



# OUR LADY OF THE *Assumption* PARISH

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**Sunday, January 11, 2026**

**The Baptism of the Lord**



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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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)**

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**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**

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### **Admissions**

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### **School Office**

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### **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.**

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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.

## 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 requests are subject to approval by our Pastor, Fr. Eduino Silveira.** We will do our best to accommodate your timeline. For questions or requests, email Jane Ricci at: [communications@olaparish.net](mailto:communications@olaparish.net).

<b>Bulletin Weekend Dates</b>	<b>Article Submission Due Date</b>
January 24 <sup>th</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	*January 16 <sup>th</sup>
January 31 <sup>st</sup> - February 1 <sup>st</sup>	*January 27 <sup>th</sup>
February 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	January 30 <sup>th</sup>

\*Due dates are earlier due to Printer's Holiday Schedule.

## STEWARSHIP UPDATE

### YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AND THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE YEAR!

Total donations for December 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> :	\$17,559.10
Christmas Donations (24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> ):	\$33,946.00
Christmas Flower Donations:	\$587.00
New Years Day:	\$2,894.50
Debt Reduction:	\$100.00
Total donations January 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> :	\$29,332.00

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**There will be no Special Collections for the month of January.**

In February there will be the Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment weekend.

## MEET A PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBER EACH WEEK



"As a member of the Pastoral Council, I strive to be a "man for others" within our parish community. My efforts include encouraging new parishioners to voice their comments and questions, thereby cultivating an even greater sense of togetherness and inclusivity throughout the parish. -Karim Drissi

**Every parishioner is welcome to express thoughts and concerns to any member of the Pastoral Council at any time.** For details, contact Pastoral Council Chair, Carmy Baca directly at [cbaca\\_929@yahoo.com](mailto:cbaca_929@yahoo.com) or by leaving a message with the parish office at (916) 481-5115.

## 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:

- Check parish communications
- Access educational videos through Flocknote Engage
- Access Flocknote Online Giving to make a gift
- View your giving history
- 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, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

5:00 PM **† Sue Oliver**  
by Murphy family  
**† Jasper Anderson Sr.**

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>

7:30 AM **†† Vasco Faria and family**  
9:00 AM **† Tom Willow**  
by Dave and Susan Murphy  
11:00 AM **† Noelle Malone**  
by Spitzer family  
**† Mark Mozdy**  
by Joanne and Dennis Duarte  
7:30 PM **All Parishioners** (Missa Pro Populo)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM **†† Dale and Arlene Fuller**  
by Portillo family

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM **† Jutta Woodington**

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM **† Gloria Medeiros**

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM **† Serafin Silveira**

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM **† Guihermina Silveira**

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>

5:00 PM **† Sue Oliver**  
by Murphy family



## REQUEST A MASS INTENTION

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. This practice allows us to pray for others, both the living and the dead. This is a meaningful way for Catholics to express their faith and support for others through prayer. 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 San Francisco, which the Diocese of Sacramento is part, is \$10.00 but if a person cannot afford it there is no need for a donation.

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 4<sup>TH</sup>

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord  
Tuesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Saturday: St. Anthony, Abbot  
Next Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## PARISH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>

**7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 7:30 pm Mass** - Church  
**9:50 am** (After Mass) Pray & Play - Preschool Playground  
**10:15 am** Faith Formation - Bannon Hall

**12:00 pm** Baptisms - Church

### MONDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>

**8:00 am Mass**  
**9:30 am** Meditation Group - Church  
**10:00 am** OLA Women's Book Club - Affinito Hall Rm 3  
**7:00 pm** Gabriel Project Mtg. - Affinito Hall Rm 3

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 13<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 Mtg. - St. John's Hall

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14<sup>TH</sup>

**8:00 am Mass**  
**6:00 pm** Catholics in Recovery - St. Anne's Room  
**7:00 pm** OCIA - Affinito Hall Rm. 3

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>

**8:00 am Mass**  
**8:30 am - 7:00 pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

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

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>

**8:00 am Mass**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**3:30 pm** Confessions - Church  
**5:00 pm** vigil Mass

For a **COMPLETE CALENDAR**, go to the parish website:  
<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.

## LEAVE A LEGACY OF FAITH

Ensure your faith and values live on for generations to come by including OLA in your will or estate plans. Questions? Contact Elisabeth Gustorf, Advancement Director, at [advancement@olaparish.net](mailto:advancement@olaparish.net).



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 11, 2026

### The Baptism of the Lord

Matthew 3:13-17

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called "Behind the Mac - Greatness." It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, **"There's a certain kind of person who doesn't wait for greatness. They make it."** It's a compelling message. There's beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can't anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today's Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn't preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." It's not a reward for success. It's not earned. Before he does anything "great," Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father. And so do you. **At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: "You are my beloved."** That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

— Father John Muir

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## THANK YOU

We appreciate our Bulletin Editors who take time every week to review our parish bulletin. Their attention to detail and commitment is a blessing for our entire parish.



## 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, 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  
Joan Cotton  
Ryan Daniels  
Yolande De Forge  
Robert DeAnda  
John DeSouza  
Aaron Esselman  
Bobbie Hall  
Kathy Harrel  
Dorothy Heimbichner  
Matthew Holmes  
Christine Jansen  
Sheila Johnson  
Maya Juarez  
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  
Hannon Sulochana  
Emily Tuazon  
April Valencia  
Linda Vaughan  
Wesley Villariza  
Rachel Wann  
Tomasa Washington  
Charlie Wetherall  
Jack Wetherall  
Cole Miller Whitney (baby)  
Lawrence Wilhelm  
Pat Wood

## HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

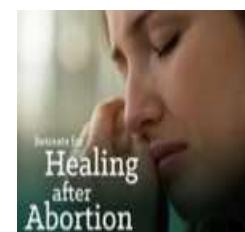
**Distribution of the Eucharist to our homebound parishioners is available.** Eucharistic Homebound Ministers are dedicated to serving the spiritual needs of our homebound parishioners by bringing Christ to them and keeping them connected to our community. **Leave a message for Peggy Vellanoweth at the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

## 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

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OLA CONF.



For those who need assistance and live within our parish boundaries, the OLA SVdP Food Locker is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00AM – 12:00 PM.

**DRIVERS are NEEDED** to pick up Food for SVdP! A driver/s is urgently needed to pick up food from Winco every Wednesday between 8-9am. The person should be able to lift 50 pounds and have an SU V or small truck for transport.

**We are also looking for back up and part-time drivers.**  
Please contact Dale Stradford at [dstradford@ymail.com](mailto:dstradford@ymail.com) or at (916)471-8527.

## THANK YOU

Thank you for the Christmas Flower Donations, the lovely decorating of our Church for Christmas, and all those who participated in our Liturgical Ministries.



## DECORATION REMOVAL

Please help us take down the Christmas decorations in the church on Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Many hands make light work!



## GABRIEL PROJECT



**Gabriel Project Meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, in Affinito Hall Room 3.**

**Be a part of a ministry that changes lives!** Join us for our monthly meeting as we support moms and families in need. New members are always welcome – **whether you can give a little time or a lot, your help truly makes a difference.** If you can't join us in person, please connect with us via Zoom (contact Sharon at [skropf@winfirst.com](mailto:skropf@winfirst.com) for Zoom information). **We'd love to have you!**

## SAVE THE DATE TO GET CRABBY



### O.L.A. SCHOOL CRABFEED

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**

Benefitting the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Washington, D.C.



Stay tuned for more information!

## 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 5:00 pm if you like. There will be a group rosary at 5:30 pm followed by basketball in Affinito Hall. Basketball will wrap up prior to 7:30 pm Mass. All players and spectators must be 18yrs or older and a registered parishioner. **The next meeting is on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>!** For details contact: Catherine Olgua at 916-223-1257 [catharina.936@gmail.com](mailto:catharina.936@gmail.com).



## 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: alcoholism; drug addiction; compulsive overeating; restricted eating; lust/pornography addiction; gambling addiction; technology addiction; compulsive spending; codependency; control, fear, resentment, and grief. For more information, visit our website: [www.catholicinrecovery.com](http://www.catholicinrecovery.com), or Bill B. at (561) 827-0624 or at [bbefort@bellsouth.net](mailto:bbefort@bellsouth.net).

## PRAYER AND FORMATION AT OLA

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**All are invited to come to pray in the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:30 am - 7:00 pm**



*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 text (916) 549-7195.

### 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, email: [bilrider2808@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bilrider2808@sbcglobal.net).

### OLA MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

For more information about ministry at OLA, visit our parish website: <https://olaparish.net/community/ministries> or contact Casey at: [worship@olaparish.net](mailto:worship@olaparish.net). You may also leave a message at: (916) 481-5115 ext. 212.

### 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!

### CHOIR IN THE PEWS MUSIC MINISTRY



**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.**

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS AT OLA

Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am Mass with Bishop Rey Bersabal, here at Our Lady of the Assumption Church! **This celebration of the Eucharist will include the sacramental Anointing of the Sick, the blessing of caregivers and blessing with water from the shrine in Lourdes.** This event is sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento and The Order of Malta. For details, contact Tony Riehl at 916-733-0274 or [triehl@scd.org](mailto:triehl@scd.org).



### LESSONS FROM BAPTIZING A FROG

I used to lead an RCIA session on baptism, where I would bring in my Kermit the Frog toy from when I was a child and pretend to baptize it. It was a session I especially made sure I led when we had children preparing for Easter sacraments. You would think Kermit would have become super holy having been baptized so many times, year after year. But, if he had been real, he would not have been any holier due to multiple baptisms than he was after the first baptism. He couldn't be re-baptized. (Not to mention, of course, he is a FROG.)

**When Jesus came to John for baptism, he transformed the baptism of repentance that John was practicing into a baptism of redemption.** And although we are called to repentance over and over in our life, redemption comes to us only once. We cannot get baptized again in the Jordan or Sea of Galilee because of romantic notions or come into the Catholic Church by a second baptism so we can start all over. Our baptism, whether we can remember it or not, is a one-time deal. But it is the real deal. Whether you feel it or not, you are sealed for Christ, and the stain of original sin has been washed away.

Too many of us take that moment for granted. Yes, you may have been baptized as an infant. But much time has passed since then, and you can work to understand the impact that it had on your life. **We sometimes look for a good time to begin living a stewardship way of life. However, that time already passed, and God has been waiting.** We are called to reflect on our baptism and respond to the call it has placed on our lives. We can respond and be disciples, or we can be like Kermit the Frog, always searching for a new start that never comes.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### FAITH ENRICHMENT & FORMATION RESOURCES

Our parish has Flocknote Engage, which includes FREE access to Bishop Barron's Word on Fire ENGAGE video library and study programs (including free pdf study materials)! All that is needed is an OLA Parish Flocknote account. Sign up for free at <https://app.flocknote.com/olaparish/>. Login to Flocknote by clicking on the sheep icon at the top left of our website's home page and visit Word on Fire (WOF) Digital to watch any of the videos at any time.

**Fr. Eduino encourages parishioners to gather in small groups to learn more about our faith.** The Flocknote Engage library is a great resource if you want to bring together a small group to learn about a variety of topics. For more info. email Casey Oliver at [worship@olaparish.net](mailto:worship@olaparish.net).

# LOVE AND SERVE GOD, LOVE AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER

## GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

**Mini reflection:** When the voice of God declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist – and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids. - Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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## JOY

**Though it is often used as a synonym for happiness, joy has far more to do with the choices we make than the emotions we feel.** Joy is the experience of achieving what we most desire and what we most desire is love. God made us in love and for love, and so, in the same way that a flower seeks the sunlight, our souls seek the warmth of true, selfless love. The virtue of joy is a fruit of the virtue of love, or charity (CCC 1829). "We are meant to have our human joys: the joy of living, the joy of love and friendship, the joy of work well done," said St. Pope John Paul II. "We who are Christians have a further cause for joy: like Jesus, we know that we are loved by God our Father. This love transforms our lives and fills us with joy."

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## HIRING A CAMP PENDOLA CARETAKER

The Diocese of Sacramento is looking for a Camp Pendola Caretaker. **The person would live on site at Camp Pendola in Camptonville. While living on site the caretaker will do light maintenance and grounds keeping of the facility.** If interested, please contact Jennifer Campbell at [jcampbell@scd.org](mailto:jcampbell@scd.org) or 916-733-0123.

## 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

**Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish has seats available on their two busses for the 22nd annual Walk for Life West Coast on January 24, 2026 (Saturday)** departing at 9:00 AM and returning at 6:00 PM. Departure and Return are from the PBVM parking lot (4123 Robertson Ave.). For reservations, contact Bill at [williamjunderwood@yahoo.com](mailto:williamjunderwood@yahoo.com) or (916) 995-4642. The price per seat is \$15. Additional information about this family-friendly pro-life event is available at [walkforlifewc.com](http://walkforlifewc.com)

## PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY EVENT

**In our diocese, an Ecumenical Prayer Service, sponsored by the North State Ecumenical Conference, is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am to 2:45pm at the Pioneer Congregational Church (916-443-3727) 2700 L Street. Beginning with Lunch and ending with Worship Service in Church at 2:45pm. For details, please contact Deacon Paul Friedrich at [pfried28@gmail.com](mailto:pfried28@gmail.com). There is no charge for this Special Event.** Please RSVP via the appropriate Jotform link below: <https://form.jotform.com/233367380273155>.

Donations may be made to Midtown HART by using this link: <https://www.hartstogether.org/midtown> (when making a donation please make reference to: NSEC Special Event).

**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!

January 11, 2026

## MUSIC, ART & POETRY CONTEST

The Black Catholic Ministry Office in partnership with the St. Josephine Bakhita Ministry, sponsor this event. **All diocesan youth and young adults (ages 13 – 25) are invited to showcase their artistic skills at the 2026 Music, Art, and Poetry contest (MAP26 Contest).** This year's theme is "Imago Dei, Made in The Image of God". Participants are invited to express through music, art, or poetry what "Made in the image of God" means.

Youth and Young Adults, the world needs YOUR Music, Art, and Poetry! **Register Now for MAP26!** The following awards will be given: Three 1st place winners -\$300 each, Three 2nd place winners -\$200 each, and Three 3rd place winners -\$100 in each age category, 9 total. **The contest will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Good Shepherd Parish, 9539 Racquet Ct., Elk Grove.** **Registration closes soon!** Use QR code below or go to: <https://gscceg.org/blog/map>. For info., contact Valerie at [valerie.ramos@comcast.net](mailto:valerie.ramos@comcast.net).



## ATTENDANCE AT LA RE CONGRESS

If you are attending the LA RE Congress from the Diocese of Sacramento, **join Bishop Rey for a buffet dinner at La Casa Garcia at 531 W Chapman Ave., Anaheim on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 8pm.** The cost per person is \$20. Register at <https://bit.ly/4oGbzw1>. For details call 916-733-0135.

## A BIG HATS FOR THE HOMELESS THANK YOU

Your generosity and kindness are warming the hearts and heads of many this past holiday season. **In December, Hats for the Homeless distributed 1,090 hats, 195 scarves, 47 blankets, 29 pairs of gloves, 21 ear warmers, 25 Teddy bears, and 100 snack packs for kids** to the following: OLA Giving Tree; SuperFritz at UC Davis Children's Cancer Center; CarmichaelHART; St. Philomene's, God's Bounty; St. Ignatius, God's Bounty; Mercy Pedalers; Sacramento Kindness Campaign; Sacramento Life Center; Vento project, San Juan Schools; Sacramento Children's Receiving Home; and Al's Friends, Monterey. Many of you are anonymous as your donations just appear in the collection bins in the back of church. A huge thank you to all who helped make this possible! Keep donations coming as distribution will continue until end of March. Donations of yarn are also gladly accepted (worsted #4 weight, machine washable in any color. A hat is a small thing that makes a big difference. It lets those who may be losing hope know that someone cares. More information: Angie at [amstrawn@comcast.net](mailto:amstrawn@comcast.net). "Not all of us can do great things. But all can do small things with great love" – Mother Teresa

## DIOCESAN DAY OF REPARATION

Bishop Soto has designated January 22<sup>nd</sup> as a Diocesan Day of Reparation for the 1973 passing of Roe v. Wade. **All the faithful are asked to observe this day with fasting, prayer, penance, and works of mercy.** Bishop Soto will offer a Mass of Reparation at 12:10 pm on **Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.



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