

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 Chehade	Parish Business Manager
Ms. Daniela Navarrete	Parish Secretary
School	(818) 344-4126
Mrs. Pat Chaimowitz	School Principal
Ministry Office	(818) 342-4505
Sr. Milda Avila, CSJ	Liturgy, RCIA
Sr. Magdalena Nava, CSJ	Hispanic Ministry
Sr. Emilie Ann Palladino, SND	Adult Spirituality
Mrs. Margaret Schettler	Religious Education
Mrs. Vicky De Vivero	Quinceañeras
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

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 **\$2,093,996**. Those parishioners who have pledged will receive a monthly reminder in the mail. There are payment envelopes in the pews for your convenience.



We are very grateful to all the people who donated the palms and calla lilies for our liturgical environment during Holy Week. We really appreciate your wonderful generosity!

Sr. Milda and the Environment Committee

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.

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday of this week, April 4, is the First Friday of the month. Masses will be at 6:30 and 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard on Friday from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m.

PRAYER VIGIL

Our monthly Prayer Vigil will begin after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, April 4, and will conclude with Mass at 6:00 p.m. The intentions of our Day of Prayer are for the spiritual renewal of our parish and vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Please join us during the day to pray for these intentions.

FOOD WEEKEND

Next weekend, April 5 & 6 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**.

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY

St. John's Seminary in Camarillo invites members of the Los Angeles Archdiocese to our Spring Open House. Come visit your seminary and meet with the men who will be serving our Lord Jesus Christ as your priests. The Seminary will be open to the public Saturday, **April 12, 2008 from 1 to 4 p.m.** The Seminary is located at 5012 Seminary Rd., Camarillo. For more information you may call the Advancement Office at **(805) 389-2037** or send an email to advancement@stjohnsem.edu.

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.



TO THE 2008 ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM!

On Saturday, March 15, over one hundred schools participated in the 2008 L.A. Archdiocese Junior High Academic Decathlon at the L.A. sports Arena. Congratulations to OLG's Academic Decathlon Team and their Coaches who brought home the **10th Place Over-All Trophy!!** Receiving this **Top 10 Trophy** is a wonderful team accomplishment made possible by each team member scoring very high on their individual tests. Our entire team of 10 members also received the 8th. Place Logic Medal, which was another fantastic team win!

2008 Academic Decathlon Team

Nicole Bajorek—Fine Arts, Logic, Super Quiz
Stephanie Chandra—English, Spelling, Logic, Super Quiz

Marissa Deems—Captain; Logic, Super Quiz
Katie Donahoe—Captain; Literature, Logic, Super Quiz

Joshua Dzyak—Math, Logic, Super Quiz
Mauricio Gonzalez—Science, Logic, Super Quiz

Katherine Kepski—Logic, Super Quiz
Mandy Mekhail—Religion, Logic, Super Quiz
Camellia Mikhaili—Social Studies, Logic, Super Quiz
Julia Regan—Current Events, Logic, Super Quiz

The following team members also received **Top 10 Medals** for excellence in their individual test performance:

Nicole Bajorek—8th Place Medal: Fine Arts
Mauricio Gonzalez—10th Place Medal: Science
Camellia Mikhaili—5th Place Medal: Social Studies
Julia Regan—2nd Place Medal: Current Events

Thank you to Father Austin, coaches, teachers, Mrs. Chaimowitz, friends and most especially team member families who supported our students through the last five months of preparation. A special thank you to the Donahoe family, for hosting our victory celebration dinner on Saturday night! **Great job, Lions! We are so much more than proud of each of your accomplishments!**

Mrs. Pat Baker

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**.

NEW INQUIRING SESSIONS 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, 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**.



OLG CLASS OF 1958 REUNION

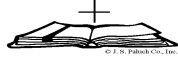
The 50th. year reunion for members of the Our Lady of Grace class of 1958 will be held on June 7 in the Parish Hall. We are looking for classmates and teachers from that era who might be interested in being a part of this historical gathering. Please contact Jim Adams at **(818) 581-9188** or Jadams@Chaminade.org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

A disaster preparedness and personal safety program will be presented by the public safety committee of the Encino Neighborhood Council on Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Location is the Crespi Carmelite High School gym on Santa Rita St. between Alonzo Ave. and Zelzah Ave.

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

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

Mass Intentions

**Monday, March 31**

6:30 † Donal Kruska by Sr. Anne Paul
8:00 Joe Alfano by Jerry Nielsen

Tuesday, April 1

6:30 † Fran Anthony by Richard Anthony
8:00 † Frances & Mike Rossi by Jerry Nielsen

Wednesday, April 2

6:30 † Lucian Anthony by Richard Anthony
8:00 † James & Mary Mc Mahon by John & Maureen Mc Mahon

Thursday April 3

6:30 † Jim Keene by Jenny Garcia
8:00 † Elvira Rich by Caherine Gibbons

Friday, April 4

6:30 † Edel Cicione by Tony Cicione
8:00 † Dolores Jeffery by the Jeffery Family & Velma Jackson
6:00 † Simon Martinez & Guadalupe Fragoso by Olga Olaguez

Saturday April 5

8:00 † Wan Ishtayan by the Limlamai Family

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: April 6, 2008
Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-23

It was impossible for Jesus to be held by death.

Psalms 16

"Lord, you will show us the path of life."

1 Peter 1:17-21

We were saved by the precious blood of Christ.

Luke 24:13-35

They recognized him in the breaking of the bread.

The risen Lord is made present in this holy place in many ways: in the persons gathered here, in the sacrament of the Eucharist, in the persons of those who minister to us, and in the living word of God proclaimed today. Let us be mindful of these ways that we experience Christ in this holy place. As the word of God is proclaimed may our hearts burn within us as we discover anew the presence of Christ in this sacred word.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is being sponsored by the OLG Prayer Group. Devotions will take place today **Sunday, March 30, 2008 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** in the Church. All are welcome to attend!

Pray For
The Dead



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

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



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, 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, Anita Sullivan, Sondra Weiss, Eugene Shamoan, Anses Joseph, Peggy Thompson.

**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 30 - April 5**, please pray for:

Sunday	Rev. Paul Henson, O Carm. (Crespi Carmelite Community, Encino)
Monday	Rev. Martin Yslas, OSB (St. Andrew's Abbey, Valyermo)
Tuesday	Rev. Ignatius Militello, CS (St. Charles Residence, sun Valley)
Wednesday	Rev. Werner Papeians de Morchoven, OSB (St. Andrew's Abbey, Valyermo)
Thursday	Rev. John W. Sigler (St. Bernard, Los Angeles)
Friday	Rev. Pedro Valdez (Guardian Angel, Pacoima)
Saturday	Rev. Richard Zanotti, CS (Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Sun Valley)

OPERATION RICE BOWL SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

If you haven't turned in your Operation Rice Bowl contribution yet, you may do so this weekend March 30. The best way to turn it in is to total the amounts of your sacrifices and write a check for this amount payable to Our Lady of Grace, but be sure to write "**Operation Rice Bowl**". These envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets along with your regular contributions during Mass. OLG will forward the total of Operation Rice Bowl contributions to the L.A. Archdiocese which is collecting these offerings for the Catholic Relief Services. If you prefer to return the cardboard box with your donations inside, you may drop them off at the Parish Office. Thank you for your participation during the Lenten season and for your thoughts, prayers, and sacrificial offerings which you are making in solidarity with needy people in our human family.

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**.

PRIMER VIERNES

El viernes, 4 de abril 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 pm. El Santísimo Sacramento estará expuesto desde las 8:30 am hasta las 6:00 pm. Tendremos confesiones de 5:15 a 5:45 pm. Para que el Santísimo este siempre acompañado, les pedimos a los feligreses que se apunten en la lista que tenemos en el patio.

¿LE GUSTARIA PASAR UNOS DIAS EN LAS VEGAS?

La comunidad hispana esta organizando un paseo a Las Vegas los días **20 y 21 de abril**. El costo es de \$95.00 y debe hacer su reservación a más tardar el 13 de abril. Para mayor información llamar a la oficina de Ministerios Pastorales al **(818) 342-4505**.



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!



¿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 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 6 DE ABRIL

Primera lectura: Hechos 2:14, 22-33

No era posible que Jesús quedara bajo el dominio de la muerte.

Salmo: 16

Señor, nos mostrarás el sendero de vida.

Segunda lectura: 1 Pedro 1:17-21

Han sido salvados por la Sangre preciosa de Cristo, como con un cordero sin mancha ni defecto.

Evangelio: Juan 24:13-35

Reconocieron a Jesús en la fracción del pan.

TIEMPO DE ALEGRÍA

“Acudían asiduamente a escuchar las enseñanzas de los apóstoles, vivían en comunión fraterna y se congregaban para orar en común y celebrar la fracción del pan” (Hechos 2:42). La primera línea de la primera lectura de hoy marca la pauta al comenzar esta celebración de Pascua de cincuenta días.

Hoy escuchamos las enseñanzas de tres apóstoles – Lucas, Pedro y Juan– que nos recuerdan que, aunque no hayamos visto a Cristo, estamos llenos de alegría al depositar nuestra creencia en su muerte y resurrección salvadoras. Cada semana durante el tiempo de Pascua nos reuniremos como comunidad de fe para hallar fuerzas y apoyo de nuestro Dios y de los demás. Cada semana nos reuniremos para fraccionar el pan y dar gracias en oración, acciones que manifestarán la mismísima presencia del Cristo resucitado entre nosotros. Estemos abiertos a los milagros de este tiempo de alegría.



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.



Wisdom In A Few Words



Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.
Pain and suffering are inevitable. Misery is optional.



Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, Today is a gift.
That's why we call it the present.

A good exercise for the heart is to bend down to help another person.
Life is what you make of it...like Play-Doh.

The bubbling brook would lose its song if you removed the rocks.
Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.



If all my friends jumped off a cliff, I wouldn't jump with them.
I would be at the bottom to catch them.

Here is a test to find whether your mission on earth is finished. If you're alive, it isn't!

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OLG FINANCIAL SUMMARY AS OF 12/31/2007 (SIX MONTHS OF FISCAL YEAR 2008)

INCOME	ACTUAL	COMPARISON TO FY 2007
COLLECTIONS	389,842.00	413,742.00
SCHOOL SUPPORT	6,314.00	7,461.00
CHRISTMAS	36,282.00	50,827.00
OTHER	62,809.00	44,793.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$495,247.00	\$516,823.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$548,804.00	\$519,155.00
GAIN/(LOSS)	(\$53,557.00)	(\$2,332.00)

COMMENTS:

1. AT THE END OF THE SIXTH MONTH OF FY2008, WE ARE EXPERIENCING A LOSS OF \$53,557 COMPARED TO A LOSS OF \$2,332 IN FY2007.
2. WEEKLY COLLECTIONS ARE LOWER THAN IN FY2007 BY ABOUT 6.1% AND TOTAL INCOME IS LOWER BY 4.4%.
3. TOTAL EXPENSES AT THE END OF THE SIXTH MONTH IN FY2008 ARE HIGHER BY ABOUT 5.7% COMPARED TO FY2007.

IT WAS ONLY A QUARTER!



Several years ago, a priest from out-of-state transferred to a church in Philadelphia. Some weeks after he arrived, he needed to ride the bus from the rectory to the downtown area. When he sat down he discovered that the driver had given him a quarter too much in change. He considered what to do. He thought, "You had better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it."

Then he thought, "Oh forget it, it's only a quarter, who would worry about this little amount of money? The bus company gets too much fare. They will never miss it. Accept it as a gift from God and keep quiet."

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door and handed the quarter to the driver. He said, "Here, you gave me too much change."

The driver, with a smile replied, "Aren't you the new priest in the neighborhood? I have been thinking a lot lately about joining a church. I wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I will see you at church on Sunday."



When the priest stepped off the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on and said, "Oh, God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter."



Our lives are the only homilies some people will ever hear, the only "Jesus" they will ever see.

People watch us. They often know that we are Catholic Christians. They put us to the test. Let our lives be the Light of Christ that shines in the darkness of our everyday world.

WATCH YOUR WORDS. THEY BECOME ACTIONS.

WATCH YOUR ACTIONS. THEY BECOME HABITS.

WATCH YOUR HABITS. THEY BECOME CHARACTER.

**WATCH YOUR CHARACTER.
IT CAN BECOME THE PRESENCE OF JESUS IN OUR WORLD.**