



# OUR LADY OF THE *Assumption* PARISH

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**Sunday, October 12, 2025**

**Bulletin for the 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19

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### Mass Schedule

**Saturday vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,  
and 7:30 p.m.**

**8:00 a.m. daily Masses  
(Monday-Friday and first Saturday)**

**Holy Days of Obligation:  
8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

### Confessions

**Confessions are heard inside the church on  
Saturday afternoons at 3:30 p.m.**

*You may also call the parish office to schedule an appointment.*

### Parish Office Hours

**Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

### **Pastor**

**Rev. Eduino T. Silveira – [pastor@olaparish.net](mailto:pastor@olaparish.net)**

### **Pastors Emeriti**

**Rev. Brendan McKeefry & Rev. Michael F. Kiernan**

### **Office Manager**

Stacie Nieves – [officemgr@olaparish.net](mailto:officemgr@olaparish.net)

### **Worship and Communications**

Casey Oliver – [worship@olaparish.net](mailto:worship@olaparish.net)

### **Ministry Coordinator**

Jane Ricci – [ministrycoordinator@olaparish.net](mailto:ministrycoordinator@olaparish.net)

### **Faith Formation**

Tracy Urban – [faithformation@olaparish.net](mailto:faithformation@olaparish.net)

### **Parish Maintenance**

Jake Benjamin – [olamaint@olaparish.net](mailto:olamaint@olaparish.net)

**Emails from OLA Parish staff will be sent from an  
@olaparish.net email address or sent from OLA Parish via  
Flocknote ([mail@flocknote.com](mailto:mail@flocknote.com)). Please check the sender's  
email address if you receive any suspicious emails. Thank you.**

### **OLA PARISH SCHOOL (Preschool – Eighth Grade)**

Website: [school.olaparish.net](http://school.olaparish.net)

### **Principal**

Robert Love

### **Admissions**

Elisabeth Gustorf – [advancement@olaparish.net](mailto:advancement@olaparish.net)

### **School Office**

Donna Eaddy – [eaddy@olaparish.net](mailto:eaddy@olaparish.net)

### **OLA ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

*Provides assistance for those in need  
within our parish boundaries.*

**Please call: (916) 481-6352**

**Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**Food Locker hours of operation are Tuesday and Thursday  
mornings from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Visit our website and join Flocknote for more information  
about our parish, ministries, and upcoming events.**

[olaparish.net](http://olaparish.net)  [flocknote.com/olaparish](https://flocknote.com/olaparish)

**Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube!**

 [facebook.com/OLAParish](https://facebook.com/OLAParish)

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 [youtube.com/@OLAParishCA](https://youtube.com/@OLAParishCA)

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**Love and Serve God. Love and Serve One Another.**

The Mission of the parish community at Our Lady of the Assumption Church is to proclaim the Word of God more fully, to gain a more intimate knowledge of God through our Catholic traditions, and to serve the people of God, especially in our efforts to meet the needs of the poor in our community, and when possible, around the world. We strive to build a sense of community among our parishioners, with the entire family of God.

Sunday Collection 10/05/25: \$10,229.00  
E-Giving 09/29/25 to 10/05/25: \$ 6,013.68  
**Sunday Collection Total: \$16,242.68**  
**September Debt Reduction \$ 7,491.00**

*Many thanks for  
your generosity!*



The collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA will be on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will have their usual 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday second collection on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Leo invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities.**

Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. To donate online, visit <https://www.scd.org/wms>.

## JOIN OUR COMMUNITY



Are you attending Mass at OLA but not yet registered? **Please register today! We look forward to seeing you!** Scan the QR code to access our online registration form or visit our parish website: <https://olaparish.net/community/register-us>.

## COMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION

If you have an event to promote or news to share, please fill out the Communications Request Form on our parish website at

**<https://olaparish.net/communications-committee>**.

*All communications requests are subject to approval by Fr. Eduino. We will do our best to accommodate your timeline.* For general questions or bulletin requests, you may also send an email to [communications@olaparish.net](mailto:communications@olaparish.net).

### **Bulletin Weekend Dates**

October 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

November 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>

November 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Article Due Date**

October 16<sup>th</sup>

October 23<sup>rd</sup>

October 30<sup>th</sup>

## OLA Parish Advisory Council Chairpersons

Pastoral Council: Carmy Baca

Finance Council: Joe Selewicz

Buildings & Grounds Committee: John Blaschke

**To reach out to any advisory council chairperson, please call the parish office or email [parish@olaparish.net](mailto:parish@olaparish.net).**



## FLOCKNOTE ONLINE GIVING COMMUNICATION & DATABASE

**We want to thank our generous and dedicated donors who have transferred from WeShare Online Giving to Flocknote Online giving!**

As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, all WeShare giving was discontinued. We are now exclusively using the Flocknote Online Giving platform. If you have not already signed up for Flocknote Online Giving, we ask you to please take a minute and sign up for your continued recurring giving. **Flocknote Online Giving is an integral component of OLA's comprehensive parishioner communication and database system.** We have found that the Flocknote Online Giving platform is a much simpler and secure way to donate online.

**Please contact us for questions or assistance with your OLA Parish Flocknote account, at [flocknotesupport@olaparish.net](mailto:flocknotesupport@olaparish.net) or 481-5115 ext. 212.**

### IF YOU ARE NEW TO DONATING ONLINE

Using Flocknote Online Giving is more convenient for both parishioners and parish office staff. You will have the ability to support OLA with Flocknote Online Giving, and it will allow you to:

1. Make one-time donations
2. Set up automatic recurring giving
3. Choose which fund you specifically want to donate to
4. Print your own tax records



**Sign up for online giving through your existing OLA Parish Carmichael Flocknote account or by visiting <https://olaparish.flocknote.com/give>.**

*Flocknote Fund It transaction fees are the industry standard amount and the same as WeShare.*

### FLOCKNOTE SMARTPHONE APP

Flocknote also offers an app for your smartphone where you can easily:

1. Check parish communications
2. Access educational videos through Flocknote Engage
3. Access Flocknote Online Giving to make a gift
4. View your giving history
5. Update recurring gifts

### STAY CONNECTED BY SIGNING UP FOR EMAILS



Keep current with details of OLA parish activities by visiting our Flocknote website by scanning the QR code using your smartphone camera or at <https://olaparish.flocknote.com>.

Once there, be sure to join the **OLA Parish Carmichael News** and the **OLA Parish Carmichael Faith and Catechesis email groups** to receive important updates from OLA, including the weekly bulletin.

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

5:00 PM † **Elizabeth Silter**  
by Dunbar family  
† **Pete Scuris**  
by Dunbar family  
† **Susan Oliver**  
by Fred Oliver  
† **John McGill Jr.**  
by Fred Oliver

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

7:30 AM †† **Dale & Arlene Fuller**  
by Portillo Family  
9:00 AM † **Neil Stark**  
by Bernice Stark  
11:00 AM **(Sp) Christopher, Robert & Thomas Doud**  
by Doud family  
7:30 PM **(Sp) Metallinos family – Thank you for  
the blessings given to the Baskette family.**  
by Baskette family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM **(Sp) Patricia Mattera**  
by Laurie Susmilch

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM † **Vinny Guslani**  
by Kannengeiser family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM † **Louie Jones**  
by The Wrinkles, Tom, Vickie & Mark  
† **Richard Ramey (Death Anniversary)**  
by John Ramey

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM † **Helen Gregorio**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM †† **Vasco Faria and family**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

5:00 PM † **Richard McClintock**  
by Donna Hill  
5:00 PM † **Rod Hill**  
by Donna Hill

**To request a Mass Intention, please come by the parish office or call (916) 481-5115.** Mass Intentions refer to the practice of offering a Mass for a specific purpose, such as for living or deceased individuals. The "†" means that a person is deceased. The **"(Sp)"** means that it is a Special Intention for someone in need or an event like a birthday. A suggested donation in the province of the Archdiocese of S.F., which the Diocese of Sacramento is part, is \$10.00 but if a person cannot afford it there is no need for a donation.

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Masses: 7:30 am – 9:00 am  
– 11:00 am – 7:30 pm**  
**After all Masses** Knights of  
Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive  
– Outside of Church  
**After 9:00 am Mass** Pray &  
Play – Preschool Playground  
**12:00 pm** Baptisms – Church  
**5:00 pm** Adult Fellowship –  
Church & Affinito Hall

**Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am** Mass  
**10:00 am** OLA Women's  
Book Club – Affinito Hall  
Mtg. Rm 3  
**4:00 pm** Meditation Group –  
Zoom  
**7:00 pm** Gabriel Project –  
Affinito Hall Mtg. Rm. 3

**Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am** Mass  
**8:30 am – 7:00 pm**  
Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament – Church  
**6:00 pm** Knights of  
Columbus – St. John's Hall  
**7:00 pm** Neocatechism –  
Bannon Hall

To see a complete calendar  
of events, please view our  
parish website calendar at:  
<https://olaparish.net/calendar>.



## OBSERVANCES FOR WEEK OF OCT. 12<sup>TH</sup>

**Sunday:** 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day  
**Tuesday:** St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr  
**Wednesday:** St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the  
Church  
**Thursday:** St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary  
Alacoque, Virgin  
**Saturday:** St. Luke, Evangelist  
**Sunday:** 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Day

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**Wednesday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am** Mass  
**11:00 am** Martha and Mary –  
St. John's Hall  
**6:00 pm** Catholics in  
Recovery – St. Anne's Room  
**6:00 pm** Knights of  
Columbus – St. John's Hall  
**7:00 pm** OCIA – Affinito Hall  
Mtg. Rm. 3

**Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am** Mass  
**8:30 am – 7:00 pm**  
Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament – Church  
**6:30 pm** She Shall Be Called  
Woman – St. Paul's Room  
**7:00 pm** Living the Word –  
Affinito Hall Mtg. Rm. 3

**Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am** Mass  
**7:00 pm** Neocatechism – St.  
John's Hall

**Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**3:30 pm** Confessions –  
Church  
**4:30 pm** OLA School Auction  
– Affinito Hall  
**5:00 pm** vigil Mass

## FUNERAL INFORMATION

**Nina Santo**

Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>  
at 11:00am

**Greg Spitz Memorial Mass**

Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>  
at 12:00pm

**Charles Kesmodel**

Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>  
at 11:00am



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

**October 12, 2025**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Luke 17:11-19

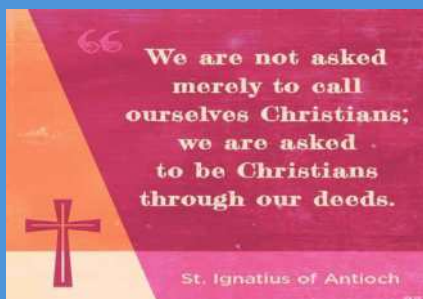
Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift – this tiny, miraculous life – but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.

Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver. Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us.

Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks." Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed.

- Fr. John Muir

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## FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY...

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
 May the souls of all the faithful  
 departed, through the mercy of God,  
 rest in peace. Amen.*  
**ALL SOULS**



## PRAY FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

### Bulletin Sick List Policy

**To ensure the privacy of people who are sick, please make sure you have their permission before submitting their name to the list.**

The names will be added in alphabetical order. Once a name is added, it will be removed either when requested OR after six months. Names will then be removed *unless there is a specific request to keep the name on the list for longer.*

To add a name, remove a name, or if a name has been removed that needs to be added back, you may call the parish office at (916) 481-5115 or email: [communications@olaparish.net](mailto:communications@olaparish.net). Thank you.

Doug Abbes  
 Cathy Apker  
 Shannon Armstrong  
 Donna Blaschke  
 Ryan Daniels  
 Yolande De Forge  
 Robert DeAnda  
 John DeSouza  
 Aaron Esselman  
 Bobbie Hall  
 Kathy Harreld  
 Dorothy Heimbichner  
 Matthew Holmes  
 Christine Jansen  
 Sheila Johnson  
 Michael Kyalwazi  
 Michael and Shannon Langer  
 John Lemieux  
 Kathleen Lemieux  
 Dave Levin  
 Elaine Lyons  
 Delilah Macfal  
 Bennett Mattingly  
 Armie Mauricio  
 Langford Metzger  
 Margaret Mongeau  
 Jessica Montgomery

Nguyen Family  
 Kathleen Nolan  
 Dave Palmer  
 Maria Passarelli  
 Camille Peter  
 Adam Peter  
 T.J. Rapozo  
 Rob & Teresa Reavis  
 Guadalupe Rodriguez  
 Mary Roy  
 Marie Schuring  
 Hannon Sulochana  
 April Valencia  
 Linda Vaughan  
 Wesley Villariza  
 Tomasa Washington  
 Charlie Wetherall  
 Jack Wetherall  
 Cole Miller Whitney (baby)  
 Lawrence Wilhelm  
 Pat Wood

## HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

**Distribution of the Eucharist to our homebound parishioners is available.**

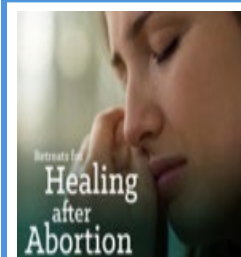
Eucharistic Homebound Ministers are dedicated to serving the spiritual needs of our homebound parishioners by bringing Christ to them and keeping them connected to our community. **Leave a message for Peggy Vellanoweth at the parish office if you would like to receive the Eucharist.**

## PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE THE GABRIEL PROJECT

Pregnant? Worried?  
 Need Help?  
 Call (800) 910-0191  
*The Gabriel Project*



## FINDING HEALING AT RACHEL'S VINEYARD



Call  
 (916) 733-0161  
 or email  
[projectrachel@scd.org](mailto:projectrachel@scd.org)  
 All messages are confidential.

## PARISH AND SCHOOL NEWS

### THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU



Thank you to Jordan Holmes, OCIA Coordinator, and to all involved in the OCIA ministry! Last Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Mass the Rites of Welcoming and Acceptance took place, officially beginning the OCIA journey for our candidates and catechumens.

### CHURCH SAFETY DRILL

On Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass, there will be a safety drill in the church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place following the safety drill. The OLA School community will be present, and parishioners and all OLA liturgical ministers (Mass captains, ushers, greeters, EMHCs, musicians, and lectors) are also encouraged to attend.

### MARTHA AND MARY MINISTRY

**Martha & Mary is a Ministry that tries to help families who have lost a loved one and need help in preparing a reception after funerals.** We are happy to supply, set and serve a light meal and drink for a funeral reception of 100 or less. **We also try to purchase something that Father would like for the church.**

**Please join us on Wednesday, October 15th at 11:00 am in St. John's Hall.** We will have a business section and a period for Faith sharing. This year we are going thru the lives of the Saints. After our final prayer we have a light lunch and camaraderie.

### OLA MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

For more information about ministry at OLA, visit our parish website: <https://olaparish.net/community/ministries>.

Do you wish to learn more about our parish ministries and/or sign up to become involved? Our OLA Ministry Coordinator Jane Ricci is here to help! **Please reach out to Jane via email at [ministrycoordinator@olaparish.net](mailto:ministrycoordinator@olaparish.net).** You may also call the parish office at (916) 481-5115 to leave a message.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH!**

Our KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4970 will be hosting our fan-favorite PANCAKE BREAKFAST in Affinito Hall.

**Pancakes, eggs, sausage, tater tots, beverage and more, all for a FREE WILL Donation from Parishioners, families and guests. Food service will begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 11:30 am, so come, eat, stay a while and socialize with our Parish community.**

Contact Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight FRANK CONSULO at [fconsulo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fconsulo@sbcglobal.net) or GENE GOBBO at [egobbo@surewest.net](mailto:egobbo@surewest.net) for more information, including membership. **The more men and families involved, the more we can do for our Parish!!!**

### SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN MINISTRY

**If you're looking to grow your relationship with the Lord, join us this fall for Season Three: Love Unveiled,** starting Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> through October 30<sup>th</sup>. We meet every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Room here at Our Lady of the Assumption. For more information, please contact Magie Beas at [mortega9512@gmail.com](mailto:mortega9512@gmail.com).

### OLA CATECHISTS URGENTLY NEEDED

*There is an urgent need for additional OLA Faith Formation Program catechists to guide children, youth, and families preparing for the sacraments of initiation in growing their relationship with Jesus and sharing the principles and practices of our Catholic faith and traditions.* Reach out to Tracy Urban, OLA Faith Formation Coordinator, via email at [FaithFormation@olaparish.net](mailto:FaithFormation@olaparish.net) or by calling (916) 509-0625 if you are interested in serving as a catechist.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Fr. Eduino is looking for a high school student to be a member of the Pastoral Council.** This student would be an active participant in the advisory council to our Pastor, Fr. Eduino. If you are interested (or know someone who may be interested), please contact Jane Ricci for more information via email at [ministrycoordinator@olaparish.net](mailto:ministrycoordinator@olaparish.net).

### THANK YOU OLA GABRIEL PROJECT

The OLA Gabriel Project started their "Blessings and Babies Drive" last weekend to collect much needed baby items to help support local mothers-in-need.



**Thank you to Sharon Kropf and Rose Ross for all of their hard work leading the Gabriel Project and for giving the parish an update on the great work their ministry is doing.** See page 7 of the bulletin for more information about how you can help!

### SCOUTING AT OLA: JOIN TODAY!

**Is your child looking to have fun, learn and achieve ranks while making new and lasting friendships, developing leadership and life skills?** If so, scouting might be for them. Is your child interested in checking out or joining the troop 328 or pack 225? Both are accepting new and returning members. Email Mike Rockenstein at [rockusc@gmail.com](mailto:rockusc@gmail.com) or Cynthia Clark at [cheebclark@gmail.com](mailto:cheebclark@gmail.com). **We look forward to a year full of fun, adventure, learning, and accomplishment!**

### "BRICK BY BRICK" OLA SCHOOL IS BUILDING OUR FAITH

**Students:** Please cut out the brick and bring it to school on Monday to add to your class board and help your class "build" their faith!





## PRAYER AND FORMATION AT OLA

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**All are invited to come pray in the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**



**Make time to pray  
in the peaceful presence  
of our Lord.**

**All are invited to pray a  
Holy Hour if you have the  
time to do so.**

To sign up for an Adoration time slot, please contact  
Don Thamer at [don.nprz6@gmail.com](mailto:don.nprz6@gmail.com)  
or (916) 549-7195 mobile/text.

### OLA MEDITATION GROUP

**This group gathers weekly and follows Christian meditations to help participants grow in relationship with Christ.**

Meetings are in the church on the first and third Mondays of the month, at 4:00 p.m., and on Zoom the other Mondays of the month. Email Fran Rider at [birider2808@sbcglobal.net](mailto:birider2808@sbcglobal.net) for more information. ***"Be still and know that I am God."***



### LIVING THE WORD SCRIPTURE STUDY

**All are welcome for Living the Word Scripture Study on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Affinito Hall Meeting Room 3.** At Living the Word, we discuss the Sunday scripture readings and how they apply to our daily lives.

### RETURNING TO YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

**If you are returning to your Catholic Faith, we would like to offer an informal conversation with a member of the parish staff** to help facilitate a comfortable active return to our church community by sharing information on topics that may have changed in your absence: Sacraments, Explanation of Mass, Church Terminology, Divorce/Annulment, etc. as well as discussing the many OLA ministry options. Interested? Please leave a message for Jane at (916) 481-5115 or send an email: [ministrycoordinator@olaparish.net](mailto:ministrycoordinator@olaparish.net). We are very excited to have you join our faith family!



**Choir in the Pews is a volunteer ministry that is open to all ability levels.** We need prepared singers in the pews who are willing to sing out during Mass to support and encourage the singing of others. If you have been interested in participating in music ministry, but have never had the time, this ministry is for you! **Please email Casey Oliver at [worship@olaparish.net](mailto:worship@olaparish.net) to learn more.**

### WHY DO WE GO TO CONFESSION

**Question:** If God knows everything we do, why do we need to go to Confession?

**Answer:** Another term for the Sacrament of Confession is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We go to this sacrament not only to confess our sins, but to be reconciled with God. Of course, this begs the question, "If I can pray to God on my own, why can't I be reconciled to God on my own?" In the seven sacraments, we recognize the importance of community. Sacraments like baptism or matrimony happen in the context of the wider church to remind us of the communal impact of our lives. We are not alone in our walk of faith!

We don't need to confess our sins in front of the whole community – thank God! But going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a tangible reminder that our sins affect not only ourselves and our relationship with God, but others as well. Jesus gave his Apostles authority to forgive sins in his name. Through this sacrament, we are really, truly forgiven by God Himself. We receive an outpouring of grace and strength to sin no more and our relationship with Christ and his Body, the Church, are restored.

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### LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE IN LOVE!

Discover the secrets of lasting, supportive, & transformative marriage! The retreat in English is November 7-9<sup>th</sup> at Holy Rosary Pastoral Center in Woodland, CA.

Gain tools to reconnect, renew, and rejoice in your marriage. Learn dialogue techniques for a deeper connection. For more info. leave msg. for Terry & Janet Doane at 916-489-3464.



### FAITH IN MARRIAGE

**Question:** What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

**Answer:** Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.

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**IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO START!**

## LOVE AND SERVE GOD, LOVE AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER



### St. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OLA CONFERENCE

**For those who need assistance and live within our parish boundaries, the SVdP food locker is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.** We can also help with utility and rent payments. Questions? Call (916) 481-6352.

**The Saint Vincent de Paul Shred Day fundraising event will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (or until the truck is full) in the Walnut Avenue parking lot.** Please bring old or new tax records, confidential documents, or other dust-gathering papers for professional shredding. The on-site truck allows you to watch your documents being shredded, or you may drop them off. All shredded paper is recycled. **Donation suggestion is between \$10.00-\$20.00 for paper grocery bags or standard "banker type" file boxes.** For more information, email [OLASVDP SHRED@GMAIL.COM](mailto:OLASVDP SHRED@GMAIL.COM). Please, no binders, large metal clips, plastic bags, or Amazon-style packaging.

### MENTAL HEALTH

**Why should churches get involved in mental health ministry?** A special presentation for the Sacramento community by world-renown leader in the Catholic Mental Health Movement, Deacon Ed Shoener. Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm - 3:30pm at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish church.

Presentation livestream available. Scan QR Code or visit the St. Ignatius Youtube Channel: <https://youtube.com/live/-EdUjsjYRBw?feature=share>.



### ADULT FELLOWSHIP AT OLA



**All OLA adult parishioners, please join us in the church to pray the rosary and then in Affinito Hall for a game of pick-up basketball. Come to the church as early as 5:00 p.m. if you like.**

The two requirements are that you are 18 years or older and that you are a registered parishioner. Basketball starts after the rosary and finishes in time to make the 7:30 p.m. Mass. **Mark your calendars and spread the word, our next meeting is this evening!** Questions? Please contact Catherine Olguin at 916-223-1257 or [catharina.936@gmail.com](mailto:catharina.936@gmail.com).

### REVIVAL - JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Join us for Black Catholic Saints and the Contemporary Catholic Church as Pilgrims of Hope (Worship, Praise, Preaching, and more), presented by Rev. Anthony Bozeman, SSJ of the St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart at St. Anthony Church on Thursday and Friday November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

### WEEKLY MEETINGS AT OLA



**Join Catholic in Recovery Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. in St. Anne's Room.** Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected. We welcome those recovering from any addiction, compulsion, or unhealthy attachment. For info.: **Bill B. at (561) 827-0624 or at [bbefort@bellsouth.net](mailto:bbefort@bellsouth.net).**

### CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY RETREAT

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**RETREAT HIGHLIGHTS**

- Personal testimonies of men and women who have found freedom from a variety of addictions, compulsions and unhealthy attachments
- Multiple Catholic in Recovery meetings
- Engaging the Sacraments (Confession, Mass, & Adoration during the weekend)
- Plenty of time for prayer and personal meditation
- Fellowship with fellow Catholics who are active in recovery

**REGISTER ONLINE**  
[www.catholicinrecovery.com/events](http://www.catholicinrecovery.com/events)

### BLESSINGS AND BABIES DRIVE



**The OLA Gabriel Project is hosting a parish-wide baby item drive to support expectant and new mothers in need.** There is a crib at the back of the church with tags listing requested items. **Take a tag and return donations to the Pack-n-Play in the church or the Parish Office by October 19th.**

The OLA Gabriel Project thanks everyone for a successful kick-off of our Blessings and Babies Fundraiser. We will be outside all Masses next weekend to collect the baby items. Items can also be dropped off at the Parish office. If making a monetary donation by check, please make checks payable to OLA Catholic Church and include "OLA Gabriel Project" on the check. Thank you for your generous support! Our kick-off was very successful! - Sharon Kropf

### TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE FOR CAMP RECREATION



**This weekend, Knights of Columbus members will be outside the church doors after all Masses offering free Tootsie Rolls and accepting donations for their annual Intellectual Disability Drive.**

All money raised by the Knights helps send kids and adults with developmental disabilities to Camp ReCreation, a camp under the patronage of the Diocese of Sacramento.

**Please assist the Knights by being as generous as you can in support of this worthy event.** If you are not currently attending Masses in person, you can still contribute to the drive by writing a check made payable to the COLUMBIAN FOUNDATION ID (a 501(c)(3) charitable organization (tax deductible) and mailing it to: Joe Romanazzi, ID Drive Chairman at 6322 Appian Way, Carmichael, CA 95608.



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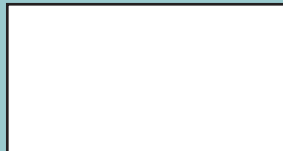
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