



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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April 2-9 Easter
Break-No School



Be reminded of the
reason for the Easter
season! Amongst all
the busyness that
goes on around us,
reflect on Jesus and
his resurrection!

Weekly Bulletin

March 25, 2021

**Lease Agreement Update~ Please help us spread the word in our school
and parish communities that OLG is staying in our current location!!**



OUR LADY OF GRACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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March 19, 2021

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

As you know, there has been confusion surrounding the future of Our Lady of Grace Catholic School. After consulting with members of the staff of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, **we are pleased to announce Our Lady of Grace Catholic School will remain open and in its current location on the property of St. Ann Parish grounds.**

The past few months have allowed us to negotiate an agreement among our four parishes by working with the three pastors. We will continue to work toward a strong future for our Catholic school.

We remain proud of the history of Our Lady of Grace and the accomplishments of our students. Registration is open for the 2021-2022 school year. Our administration, faculty, and staff look forward to serving our community and thank you for the opportunity to provide an excellent Catholic education for our children. Thank you for your partnership with us as we continue to work together building a strong future for each child who enters our doors.

We are looking forward to the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Jerome Gardner
Pastor of Assumption and
St. Margaret Mary Parishes

Rev. George Jacquemin
Pastor of St. Therese Little Flower Parish

Rev. Thomas McCarthy
Pastor of St. Ann Parish

Religious Education

Saint Oscar Romero's Story

Yesterday, March 23, was the Feast Day of Saint Oscar Romero, who was murdered while celebrating Mass in El Salvador.

Oscar Romero's father had wanted his son to become a carpenter. With good reason. As a child, young Oscar had a talent for fixing things that were broken. But Oscar had other plans in mind and entered the seminary – hoping to fix souls that were broken. Oscar was head of a seminary and had no aspirations of ever being a Bishop, much less the Archbishop of the whole country. But the Church leadership saw something special in this man who was a theologian and a reader of books.

When Oscar Romero was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, his country was broken. Many people in El Salvador were living in extreme poverty, while an elite group of wealthy Salvadorans manipulated all political and economic power. Roaming death squads ensured things stayed that way.

Just three weeks after becoming Archbishop, Romero's good friend, Jesuit Father Rutilio Grande, was murdered by one of those death squads while taking a group of young people to a church rally. Another five priests would be assassinated in the Archdiocese of San Salvador during the three years Romero was Pastor.

When a military junta seized power in 1979, Archbishop Romero began broadcasting weekly sermons over the radio. He openly criticized the ruling regime and those supporting it, denouncing cases of abduction, torture and mass murder.

That is when Romero became known as "The voice of those without voice." In 1980, social tensions erupted into a civil war which lasted twelve years and left over 75,000 people dead. Archbishop Romero set up pastoral programs to assist the victims of oppression. At the same time, he became even more outspoken, condemning human rights violations, and defending the Catholic Church's preferential option for the poor. Archbishop Romero appealed desperately to the Salvadoran military to stop killing their own people. He said: "No soldier is obliged to obey an order that goes against the law of God. I beseech you. I beg you. I command you! In the name of God: 'Cease the repression!'" It was Romero's last radio broadcast.



At 6.30pm, on Monday 24 March 1980, the Archbishop of San Salvador was celebrating Mass for a group of sisters in the chapel of the Divine Providence hospital. A car pulled up outside, and a single gunman fired a single shot from the doorway of the chapel straight into Oscar Romero's heart. How ironic that, moments earlier, the Archbishop had been speaking about how "Those who surrender to the service of the poor through love of Christ, will live like the grain of wheat that dies. And if I am killed – I will rise in the Salvadoran people." Romero's funeral was celebrated in the plaza outside the cathedral and drew an estimated 250,000 mourners. His tomb in the cathedral crypt draws thousands of visitors each year.

On February 3, 2015, Pope Francis authorized a decree recognizing Oscar Romero as a martyr for the faith. His beatification took place in San Salvador on May 23, 2015. He was canonized on October 14, 2018. A man of faith, courage, conviction, and strong character, Romero lives on forever in the hearts of the people of El Salvador.

Mark Friedman, CRE



EdChoice Scholarship- (This message is for families who currently have the EdChoice Scholarship.)

EdChoice Scholarship applications were sent out recently via the email we have on file through Option C.

Instructions on renewing your scholarship were also sent with the application. After reading these instructions carefully, please email questions and/or paperwork to edchoice@olgcs.org.

Thank you to families who have already turned in your applications. This will enable us to efficiently submit all information to ODE.



There are NO SPRING PICTURES at OLG. Lifetouch sent out a notice to parents today with a date which is during our Easter Break. This was their error, and you can completely disregard this message. Thank you!



When you feel over-energized, take a few mindful moments throughout the day: take a breath in through your nose and exhale through your mouth. Simply, smell the flower, blow out the candle!



Parents in the LOWER LOT,
Please make sure to park your car facing the school building in the afternoons at pick up. This will enable everyone to exit safely and quickly.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe at all times!