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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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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

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**THIS  
WEEK  
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**MONDAY, JANUARY 20**

- 6:00 pm - Encounter School of Ministry

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21**

- 6:00pm - RE First Reconciliation for 1st Eucharist Students
- 6:00pm - Parish Guild Membership Drive @ 315 Rosewood Ave
- 7:00pm-Rosary Group Meeting & Potluck

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22**

- 7:00 pm - RCIA - The Sacraments of Initiation Part II
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23**

- 6:30 pm - Grief Ministry Meeting
- 6:30pm - Altar Server Training

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

- 6:00 pm - Women's ACTS Planning Meeting

**Online Offertory and Parishioner Registration**



SCAN ME

**Our Lady of Grace  
Catholic Church**



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



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 of the month.**

Please join us from **6:30-8:00 pm** in the Madonna Room. For more information, contact Greg Clary at 903-714-0232.



#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen ones (Isaiah 62:1-5).

**Psalms** — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

**Second Reading** — All the varied gifts in the Christian community are from one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

**Gospel** — Rejoicing at a wedding celebration in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply (John 2:1-11).

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#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Agnes; Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Tuesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; World Youth Day
- Wednesday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope
- Thursday: St. Francis de Sales
- Friday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends;
- Saturday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*
- Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
- Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

#### MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, January 20 - *Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

**8:00 AM** Fr. Abe

Isabelle Hope Yohe (d) - Pierrel Family

Tuesday, January 21

**4:45 PM** *Confessions* - Fr. Jorge

**5:30 PM** *Mass* - Fr. Jorge

Elizabeth Champaigne Johnson-Birthday

Wednesday, January 22

**7:00AM** Fr. Abe

Bishop Emeritus William Higi of the Archdiocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana (d) - Eckstein Family

Thursday, January 23

**4:45 PM** *Confessions* - Fr. Jorge

**5:30 PM** *Mass* - Fr. Jorge

Bobbie Johnson (d) - Marylin Johnson

Friday, January 24

**7:00 AM** Fr. Abe

The Protection of Unborn Children

Saturday, January 25

**4:30PM** *Confessions* - Fr. Jorge

**5:30 PM** Fr. Jorge

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, January 26

**8:30 AM** Fr. Jorge

Nancy Bergmann (d) - Pierrel Family

**10:30 AM** Fr. Jorge

Mary Clare Blomberg (d)

**12:00 PM** TBD

Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

The second collection for the weekend of  
January 26th  
Is for the Church in Latin America.



The Parish Office will be closed on  
Monday, January 20th  
In observance of  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Monday morning 's Mass will be at 8am.

The women's ***SHE Shall Be Called Woman*** program meets weekly on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the St. Joseph Room (aka the lower level of the Madonna Room) beginning January 29th. This is a special time for fellowship and self-exploration of what it means to be a Catholic woman in modern times.

All women are welcome.

For more information, please contact  
Amanda Claiborne at 210-365-4952.



# 2025 Proclamation of Easter Dates & Moveable Feasts

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the *5th day of March* will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the *20th day of April* you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the *1st day of June* will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the *8th day of June*, the feast of Pentecost.

On the *22nd day of June*, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the *30th day of November*, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.



In the United States, the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade on January 22 has been established as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. Join in observing the day by attending our 7am Mass on Wednesday, Jan. 22nd .

**Mass & Holy Hour** *for Life*  
Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSpS  
Celebrant and Homilist

**January 24, 2025 | 6:30 pm**  
Prince of Peace Catholic Church  
(7893 Grissom Rd, San Antonio, TX 78251)

For any question contact [Michelle.Flores@archsa.org](mailto:Michelle.Flores@archsa.org) or call 210-794-1895.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

**BEGIN SOON!**

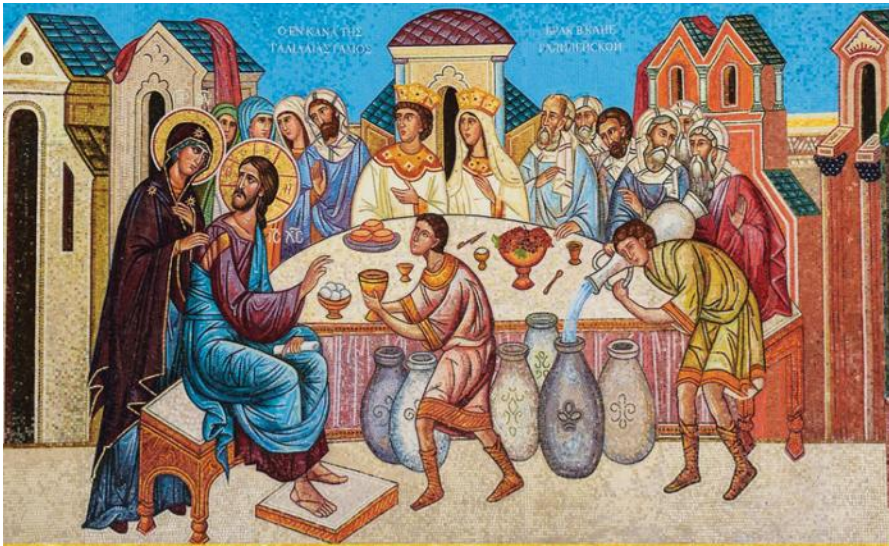
If you are an adult aged 18 or older, have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion and are ready to take the next step in your Faith Journey, you are invited to attend these classes.

The eight class series will begin on  
**Tuesday, February 4, 2025 from 6:30pm- 8:00pm**  
in the OLG Guadalupe Room  
223 East Summit San Antonio, Tx 78212

*You will be asked to provide your Baptism & 1st Communion certificates.*

Contact Deacon George Wunderlich at 240-707-0724  
for more information about the program.





**His mother said to the servers,  
"Do whatever he tells you."**

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is not only the first miracle in John's Gospel, it is also John's first mention of Jesus' mother. I used to find it odd that Jesus addressed her as "Woman." I can't imagine my Dad letting me get away with that. But in that time the word was more respectful; it could even be affectionate. (The last time Jesus speaks to his mother—John 19:26—he also calls her "Woman." He certainly wasn't being disrespectful on the cross.) Jesus does help as his mother requested, but he does so in a way that doesn't draw attention to himself and also is a lesson about God's love.

You have probably heard how the Jewish people in Jesus' time performed purification rituals before eating anything. The cleansings were a sign that they wanted to be like God, completely free from sin. Eventually, it came to mean that you could not approach God until you cleansed yourself. Jesus used the miracle to show us a different way of understanding holiness. Jesus could have made the wine in bottles

or wineskins to show that it was new. But he used the "six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings" (John 2:6). That meant that once they were full of wine, no one could wash themselves from the jars. I wonder how many Pharisees flipped out when they saw that.

The point is that no one can cleanse themselves. We don't purify ourselves in order to come to God—we come to God to be purified. God is the only one who can make us holy. God offers this to sinners especially, because sinners who know they need forgiveness are the only ones to receive it. Not because God excludes the rest. Those who don't think they are sinners or don't think they can be forgiven won't ask for it. God never forces mercy on anyone. It is offered to those who ask for it. The amount of wine (six big jars of about twenty-five gallons each) symbolizes the extent of God's mercy. As there was now more than enough wine for the wedding, God has more than enough mercy for those who need it. Wine is also a symbol of joy in the Old Testament. There is no greater joy than knowing that you have been forgiven by the Lord.

Tom Schmidt



## **Altar Server WORKSHOP**

We are excited to offer a wonderful opportunity for our young parishioners who have made their First Communion and are interested in becoming altar servers.

We will be holding an Altar Server Workshop in the church on

**Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 6:30 PM.**

This workshop is a great way for our children to actively participate in the Mass and deepen their faith.

**Reach out to  
Israel Manriquez  
at the parish office for more information.**



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
 JUNIORS AND SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US DURING SPRING BREAK FOR A NEW RETREAT CALLED

# Kairos

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**January 16th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm**  
**133 E. Huisache Ave**  
 &  
**January 21st from 10:00 -12:00 pm**  
**314 E. Rosewood Ave**



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.

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

"Where Faith Meets Fellowship"

*Event Details*  
 Date: Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of the month)  
 Time: 6:30 pm  
 Location: Wild Barley Kitchen and Brewery  
 (8403 Broadway)

*All OLG men are invited to join together for an evening of fellowship and spiritual conversation as we explore our Catholic faith over a good brew!*

For more info contact:  
 Roger Williams  
[rogerwtx@gmail.com](mailto:rogerwtx@gmail.com)  
 210-724-8828





# Blessed is she who *Believed.*

*Luke 1:45*

**WOMEN'S  
ACTS RETREAT  
FEBRUARY 20-23, 2025**



**A DORATION** and daily prayer;  
**C OMMUNITY** as a member of the Body of Christ;  
**T HEOLOGY** through the study of Holy Scriptures  
and the teachings of the Catholic Church; and  
**S ERVICE** with emphasis on the virtue of service to  
our Lord, to our Church, and to one another.

## Weekend Details:

An ACTS Women's retreat is a four-day retreat beginning on Thursday evening and ending on Sunday after the 12 pm Mass at Our Lady of Grace.

This retreat is designed to strengthen your Catholic faith and community by spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This weekend retreat gives you the chance to spend time with God, focus on your faith, and cultivate friendships. The retreat is staffed and run with love by your fellow parishioner women.

Please prayerfully consider deepening your faith by attending this retreat.

The ACTS Team is proud to provide a retreat designed to give women an opportunity to enter into a deeper relationship with our Lord and our community.

It is open to all women 21 and over.

**SPACE AVAILABLE~REGISTER NOW**

### **Cost:**

The cost is \$225, which includes a \$75 registration deposit fee. The balance is due upon arrival Thursday evening at OLG before departure. This will cover all meals, lodging, t-shirt, and transportation between the retreat center and OLG.

**DO NOT LET THE COST OF THE RETREAT KEEP YOU FROM PARTICIPATING!**

If the fee makes attending prohibitive, please contact the ACTS Director to discuss available financial assistance.

**For more information call:  
Alma Garza at 210-744-4983**



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