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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

## First Sunday of the Lent

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### PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 3:00pm

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Provides assistance for those in need within our parish boundaries. Please call: 916-481-6352

Monday - Friday | 9:00am - 11:00am

### HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

Ask an usher about them!

Please check our website for current MASS  
SCHEDULE information

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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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.



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## WE WELCOME YOU HOME



### GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 21, 2021  
1st Sunday of Lent

St. Oscar Romero said, “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the “idol of the self,” keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It’s not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God’s love and how we can better imitate God’s loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn’t just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. “Being more” means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the “quality” of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God’s unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of “life in the good old days.” Lent isn’t about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It’s about becoming something new. It’s about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

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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.

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00AM † Patrick Walsh  
by Kate Walsh

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:00AM † Harriet Hammond  
by Pat De Bruyn  
11:00PM † Cathy Quesinberry  
by Shannon Langer

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

##### *The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*

8:00AM Suesana Taijeron (Her Birthday)  
by Anne Perez

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

##### *St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martir*

8:00AM †† Teresa and Robert Wilhelm  
by Florita and Larry Wilhelm

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00AM † Henry Jerzak  
by Dennis Family

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00AM †† Richard and Norma Corbell  
50th Anniversary (Feb 14 1971)  
by Deacon Paul Friedrich

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00AM † Judita Woodington

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00AM † Lizz Baca  
by Baca Family



## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

### Stewardship Life

#### 1 st Sunday of Lent

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." -

MARK 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of Stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

### Readings for the Week

Sunday Feb 21: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday Feb 22: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Feb 23 Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Feb 24: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday Feb 25: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday Feb 26: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Feb 27: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Sunday Feb 28: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### The Unlikely Suspects

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark

with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikely suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### ST. POLYCARP BISHOP OF SMYRNA

"... we are not accustomed to repent of what is good in order to adopt that which is evil; and it is well for me to be changed from what is evil to what is righteous."

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## OUR PARISH

### INDOOR MASS TIMES

Following Supreme Court decision, Bishop Soto has announced that we can offer indoor Masses and other services in the church up to **25% capacity**. All diocesan and public health guidelines are still in place, including **required face masks, the social distancing of at least 6 feet, and the collection of contact tracing information.**

The weekend Mass schedule is below:

**Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm and Sunday Masses at 9:00 am and 11:00 am**

We will distribute Holy Communion for approximately 15 minutes after each Mass. Please arrive at the church as soon as possible after the Mass concludes, which is about 45 minutes after the Mass start time.

**There will be no Sunday 7:30 pm Mass**, but there will be the distribution of Holy Communion from 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm on Sunday evening. All weekend Masses will be live-streamed and can be viewed on our website, on YouTube, and on Facebook.



### 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. More events will be added, so please check the schedule each week for updates.

**Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 pm**

Interactive Zoom Rosary (Sorrowful Mysteries) hosted by OLA Parish

**Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 pm**

Live Stream Lectio Divina and Taize Prayer

**Friday, February 26 at 7:00 pm**

Live Stream Stations of the Cross



### TODAY WE JOIN TOGETHER THROUGH THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We may not all be social workers, yet through the Annual Catholic Appeal, the whole Catholic community leans in to help our Catholic charities...and our own parish...to sustain programs and ministries that help lift our neighbors and friends out of the hardships of poverty.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is dedicated solely to the social mission of the Church here in Northern California. Last year, as our communities pulled together to overcome the paralyzing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, 362,000 people were helped through Appeal-funded charitable works. Please be as generous as you can. Every gift makes a profound difference in someone's life.

### Prayer of the Faithful

For all who depend on our generosity through the Annual Catholic Appeal: those who need assistance and all those who work tirelessly in the charitable organizations and parish outreach ministries that serve them... For our sisters and brothers, we pray...

...Lord, hear our prayer.





## Into the Wilderness to Return Fully Alive

*Young Adult Lenten Retreat Series*

Wednesday's 7PM-8PM  
February 24  
March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31  
On Facebook @SCDOYYA

## Fully Alive Retreat

*Young Adult Virtual Retreat*

Saturday 10AM to 2PM  
April 3rd  
VIA Zoom

Contact Antony Ta for more info  
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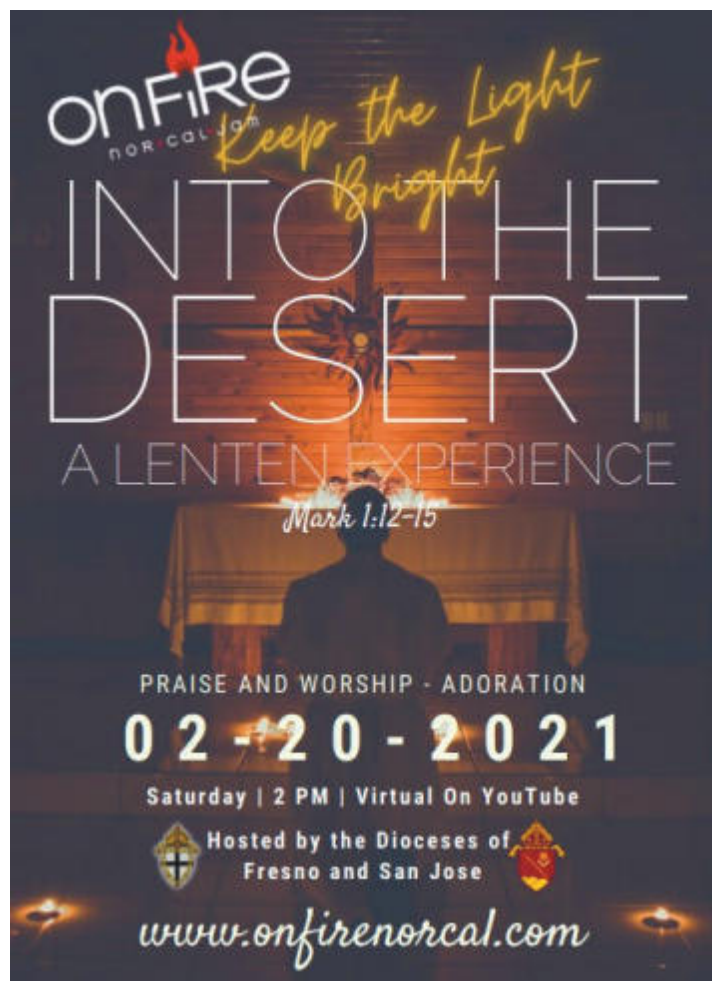
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## Question of the Week

**Theme:** Reform your lives!

**Breaking Open the Word**

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

**Listen to the Word**

As you hear this very short Gospel reading, what words or phrases strike you? What image or story does the reading prompt you to recall?

**Step Two: Look into Your Life**

**Question for Children:** What will you do this Lent to become more like Jesus

**Question for Youth:** Lent gives us a chance to do things differently – to "go to the desert." How can you make Lent a time for growing in faith?

**Question for Adults:** What is the one area of your life which you most want to "reform" as you get ready to embrace the Gospel, what is it?



# SPIRITUAL GROWTH



## You've got Word on Fire ENGAGE!

Your parish has given you complete access to Bishop Barron's Word on Fire ENGAGE video library! Visit WoFDigital.org from Flocknote to watch any of the videos whenever you want without ever having to login.

 Visit [WoFDigital.org](https://wofdigital.org)

### FREE WORD ON FIRE ENGAGE DIGITAL ACCESS FOR OLA PARISH

Exciting news! Our parish has signed up for a free trial to Flocknote Engage starting now and throughout Lent, which includes complete access to Bishop Barron's Word on Fire Engage video library! All that is required is a Flocknote account. Sign up for Flocknote or login at <https://olaparish.flocknote.com/login>. Once logged into Flocknote, click on the Word on Fire Digital button to watch any of the videos at any time. This is a robust faith formation resource that includes access to the highly-acclaimed Catholicism series, the Pivotal Players series, multiple study programs (including free pdf study materials), and much more.

We hope that everyone will enjoy and utilize this incredible resource. Families, friends, and ministries can even "gather" online in small groups and watch videos and complete study programs together.

If you have any questions or need help accessing this resource, please contact Casey Oliver at [worship@olaparish.net](mailto:worship@olaparish.net). We hope this program will enrich your Lenten experience.

## THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER, APOSTLE

February 22nd

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!

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## *In Our Thoughts*

### OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

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

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



For those in our community who have passed away.

### Gloria Plog

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.





THE NEW HALL IS ALMOST DONE AND IT IS NOW TIME FOR US TO ADD A LITTLE BEAUTY TO THE FRONT OF OUR ENTRANCE INTO OUR CHURCH.

Please come and join in the **TOUCH OF ITALY**

**Pasta Dinner Fundraiser,**

**Saturday, February 27th 4PM-6PM**

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## THANK YOU!

Thank you Our Lady of the Assumption Families!

I am always amazed at the great generosity of our families. Even during these difficult times many have continued with their contributions to our parish by WeShare, by mail or by dropping in the mail box by the office. Thank you for your contribution that helps us to pay our bills.

May God continue to bless all our families and help all in this time of pandemic with the abundance of His Love.

Fr. Eduino Silveira



### FOR THESE GIFTS WE ARE GRATEFUL!

Weekend Offertory 02/14/21 \$ 10,195.80

E-Giving from 02/08/21 to 02/14/21 \$ 3,455.91

**Total \$ 13,651.71**

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.



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- 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.

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BULLETIN WEEKEND DATES	ARTICLE DUE
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