by the 8th grade. Your donations support the school's Cultural Arts program. This program enables the school children to attend the educational field trips and assemblies that enrich their learning.

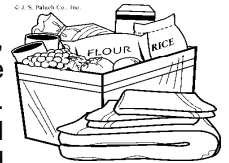


FIRST FRIDAY

Friday of this week, February 1, is the First Friday of the month. Masses will be at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard on Friday from 5:15 p.m.- 5:45 p.m.

FOOD WEEKEND

Next weekend, February 2 & 3, we invite you to bring non-perishable food items to share with the needy. Items most needed: canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, canned meats and tuna, pork and beans, baby food, formula and disposable diapers. Soft drinks (Coke, Pepsi, Sprite, etc.) would be greatly appreciated for homeless clients at Guadalupe Community Center. At other times, these items may be taken directly to Guadalupe Community Center, 21600 Hart Street, Canoga Park, phone number **(818) 883-6015**.



**TOGETHER IN MISSION 2008
 A TIME FOR REFLECTION**

This week, you are asked to read and reflect upon the *Together in Mission* materials that you received today. Those of you who subscribe to the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Tidings*, will receive more information about the campaign in this week's edition.

Together in Mission provides substantial financial support to 35 parishes and 48 schools in our Archdiocese. These parishes and schools provide education, ministry and a Catholic presence for tens of thousands of people.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how your pledge can help so many people. But, it does. To see how, please review the materials and read the statement of those whose parishes and schools receive support.

The theme of the campaign is “**See the Bounty of the Lord.**” **Psalm 27:13** *Together in Mission* provides an opportunity to show our concern for those served by the parishes and schools that need your financial support.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. Also, we will conduct our annual *Together in Mission* in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend.

As always, what you give should be given in gratitude for what God has given to you. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Jerry Wilkerson during a special Mass on Sunday April 13, 2008, 5:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church. This celebration will include our high school confirmation candidates as well as the adult candidates of our parish. Preparation classes in English for candidates and sponsors will be held on **Wednesday evenings, beginning February 20, 2008**. Adults should be 21 years of age or older and must have already been baptized and made their First Communion. For more information call Betty Vanek at the Ministry Office, **(818) 342-4505**.

**Our Lady of Grace Parish
CAMPAIGN PRAYER**

Lord God, we thank you for your loving kindness, gentle compassion, and enlivening Spirit. We are grateful for those who came before us, who built a strong Catholic Christian community at Our Lady of Grace.

We ask You, Lord, to continue your work in our Faith community and our homes. Open our minds and hearts to respond generously to the exciting challenge before us. Guide our efforts as we plan the future of Our Lady of Grace Parish.

Help us strengthen our commitment to the mission of our parish and the gospel of charity and social justice.

May our actions always be for your greater honor and glory, now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



NEWS

There is still time to make a pledge to our capital campaign for Parish and School Renovations. Our campaign goal is \$3,000,000. So far, parishioners have pledged **\$2,087,247**. Those parishioners who have pledged will receive a monthly reminder in the mail. There are payment envelopes in the pews for your convenience.


Baptisms

The following children were baptized at Our Lady of Grace Church during the month of December. May Christ look lovingly on these children, on their parents and keep them always in his care.

- Arianna Lusso
- Genesis Molina
- Andrea Molina
- Camilia Alejandra Amaro
- Gianpierre Roncagliolo
- Solange Nicole Roncagliolo
- Chaya Michelle Valenzuela
- Tristan Jacob Santos



The following couples are celebrating significant (multiples of five) Wedding Anniversaries during the month of January:

- Joseph & Eleanor LoCurto (55)
- John & Maureen McMahon (50)
- Jose & Judy Blanco (45)
- Omar & Marian Sosa (45)
- Laszlo & Irene Vincze (45)
- Vijay & Shyamala Amritraj (25)
- Eric & Julie Alcasid (15)
- Elias & Paola Mercado (10)
- Douglas & Janet Mejia (10)
- Bernabe & Isabel Zepeda (10)
- Esteban & Olga Gordian (5)

YOUNG ADULTS (ages 21-39)

Get ready for the big game with some flag football and then join us to watch the Super Bowl (and of course the commercials). We will meet at Mason Park (Mason Ave between Devonshire & Chatsworth) at 12:30 p.m. and play some informal pickup games of flag football. Following the flag football everyone is invited to a FIN member's home in Northridge to enjoy the Super Bowl on big screen TVs at 9949 Shirley Ave. in Northridge. Visit our website at www.ourladyofgrace.org/fin, or leave a message for Rob at the ministry office (818) 342-4505 for more information.

First Reconciliation

Please pray for the children of the parish who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in the coming weeks.



Our Lady of Grace Parish School will be hosting an Open House for all those who are interested in applying for September 2008 admission to our pre-school and elementary school. The Open House will start immediately following the 9:30 a.m.

Mass today and will be open until 11:00 a.m. The principal and school secretary will be available for questions until 12:30 p.m. Come and meet our teachers, parents, and current students. You will be able to receive an application packet during the Open House. Our parent volunteers will be able to answer your questions regarding their involvement at our school. Our student council officers will provide guided tours of our facilities. Please join us as we celebrate Catholic education.

BOOK FAIR

Come to the annual OLG "Scholastic Book Fair Blizzard" and purchase wonderful books for your family and friends! It is taking place in Ministry Office Room A from through Thursday, January 31, 2008. The book Fair will be open during school hours and after all masses on Sunday, January 27.

ANNUAL PACK 229 CUB SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST! Scout Sunday, February 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Parish Hall. Tickets are \$5.00 per person (includes chance to win the door prize - an Apple ipod Nano!) Tickets are available from any Pack 229 Cub Scout and on the day of the event. We will be serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, orange juice and coffee. Come by to enjoy a delicious breakfast, visit with friends and support the Cub Scouts!





Monday, January 28

6:30 † Fernando DeVivero by Sr. Anne Paul Clare
 8:00 Blessed Virgin by Lucila Cajas

Tuesday, January 29

6:30 † Ruth Goergen by Goergen Family
 8:00 Dave Engman by Beth & Jill

Wednesday, January 30

6:30 Georgia & Maurice Hanifan by Joy McCarthy
 8:00 † Frankline F. Javier by Brenda Javier

Thursday, January 31

6:30 † Wayne Shirey by Michelle Riethmiller
 8:00 † Special Intention for William & Mary Moore

Friday, February 1

6:30 † Edel Cicione by Tony Cicione
 8:00 † Fran Anthony by Richard Anthony
 6:00 † Joseph G. Hynes By Maggie Gross

Saturday, February 2

8:00 † Martha Busch by Busch Family



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Donald Kruska, Mildred Christl, Rosa Elena Carrion & Mary Bruzdinski. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful rest in peace.



Margaret Sottile, Lonnie Voyson, Ken Sklar, Rev. Patrick Persinger, Felipe Olivares, Felicidad Miel, Pat Finan, Anita Sullivan, Philip Lazalde, Fatime Lazalde, Gloria Henderson, Edith Zalkus, Polonia Veloso, Martha Dow, Lucy Snyder, Val Clemente, Fernando Sanchez, Glenn Levy, Vince Pastere, Miguel A. Rivera, Roy Kohn, Olivia Gonzalez, Dick Shirley, Lloyd Anderson, Diane Mackel, Pat Yahnke, Ray Hartman, Anna Beccino, Mrs. Bujnousky, Carmen Scozari, Kevin Doyle, Julia Loretta Schneider, Peter Murphy, Regina Kitcharoen, Victoria Ibarra, Ismael Juarez, Kathy Nicholson, Inez Patin, Lily Ann O'Sullivan, Evelyn Hanson, Henrietta Kisten, Vicky Blemis, Laina Agcopra, Jason Allan Lavoie, Robert Lee Lavoie, Leona Johnston, Patrick Weber, Barbara Yahnke, Adrian Turner, Victor Lugo, Carmen Lugo, John Buchholz, Alisha Hernandez, Zane Walker, Helen Rattay, Phillip A. Tabbi, Dr. & Mrs. Canelo, Laszlo Varga, Christopher Casco, Hedy Kugler, Dominic Fasoline, Dan Newsome, Nelly Carroll, Pat Muro, Antonio D. Morales, Phil Dadant, Cindy Joseph, Karen Wagoner, Garret Marcus, Tina Cirelle, Sandra Jeffrey, Dave Engman, Teodora Brittain, Kathy Kotzman, Pearl Schweisguth, Linda Ethridge, Katherine Romano, Tracey Jones, Sylvia Scheffris, Angela Ghailian, Kyrra Wittana, Helen Schoch, Tom Brighton, Ray Dominguez, Simon Sob, Yolanda Baker, Ken Boyle, Lili Aguilar, Vicky Renfrow, Philip Escalante, Leslie Szepanski, Ignacio Palafox, Annie Gabriel, Diana Arrelia, Timothy Mulholland, Shirin, Gale & Donna Reimer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR PRIESTS OF THE SAN FERNANDO REGION

Bishop Wilkerson has asked the people of the San Fernando Region to pray each day for one of the priests serving us. **This week, January 27—February 2**, please pray for:

- Sunday** Rev. John Stoner, OSB (St. Andrew's Abby, Valyermo)
- Monday** Rev. Dennis Gallo, CMF (Comunidad Claretiana del Tepeyac, Los Angeles)
- Tuesday** Rev. Arturo Velasco (St. Ignatius of Loyola, Los Angeles)
- Wednesday** Very Rev. Jose R. Holguin (St. Francis de Salas, Sherman Oaks)
- Thursday** Rev. Marvin L. Ajic, CS (Our Lady of Holy Rosary, Sun Valley)
- Friday** Rev. Gerald H. McSorley (St. Bernard, Los Angeles)
- Saturday** Rev. Raul A. Cortes (St. Catherine of Siena, Reseda)

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MNISTER TO THE SICK?

Our Lady of Grace parish has an extensive and varied ministry to the sick in which Eucharistic Ministers to the sick play a vital role. Perhaps the Lord is inviting you:

- to visit a homebound parishioner once a week, bringing Holy Communion
- or to take a turn once every few weeks in conducting a brief communion service on Sunday morning in a nearby rest home
- or to make visits to bring Holy Communion to Catholic patients in a nearby acute care hospital

If you are interested in serving in any of these ministries, please contact Father Austin right away at **(818) 342-4686**. We will soon be offering training for those interested.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: February 3, 2008
 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Zephaniah 2:2, 3:12-13

Seek the Lord, all humble of the earth.

Psalms 146

"Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!"

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise.

Matthew 5:1-12a

Blessed are the lowly, the sorrowing, the poor in spirit.

The prophet Zephaniah calls us to seek the Lord, to seek justice, and to seek humility. This call is echoed in the beautiful words of today's Gospel, as Jesus preaches the Beatitudes, the central part of his sermon on the mount. The Beatitudes offer us a recipe for living lives of faithful service to God and to others. Let us be attentive to God's saving word and pray that our reward in heaven will be great.

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SILENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN

The annual Silent Retreat for Women will be held on the weekend of February 29th to March 2nd. Join women from Our Lady of Grace as we take some time from our busy lives for silent contemplation and meaningful dialogue with our Lord. This Priest-Directed retreat includes daily mass, adoration of the blessed sacrament, rosary and the sacrament of reconciliation. The Carmelite Sisters have created a spiritual and peaceful environment. For cost, registration and questions please call Ann Tripe at **(818) 995-4904** or Dolores Halkovich at **(818) 343-9046**.

CONFIRMACION DE ADULTOS

Las clases de preparación en español para adultos, junto con los padrinos o madrinan se llevarán a cabo los martes por la noche empezando el **19 de febrero**. Los adultos deberán tener 21 años o más, haber sido bautizados y haber recibido su Primera Comunión. La Confirmación será conferida por el Obispo Jerry Wilkerson el 13 de abril. Para mayor información, puede llamar a la Oficina de Ministerios Pastorales al **(818) 342-4505**.

CELEBREMOS EL DIA DE LA AMISTAD

Los invitamos a que nos acompañen a celebrar el Día de la Amistad con una fiesta que se llevará a cabo el sábado, 16 de febrero a las 5:00 p.m. en el salón parroquial. Los boletos costaran \$10.00 por persona. Los boletos para niños mayores de 12 años es de \$5.00. Tendremos comida y bebida disponible para la venta. Los esperamos!

PRIMERA RECONCILIACION

Les pedimos a todos los feligreses que mantengan en sus oraciones a todos los niños y niñas que se están preparando para recibir en las siguientes semanas el Sacramento de la Reconciliación por primera vez.

PRIMER VIERNES

El viernes, 1 de febrero es el **Primer Viernes** del mes. Las Misas se llevan a cabo a las 6:30 y 8:00 a.m. y a las 6:00 p.m. El Santísimo Sacramento estará expuesto desde las 8:30 a.m. hasta las 6:00 p.m. Tendremos confesiones de 5:15 a 5:45 p.m. Para que el Santísimo este siempre acompañado, les pedimos a los feligreses que se apunten en la lista que tenemos en el patio.



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El Grupo de Oración Mariano los invita a reunirse los viernes a las 7:00 p.m. en el Cuarto A, para orar y alabar al Señor. ¡Unámonos en oración para pedir por todas las necesidades de nuestros feligreses!

¡Los esperamos!

LECTURAS PARA EL DOMINGO 3 DE FEBRERO**Primera lectura: Sofonías 2:3; 3:12-13**

Yo dejaré en medio de ti, pueblo mío, un puñado de gente pobre y humilde.

Salmo: 146

¡Dichosos los pobres de espíritu, porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos!

Segunda lectura: 1 Corintios 1:26-31

Es por la gracia de Dios que ustedes moran en Jesucristo. "El que se gloria, que se glorie en el Señor".

Evangelio: Mateo 5:1-12ª

Dichosos los pobres de espíritu; alégrense y salten de contento, porque su premio será grande en los cielos.

LIBERACIÓN Y REFORMA

Aunque quizá tengas que usar un atlas para determinar que Isaías está hablando de Galilea, la primera lectura de hoy (parte de la cual se leyó en Navidad) profetiza el futuro ministerio de Jesús en esa provincia. La luz que trae la salvación y regocijo es, fundamentalmente, Cristo. El tema es la liberación: liberación de la ignorancia ("tinieblas") y también del pecado (el "yugo").

Mientras Isaías identifica un lugar, así Pablo describe una actitud: la actitud que crece, incluso entre gente buena, de equiparar su propia voluntad con el bien común. Esto siempre origina desacuerdo, y así ha ocurrido en Corinto. Pablo no permitirá esto; todos somos miembros del "partido de Cristo". El Evangelio no es para dividirnos.

Mateo cita a Isaías en el Evangelio de hoy, y presenta a Jesús como el cumplimiento de las profecías de Isaías. El tema es "Conviértanse, porque ya está cerca el Reino de los cielos" (Mateo 4:17). Para difundir este mensaje, Jesús comienza a elegir discípulos, y hoy conocemos a cuatro de ellos: Pedro, Andrés, Santiago y Juan.

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Ellos dejaron las redes y lo siguieron

COMPROBANTE DE SUS DONACIONES

Si usted desea recibir un comprobante de sus donaciones del año 2007 para el reporte de sus impuestos, por favor, llame a la oficina parroquial al **(818) 342-4686** y pregunte por Daniela. Su comprobante será enviado por correo. Les agradecemos su continuo apoyo.



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La clase de bautismo en español se lleva a cabo el tercer domingo de cada mes. Sírvase llamar con 6 semanas de anticipación al **(818) 342-4505** para tener una entrevista con Sister Maggie.

**¿LES GUSTARIA TENER EN CASA A LA VIRGEN DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA GRACIA?**

Las personas interesadas en tener a la Virgen peregrina en su casa por una semana, deben de apuntarse con anticipación. Pueden hacerlo después de la Misa con Sister Maggie o llamando al Sr. Ciro Barillas al **(818) 437-5614**.

NOTICIAS SOBRE LA CAMPAÑA

Todavía tienen tiempo de hacer un compromiso para la campaña que tiene como fin las renovaciones de la escuela y la parroquia. La meta de nuestra campaña es de \$3,000,000. Hasta el momento los feligreses se han comprometido con **\$2,087,247**. Los feligreses que han hecho un compromiso recibirán mensualmente un aviso por correo para recordarles sobre sus pagos mensuales. Tenemos sobres especiales en las bancas.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
“Catholic Schools Light the Way”
January 27 – February 1, 2008

SUNDAY, January 27

Book Fair – Room A after all Masses -- *“Book Fair Blizzard”*
9:30 a.m. – Mass (all students wear school uniform to Mass)
Speakers at Mass: Liliana Alfonso and Marissa Deems
Eighth Grade parents sponsor Sunday Bake Sale
“The Saints Brought to Life” – 6th Graders in church patio after 9:30 a.m. Mass
School Open House begins immediately after 9:30 a.m. Mass
School tours conducted by Student Council members
Classrooms open for visitors
Applications for new school year available in Library

MONDAY, January 28

Free dress for those who wore school uniform to 9:30 Mass on Sunday
Book Fair continues

TUESDAY, January 29

Book Fair continues

WEDNESDAY, January 30

8:00 a.m. -- School Mass
Book Fair continues
6:30 p.m. – PTO General Meeting in Parish Hall
7:30 p.m. – Speaker Fr. J. Patrick Foley in church (see insert)

THURSDAY, January 31

Hot Cocoa & Slippers Day!
Students will meet with their “school families”
Book Fair continues

FRIDAY, February 1

Game Day from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
12:35 p.m. -- Dismissal



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR BLIZZARD AT
OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL
January 24 - January 31, 2008
Room A—Ministry Office
Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

**BOOK FAIR
BLIZZARD**

Last chance to be part of the OLG Parish Directory!



This is the last week to sign up for portraits! Only a few slots remain for you to schedule your professional portrait by *Lifetouch Church Directories & Portraits* and be included in our new "OLG family album."

Sign up for a portrait now to be included in this great new parish resource. Just by signing up, you'll receive a free copy of the new directory, a free 8-by-10 studio-quality portrait, and have a chance to purchase additional copies in a choice of designs and sizes.



Sign up now at www.ourladyofgrace.org and look for the *Lifetouch* button or sign up after mass this weekend. Contact Jeff Pope at (818) 705-3089 for more information.

Would you like to advertise your business or professional service in the Directory? Contact Angelica Muñoz at (818) 775-2958 for rates and deadlines.

Attention OLG ministries and groups! Plan now to submit your own group picture for one of our Parish Activities pages. Space is limited so don't delay. Contact Vicky Scheibe at (818) 986-4453 for information about the submission process.

A Modern Parable For the New Year

Once upon a time . . . there were four people named

**Everybody, Somebody,
Nobody and Anybody.**



When there was an important job to do, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

When Nobody did it, Everybody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Somebody would do it, but Nobody realized that Nobody would do it.

So . . . It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the first place.

The moral: **Am I Responsible?**

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Please post on your refrigerator or mirror!

THE TIME FOR OUR PARISH PRE-LENTEN MISSION IS NOW!

Participate
Monday, January 28 through
Thursday, Jan. 31.

Theme: "The Beatitudes:
Jesus' Eight Step Program
To Happiness"

Extraordinary prayer services and conferences
by **Fr. J. Patrick Foley**
9 AM and 7:30 PM in Church



Other highlights of our Renewal Week:

Tuesday
during the Morning and Evening Services:
The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Tuesday after the Morning Service:
Opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance

Wednesday:
**Special Conference at 11 AM for
all Pastoral Staff and Office Staff members.**
Evening: **OLG Parent Organization and
OLG Teen Ministry**
Opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance

Everyday:
**Refreshments and fellowship on the patio,
before or after the Services**