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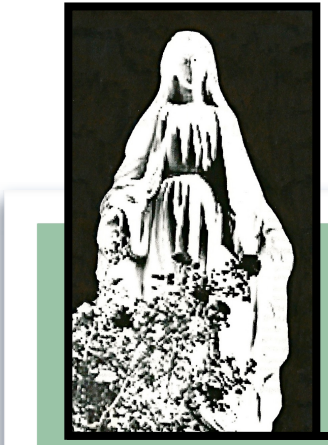

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February 18, 2024
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There are many terrific opportunities within our family of faith, to Love, Grow & Serve. Please see our lists of Activities, Organizations, & Events, inside this bulletin!

Daily Mass
 Weekdays at
8:00 AM
Vigil on Saturday
5:30 PM
Sunday Mass
8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
First Saturdays
8:00 AM
Reconciliation
 Fridays following the
 8:00 AM Mass,
 Saturday, 4-5 PM,
 or By Appointment
Benediction/Exposition
 Thursdays following
 8:00 AM Mass
Divine Mercy Devotion
 Fridays following
 8:00 AM Mass

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The office is temporarily closed for any scheduled hours
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 Contact Father Rick
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The mission of *Our Lady of Light Church*, is to provide an amicable environment of Catholic worship, education, evangelization and service, to all of God's people. Together we strive to be instruments of God's love, peace, and joy, following the example of *Our Lady of Light*.





Spring Campaign

February 14 - March 24
7 AM - 7 PM

Our Lady of Light Parish

has adopted

TUESDAYS

as our day to pray and stand in Peaceful Vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood located at 1685 E. Main St., El Cajon

If you are interested in participating, please sign up in the back of the church.

Donating an hour of your time and presence during the Lenten Season will help promote a *Culture of Life*.

Contact Pat Hansen
hansenpat@msn.com
for more information.

Please!

Remember in your prayers

Liz Sjoquist, Annette Musco, Paul Colwell, Jan Nasland, Pat Schumacher, Betty Ward, Fr. Rick, Mike Delvac, Dorsey, Jamie Lenore, Dorothy Lenore, Jim Davis, Bruce Mayer, Carmen Dale, Suzette Robinson, Dennis Murphy, Dee Upham, Gary Benefield, Judy Dashiell, and Lincoln Grunow.

Pray for the repose of these souls

Gena Eanni
Jim Mercer
Mary Jo Smith
and Monia Jones.



Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, February 17 *Vigil Mass*
5:30 PM Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, February 18 *First Sunday of Lent*
8:00 AM Jerry Schlumpberger Sr., RIP
10:00 AM Glenn LaRocque, RIP

Monday, February 19
8:00 AM For Our Country's Leaders

Tuesday, February 20
8:00 AM For the Protection of the Unborn

Wednesday, February 21 *St. Peter Damian Bishop & Doctor of the Church*
8:00 AM For all the Saints

Thursday, February 22 *The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle*
8:00 AM For an Increase in Charity

Friday, February 23 *St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr*
8:00 AM For the Progress of Peoples
12 noon *Stations of the Cross*

Popes Intention: For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Organizations & Contact Info

Altar & Rosary Society Meetings; 2nd Thursday of each Month
Charlene Phelps 9933char@gmail.com 619-659-0488

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Finance Council
Mark Duda mark@ourladyoflight.church 619-722-4300

Parish Office Hours

Please note that the Parish Office is temporarily closed for scheduled hours. If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call Fr. Rick at 619-445-4972. Otherwise you may leave a message at 619-445-3620 or contact us by email at office@ourladyoflight.church. You may continue to use the mail slot up in the Parish Hall to the right of the main double doors, under the OFFICE sign.



A Message from Father Rick

St. Mark is most direct and emphatic when he wrote about Jesus going to the desert and staying there for forty days. Jesus had a great battle ahead, a battle that could only be won by Will and Spirit. As disciples of our Lord we will also fight the same battle against sin and temptations. Our victory depends on the strength of our Will and Spirit. Prayer is the food of the Spirit and fasting strengthens our Will. Prayer, fasting, and self-giving are indispensable practices if we want to be victorious in our Spiritual battles. Lent is an opportunity for us to nourish our Will and strengthen our Spirit through prayer, fasting, and self-giving. Pope Francis in his message said, "Lent summons us and enables us to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life." The Holy Father is inviting us to a total change of heart, a total conversion for the Lord. The pope also extended his invitation beyond the bounds of the Catholic Church, to all men and women of good will, who are open to hearing God's voice, pleading for all to join him in raising our plea to God, in fasting, and in offering whatever we can to our brothers and sisters.

Parish Offerings February 11

Plate Collections	\$	374
Envelope Tithes	\$	1,475
Donations (Restricted)	\$	650
Coffee and Donuts	\$	28
Building Fund (Restricted)	\$	0
Total	\$	2,527

Average Weekly
Operating Expenses **\$ 3,215**

Please note that the Building Funds cannot be used towards Operating Expenses.

The Latest Topics!



*BBQ Sign-ups...

In preparation for the 2024 Labor Day BBQ we are asking Parishioners to sign up in the back of the church to help with this annual event. Each year we rely on our Parish family to pull off this monumental task since we have many areas that require a number of volunteers. Many of us have been volunteering for decades, and are looking for new folks to step up, help, and to learn the ropes of how things are done. If you haven't volunteered in the past, now is the time to learn and get involved. Thank you in advance for your support with this annual event.

*Lenten Soup Kitchens

These annual Saturday Soup Kitchens begin this Saturday, February 17 following the 5:30 Mass. Join your fellow parishioners while dining on homemade soups and breads. These gatherings will continue each Saturday throughout Lent culminating in the Men's Chili Cook-off! Hope to see you there!



*OLoL Finance Council

A big thank you to Michelle Lenore for stepping up and volunteering of her time to help with the bookkeeping duties. Again, a huge thank you to Cathy Williams who has been in charge of this for the past few years. The giving of her time has been greatly appreciated by all of us here at Our Lady of Light!

*Little Black Books for Lent

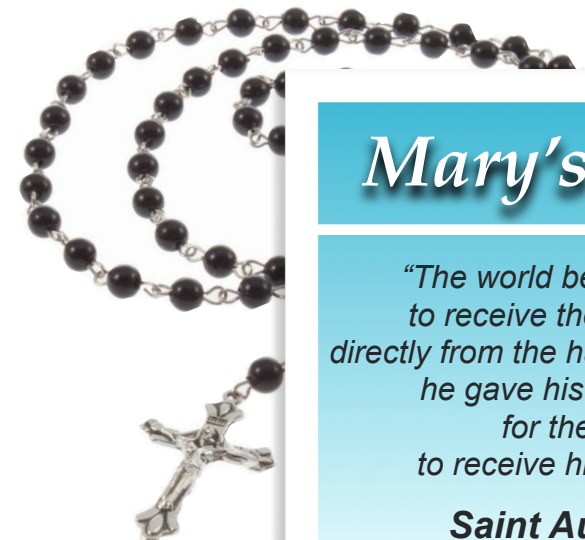
The Little Black Books are now available for the Lenten Season. These booklets are provided courtesy of the Altar and Rosary and are a nice addition to our Lenten prayers. They also offer an interesting history of this season of the year.

*Tithing Envelopes

The new envelopes are available for pick up in the back of the church. Please note that some parishioners have been assigned a new envelope number.

*Food Handlers Workshop

In preparation for our annual BBQ, our own Susan Lancaster will be teaching a food handlers workshop at the town hall on Sunday, February 18 from 11-12 noon. The more folks we get to be certified the better. Once certified it is good for 5 years. Please plan on attending...the more the merrier.



Mary's Corner

"The world being unworthy to receive the Son of God directly from the hands of the Father, he gave his son to Mary for the world to receive him from her."

Saint Augustine