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OUR LADY OF GRACE IS A COMMUNITY CALLED TO KNOW JESUS,
LOVE JESUS, SHARE JESUS AND TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm (español)
(except Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, please see bulletin)

Saturday: 8:00 am and 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Weekdays: (Mon—Fri) 6:30 and 8:00 am

Holy Days English Masses: Vigil mass at 5:30 pm,
6:30 am, 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 5:30 pm.
and 7:00 pm (español)

First Fridays: 6:30 and 8:00 am and 6:00 pm

Filipino Mass: 5:30 pm - Second Sunday of the month.

Sacrament of Penance

Friday: 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

First Friday: 5:15 pm to 5:45 pm

Baptisms / Bautismos

By appointment. Six weeks notice required.
Se requiere cita con seis semanas de anticipación.

Marriage / Matrimonios

By appointment. Six months notice required.
Se requiere cita con seis meses de anticipación.

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Closed for lunch: 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm



A special thank you to all who embrace
Stewardship

"The good steward recognizes every blessing in life as a miracle from God and strives to use those gifts for God's honor and glory."

Second Sunday of Advent, December 9th - \$15,598

"... keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

Join us for coffee and doughnuts after our Sunday Masses and support our Parish Ministries.

Thank you!



From the Pastor's Desk

As we come into the final days of preparation for Christmas I want to encourage us to include the sacrament of reconciliation in our plans. We will have our communal penance service on **Friday, December 21st at 7:00 pm**

We will have several priests from outside the parish to help us that night and almost all will be able to hear confessions in both English and Spanish. One of the great Advent phrases, which John the Baptist in the desert quotes from the prophet Isaiah is, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." Confession is one great way to clear a path for the Lord of mercy and forgiveness to come into our hearts and souls, to let the light of His love shine anew into our darkness.

I also want to thank all who have been helping with our Giving Tree, out homeless feeding, and all the other outreach and charitable events.

-Fr. Jay

Update on Fr. Juan Cano

We found out this week that the District Attorney is not going to press charges against Fr Juan Cano, our former associate pastor. The Archdiocese has removed him from all ministry and his removal from the clerical state (laicization) is pending the canonical process in Rome.

We continue to pray for healing for all those impacted by misconduct in the Church.

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We thanked the parishioners who have signed up for Faith Direct. We continue to encourage you to use Faith Direct, a very easy way to consistently support the Church by a direct once a month deduction for a bank account or credit card. This is a very easy and effective way to practice our financial stewardship.

Enroll in Faith Direct today to ensure your contributions to Our Lady of Grace Church are received online safely and on a timely manner. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code **CA771**. Thank you for your continued support of your Parish family!



Prayer Request For Our Beloved Sick

Ed & Beth Cavanaugh	Petra E. Delgado
Rosa Gonzalez	Mercedes Echegoyen
Cindy Davis	Jeff Kinzli
Ann Thomas	Aidan Bradley
Shawn Afradi	Lucia Reyes
Silvina Timpanaro	Catherine Hill
Jerry Curameng	Eileen Healy
Veronica Pomposa	Maria Rodriguez
John Heinen	Eliana Loraine
Betty Bonyhady	Anita Medina
Maria Castillo	Shereen Peer
Pablo Godinez	Lydia Dorfman
Claire Mansour	Jose Esmenjarra
Sylvia Bauder	Christine Yu
Emilia Netra	Dawn Hopkins
Lucia Iannarilli	Terri Bearb- Biener
Soledad Vargas	Giselle Vazquez
Jose Luz Ramirez	

Prayer Request For those serving in our Armed forces

U.S. Navy	U.S. Marine Corps	Heather Scheibe
Andres L. Aguilera	Manuel Arteaga	Pomerantz
Stephen Barnett	David Arnold	Brian Pomerantz
Jamila Habibullah	Samuel Barnett	Corey Raby
Brian Zimmer	Christopher Castillo	Vincent Sanwo
Jake Schneider	Andrew Barragan	Ron Clemente
Emily Pomposo	Monica Pagan	Anthony Villwoco
Jordan Arteaga	Isaac Pezqueda	George Moreno
U.S. Air Force	George Moreno Jr.	
Fernando Aguilera	Brian Page (LAFD)	
Marco Flores	U.S. Army	
Jorje Godina	Nicholas Lombard	

Dear God, you came into the world as one of us, and suffered as we do. As we go through the trials of life, help us to realize that you are with us at all times and in all things; that we have no secrets from you; and that your loving grace enfolds us for eternity. In the security of your embrace we pray. Amen.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 17

6:30 Laszlo Vincze †
8:00 Lucian Ernest †, Renato Sy †

Tuesday, December 18

6:30 Maria Castillo
8:00 Theodore Flier †, Leticia Subido †

Wednesday, December 19

6:30 Laszlo Vincze †
8:00 Aidan Bradley, Rico-Cano Family

Thursday, December 20

6:30 Hilda Ravanales
8:00 Regina Kitcharoen †, Sheila Shaffer †

Friday, December 21

6:30 Felicita Cama †
8:00 John & Nell Wooden †

Saturday, December 22

8:00 Consuelo Uchuya †, Miriam Walters

3rd Sunday of Advent - Dec. 16, 2018

Gospel Lk 3: 10-18



Reflection

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

Personal Challenge

In Christian tradition, John the Baptist is the messenger who prepares the people for the first coming of the Lord Jesus, the Messiah. The Church has received the same mission of preparing the way of the Lord who will come: "I shall indeed be with you soon!" (Rev 22:20). **What can I do to prepare for the second coming of the Lord?**

Advent Communal Penance Service

Friday, December 21st 7:00 pm

As part of the preparation for Christmas, all parishioners are invited to attend the Communal Penance Service. Several priest will be available to hear confessions in English and Spanish.

Come & Celebrate!
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Simbang Gabi

The Filipino tradition of Simbang Gabi dates back nearly 500 years. It begins nine nights before Christmas Eve. During Simbang Gabi, an Advent Mass is celebrated before dawn or in the evening of each day in preparation for Christmas. Our Lady of Grace invites you to the 9th novena Mass on

Sunday, December 23rd at 7:00 pm

Spiritual Adoption - Three Month Developing Baby – “I can suck my thumb!”



Your baby is quite active in the womb now, although her mother won't feel her for another couple of months. If her mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow, and move her tongue. She can make a tight fist if you touch her palm. She obtains the oxygen her body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce. Early this month – at just 9 weeks – she began to suck her thumb. What a miracle she is!!

In Celebration of Christmas



Our Parish Office will be closed on

Tuesday, December 25th

and

Wednesday, December 26th



Our office will close early on **Monday, December 24th**, our office hours this day will be from **9:00 am till 5:00 pm**. Our office hours will resume to our regular schedule as of Thursday, December 27th.

We pray that you have a Wonderful Christmas celebration filled with much Joy and Blessings!

Tax-Wise Year End Giving Options

Gifts from an IRA

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make a tax-free gift directly from your IRA account to the parish. This law allows you to transfer any amount up to \$100,000 annually directly to a qualified charitable organization without paying income tax on the distribution. The transfer does not generate taxable income or a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemized your tax deductions. Your gift can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution.

Gifts of Stock

Gifts of appreciated assets such as stock are an excellent way for you to make a charitable gift.

Stocks may be transferred directly to the Archdiocese for the benefit of parish, school or favorite Catholic ministry. These gifts will not affect your cash flow, and they provide the following tax benefits:

- A possible charitable deduction to help you save on taxes
- Bypass of federal and state capital gains taxes
- Avoidance of the tax on net investment income

From a tax perspective, a gift of appreciated assets makes good sense. You can make the capital gains taxes optional, achieve significant tax savings and support our programs.

Please contact **Brooke Glazer at 213-637-7381 or bglazer@la-archdiocese.org**.

Have you remembered your parish, school or ministry in your will or trust? Our legal title is The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, A Corporation Sole, for the Benefit of (parish, school, ministry). For more information, please call **Kimberly Jetton at 213-637-7512**.

2019 Calendars

Our new 2019 calendars have arrived. Please stop by our credenza and pick up a calendar for a **\$3.00 donation**. You can also purchase the calendars at our Parish Center during business hours. **Wishing everyone a Blessed and Prosperous 2019!**



Mensaje del Párroco

Al llegar a los últimos días de preparación para la Navidad, quiero animarlos a incluir el sacramento de la reconciliación en sus planes. Tendremos nuestro servicio penitencial el **viernes, 21 de diciembre a las 7:00 pm.** Tendremos varios sacerdotes de otras parroquias para ayudarnos esa noche y casi todos podrán escuchar confesiones en inglés y en español. Una de las grandes frases de Adviento, que Juan el Bautista en el desierto cita del profeta Isaías es: "Preparen el camino del Señor". La confesión es una gran manera de abrir un camino para que el Señor de la misericordia y del perdón venga a nuestros corazones. Y nuestras almas, para que la luz de su amor vuelva a brillar en nuestra oscuridad.

También quiero agradecer a todos los que han estado ayudando con nuestro Árbol de donaciones, la alimentación de personas sin hogar y todos los otros eventos de caridad y beneficencia.

-Padre Jay

Información acerca del P. Juan Cano

Descubrimos esta semana que el fiscal del distrito no va a presentar cargos contra el Padre Juan Cano, nuestro ex-pastor asociado. Sin embargo la Arquidiócesis lo ha sacado de todo ministerio y su eliminación del estado clerical (laicización) está pendiente del proceso canónico en Roma. Seguimos orando por la sanación de todos los afectados por la mala conducta en la Iglesia.

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www.faithdirect.net y use nuestro código de la iglesia **CA771** o haga scan en el código de barra. ¡Gracias por su apoyo a nuestra familia parroquial!



Anuncios Parroquiales

Preguntas sobre la fe
¿QUE ES LA EUCARISTÍA?

curso
Bíblico
con Padre Jay Cunnane

Nuestro estudio bíblico regresa el este proximo
martes, 18 de diciembre a las 7pm
en el salón St. Joseph, de nuestro Centro Parroquial.

Para más información

Favor de llamar a la oficina **(818) 342-4686**

SERVICIO PENITENCIAL DE ADVIENTO

viernes, 21 de diciembre

a las 7:00 pm

Nos reunimos como una comunidad buscando el perdón de Dios. Tendremos varios sacerdotes disponibles para escuchar confesiones tanto en inglés como en español.



Las Posadas

La Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Gracia
invita a todos los feligreses a
Las Posadas
El domingo,
23 de diciembre de
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. en el
Salón Parroquial

To Parents of our Young Children,

may we suggest...Relax!

God put the wiggle in your children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. **All are welcome!**



Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of other's heads. Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, choir, etc. Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses.

Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

To All Members of Our Parish, please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents. The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing.

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.



Monday, December 24 (Vigil)

4:30 PM Christmas Music

5:00 PM - Vigil Mass (Church)

10:00 PM Christmas Music

10:30 PM Christmas Midnight Mass

Tuesday, December 25

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:00 AM

12:30 pm (Spanish)

Wednesday, December 26

6:30 AM and 8:00 AM

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 29, 5:00 PM (Vigil)

Sunday, December 30

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 AM; 12:30 PM (Spanish)

Monday, December 31

6:30 AM and 8:00 AM

Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

Monday, December 31, 5:30 PM (Vigil)

Tuesday, January 1, 2019, 10:00 AM

(no 6:30 or 8:00 AM Mass)