

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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Mrs. Pat Chaimowitz	School Principal
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Mrs. Alma Shirley	Music
Mrs. Betty Vanek	Adult Confirmation
Youth Room	(818) 342-8730
Mr. Christopher Knabenshue	Youth Coordinator
(Confirmation/Teen Ministry)	www.olgteens.org

PENANCE SERVICE

On Friday, March 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. a Communal Penance Service will be held. Recognizing that our sins hurt others, as well as ourselves, we gather as a community seeking God's forgiveness. A short prayer service precedes the opportunity for individual confession. There will be additional priests to hear your individual confessions. Spanish speaking priests will be available.

The donuts and coffee after Mass **today, Sunday** are sponsored by the Girls Scouts Troop 484. Along with donuts will be their annual sale of Girl Scout cookies. Proceeds will help pay the cost of a special bridging trip to San Francisco.

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

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.

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



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 Office at **(818) 342-4505**.

NOMINATE NEW MEMBERS OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

We invite you to nominate new members for the Pastoral Council of Our Lady of Grace Church. The Pastoral Council advises the pastor, makes sure we live up to our mission as a parish, and plans for the future. A member of the Council must be a practicing, confirmed Catholic, registered and active in parish life. He or she needs to be committed to prayer, sensitive to diversity, open to the vision of the Church reflected in the 2nd Vatican Council, with the ability to listen to and work together with other parishioners and parish staff. Qualified nominees will be invited to be part of a pool of volunteers from which the Pastoral Council will draw its new members over the course of the next several years. The Pastoral Council has 12 members who are parishioners who reflect the diversity of age, ethnicity and interests of our parish. If you would like more information, or wish to nominate yourself or another parishioner to be on the council, please notify Father Austin at **(818) 342-4686**, or our Pastoral Council Chairperson, Mr. Timothy Donahoe at his daytime phone number, **(818) 461-3400, ext. 4**.

The **Social Concerns Group** will meet on **Monday, March 10 at 7:00 pm** in the Youth Room. We study, pray and put into practice the social teachings of the Catholic Church. All are welcome!

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 CLASS OF 1958 REUNION

The 50th. year reunion for members of the Our Lady of Grace class of 1958 will be held on June 7 in the Parish Hall. We are looking for classmates and teachers from that era who might be interested in being a part of this historical gathering. Please contact Jim Adams at **(818) 581-9188** or Jadams@Chaminade.org for further information.

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.

RCIA



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, or if you know someone who may be interested please let them know. For more information or if you have any questions please call Sr. Milda at the Ministry Office at **(818) 342-4505**.

The **OLG Adult Club** invites you to join them on Holy Thursday, March 20, 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**.

LENTEN MISSION AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

All are invited to attend a Lenten Mission at St. Francis de Sales Parish. Please join the Lenten Mission Director, Fr. Ken Deasy for 3 nights of spiritual enrichment on **March 12, 13, & 14 starting at 7:00 p.m.** For more information visit the website: saintfrancisdesaleschurch.com or call the office at **(818) 784-0105**.

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.

NEW SCRIPTURE CLASS!

Remember to register for our new Adult Scriptures Class:

"WOMEN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT"!

Join us for enriching, enlightening and exciting insights and discoveries about the women who played a major role in the faith story of ancient Israel and in preparing the way for Jesus' life and message!

Date: **Tuesday, April 1, 2008**
(every Tuesday)

Times: **10—11:45 AM and 7—8:45 PM**

Place: **Room A**

Book and materials fee: **\$20.00**

To register or for more information, please call 818-342-4505, by Monday, March 24.

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 Church.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 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 **\$2,093,986**. Those parishioners who have pledged will receive a monthly reminder in the mail. There are payment envelopes in the pews for your convenience.



WHITE CALLA LILIES NEEDED FOR HOLY THURSDAY



Cut calla lilies from your garden may be dropped off in the parish office on Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week March 18 and 19. They will be used to decorate the church and the altar of repose. Thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information please call the Ministry Office at **(818) 342-4505**.

Mass Intentions

**Monday, March 10**

6:30 Georgeana & Marty Goldman by Lorraine Zabel

8:00 † Jack, Mary & Ike Massi by Felicia Massi

Tuesday, March 11

6:30 Devin Streit by Jerry Nielsen

8:00 † Bob Thompson by Jerry Nielsen

Wednesday, March 12

6:30 Annie M. Hasal by Beth Engman

8:00 † Dr. Dena Lacroux by the Family

Thursday, March 13

6:30 † Donal Kruska by Felicia Massi

8:00 † Anna Joseph by Joseph & Shamoon Families

Friday, March 14

6:30 † Mary Cronin by the Cronin Family

8:00 † Maria de Jesus Llanos by Antonio & Rosa Maria Morales

Saturday, March 15

8:00 Wanda L. Roth by Bethy & Jilly

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: March 16, 2008
Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50: 4-7*The Suffering Servant speaks to the weary.***Psalms 22***"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"***Philippians 2:6-22***Jesus emptied himself, and accepted death on a cross.***Mathew 26:14- 27:66***They came to a place called Golgotha and crucified Jesus there.*

Today, we hear Saint Matthew's account of the Passion. The death of the Lord is followed by earthquakes, tombs splitting open, and the raising of the dead. These dramatic events cause those who were keeping watch over Jesus to cry out, "Truly, this was the son of God!" As we listen to the proclamation of the very center of our faith, let us pray that we, too, will be moved to lift our hearts and voices with these same words.

Pray for the Deceased
 Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Edith Godfrey. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful rest in peace.

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.

St. John Eudes Church in Chatsworth is hosting a Guest Couple on "Nurture a Thriving Marriage" on **Sunday, April 6 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.** The presenters will be Dr. John Yzaguirre and Mrs. Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre. For more information, please call **(818) 882-9323**.



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, Margaret Sottile, Ken Sklar, Cindy Joseph, Karen Wagoner, Garret Marcus, Tina Cirelle, Sandra Jeffrey, Dave Engman, Teodora Brittain, Kathy Kotzman, Percy 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

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 9– March 15**, please pray for:

Sunday	Rev. Robert D. Morin, OMI (OMI Provincial Residence, Arleta),
Monday	Thomas J. Peacha, (Holy Trinity, L.A.)
Tuesday	Rev. Emmanuel Isho Shaleta, (St. Paul Assyrian Chaldean, N. Hollywood)
Wednesday	Rev. Nelson A. Trinidad, (Our Lady of the Valley, Canoga Park)
Thursday	Most Rev. Gerald E. Wilkerson, (San Fernando Pastoral Region, Mission Hills)
Friday	Rev. Albert M. Bahhuth, (St. Finbar, Burbank)
Saturday	Rev. James Bong Won Choe (Sung Sam Korean Catholic Center, L.A.)

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**.

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**.

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

SERVICIO PENITENCIAL

El viernes, 14 de marzo, a las 7:30 p.m. se llevará a cabo el Servicio Penitencial. Reconociendo que nuestros pecados ofenden a los demás, como también a nosotros mismos, nos reunimos como una comunidad buscando el perdón de Dios. Tendremos varios sacerdotes disponibles para escuchar confesiones tanto en inglés como en español.

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.

AZUCENAS PARA JUEVES SANTO

Si ustedes tienen azucenas en su jardín, pueden traerlas y dejarlas en la oficina parroquial el martes 3 y miércoles 4 de Semana Santa. Las usaremos para decorar la iglesia y el altar de reposo en el salón parroquial. Les agradecemos anticipadamente su generosidad. Si tienen alguna pregunta, por favor llamar a la oficina al **(818) 342-4505**



¡¡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 la ayuda que nos puedan brindar con este proyecto.

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!

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.

LECTURAS PARA EL DOMINGO 16 DE MARZO

Primera lectura: Isaías 50:4-7

No oculté el rostro a insultos y salvazos, porque sabía que no quedaría avergonzado.

Salmo: 22

Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?

Segunda lectura: Filipenses 2:6-11

Jesús se despojó totalmente y Dios lo llenó de exaltación.

Evangelio: Mateo 26:14 — 27:66

El recuento de la pasión de Cristo según Mateo.



RESUMEN DEL MINISTERIO DE JESUS

El relato de la resurrección de Lázaro de entre los muertos es el relato más largo (además de la Pasión) en el Evangelio según San Juan. En él encontramos un resumen de la mayor parte del ministerio de Jesús. Vemos su naturaleza humana cuando se conmueve con la tristeza de Marta y de María y cuando él mismo llora frente a la tumba de Lázaro. Es la sabiduría de la Palabra de Dios hecha carne cuando explica a sus seguidores que la muerte de Lázaro servirá como una señal de la gloria de Dios. Corona los milagros que obra en el Evangelio según San Juan (que comenzó con el milagro más "humano" de hacer más vino en la boda de Caná) resucitando a Lázaro de entre los muertos; un "avance", por así decirlo, de su propia muerte y resurrección por venir. Este retrato de Jesús nos recuerda, mientras estamos cerca del fin de nuestro viaje de Cuaresma, que él está con nosotros, nos conoce, nos comprende en cada momento de nuestra vida. Conoce la alegría de nuestras celebraciones humanas, conoce la tristeza de nuestro llanto. Mientras nos preparamos para caminar con él en los días de Semana Santa, tenemos fe de que —por Cristo— la gloria de Dios estará con nosotros a cada momento de nuestra vida y —con Cristo— en nuestra vida eterna.

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NOMBRE A NUEVOS MIEMBROS AL CONCEJO PASTORAL

Los invitamos a que nombre a nuevos miembros para el Concejo Pastoral de Nuestra Señora de la Gracia. El Concejo Pastoral aconseja al párroco, se asegura de que vivamos nuestra misión como parroquia y hace planes para el futuro. El miembro del Concejo deberá ser un católico practicante, confirmado, inscrito en la parroquia y ser activo/a en la vida parroquial. (también deberá tener conocimiento del inglés) Ella o el deberá estar comprometido a la oración, ser sensible a la diversidad de la comunidad y ser receptivo/a a la visión de la iglesia que esta reflejada en el Concilio del Segundo Vaticano, tener la habilidad de escuchar y trabajar en unión con otros feligreses y el personal parroquial. Los nominados que estén calificados serán invitados a ser parte de un grupo de voluntarios del cual el Concejo Pastoral durante los siguientes años podrá escoger a los nuevos miembros. El Concejo Pastoral tiene 12 miembros que son feligreses y quienes reflejan la diversidad de edad, origen étnico e intereses de nuestra parroquia. Si desea mas información o nombrarse así mismo, o desea nombrar a otro feligrés por favor, comuníquese con el Padre Austin al **(818) 342-4686**, o con la persona encargada del Concejo Pastoral, Sr. Timothy Donahoe al **(818) 461-3400, ext. 4.**

Las clases de bautismo en español se llevan a cabo el tercer domingo de cada mes a las 10:30 a.m. Sírvase llamar con 6 semanas de anticipación al **(818) 342-4505** para tener una entrevista con Sister Maggie.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

THE CRESCENDO OF JOHN'S GOSPEL

he Gospel readings of the past several weeks form a sort of "crescendo" as they build in intensity toward the capstone of our Lenten season: Holy Week. Jesus tells the woman at the well the secrets of her life, secrets he could not, should not have known, and promises her the never-ending salvation of his living waters. The man blind from birth has light restored to his eyes, as Jesus the Light from Light overcomes the man's ailment as a sign of removing the sin that those around him believed was in him. Today Jesus answers Martha's critique of his late arrival by informing her that Lazarus has died for the same reason the man had been born blind: that God might be given glory for being the light and life of the world. We have been following the road to Jesus' destiny that John's Gospel has been tracing for us: to the place where the Father would be given the ultimate glory in his passion, death, and resurrection.



LIVING IN THE LIGHT AND LIFE

Sometimes we need Jesus to walk that same sort of road with us. We need him to see into our hearts and pry open for us those secrets that we try to keep from ourselves, from others, and from God. We think that a life situation, illness, or ailment is somehow a retribution for some wrong that we have done, and we must seek Jesus Christ to take us past that moment into a place of healing. And when death itself enters or touches our lives somehow, we are called upon to place our ultimate trust and faith in Jesus Christ alone. He can take our chiding for not making our lives tribulation-free; but beyond that he can weep with us as he wept at the tomb of Lazarus. He can be with us in the most woeful times of darkness and death, and transform them into God's glorious day of resurrected new life, for he died our very human death. When we—as Thomas says today—"go to die with him," filled with faith that he is Resurrection and Life, then we also—as we hear in the Letter to the Romans—will live and reign with him in everlasting glory.

COME, SPEND SOME TIME WITH ME.”

*Jesus invites each OLG Member to a special evening
with Him during Holy Week.*

*Visit with Him as He visited with his friends, Mary, Martha
and Lazarus during that first Holy Week.*

Make reservations for our special Holy Week evening retreat on

Wednesday, March 19

7–9:30 PM in Room A.

*The retreat Director will be Fr. Leon Hutton,
Dean and Professor,
St. John's Graduate Seminary in Camarillo, CA.*

Suggested donation: \$20.00

*The reflective, gentle and prayerful evening will focus on the
theme,*

“CAN I FACE THE FACE OF JESUS?”

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

**WE CORDIALLY INVITE
ALL ADULTS.**

