

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

**Website: [www.ourladyofgrace.org](http://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**

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Mr. Christopher Knabenshue	Youth Coordinator
(Confirmation/Teen Ministry)	<a href="http://www.olgteens.org">www.olgteens.org</a>

**FAIR MEETING**

All are invited to a meeting to plan for the Renaissance Family Festival 2008. The meeting will be held Monday evening, March 3, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

The donuts and coffee after Mass **today, Sunday** are sponsored by the Girls Scouts.

Please  join us.....in the patio.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

Catholic Relief Services offers emergency help to communities all over the globe. This special collection will take place this weekend. Special envelopes are in the pews.

***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.*

***EXPERIENCE THE PASSION LIKE NEVER BEFORE!***

Join the Our Lady of Grace Community today, Sunday March 2 at 7:30 pm, in the Parish Hall and take the journey to discover the forensics of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. What did the crown of thorns look like? What really happened to Christ's body when the nails were driven through His wrists? Wouldn't they have broken some of his bones? How much pain was He experiencing for our sins? Find out some interesting facts about crucifixion, in particular the Crucifixion of Christ. Learn what physically happens to a body during crucifixion and why the sweating of blood, as well as the blood and water flowing from His side are medically accurate.

Furthermore, discover for yourself the mysteries behind the Shroud of Turin, a cloth claimed by many to be the burial shroud of Jesus Christ. What makes up the mysterious image? Is there actually blood on the shroud? Can the Shroud be traced back to the time of Christ? What about carbon dating, didn't that prove it was a forgery? Learn some startling facts about the image that "is not made by human hands" which "improves with time" and that is "one of the three occurrences in our history which defy our logic of time and space." See some of the experiments worked out in front of you which have played a huge role in our understanding of the Shroud of Turin. Most importantly, develop your own opinion of it.

This presentation by our Youth Minister, Chris Knabenshue uses all five senses. Through the hands on exhibit you will have the opportunity to see, hear, taste, touch and smell the Crucifixion and the Shroud! It uses a multitude slides, props, pictures, etc. It lasts about an hour and includes a powerful mediation slide show. This is one presentation you don't want to miss! Because this presentation involves a consideration of the details of execution which could be disturbing to little children, if children attend they need to be 5<sup>th</sup> graders or older.

# School News

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Preschool-7grade applications for the 2008-2009 school year are now available in the School office. If you would like your child to attend Our Lady of Grace School, please stop by the school office anytime Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or call **(818) 344-4126**.

## SCHOOL TOUR

If you would like a tour, please call Karin at the school office and make a reservation. Mrs. Chaimowitz, our school's principal, will be giving personalized tours to future school families on Fridays at 4:00 p.m. Please be sure to call first for your reservation.

## OLG RESTAURANT NIGHT

The Our Lady of Grace 8th. Grade Class is sponsoring a restaurant night at "The Stand" on Thursday, March 6. If you mention Our Lady of Grace, The Stand will apply 20% of your bill to the 8th. Grade Class. The Stand is located at 17000 Ventura Blvd. (1 block west of Balboa) and serves beef and turkey dogs, burgers, sandwiches, salads, dessert, etc. You can eat at the restaurant or have take out service. Please plan to come to The Stand on Thursday, March 6. We can have a fun Our Lady of Grace evening with our OLG community!

## OPERATION RICE BOWL

Operation Rice Bowl is a tangible opportunity to put our faith into action during the season of Lent. We are asked to **pray** with our families for our brothers and sisters who live in poverty throughout the world, to **fast** in solidarity with the poor by preparing simple meals and giving what we can, to **learn** about our global community and the challenges of poverty overseas, and **give** sacrificial contributions to those in need. Our contributions will support Catholic Relief Services projects both within our diocese and abroad. Program information is available on the tables outside the Church.

## New Inquiring Session At Our Lady of Grace

### You Are Invited To Come And See

The R.C.I.A. (The Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults) at Our Lady of Grace Parish will be offering inquiry sessions

for those who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith. These Sessions are for those who are preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. They are also for those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and would like to be part of the

Catholic Church. If you would like to join these sessions, we will be starting Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library. If you know someone who may be interested please let them know, or if you have any questions please call Sr. Milda at the Ministry Office at **(818) 342-4505**.

**RCIA**



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## 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 **\$2,090,375**. Those parishioners who have pledged will receive a monthly reminder in the mail. There are payment envelopes in the pews for your convenience.

## FIRST FRIDAY

Friday of this week, March 7, 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.

## LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Because of First Friday, Lenten Devotions will be held at 7:00 p.m. and it will be bilingual.

## FOOD WEEKEND

This weekend, March 1 & 2, 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**.

**ATTENTION OUR GREEN THUMBS FRIENDS! WE NEED YOUR PALMS FROM YOUR GARDENS FOR PALM SUNDAY**



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Palms may be dropped off near the patio entrance of the church by Thursday, March 13 or Friday, March 14. Your help is greatly appreciated. For questions or further information, please call the Ministry



There will be a Confirmation meeting today, **Sunday, March 2 for Yr. 1 and Yr. 2 students and sponsors. Year 2 will meet at 2:30 p.m. and Yr. 1 at 3:30 p.m.**

There will be a Youth Mass at 5:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall.

The OLG Adult Club invites you to join them on Holy Thursday, March 13, to visit four churches. The cost for the transportation and lunch is \$25.00. We will meet at OLG at 8:45 a.m. For more information, please call Corky Casserly at **(818) 342-9844** or Jean Arrighi at **(818) 342-8486**.

## YOUNG ADULTS (ages 21-39)

Our Lady of Grace's Young Adult Group, Faith In Numbers, welcomes all people in their 20s and 30s to monthly social, spiritual, and service activities. Visit our website at [www.ourladyofgrace.org/fin](http://www.ourladyofgrace.org/fin).



**Monday, March 3**

6:30 † Lucian Anthony by Richard Anthony  
8:00 CC Villines by Lorraine Zabel

**Tuesday, March 4**

6:30 † Donal Kruska by Joann Bianchi  
8:00 † George Pascher by Maria Pascher & Lissandra Aguirre

**Wednesday, March 5**

6:30 † Fran Anthony by Richard Anthony  
8:00 † Christopher Bolms by Jerry Nielsen

**Thursday, March 6**

6:30 Thomas & Josephine Papich by Felicia Massi  
8:00 † Susan Hunsaker by Jerry Nielsen

**Friday, March 7**

6:30 † Edel Cicione by Tony Cicione  
8:00 In thanksgiving to Señor Santo Niño by Esther Bino  
6:00 † Rosie Graam by Evie Besbris

**Saturday, March 8**

8:00 † Mr. Cruz by Sonia Auza

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: March 9, 2008  
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Ezequiel 37: 12-14**

*The Lord says: I will open your graves.*

**Psalms 130**

*"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."*

**Romans 8: 8-11**

*The life-giving spirit dwells in us.*

**John 11:1-45**

*The Lord says: Lazarus, come out!*

God has the power to open our graves and raise us from them. That power is portrayed mightily in today's Gospel. As the Lord summons Lazarus forth from the grave, let us ask God to allow that summons to reach deeply into our hearts and draw us out of our own tombs where sinful decay has set in. As the sacred word is proclaimed, let us acclaim Christ as resurrection and life.

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Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Frank Schiavoni. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful rest in peace.

**ARE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?**

If you have recently moved into the area or if you are not currently registered in our parish, we invite you to become part of our community. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office, open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or you may call **(818) 342-4686**.

**DAYLIGHT**



Don't forget to turn your clocks **ahead** one hour next Sunday, March 9 at 2:00 a.m.

**SAVING TIME**



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, Kyrra Wittana, Helen Schoch, Tom Brighton, Ray Dominguez, Simon Sob, Yolanda Baker, Ken Boyle, Lili Aguilar, Vicky Renfrow, Philip Escalante, Leslie Szepanski, Annie Gabriel, Diana Arrelia, Timothy Mulholland, Shirin, Gale & Donna Reimer, Thalia Feingersh.

**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, March 2– March 9**, please pray for:

- Sunday** Rev. John Collins (St. Bellarmine, Burbank)
- Monday** **Rev. Austin Doran (Our Lady of Grace, Encino)**
- Tuesday** Rev. Donald N. Bernard, OMI (Santa Rosa, San Fernando)
- Wednesday** Rev. James M. Fee, OMI (Mary Immaculate, Pacoima)
- Thursday** Rev. Noel Gorgis, (St. Paul Assyrian Chaldean, North Hollywood)
- Friday** Rev. Juan D. Marcial (St Genevieve, Panorama City)
- Saturday** Rev. Carlos Lopez, OSB (St. Andrew's Abbey, Valyermo)

**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**.

**RETIRED AND READY TO GIVE BACK?**

The **Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC)** places volunteers in direct services to the poor two days a week from September through June. Experience spiritual growth through service, reflection, and communal prayer. Contact Jennifer Mangali **(310) 937-8280** or visit [www.ivcusa.org](http://www.ivcusa.org).

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

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. Este viernes, 7 de marzo, por ser Primer Viernes se llevará a cabo a las **7:00 p.m.** y será bilingüe.



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.

**CONFIRMACION**

Hoy domingo, 2 de marzo, se llevará a cabo la reunión para los estudiantes del Primer y Segundo año de Confirmación, junto con sus padrinos y/o madrinan. El Segundo Año se reunirá a las 2:30 p.m. y el Primer Año a las 3:30 p.m. Tendremos la Misa para los jóvenes a las 5:00 p.m.

**Noticias escolares**

Las solicitudes para el nuevo año escolar 2008-2009 se encuentran disponibles en la oficina de

la escuela. Si a usted le gustaría que su niño o niña asista a la escuela de Nuestra Señora de la Gracia, puede pasar por la oficina de la escuela a recoger una solicitud de lunes a viernes de 8:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m.

**¡¡ NECESITAMOS SU AYUDA !! EN ESPECIAL DE LAS PERSONAS QUE TIENEN NEGOCIO DE JARDINERIA**

Necesitamos palmas para el Domingo de Ramos. Deben de traerlas a mas tardar el jueves 13 o viernes 14 de marzo y dejarlas en el patio de la iglesia. Apreciamos muchísimo su ayuda con este proyecto.

No se olviden de adelantar sus relojes una hora el próximo domingo 9 de marzo.



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 9 DE MARZO**

**Primera lectura: Ezequiel 37:12-14**

Abriremos sus tumbas; pondré mi espíritu en ustedes para que tengan vida.

**Salmo 130**

Con el Señor hay misericordia y redención completa.

**Segunda lectura: Romanos 8:8-11**

El Espíritu de vida mora en nosotros.

**Evangelio: Juan 11:1-45**

Yo soy la Resurrección y la Vida.

**HIJOS DE LA LUZ**

El futuro rey, David, en la primera lectura de hoy, es un ejemplo de un tipo de personaje presente a lo largo de las escrituras hebreas. Es el hijo que nace fuera de lugar (no es ni el mayor ni el preferido) pero a fin de cuentas recibe la promesa de la alianza. El espíritu de Dios lo llena con su unción. En esto, se parece al hombre que nació ciego del Evangelio de hoy. La familia de David y la comunidad del ciego no esperaban que la gracia milagrosa del amor de Dios obrara por medio de ellos. Quizás ellos, también, estaban "ciegos" por las expectativas y suposiciones de los que los rodeaban. Sin embargo, luego de ser tocados por Dios, ambos "vieron" la presencia de la voluntad de Dios para ellos. Ambos se convirtieron en mensajeros de la voluntad de Dios. Ese mismo Espíritu de unción de Dios nos llenó en nuestro bautismo; se nos dio un cirio como símbolo de que somos miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, la Luz de la Luz. Nuestra vocación, entonces, es cumplir esa iluminación, esa unción, como se nos dice en Efesios, viviendo como "hijos de la luz".



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



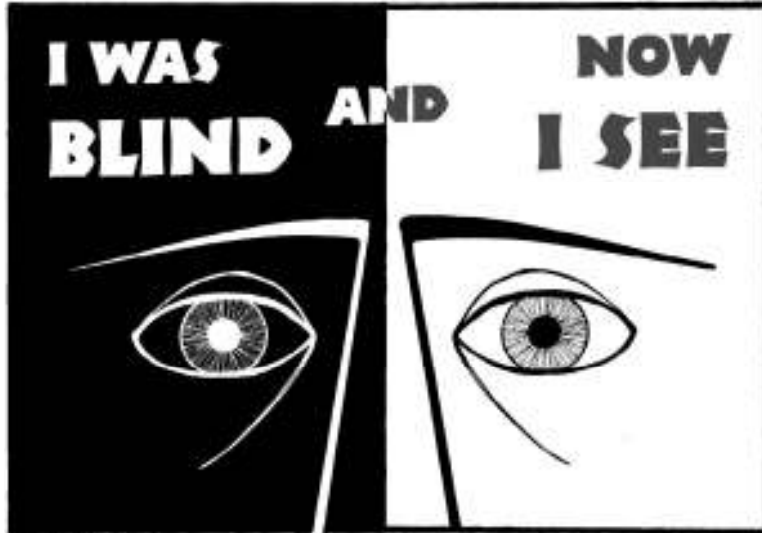
Las personas interesadas en tener a la Virgen peregrina en su casa por una semana, deben de apuntarse con anticipación. Pueden hacerlo después de la Misa con Sister Maggie o llamando al Sr. Ciro Barillas al **(818) 437-5614**.

**UNIDOS EN MISION 2008**

La campaña de Unidos en Misión apoya a 35 parroquias y a 48 escuelas muy necesitadas de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles. Si usted no ha hecho su compromiso todavía, puede hacerlo apuntándose en uno de los sobres que se encuentran en las bancas de la iglesia. Como siempre, lo que ustedes donen debe ser dado en gratitud por lo que Dios les ha brindado a ustedes. Les agradecemos anticipadamente su generosa contribución.

**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 **\$2,090,375**. 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.



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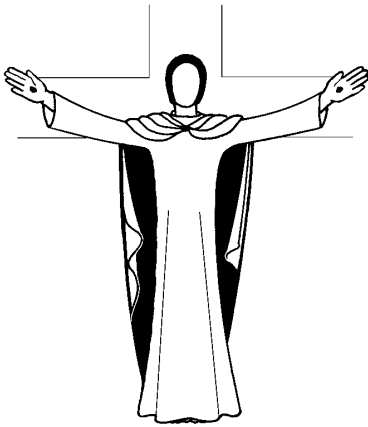
# Fourth Sunday of Lent

## OTHER CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

Some early Christians gave the woman at the well from last week's Gospel the name "Photina," which means "she who has received light." We hear another story from John's Gospel today about someone who receives light, is enlightened. The man blind from birth receives the light of Christ by having the barrier of his blindness removed. In Jesus' day, being blind from birth was an important distinction to make: if one were blinded by an accident, it was not necessarily viewed as God's displeasure with one's sinfulness. But birth blindness was thought of as a sign of sinfulness, even a sign of the sinfulness of the individual's parents. Jesus breached the religious code and teaching of his day twice: by removing the obstacle purportedly placed there by God as a sign of the presence of sin, and doing so by committing the "sin" of working on the Sabbath, making mud to heal

## LIVING AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

After the man born blind was healed, he could have done any number of things. He could have used his newly-received sight for good or for ill, or he could have just said "thanks" and gone on his way. When we receive the light of Christ in baptism, as well as God's anointing Spirit (as does David in today's first reading), we join the community of faith that professes Jesus Christ as the Light from Light, true God from true God. We are part of the Body of Christ—the church—who glorify God and worship Christ, as does the man born blind today. But we are called upon to do more. Ephesians tells us that we, who were blind but now see, are called to live, day by day, as children of that light. We don't just say "thanks" for our baptism. Rather, our vocation is to live out that thanks by doing deeds of light, by spreading the gospel of the joy, justice, beauty, and peace we find in Jesus. This is one of the intentions of our Lenten disciplines, to help us leave behind the deeds of darkness and to live out the light of the Good



## Can I Face the Face of Jesus?

Have you ever considered this question?

Doing so could transform an "ordinary" celebration of Easter to a uniquely magnificent experience of the Resurrection!

Plan to accept this . . . . . *Invitation to our Holy Week Retreat.*

*When?* Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 7 - 9:30PM

*Where?* The OLG Library

*Retreat Director?* Father Leon Hutton, Dean and Faculty Member,  
St. John's Graduate Seminary, Camarillo, CA

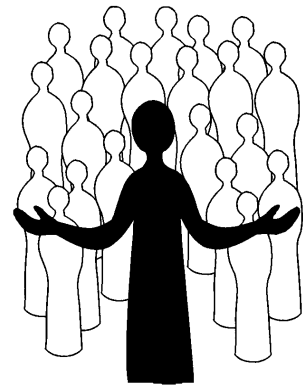
*Reservations?* Required - Please call the Ministry Office to make reservations or for more information, 818-342-4505, by Monday, March 17.

*Suggested Donation?* \$10.00

*Theme?* Can I Face the Face of Jesus?

Father Hutton writes. . ."During Holy Week, we experience in a most powerful manner the love of Jesus Christ. His passion, death, and resurrection change our lives as Catholic-Christians. This love, which we call the Paschal Mystery, is the source and summit of our life in Christ.

During our Holy Week retreat evening, we will explore the face of Jesus as He faces us. We will gaze into the eyes of Jesus because we desire to experience Our Lord's unconditional love. we will seek to respond to Jesus' invitation to share deeply in his life."



Fr. Leon Hutton, a highly gifted and deeply faith-filled professor at St. John's Graduate Seminary, will include faith sharing, reflective prayer and story telling during our retreat. We will experience the transformation of our hearts, and an intense encounter of Christ's love.