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The Epiphany of the Lord

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Ask an usher about them!

Please check our website for current MASS SCHEDULE information

www.olaparish.net



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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 wider Diocesan community, and with the entire family of God.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**January 3, 2021
The Epiphany of the Lord**

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is the ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

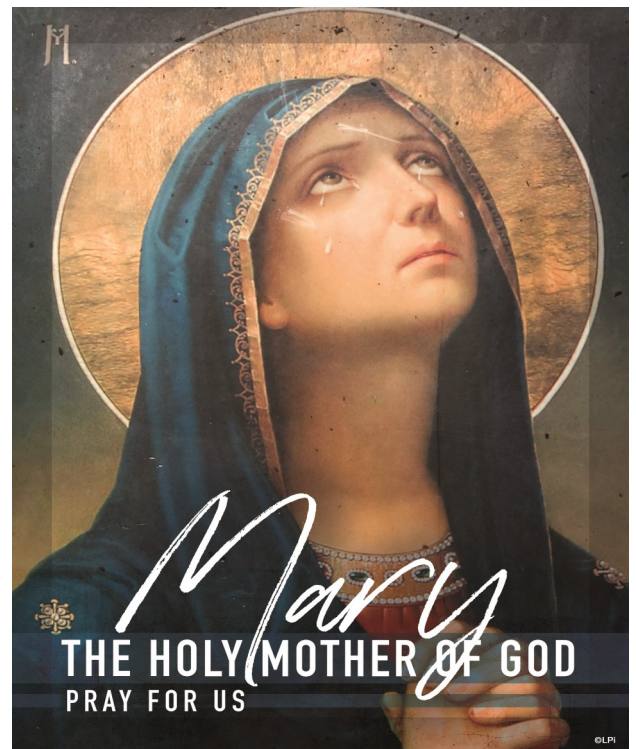
"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

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WE WELCOME YOU HOME

Thank you for joining us today! We welcome you to our faith family and look forward to growing in faith and friendship with you. If you are interested in formally joining our parish community and/or the Catholic Faith, you can do so on-line or by coming in to the parish office. If you are returning to an active Catholic life, we are happy to facilitate a smooth and joy filled transition. May you find fellowship, peace and serenity in our community. Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Eduino, Pastor.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 02

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 AM Elijah (Complete healing and all
His family Jimenez Morales
by Cecilia Jimenez

5:00PM † Mary Kate Funk
by Messner Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 03

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00AM † Diana Dahms
by Julie Kunishigue
Thanksgiving for all blessing
by Mendoza Family

11:00AM † Tom Bogetich
by Pat & Jerry Laumer

MONDAY, JANUARY 04

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00AM † George Breed Love
by Chambers Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 05

St. John Neumann

8:00AM † Richard Hunsaker
by Chambers Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 06

St. André Bessette

8:00AM † Pat Cunningham
by Chambers Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 07

St. Raymond of Penyafort

8:00AM † John West
by Constance West

FRIDAY, JANUARY 08

8:00AM † Tom Bogetich
by Constance West

SATURDAY, JANUARY 09

5:00PM † Tom Bogetich
by Carolyn Albers

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INTENTIONS

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Stewardship Gifts

Epiphany of the Lord

"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." -

Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, as Stewards, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

Reading for the week

Sunday Jan 03: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday Jan 04: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday Jan 05: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday Jan 06: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday Jan 07: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday Jan 08: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday Jan 09: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Sunday Jan 10: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Weekend Dates	Article DUE
Jan 09—10	January 04
Jan 16—17	January 08
Jan 23—24	January 15



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey. But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



OUR PARISH

OLA LIVE

In an effort to bring us safely back together for prayer and community, the parish will be hosting weekly virtual events. The events will be either live streamed or on Zoom so you can watch and participate from the safety of your home. For the month of December during Advent, we will pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary together every Monday evening. More events will be added, so please check the schedule each week for updates.



OLA IS LOOKING TO BORROW PATIO HEATERS

Due to COVID there is a real shortage of patio heaters because restaurants purchasing for outdoor seating. **OLA is looking to borrow 6 patio heaters** for the Christmas season.

Specs as follow: Must be safe, and in good operating condition, 40-50K BTU capacity, need one preferably two 20 lbs. LP tank, Heater should stand 80 inches min. Must have name and phone number on both heater and tanks.

Please, deliver to church by Jan 08, if possible. We would also like volunteers to pick up heaters, for those who are not able to deliver.

Please contact John Blaschke to coordinate.

916-471-9650



Pregnant? Worried? Need Help?

Call (800) 910-0191



Updated regular Mass Times and Locations

8:00 am daily Masses

(Monday-Friday and first Saturday) will be located inside of the church with limited outdoor seating available in front of the church under the portico. Indoor seating is not permitted at this time.



The Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 9:00 am, and Sunday 11:00 am Masses

Will be live streamed inside of the church with limited outdoor seating available in front of the church under the portico. Indoor seating is not permitted at this time.

The Masses will also be available to view throughout the weekend on our website, YouTube channel, and Facebook page.

Communion

Will be distributed outdoors in front of the church up to 45 minutes after each Mass.

The Sunday 7:30 pm Mass is cancelled at this time.

Communion will be distributed in front of the church from 7:30 - 8:30 pm on Sunday evenings.

PUZZLES

Come to our parish office and take home a fantastic puzzle that will keep you busy, healthy, and happy.



Parishioners have brought these puzzles to share.

Take the challenge to build a big one!

SCHOOL & YOUTH MINISTRY



Camp Pendola January Zoom Hangout

THURSDAY, JAN. 7TH AT 4PM

Join us for our FREE monthly opportunity for campers to gather, catch up with each other, and create a seasonal craft and play a game over Zoom.

For January Miss Mary will be leading our hangout and we will be making Color Resist Snow scenes and playing Bingo.



RSVP AT WWW.PENDOLA.ORG

HUMOR

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KEEP THE LIGHT BRIGHT

You're Invited **JANUARY 16, 2021 @ 7PM**

Rise up
Young Church

W/ SPECIAL GUEST: MARK HART

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PROTECT EVERY LIFE

Respect Life Novena

JANUARY 14 - JANUARY 22, 2021

Our Respect Life Novena is dedicated to those babies who have been aborted, for those mothers who have suffered a loss of a child, and mothers in need. Each day will be led by our diocesan clergy and laity. Connect to Facebook or Instagram for each day's prayer and reflection: [@SCDFormedFaith](https://www.facebook.com/SCDFormedFaith)



Solidarity Walk

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021

We encourage families to take time to reflect on the gospel of life and pray the rosary. Take a selfie or record yourself taking a walk around the neighborhood as you pray for an end to abortion and post using [#SCDProLife](https://www.facebook.com/SCDProLife)

Learn more about the Novena and Walk:

www.scd.org/protecteverylife

Questions? Contact Moises De Leon: mdeleon@scd.org



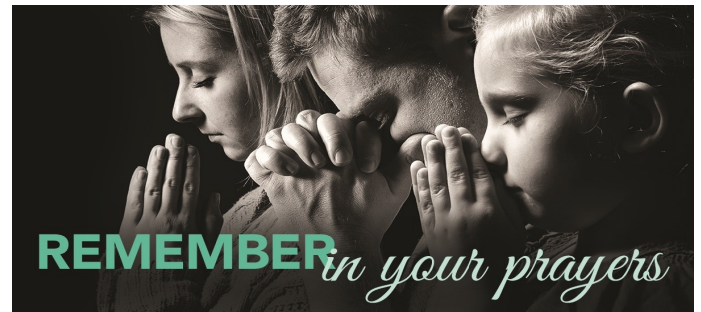
SPIRITUAL GROWTH

LIVE THE LITURGY

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life's journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God's revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see?

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OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

Julie Nelson	Molly Garcia
Nancy Carlson	Richard McClintock
Jonathan Rassmussen	Ben Koerber
Stacie Higginbotham	Margaret Parker
Sandi Lanz	Maria García
Shirley Ward	Daniel Armstrong
Mary Silva	George Peres
Gloria Plog	Gutierrez Family
J. Richard Heintz	

Note: Please call the parish office to add a name or to remove them from this list. Thank you.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Celebrate the first American-born saint! St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was born in New York City in the late 1700s. She opened a school for girls in 1808. The calling grew. Within a year, Elizabeth had founded the Sisters of Charity, the first community for religious women established in the United States. Their work established the first Catholic school system in the country. On her feast day this **January 4th**, pray for our teachers and students!

PROTECT EVERY LIFE

PREPARE WITH US:

Monday, January 11 @ 7:00pm
Culture Project Talk - "Human Dignity"

Martes, 12 de Enero a las 7:00pm
Culture Project Taller - "Dignidad Humana"

Wednesday, January 13 @ 6:00pm
Live Action Talk - "Transforming Hearts, Saving Lives"



PRAY WITH US:

Thursday, January 14 - Friday, January 22
Respect Life Novena

Thursday, January 21 @ 7:00pm
Young Adult Evening - "Into the Mix"



Friday, January 22
Respect Life Mass on the Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade
(Livestream @ 12pm via Cathedral Facebook)

WALK WITH US:

Saturday, January 23
Solidarity Walk w/ Testimony
and Live Ultrasound @ 10:30am



Join us on
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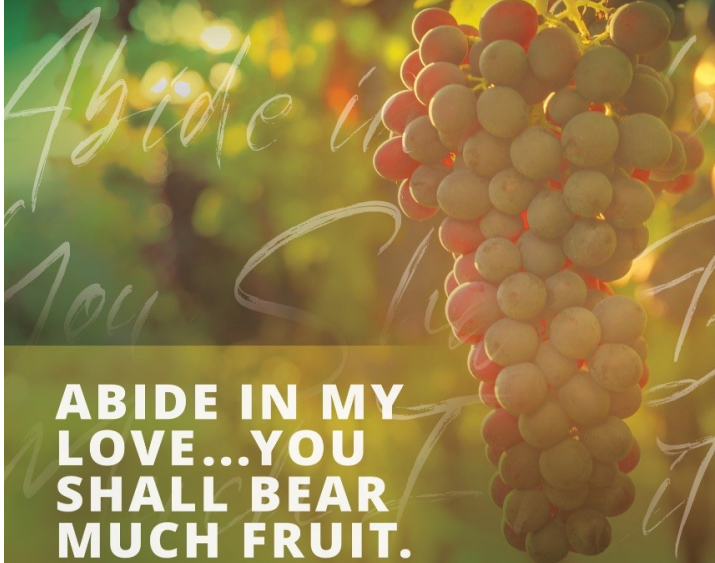
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COMMUNITY

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2021



**ABIDE IN MY
LOVE...YOU
SHALL BEAR
MUCH FRUIT.**

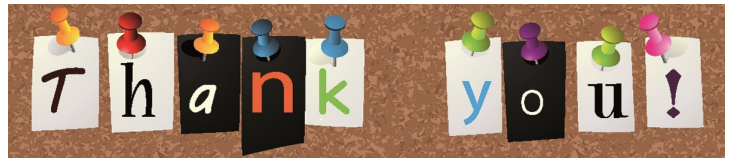
JOHN 15:1-17

Virtual Special Event for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on January 19, 2021

You are invited to a Virtual Special Event on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for the event is *Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit* (cf. John 15:1-17). This event is sponsored by the North State Ecumenical Conference, and has the support of Bishop Jaime Soto. It will feature the following:

- * A rendition of *Lift Every Voice and Sing* by a **Virtual Ecumenical Choir**
- * A **Panel Discussion** with several Christian faith leaders, who will address *Racism in the Church*
- * A **Worship Prayer Service** led by Christian faith leaders (including Bishop Jaime Soto), with Bishop Minerva Carcaño of the United Methodist Church, California Nevada Conference, as the Homilist

Livestream information will be announced soon. There is no charge for this event. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Deacon Dennis Gorsuch, NSEC Chair, at (916) 984-8550, or E-mail: dennisgorsuch@comcast.net



FOR THESE GIFTS WE ARE GRATEFUL!

Weekend Offertory	12/27/20	\$ 12,098.00
Christmas	12/27/20	\$ 19,745.00
E-Giving from	12/21/20 to 12/27/20	\$ 2,195.91
Total		\$ 34,038.91

Average Weekly Budget Amount \$12,000.00

WESHARE

We want to encourage our parishioners to enroll in our automated donation program called **WeShare**. This program provides a convenient way to make your donations to our church in the comfort of your home.



To enroll please follow these simple steps:

- Go to <https://olaparish.net>
- Click on Donate.
- This will take you to our "Contribute" page, where you will find the **WeShare** link to enroll and start making your donation.



Rest in Peace

Let us pray for those in our community who have passed away.

Diana Dahms

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.



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