

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

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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

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Mrs. Alma Shirley	Music
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Mr. Christopher Knabenshue	Youth Coordinator
(Confirmation/Youth Ministry)	



Refreshments will be served today, Sunday by Cub Scouts. Come join us on the patio.

ANNUAL PACK 229 CUB SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST! Scout Sunday, **today, February 10** from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace **Cub Scouts** 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!

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.

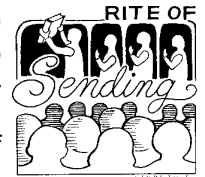
May our actions always be for your greater honor and glory, now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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 **\$2,087,368**. Those parishioners who have pledged will receive a monthly reminder in the mail. There are payment envelopes in the pews for your convenience.

Today Sunday, February 10 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, several men and women who will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil will participate in **the Rite of Sending**. The sponsors of the catechumens and candidates will speak to the readiness of each person; this Rite will be celebrated in our parish.



The Rite of Election will take place on the same day at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral; all the catechumens from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will celebrate this Rite for the first time all together. The Cardinal will be the presider, with the Bishops of each Region. Please pray for our catechumens and candidates as they continue in their faith journey.



Monday, February 18, is President's Day and a holiday. The Parish Office and Ministry Office will be closed. There will be no 6:30 a.m. Mass, but we invite you to join us at the 8:00 a.m. Mass as usual.

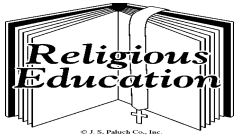
All are invited to the meeting of the Social Concerns Group on Monday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. We study, pray and put into practice the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church.

Operation Rice Bowl

This Lent, Our Lady of Grace Parish again invites you and your family to participate in **Operation Rice Bowl**. This program supports Catholic Relief Services' development projects and emergency relief programs and challenges us to reach out to families worldwide through the traditional Lenten practices of *prayer, fasting and giving* while we *learn* about the global issues affecting our neighbors overseas. Our participation is a tangible opportunity to put our faith into action by simplifying our daily routines during Lent to donate the savings from our sacrifices to **Operation Rice Bowl**. Program materials and additional information are available on the tables outside the Church.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE...the Knights of Columbus, Van Nuys Council invites you to join us in a celebration of life. We are sponsoring the 5th Annual Los Angeles March for Life which will be held on March 15, 2008. The March for Life is a two-mile walk that begins at St. Cyril of Jerusalem in Encino. Proceeds will go to the participating parishes and the Pregnancy Counseling Center. The center helps women in crisis pregnancies by offering them real choices. For more information, visit: <http://www.lamarchforlife.org> or call Nick Bryan, March for Life Chairman at (818) 891-3239.

**News**

Feb. 16. in Room A at 9:15 a.m. parents of Religious Education Students are invited to "**Coffee and Conversation with the Pastor**" during class time. Fr. Austin will be on hand to answer questions about faith practices related to the season of Lent, or other topics that parents would like to discuss. If you'd like to submit a question in advance Please email or call the Ministry Office: schettlerm@ourladyofgrace.org, or (818) 342-4505.

-Sponsored by REPA (Religious Education Parent Association)

FIRST COMMUNION –EXPERIENCE DAY

Feb 16, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall for students preparing for First Communion in RE classes 2-A, 2-B, and OLG school grade 2.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

for parents of children planning to celebrate First Holy Communion the weekend of May 3 and 4, 2008. This includes parents of students in RE classes, 2-A, 2-B, and the Older Sacrament Class, as well as parents of OLG School students in grade 2. At least one parent should plan to attend one of these informational meetings in preparation for First Communion.

Feb. 21 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall (English)

Feb. 23 9:15-10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall (Spanish)

Each Sunday our 9:30 a.m. liturgy is interpreted in American Sign Language.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on Tuesday evening, February 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the school library. All are invited. Among other items on its Agenda, the Council will be discussing "Moving from Settlement to Recovery". Please join us. For information, please call the Parish Office during business hours at (818) 342-4686.

**DEVOTIONS**

Taize Prayer around the Cross, hosted by the Safeguard the Children Committee on Friday, February

15 at 7:30 p.m in the Church. This form of contemplative prayer. Taize prayer consists of a simple, but beautiful format of Chant, Scripture, prayers of petition and the Veneration of the Cross. It originated in Taize, France with the Ecumenical Religious Community of Brothers Taize and was created to gather Christians of all faith traditions to pray for peace and reconciliation. As we gather at the foot of the cross we connect the suffering of Christ with all who are in need of protection and healing, particularly those who have suffered any form of abuse.

It's not too late to be included in the Parish Directory!

Due to overwhelming response from parishioners to have their portraits taken for the new OLG Parish Directory, more sessions have been added. The Parish Directory is coming 2008 and we want to have as many parishioners as possible have their portraits taken in order to make our upcoming directory complete. The parish is partnering with Lifetouch Church Directories & Portraits to photograph and print a beautiful directory of our members at no cost to you or the parish. Just by signing up and sitting for a professional portrait, you and your family will:

- Receive a free copy of the new directory
- Receive a free 8 x 10 studio quality portrait
- Have the chance to purchase additional portraits in a choice of design styles.

This is sponsored by our FACE Ministry. Register for your sitting online at: www.ourladyofgrace.org. Look for the "Portraits Sign-Up" button. The additional session dates will be listed there. Please sign up as soon as possible

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.



There will be a Confirmation meeting **today, Sunday, February 10, 2008** for both year 1 and 2 students and their sponsors. The meeting will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 11

6:30 † Prapha Kattija-Ari by The Limlamai Family
 8:00 † Susan Avila by Rosa Kieffer

Tuesday, February 12

6:30 † Angel Ancajas Jr. by Leonides M. Limqueco
 8:00 † Dr. Dena Lacroux by The Family

Wednesday, February 13

6:30 † Charles Bauer by Paul Grady & Family
 8:00 † Virginia Stewart by Barbara & Brian Seery

Thursday, February 14

6:30 Fr. Austin & Fr. Tom by Sonia Orellana
 8:00 David & Rosalind Engman by Beth & Jill

Friday, February 15

6:30 † Joseph Gall by Felicia Massi
 8:00 † Delfina Riso by The Torres Family

Saturday, February 16

8:00 Elizabeth A. Engman by The Engman Family

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: February 17, 2008
 Second Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you.

Psalms 33

"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace.

Matthew 17: 1-9

Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John.

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Deaths

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Ana Maria Zevallos, Dr. John A. Abdun-Nur & Juan Ramon Cruz. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful rest in peace.

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2008

"SEE THE BOUNTY OF THE LORD." Psalm 27:13

On this weekend February 9-10, we will conduct the in-pew solicitation process so that those who do not receive the mailing will have an opportunity to make their pledges.

As each parish household prayerfully reflects on the amount of the pledge to be made to help these parishes and schools, please reflect on the following questions.

1. Do I really believe that I have a duty to help others who are in need?
2. Is what I give to the work of the church enough to show how grateful I am for what God has given me?
3. Do I appreciate how important every contribution to Together in Mission is to the people in the subsidized parishes and schools?

Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as you consider the above questions and give generously, according to what God has given to you.



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 Scozzari, 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, February 10-February 16**, please pray for:

- Sunday** Rev. Euben Capacillo, OAR (Cristo Rey, Los Angeles)
- Monday** Rev. John Bruno, RCJ (St. Elizabeth, Van Nuys)
- Tuesday** Chorbishop Joseph Younan (Jesus Sacred Heart Antiochene Syrian, No. Hollywood)
- Wednesday** Rev. Ernest Candelaria, CSJ (Blessed Junipero Serra, Lancaster)
- Thursday** Rev. Hugh Crowe (Retired)
- Friday** Rev. Steven J. Guitron (Guardian Angel, Pacoima)
- Saturday** Rev. Msgr. Peter C. Moran (Our Lady of Lourdes, Northridge)

RETIRED AND HUNGRY FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH?

Consider the **Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC)**. Ignatian Volunteers serve the poor two days a week and grow together in Ignatian spirituality. Contact Jennifer Mangali at **(310) 937-8280**, email jmagali@ivcusa.org, or visit www.ivcusa.org.

A Word to the Wise

When you go to communion during Mass, please do not leave behind valuables such as purses or pocket-books. Such items have been stolen. Also, when you park in the church parking lot for Mass please be sure that there are no valuables visible in your car that might tempt a thief to break in.

Los invitamos a que nos acompañen todos los viernes de Cuaresma al Vía Crucis que se lleva a cabo a las 6:30 p.m. con excepción del viernes, 7 de marzo que por ser Primer Viernes será bilingüe y se llevará a cabo a las 7:00 p.m.



Les recordamos a los feligreses que el Viernes Santo es día de ayuno y abstinencia para aquellas personas que tienen de 18 a 59 años de edad y todos los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia (no comer carne) para aquellas personas de 14 años o más.

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 costarán \$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!

DIA DE RETIRO – PRIMERA COMUNION 16 de febrero de 9:00 a 11 a.m.

Para todos los estudiantes de los grados **2-A y 2-B** del programa de Educación Religiosa y para los estudiantes del **Segundo Grado** de la escuela parroquial que se están preparando para la Primera Comunión.



Para todos los **padres y madres de familia** de los niños y niñas que se están preparando para recibir la Primera Comunión durante el fin de semana del **3 y 4 de mayo del 2008**. Por los menos, uno de los padres de familia deberá asistir a una de estas reuniones.

21 de febrero de 7:30 a 9:30 p.m. (inglés)
Salón Parroquial

23 de febrero de 9:15 a 10:30 a.m. (español)
Cuarto A

LECTURAS PARA EL DOMINGO 17 DE FEBRERO

Primera lectura: Génesis 12:1-4a

“Haré nacer de ti un gran pueblo y te bendeciré. En ti serán bendecidos todos los pueblos de la tierra”.

Salmo 33

Señor, muéstrate bondadoso con nosotros, puesto que en ti hemos confiado.

Segunda lectura: 2 Timoteo 1:8b-10

Comparte conmigo los sufrimientos por la predicación del Evangelio, sostenido por la fuerza de Dios.

Evangelio: Mateo 17:1-9

De la nube salió una voz que decía: “Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo puestas mis complacencias, escúchenlo”.

LAS CARAS DE LA TENTACIÓN

En la película *Oh God, You Devil* el comediante George Burns protagonizó el papel de Dios y el de Satanás al mismo tiempo. Esto desconcertó por completo a los humanos. Pero como “Dios” señaló, la cara del mal siempre ha intentado parecerse a Dios, actuar como Dios, sonar como Dios; o al menos, cumplir nuestras expectativas sobre cómo es Dios y qué es lo que desea. Este es el aspecto de la naturaleza humana de Jesús del que Satanás intenta alimentarse en el Evangelio de hoy. Es parte de nuestra naturaleza humana buscar las respuestas fáciles o superficiales; esta parte de la verdadera naturaleza humana de Jesús fue la que se puso a prueba en la sequedad del desierto luego de su sumersión en las aguas bautismales del Jordán. Nuestras expectativas superficiales sobre Dios yacen en el poder de obrar milagros, el poder y la gloria, la intervención de seres sobrenaturales a nuestro favor. Pero todas estas cosas también se pueden lograr por el poder del mal. Jesús nos guía hacia un lugar más profundo y nos muestra que, incluso cuando somos más débiles (como lo era él en el desierto luego de su suplicio de cuarenta días), debemos ser implacables en la búsqueda de la verdadera presencia de la palabra de Dios, rindiendo alabanza sólo a Dios, poniéndonos a prueba nosotros mismos y no a Dios.

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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**.



¿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 **\$2,087,368**. 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.

FIRST

SUNDAY

OF

LENT



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THE RESPONSE OF GOD

This year the Sunday scriptures of Lent have their genesis in the book of Genesis. We hear the second of the two versions of the creation story that open this book. Today's account—in which Adam receives life and Eve is created from his side—is the version filled with more folk-parable types of details, with God a much more involved character in the drama. When God wanted to change lifeless clay into a being made in the divine image, it was through breath. That breath (in Hebrew the *ruach* or wind or spirit of God) is the sign and source of humanity's intimate connection with our Creator. Adam experiences *con spire*: a "breathing with" God. Adam and Eve are in the best sense made con-spirators with God's plan for creation. But when he and Eve decide to conspire against the divine will and not with it, they fall out of their intimate relationship with God. At first, it seems that God's response is punishment; but Christians believe that God's ultimate response to this fallen state is a gift: Jesus Christ.

THE RESPONSE OF CHRIST

We commonly call today's Gospel "The Temptation in the Desert" but it more accurately might be called "The Triumph in the Desert." The Gospels are filled with stories in which Jesus is triumphant, in which he faces evil, enemies, adversity. All of these prey on his human nature and seek to make him cease breathing with the spirit of God's will. But each time Jesus prevails, and in prevailing gives glory to God. Each of these triumphs is a small prefiguring of the Resurrection. And it is the Resurrection for which Lent prepares us. It is a time when we remember that the very breath of Christ, bestowed on his followers after his resurrection, was also bestowed on us by the Spirit of baptism. It is that Spirit, that baptismal breath of Christ, that we must draw upon to strengthen us in our trials, that our temptations will be vanquished by the will of God. In our failings remembered, we ask forgiveness. In our triumphs through Christ, we give glory to God.

Lent and the Pine Trees



We have begun this holy season of LENT. The name is an Anglo-Saxon word which means "spring time." Through our special prayers, sacrifices and good works during this time, we hope, with God's grace and the support of our Faith Family, to deepen our relationship with the Lord, and experience the NEW LIFE of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter.



Nature experiences a "Lent" as it looks forward to the glorious and life-filling feast of Easter. One of the most dramatic examples in nature's Lenten time are pine trees.

Pine trees start their new growth in the weeks before Easter. If you look at the tops of the pine trees two weeks before Easter, you will see yellow shoots. As the days get closer to Easter Sunday, the tallest shoot will branch off and form a cross. By Easter Sunday most of the pine trees will have small yellow crosses on all of the tallest shoots.

The yellow is a reminder of a most precious metal, gold, a sign of glory. The pine tree's cross becomes the sign of Jesus' victory over sin and death. Let us live our Lenten weeks in such a way that we too, will manifest victory over sin and death. With God's help, we shall experience the victory of Jesus, our Redeemer, more intensely this year.



Keep your eyes on the pine trees. Let them encourage you to live fully the spirit of Lent. In union with Christ, let us transform the countless dark crosses in our lives, in our world, to the golden sign of Redemption and Resurrection.

**Lord, through your cross
and Resurrection, You have set us free!**