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MONDAY - FRIDAY
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, Ernestine Pavelka, 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 26

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

- Theology on Tap 6:30pm @ The Cottage Irish Pub

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

- Choir Practice-7pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

- Parish Guild Town Hall- 8:30am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2



- Office Closed
- 8am Morning Mass

Online Offertory and Parishioner Registration



SCAN ME
Our Lady of Grace
Catholic Church



If you want to start an argument, try telling your wife that St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians says she should agree with everything you say. I'm sure that many people have taken out of context the line about wives being submissive to their husbands. In fact, the first sentence says they both should be subordinate to one another. (Eph 5:21) And even more important is the last verse: Paul says he is actually talking about Christ and the Church. So what does Christ show us guys about being subordinate to our wives? Paul mentions the main example: Christ handing himself over for her (the Church) refers to his death on the cross. "Handed over" is a scriptural term for Jesus' giving himself to be crucified. He made it even clearer for them the night before he died: He washed the feet of his disciples and told them to do the same for each other. (Jn 13:14-15) If you ever had your feet washed on Holy Thursday by the pastor, and were humbled by that experience, imagine how it would feel to have the Son of God wash your feet! Still not sure that subordination is a mutual quality in marriage? Paul explains that marriage is the best example of "love your neighbor as yourself." He quotes Genesis 2:24 about two people becoming one body. So your love for yourself now becomes love for your spouse. Do I love my wife so much that what she needs is as important to me as what I need? Are we willing to listen to each other and support each other? Do we encourage and support each other in our chores and weaknesses? Do we support each other's faith? Ladies, ask yourselves the same questions. Paul's conclusion is that marriage is a sign of what the church should be. If you ever want to know what the love of Christ for his Church is, look at how a couple in a strong marriage love each other. And if you want to have a good marriage, love each other as Christ loves you.

Tom Schmidt,



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.



MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, August 26
7:00 AM Fr. Abe
Frances Notzon Kuntz (d) - Theresa Connolly

Tuesday, August 27
4:45 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe
5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Abe
Efren Gonzalez (d) & Armida Escobar (d)
- Comadritas del Rosario

Wednesday, August 28
7:00AM Fr. Abe
Kathleen Kuper (d) - Parish

Thursday, August 29
4:45 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Jorge
5:30 PM Fr. Jorge
Oscar Gonzalez (d) - Theresa Connolly

Friday, August 30
7:00 AM Fr. Abe
Joe Alcantara (d) - Lydia Alcantara

Saturday, August 31
4:30 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Jorge
5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Jorge
Manuel Leon Fernandez (d) - Daughter

Sunday, September 1
8:30 AM Fr. Jorge
Bill Roegelein's Birthday - Steve Roegelein

10:30 AM Fr. Jorge
Pedro Urrutia (d) - Dora Urrutia

12:00PM TBD
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

Scripture Readings

August 25 - September 1

Sunday	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69
Monday	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Monica 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	Memorial of The Passion of Saint John the Baptist 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 6:17-29
Friday	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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?

FOLLOW THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE



WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?
MARK 8:27-35

That Man Is You... "The Light of Men"

All men (18 and older) are invited to join us for our fifth year of That Man Is You (TMIY) with the theme of "The Light of Men." The program is unlike anything you've experienced. It tackles real issues facing real men. It looks at the leadership role that has been entrusted to men and addresses the temptations and struggles men face in a culture that attacks authentic manhood. Finally, it helps formulate a plan that allows men to overcome these obstacles.

We meet every Tuesday at 6:15 am starting September 10. We begin with coffee then we watch a 30-minute presentation at 6:30 that combines the best scientific research with the teachings of the Church and wisdom of the saints. It's followed by breakout groups that provide the opportunity to discuss what's been presented. Finally, we adjourn at 7:30, so you can get on with your day. There is no fee for registration. Budget for the program comes from donations.

The best way to judge a program is by its success. Men who've attended the program say this is the program they've been waiting for. They consider it a "home run," saying it is hard to imagine how the program content could get any better. Priests say that it literally transforms men and saves marriages. It's that powerful. From a test parish in Houston, TX, the That Man is You! program has quickly spread to 864 parishes throughout the United States and around the world.

Come join an awesome group of spiritual brothers with a common mission to become the best version of ourselves. Use the QR code to register!



*"It is the
spirit that gives
life, while the
flesh is of
no avail.
The words I
have spoken to
you are spirit
and life."*

John 6:63

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You have the words of **Eternal Life**

These words of Saint Peter present us with the conviction we must have when fidelity to the will of God becomes difficult. God is demanding. He wants everything from us. We will only obtain Heaven once we surrender everything over to the will of the Father and believe all that He has revealed. If we fail to do so before we die, we will need to be purified in Purgatory. There is no way around this. God is a demanding God to the greatest extent possible.

The truth is that this is all good. It is good that God demands complete submission to His perfect will and teaching because these are exactly what is best for us. From time to time, because of our weak and fallen human nature, we can perceive God's will as too demanding and His teaching as too difficult. Do I really have to forgive everyone completely? Do I really have to lay my life down without reserve? Do I really have to keep the Commandments to perfection? Do I really have to be perfect as the Father in Heaven is perfect? Yes. But as we try to do so, we will experience many temptations to give up, thinking that God's will is too hard.

Today's Gospel comes at the end of the beautiful Bread of Life Discourse in which our Lord taught clearly, "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." At the beginning of today's Gospel, upon listening to Jesus' new teaching, many of His disciples murmured among themselves saying, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" This teaching of Jesus is "hard" in the sense that it requires a profound faith to understand completely. But just because something is hard to accept does not mean that we should not accept it.

Peter's statement quoted above gives us the words we should say whenever we find God's will or His teaching difficult to accept. When that happens, we must hear Jesus ask us the same question He asked the Twelve: "Do you also want to leave?" Jesus will not try to manipulate us. He will not back down when He sees we are struggling. He will not lessen the requirement of being His faithful follower. Instead, He will give us the freedom to either believe or leave. And when we feel like leaving, we should always remember Peter's words, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Peter's statement says all we need to know in the face of any interior conflict of faith. Sure, we could leave our Lord and do our own thing. But where would we go? To embrace the passing pleasures of the world? To what end? If we believe and are convinced that Jesus is the Holy One of God, then no matter how hard, no matter how demanding, no matter how difficult, we must embrace fidelity to God in all things. That act of fidelity, especially when we struggle with some interior conflict, is the key to unlocking the transforming power of God in our lives.

Reflect, today, upon any ways that you have felt God's will or any of His revealed truths to be difficult and demanding. When you face such an interior challenge, what do you do? If your response is to turn from God and become lax in your fidelity to Him, then reflect upon Peter's words to Jesus. Make those words your prayer, and let that prayer strengthen your conviction to become an unwavering and faithful follower of God.

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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





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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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024

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OUTDOOR MASS AND PILGRIMAGE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2024



8:00
AM

OUTDOOR MASS
AT MISSION ESPADA CELEBRATED
BY ARCHBISHOP GUSTAVO, M.SP.S.
10040 Espada Rd.

9:00
AM

PILGRIMAGE TO
MISSION SAN JUAN
9101 Graf Rd.



For more information, contact
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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.



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.

The Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the entire Bible and introduce you to the wonderful narrative of Scripture in a way that will transform your life.

Wednesdays ~ 9:30am

Beginning Sept. 18th

Guadalupe Room

Study Leader: Shelley Clary 903-714-3889

Cost of Study Book: \$36.

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

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