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& MY BLOOD IS TRUE DRINK.**
JOHN 6:55

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August 18 , 2024



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9:00AM - 5:00PM

MASS SCHEDULE

MON, WED, FRI

7:00AM

TUES & THUR

5:30PM

SATURDAY

5:30PM

**1st Saturdays - 8:00am*

SUNDAY

8:30AM

10:30AM

12:00PM

**CONFESSION/
RECONCILIATION**

TUES, THURS, SAT
4:45PM- 5:15PM

SUNDAY

**Please see weekly schedule*

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BAPTISMS

Call the office six weeks
in advance to prepare
registration documents

WEDDINGS

Call the office at least six
months in advance to reserve
date and complete marriage
preparation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Eugenio B., Neomi Balderas, Marie Black, Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Theresa Connolly, Esther Contreras, Ashley Cuellar, Emiliano Cuellar, David Davis, Kate DeWein, John Ferguson, Vangie Gallardo, Juan Garza, Danny Gusme, Erlinda Hamilton, Eric Hawbecker, Marialice Hayes, Josephine Janczar, Mary Margaret Janosek, Steve Janosek, Markus Klink, Joe Mangione, Kathy McCoy, Sally McDuffee, Joseph McKinley, Gracie Miller, Amanda Murray, John David Navejar, Jim O'Brien, George Perez, Rina Pollack, Jose Sanchez, Jeanie Sanders, Carlos Saucedo, Edward Jacob Sciantarelli, Jim Sciantarelli, Laurie Seligman, Carolyn Smith, Dora Urrutia, Henry Wolff, Stephen Wyrick, Cheryl Wolf.

Prayer list requests can be made by calling the Office at 210-734-7285.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 19

- Men's ACTS Planning Meeting - 6:00pm
- Encounter Ministry Summer Intensive 5:45pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

- Rosary Meeting Group & Potluck - 6:00pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

- Pastoral Council Meeting - 6:15pm
- Choir Practice-7pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

- Ministry Formation Day - 8:30am

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

- Teens Give Back - 4:00pm

Online Offertory and Parishioner Registration



SCAN ME

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When we were in high school, we learned that the word sophomore came from Greek words meaning “wise fools.” The idea was that the second year student thinks he knows it all now, but still has a lot to learn. The first two readings describe wisdom versus foolishness. In Proverbs, Wisdom is a woman who invites us to her banquet, telling us to “forsake foolishness.” St. Paul invites us to give up our ignorance and to know the will of the Lord, by filling ourselves with the Spirit. Jesus says he himself is the way to understanding God’s will; he gives himself as food and drink for eternal life. So how will we accept these invitations to partake of the Wisdom of God?

One way is to read the scriptures every day, even for only 20-30 minutes. Take time to think and pray about what you read. Don’t do all the talking; let God have his chance to be heard. Read short passages and the footnotes—they can explain some of the obscure references. The gospels are especially good “food” because of all the examples Jesus gave in his sermons and parables.

Listen to the readings and homily at Mass. The Pastor may have some insights that make you think. Receive communion often to be fed with the living Bread. The Church has always taught that we are fed with both the word and the Eucharist.

An athlete grows in strength by eating well, but he also has to exercise to tone and strengthen his muscles. If we want to grow in God’s wisdom, we have to exercise our faith. If you have a friend or relative who is a good example of faith, talk with that person about how you experience God or your lack of experiences. They may help you see God in ways that never occurred to you. You could offer to be a sponsor for someone in the RCIA, and help someone else’s faith to grow. Your parish or diocese may also have on-line resources or discussions.

God never forces himself on anyone. To grow in his Wisdom, we have to accept it. Ask him for real food and you won’t be disappointed. But be patient, God only gives what we are ready to receive.

Tom Schmidt

MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

- Monday, August 19
7:00 AM Fr. Abe
Kate Landon - Nan Kirkpatrick
- Tuesday, August 20
4:45 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe
5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Abe
Peter Black (d)
- Wednesday, August 21
7:00AM Fr. Abe
Kathleen Kuper (d) - Parish
- Thursday, August 22
4:45 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Jorge
5:30 PM Fr. Jorge
Gene Simeon 'Primo' Walker, Jr (d)
- Lulu & Marcos Zertuche
- Friday, August 23
7:00 AM Fr. Abe
Yvonne Soucie (d) - Esther Contreras
- Saturday, August 24
4:30 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Jorge
5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Jorge
Special Intention - Adrienne Becnel
- Sunday, August 25
8:30 AM Fr. Jorge
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners
- 10:30 AM Fr. Jorge
Joann Murillo (d) - Ernestine Pavelka Marth
- 12:00PM TBD
Jerry SESCO (d)
- Providence High School Class of '68



Holy Hour For Priests
Every Second Tuesday
7 PM- 8 PM
Rosary, Prayers and Benediction



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition begins on Tuesdays in the Adoration Chapel after the 5:30pm Mass and ends on Friday at 7am. For more information please contact Becky Prieto at 210-725-2383.

All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group
Every Third Tuesday
Please join us from **6:00-8:00 pm** in the Madonna Room. For more information, contact Greg Clary at 903-714-0232.



SAVE *The* DATE

"THE SHROUD OF TURIN"



October 10, 2024
Presented by Pilgrim Center of Hope
NOON - OLG MADONNA ROOM

Catechetical Sunday

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

Our theme reflects our call to missionary discipleship. As St John Paul II reminded us: The universal call to holiness is closely linked to the universal call to mission. Every member of the faithful is called to holiness and to mission.



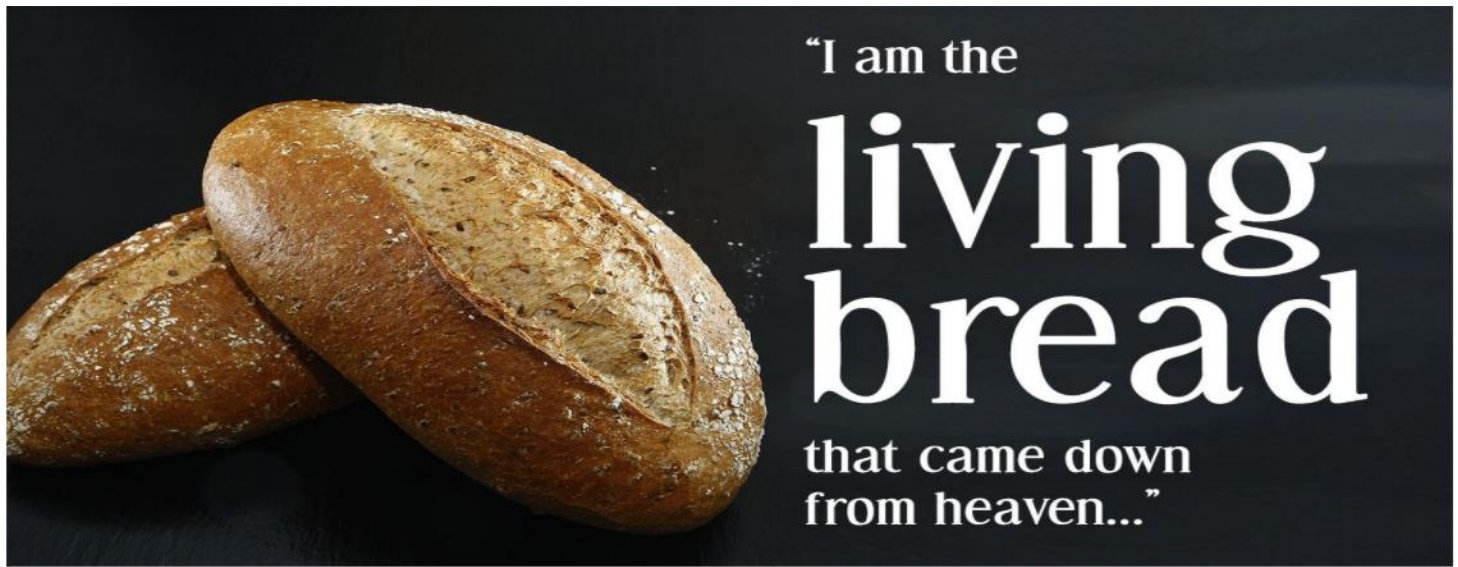
Our catechists and teachers will be commissioned at the 10:30 AM Mass this weekend. Every week our catechists and teachers are committed to the Religious Education of our children, youth, as well as the adults preparing for the Sacraments in the RCIA program.



OLG 2024-2025 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



- REGISTRATION BEGINS
SUNDAY, JULY 21
- MEET THE CATECHIST
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH
- CLASSES BEGIN
SUNDAY, SEPT. 8TH
- CLASSES END SUNDAY, MAY 11TH



"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." There is no other way to look at it. Jesus says, "unless". This is not negotiable. It is not open to interpretation. If we want his life within us, if we want to spend eternity with him, we must eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood. And like many of the Jews of Jesus's time, we may also say, "What? How? This is too far!"

Jesus meant what he said. When we partake in communion, we take into our body and soul, the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus. That is a pretty big deal and we need to spend the time and energy to wrestle with that. The flesh of the Son of Man is a reference to the suffering of Jesus, suffering which is the price for integrity. When we follow Jesus, when we do as he says and approach the altar to eat his flesh, to drink his blood, it shouldn't be a passive reception. We need to embrace wholeheartedly what it means to become one with Jesus. We need to ask to see with his eyes, hear with his ears, speak with his tongue and, most of all, to love with his heart.

We embrace his way of suffering. As we say yes to Jesus, when we declare "Amen" to the person who offers us the Body of Christ, we are not simply saying thank you. We have to engage our will. We have to acknowledge that God is God and we are not. It is an act of humility as we give Jesus access to the core of our being - we want him to be active, to mold it, sculpt it, change it - change us from the inside out. I heard a bishop suggest once that each and every Christian should spend time with John 6. A quick read through will take under 10 minutes. But we should not do this quickly. We need to engage with this passage of Scripture. We need to mull it over in our minds, to engage willingly and truly hear what Jesus has to say.

Lord Jesus, open my mind and heart. Help me to believe what you say, even the hard parts. When I meet you in the Eucharist, radically change me from the inside out, so that I truly have your life within me. Amen.

By Sheryl O'Connor

RCIA / OCIA



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (also called Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process where adults can become fully initiated into the Catholic faith. This process is for any adult that has not been baptized, baptized into another Christian faith, or those who were baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

There will be a series of two inquiry sessions beginning September 18, 2024 for those who wish to speak with team members about this process. RCIA classes will begin after the inquiry sessions and continue through the Easter season.

If you or someone you know is interested in the RCIA process contact Laura Macom for more information at lauramacom@gmail.com or call the parish office at 210-734-7285.



Join us for an evening of fellowship and sharing, as women of each decade share their faith and wisdom.

WOMEN'S DECADES DINNER

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Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024

TICKET SALES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER, LIMITED SEATING

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Masses as Gifts: Having a Mass offered on a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion, is a most prayerful way to commemorate the special event. Mass cards are available to acknowledge your loved one's special remembrance. Call or come by the Office to schedule.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary, please call the office at 734-7285. Each weekend in the bulletin we thank all those who sponsor the altar flowers.



If you have moved, recently married, or had any change in your contact information, please call the office at 210-734-7285 so that we can update our records. Thank you.

Parish Bulletin Deadline

If ministry or parish organization needs something to be included in the bulletin, please submit the information by Friday afternoon before 5:00 PM ten days before your desired publication date. Please call the office or email your request to Teni at office@olgsa.org.



OLG 2024-2025 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CATECHISTS NEEDED
SIGN UP THROUGH AUGUST 11th
CATECHIST TRAINING AUGUST 18th
IN THE GUADALUPE ROOM, 2 PM - 4 PM

As we enter into a new school year, we are in need of new catechists. Many of the amazing catechists that have participated in this ministry over the years are ready to pass along this important work of the Faith Formation of our children & youth.

We ask that you pray and discern if you are being called to this ministry.

QUESTIONS? Contact Ashley at Ashley.Salvador@olgsa.org

TEACHING IS A WORK OF HEART



OUR LADY OF GRACE 2024 MENS ACTS RETREAT SEPTEMBER 12 - 15

WE ARE CALLED TO BE SPIRITUAL LEADERS
IN OUR FAMILY AND LEAD THEM TO CHRIST.

ARE YOU PREPARED TO ANSWER THE CALL?

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SCAN ME

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

MARK 8:27-35

Women in Salvation History.

In this 8 week study, we will read about each major biblical time period and the women who helped shape salvation history. Each lesson from the Old and New Testaments will highlight their virtues, vices and struggles and how God used them to change history through an amazing assortment of circumstances. These life experiences are relevant to Christian women and men of today and are examples that both can follow in daily life. This Bible Study is for both Women and Men.

September 5th - October 4th

Thursdays, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

OLG - Guadalupe Room

Bring your Catholic Bible,
pen & paper/notebook.

Linda Enriquez 210-387-4804



The Bible Timeline The Story of Salvation

OLG Fall Bible Study

In this revolutionary approach to Bible study, The Bible Timeline divides the Bible into twelve color-coded time periods that make the narrative thread easier to follow. Using a unique color-coded chart, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our Faith.

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Wednesdays ~ 9:30am

Beginning Sept. 18th

Guadalupe Room

Study Leader: Shelley Clary 903-714-3889

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