



# OUR LADY OF THE *Assumption* PARISH

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**Sunday, December 7, 2025**  
**Bulletin for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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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**

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### 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)

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## 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.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Sunday Collection 11/23/25:	\$ 6,858.30
E-Giving 11/17/25 to 11/23/25:	\$ 2,512.00
<b>Sunday Collection Total:</b>	<b>\$ 9,370.30</b>
Sunday Collection 11/30/25:	\$10,905.00
E-Giving 11/24/25 to 11/30/25:	\$ 6,406.50
<b>Sunday Collection Total:</b>	<b>\$17,311.50</b>
<b>November Debt Reduction:</b>	<b>\$ 2,162.00</b>
<b>Thanksgiving:</b>	<b>\$ 1,272.00</b>

**Your generous donations are greatly appreciated!**

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



**Give in gratitude on December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> to The Retirement Fund for Religious.**

**A donor writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.** To donate online go to: <https://www.scd.org/retiredreligious>.

## 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).**

## BULLETIN SUBMISSION 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). \*Due dates may be earlier due to Printer's Holiday Schedule.

### **Bulletin Weekend Dates**

December 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

January 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>

January 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

### **Article Due Date**

\*December 15<sup>th</sup>

\*December 22<sup>nd</sup>

\*January 2<sup>nd</sup>

**WEEK 2**  
**Advent** OLPI

## JOIN OUR COMMUNITY



**If you are attending Mass in person or online but not yet registered? Please register today!** This will enable you to get more information about liturgical and social events. Access our online form by scanning the QR code or go to: <https://olaparish.net/community/register-us>.



## FLOCKNOTE ONLINE GIVING COMMUNICATION & DATABASE

### **PLEASE JOIN OUR FLOCKNOTE ONLINE GIVING**

If you have not already signed up for Flocknote Online Giving, we ask you to please take a minute and sign up for continued recurring giving. **Flocknote Online Giving is an integral component of OLA's comprehensive parishioner communication and database system.**

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>.**

**Please contact us for assistance, at 481-5115 ext. 212 or [flocknotesupport@olaparish.net](mailto:flocknotesupport@olaparish.net).**

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 by visiting <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, DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM †† **Francisco and Adelina Sousa**

5:00 PM † **Jose Nabor Gomez**  
by Sofia Gomez

5:00 PM † **Sue Oliver**  
by Cindy and Mike Fabian

5:00 PM **(Sp) Vicky Blackwell**  
by Sid Curry

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>

7:30 AM †† **Juan & Amelia San Miguel**  
by Portillo family

9:00 AM † **Tony Cunha**  
by Friesen family

11:00 AM **(Sp) Kathy Harreld**  
by Yolanda De Anda

**(Sp) Shauna West**  
by Yolanda De Anda

7:30 PM † **Jeffery Kim**  
by Kim family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM † **Emerson Severin**  
by Paulina Carbon & Leighton-Armah families

† **Ann Neuhaus**  
by Eric Neuhaus

5:30 PM †† **Fernando and Mary Garcia**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM † **Jeanette Brown**  
by Laurie Brown & Judy Hecox

† **Kevin Malone (Birthday)**  
by Judith Malone

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM **(Sp) Paulina Carbon**  
by Carbon & Leighton-Armah families

† **Mary Ann Goedeke**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM † **Ruben Gomez**  
by Catherine Olguin

† **Larry Williams**  
by Kannengeiser family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM **(Sp) John De Souza (Birthday)**  
by De Souza family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM **Thanksgiving for blessings received.**  
by Tambornini family

**(Sp) Vicky Blackwell**  
by Sid Curry

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Masses: 7:30 am - 9:00 am  
- 11:00 am - 7:30 pm**

**After 9:00 am Mass Pray &  
Play - Preschool Playground  
NO FAITH FORMATION**

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am Mass**

**9:30 am** Meditation Group -  
Church

**10:00 am** Women's Book  
Club - Affinito Hall rm. 3

**5:30 pm Mass**

**7:00 pm** Gabriel Project -  
Affinito Hall Rm. 3

**Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am Mass**

**8:30 am - 7:00 pm**

Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament - Church

**6:30 pm** Knights of  
Columbus - St. John's Hall

**Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am Mass**

**6:00 pm** Catholics in  
Recovery - St. Anne's Room

**7:00 pm** Jesuit Winter  
Choral Concert - Church

**7:00 pm** OCIA - Affinito Hall  
Rm. 3

**Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am Mass**

**8:30 am - 7:00 pm**

Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament - Church

**9:00 am** Giving Tree-Gift  
Wrapping - St. John's Hall

**3:00 pm** St. Vincent de Paul  
- Affinito Hall Meeting Rm. 3

**7:00 pm** Living the Word -  
Affinito Hall Mtg. Rm. 3

**Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am Mass**

**11:00 am** Carole Vercruyssen  
Funeral - Church

**5:30 pm Our Lady of  
Guadalupe Mass**

**6:30 pm** Our Lady of  
Guadalupe Reception -  
Bannon Hall

**Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**

**3:30 pm** Confessions -  
Church

**5:00 pm vigil Mass**

**CAROLE VERCRUYSEN  
FUNERAL**

Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

**To see a complete calendar  
parish website calendar at:  
<https://olaparish.net/calendar>**

### PRAYER FOR OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Assumed into Heaven,  
You reign with your Son in glory.

We ask for your intercession,  
that we may one day join you in the heavenly Kingdom  
We thank you for watching over our parish  
named in your honor.

Help us to continue to do the work of your Son.  
Loving Mother, intercede for us in our needs,  
and help us to live lives that are pleasing to God.  
Amen.

### OBSERVANCES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>

Sunday: **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Monday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin

Wednesday: Our Lady of Loreto

Thursday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Friday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

**December 7, 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
 Mathew 3:1-12

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating "locusts and wild honey" (Mark 1:6). It's not just a strange historical detail. It's a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw – barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we're each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it's time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith – prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It's time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That's the honey. Savor it!

John didn't avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we'll be ready – really ready – for the coming of Christ.

– 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  
 Doreen Baldwin  
 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  
 Baby Kiyan  
 Michael Kyalwazi  
 Michael and Shannon Langer  
 John Lemieux  
 Kathleen Lemieux  
 David DeLeonardis  
 Dave Levin  
 Elaine Lyons  
 Delilah Macfal  
 Bennett Mattingly  
 Armie Mauricio

Langford Metzger  
 Margaret Mongeau  
 Jessica Montgomery  
 Nguyen Family  
 Kathleen Nolan  
 Jane Osborn  
 Dave Palmer  
 Maria Passarelli  
 Camille Peter  
 Adam Peter  
 T.J. Rapozo  
 Rob & Teresa Reavis  
 David Rider  
 Guadalupe Rodriguez  
 Mary Roy  
 Marie Schuring  
 Hannon Sulochana  
 April Valencia  
 Linda Vaughan  
 Wesley Villariza  
 Rachel Wann  
 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.**

## THANK YOU

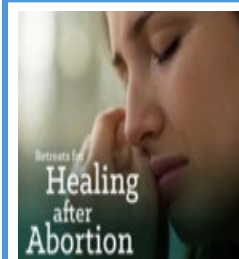
**Thank you to our Liturgical Committee, who, under the direction of Fr. Eduino, sets goals, direction and principles for the liturgical life of our parish, assesses the needs of the worshipping assembly, trains liturgical ministers, and implements directives from the universal Church and the diocesan church.**

## 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

### YOU CAN STILL SUPPORT THE GIVING TREE

Thank you to all who have sponsored a family for the OLA Giving Tree and to those who have purchased gift cards!

We can also accept monetary donations of any amount to assist with the gift purchases for the families. Checks can be written to St. Vincent de Paul, with "OLA 2025 Giving Tree donation" written on the memo line. You may also contribute via Flocknote Online Giving to the Giving Tree Fund.

Scan the QR Code below using the camera on your smartphone to donate to the Giving Tree Fund.



If you have any questions, please email Peggy Stradford at [peggystradford@icloud.com](mailto:peggystradford@icloud.com).

**ALL gifts and gift cards are due back on or before Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you for your generosity and support!

### YOUTH CHRISTMAS CHOIR & ENSEMBLE



**We need singers and instrumentalists for the OLA Youth Christmas Eve Choir and Ensemble at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (3:00 pm arrival time).**

**Open to youth in grades K - 12.**

**There will be one in-person rehearsal: Monday evening, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 pm.**

**Sheet music and a preparation video will also be provided.**

**If your child would like to participate, please confirm his/her participation by emailing Casey Oliver, Worship Director, at [worship@olaparish.net](mailto:worship@olaparish.net).**

**Thank you to all of our youth musicians and their families for sharing their time and talent!**



### 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 Worship Director, Casey Oliver is here to help! **Please reach out to Casey via email at [worship@olaparish.net](mailto:worship@olaparish.net). You may also call the parish office at (916) 481-5115 ext. 212.**

### JOIN US FOR OLA'S SANTA'S BREAKFAST



Please join us for OLA's Santa's Breakfast on Sunday, morning, December 14<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 - 11:30 am in Affinito Hall. \$6 for adults, \$4 for children, and \$20 for a family. **Credit card or pre-pay with Givesmart only. No cash. The shoppe will be open for the children.** All gifts are \$1 each, gift-wrapping included. **Children can drop off their letters to Santa, pose with Santa for photos, and shop for gifts and baked goods!**

### HELP OUT SANTA'S ELVES

**Donations are needed for the Secret Santa Shop**, including any new or gently used items such as toys, games, kitchen items, books, decor, etc. **to the school office.** We also need gift wrapping supplies (gift bags, tissue paper, tape, etc.). **Don't know about the shop? Santa's Secret Shop is open to kids only, on the morning of Santa's Breakfast, so they can shop for siblings, parents, grandparents, friends (or even themselves) with parent volunteers helping them shop, if needed.** All gifts are \$1 each, gift-wrapping included. Thank you for your donations! **Questions? Call Nicole Anton at (916) 254-9311 or email [nicole.p.anton@hotmail.com](mailto:nicole.p.anton@hotmail.com).**

**The ladies of Martha and Mary will be also holding their annual Bake Sale as part of Santa's Breakfast. We are asking for contributions of baked goods (nut free, please) from our parishioners.** You can deliver your donations, on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, to St. John's hall from 9:00AM - 4:00PM. We will also accept donations on Sunday morning. Thank you! **For questions: contact Donna Hill at 916-801-9929 or [donnabellefitz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donnabellefitz@sbcglobal.net).**

### PROJECT FOR THE SCHOOL



On November 15<sup>th</sup>, the school had a workday and as one of its projects, installed two steel canopies covering two of the school's picnic tables. The tables are used for lunch. The school has been using temporary cloth canopies, which quickly deteriorate and get damaged during heavy winds. **The parish and school would like to purchase three more of the steel canopies to cover its picnic tables. If you would like to donate towards the purchase of three steel canopies, they cost around \$1,000 dollars apiece.** Any donations would be used for purchasing the canopies. We will let you know when we have reached our goal of \$3,000 for the purchase. Thank you.



## 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

**"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD"** This group meets weekly on Mondays at 9:30 am in the church and follows Christian Meditation practice to help participants to grow in relationship with Christ. For more information, E-mail [birider2808@sbcglobal.net](mailto:birider2808@sbcglobal.net).



### 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 Casey at (916) 481-5115 ext. 212 or send an email: [worship@olaparish.net](mailto:worship@olaparish.net). We are very excited to have you join our faith family!

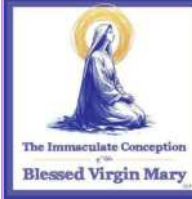
**SAVE-THE-DATE:** Contemplative prayer at 6:15 PM and **PENANCE SERVICE** at 6:30 PM on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> in the Church.



**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.**

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



Join us for Mass on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses will be at 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Students from OLA School will be present at the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class will be participating in liturgical ministries. Both Masses will be live streamed on our parish website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel.

**Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us!**

### BI-LINGUAL MASS & CELEBRATION

**Save the Date:**

**Bi-lingual Mass & Celebration in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

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5:30 PM – Mass: Our Lady of the Assumption Church

6:30 PM – Reception: Bannon Hall

Mexican Music, Pastries and Beverages

(Flowers for Our Lady are Welcome!!!)

### APUNTA LA FECHA!

**Misa Bilingue y Celebracion en Honor de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe. Viernes 12 de Diciembre**

**5:30PM – Misa: Nuestra Senora de la Asuncion**

**6:30PM – Recepcion: Bannon Hall**

**Musica Mexicana, Pan Dulce y Refrescos.**

(Flores para Nuestra Senora son bienvenidas!)

### "OPEN MY LIPS, LORD" – A BOOK ON PRAYER

Parishioner and author Rich Strawn wrote his latest book **"Open My Lips, Lord"** to help people pray. It is intended as a guide for individual prayer. This book draws upon the thoughts and ideas about prayer as written in the Psalms and the Gospels. Rich will be speaking after all of the weekend Masses December 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>. Rich will have copies of his book available after the Masses, and it can also be ordered from Amazon.

# LOVE AND SERVE GOD, LOVE AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER

## GABRIEL PROJECT

Join the Gabriel Project for our Dec. 8th holiday potluck and meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Affinito Hall Rm. 3. We will enjoy holiday music, food, and company while sorting and packaging all the gently used baby clothes we received from our Blessings & Babies drive. For more details contact Sharon at [skropf@winfirst.com](mailto:skropf@winfirst.com) or Rose at [jross2331@att.net](mailto:jross2331@att.net).

## RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE

Join us for the 2025 Respect Life Conference, "Life, Our Sign of Hope" on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:30am - 3:00 pm at the Pastoral Center. Be inspired and equipped to uphold the dignity of every human life with talks from Auxiliary Bishop Rey Bersabal and Fr. Larry Toschi, O.S.J. Free event, lunch is provided, and all are welcome. Sign up using the link <https://forms.gle/zLSzScXPXK2SyUuBjx8>.

## "YOU ARE NOT ALONE"

The Bishops of CA invite the faithful to pray for and to pray with our migrant brothers and sisters. We invite our Catholic communities to follow the example of the Good Samaritan (cf. Lk. 10:34) and show compassion for our vulnerable neighbors. Join Bishop Jaime Soto on Dec. 9th, at St. Peter-All Hallow's Parish (5501 14th Ave.) at 6pm for Mass, and 7pm for Holy Hour.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL INFORMATION

The Pastoral Council is a consultative body, pastoral in nature, because it strives to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit among God's people in the parish. It gives its help to the Pastor in fostering pastoral activity. For details contact Pastoral Council Chair, Carmy Baca by leaving a message at (916) 481-5115 or email: [cbaca\\_929@yahoo.com](mailto:cbaca_929@yahoo.com).

## ST. NICHOLAS EXPLAINED

St. Nicholas was a fourth-century Christian bishop who lived in modern-day Turkey. **There is minimal historical scholarship dating to the period of his life, but stories and traditions that developed after his death emphasize his profound spirit of generosity, especially towards the poor.**

One particularly famous oral tradition tells that St. Nicholas saves three young women from a life of destitution and ruin by secretly giving them a dowry so they could marry. His popularity increased in the centuries following his death, and by the medieval period he was a beloved model of Christian charity invoked in a particular way during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. In the United States, St. Nicholas' gift-giving practices are especially popular in places where large numbers of German and Dutch immigrants settled. ©LPI

## ADULT FELLOWSHIP

OLA adult parishioners are welcome to a fellowship of Sunday prayer and a pickup Basketball game in Affinito Hall. Come to the church as early as 5:00PM if you like. There will be a group rosary at 5:30PM followed by basketball in Affinito Hall. Basketball will wrap up in time for those attending 7:30PM Mass. All players and spectators must be 18yrs or older and a registered parishioner. **Our next meeting is Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>!** Please contact Catherine Olguin at 916-223-1257 or [catharina.936@gmail.com](mailto:catharina.936@gmail.com) for questions.



## St. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OLA CONFERENCE

For those who need assistance and live within our parish boundaries, the OLA SVdP Food Locker is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.

**Thank you Fr. Eduino, parishioners, school families, faculty, and Rio Americano H.S. (led by Olivia Cook) students and faculty for turkeys, sides and cash to purchase whatever else was needed. Everyone was so generous in support of our plea to help those in need this holiday season.** Approximately 250 families were served this Thanksgiving due to your kindness and generosity!



### DRIVERS are NEEDED to pick up

**Food for SVdP!** A driver/s is urgently

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Please contact Dale Stradford at [dstradford@ymail.com](mailto:dstradford@ymail.com) or at (916) 471-8527.

## CATHOLICS IN RECOVERY

**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 details: **Bill B. at (561) 827-0624 or [bbefort@bellsouth.net](mailto:bbefort@bellsouth.net) or [www.catholicinrecovery.com](http://www.catholicinrecovery.com).**

## THE BEST GIFT GIVER EVER

My youngest child is going through Confirmation preparation this year. It is always quite a challenge to get through to a teenager about the importance of the gifts and fruits of the Spirit. You can't see and touch these things, but they are more valuable than most tangible gifts we can receive.

Isaiah 11 features the list of the traditional gifts of the Spirit that we speak about in the context of the sacrament: wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts are freely given to us to assist us in our daily walk with God. Discipleship and stewardship are hard enough in this world without the help from God's Spirit.

During this Advent season, we think quite a bit about gifts and gift giving. What is the perfect gift for that special someone? What can you give that will have an impact and the person will remember for years to come? **Over two thousand years ago, a gift was given to us in a manger that really made a lasting impact. That gift remains with us in a profound way through the sacraments. While we are busy trying to get gifts for others, let us be mindful of the gifts we have already received by the best gift giver the world has ever seen.** ©LPI

**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!

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