



# OUR LADY of the ASSUMPTION PARISH

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SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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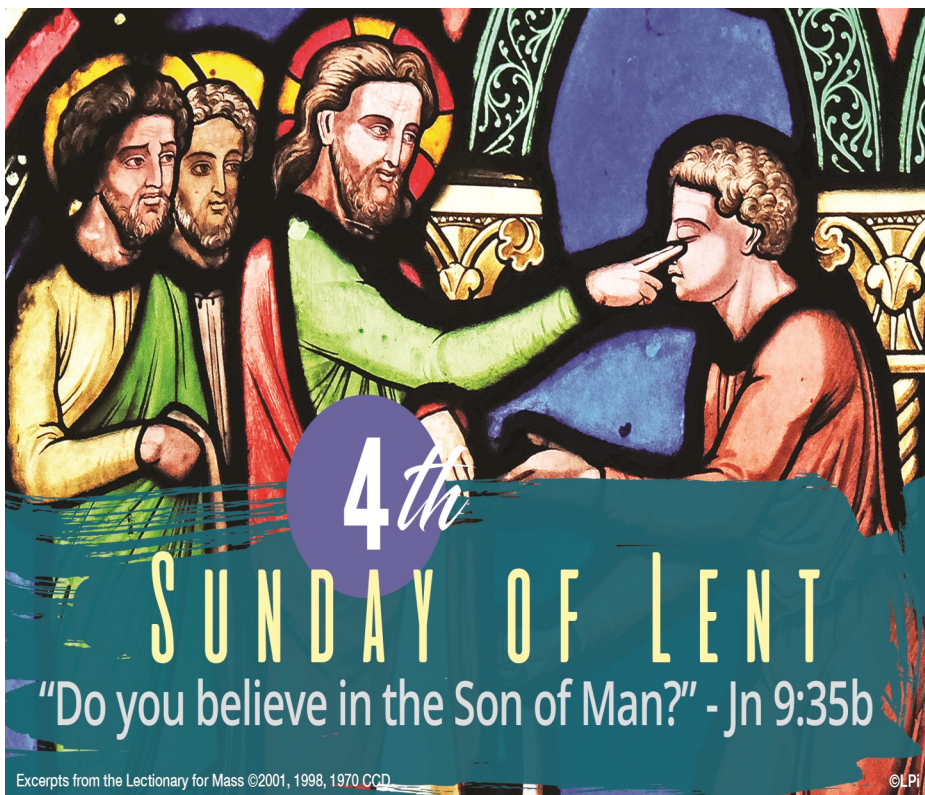
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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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

## HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

Ask an usher about them!



# 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35b

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## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Required classes & scheduling, Deacon Michael

**First Eucharist (child), Reconciliation (child), & Confirmation (teen):** Faith Formation

**Marriage:** Contact office six months in advance.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 3:30pm or by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact Pastor to request.

**Eucharist for Homebound Parishioners:** Call office.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Unbaptized or uncatechized. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, you are welcome to join this year-round process at any time by contacting Deacon Michael. Teteishi.

## 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.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

First Saturdays: 8:00am

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 & 7:30pm

Weekday: Mon - Fri | 8:00am

Holy Days: 8:00am & 5:30pm

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tues/Thurs after 8am Mass until 7pm

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30pm or by appointment

# 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MARCH 21

5:00 PM † Ona Wilsey  
By Chuck & Maureen McBride

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8:00AM † Lizz Baca  
by Baca Family  
9:30AM † Cathleen Ragone  
by Alan & Patty Leatherby  
11:00AM † Richard Chacko  
by Carole Chacko  
7:30PM OLA Parishioners

### MONDAY, MARCH 23

*St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*

8:00AM † Kevine Boyle  
by Reilly Family

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

8:00AM Ella Gilbode (Special Intention)  
by her Godmother

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

*The Annunciation of the Lord*

8:00AM † Olivia Massetti  
by Tim & Claire Hawkins

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26

8:00AM † Garth Sovey  
by The Rutledges

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

8:00AM † Cathleen Ragone  
by The Riehl Family

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

5:00 PM † † Al & Donna Roehr  
By Litchfield / Stacy Families



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, MARCH 23

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6,  
11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8  
-9/Jn 5:1-16

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b  
-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-  
10/Lk 1:26-38

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-  
22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19

-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2,  
10, 25-30

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10,  
11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

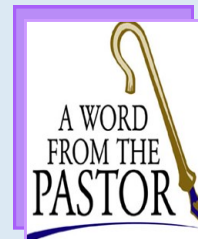
Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-  
6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-  
45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER EDUINO

**God's Power reaches perfection in our weaknesses**

In today's Gospel Jesus is asked if a man who was blind was due to his sins or his parents' sins to which Jesus responded that it was neither but that is blindness was for God's Glory. Unfortunately, many people suffer many things and are led to think that it is because of their sins or lack of faith. But Jesus says that our weaknesses can be used for God's Glory. St Paul also teaches something similar when he says that God revealed to him that in weakness God's Power reaches perfection. For sure sin causes suffering but our sufferings can lead to the discovery that God is merciful and All Powerful and can heal us. Our weaknesses can lead us to deepen our faith in God. God knows our sufferings. In the case of this man born blind it led him to trust Jesus as all our weaknesses and sufferings can lead us to trust Him.



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### PALM SUNDAY

Passion of the Lord

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** Vigil Mass  
at 5:00 pm

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** Masses at  
8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am &  
7:30 pm

### HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Mass & Washing of the Feet at  
7:00 pm

### GOOD FRIDAY

Passion of the Lord

### Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

Service at 12:00 pm

Stations of the Cross at 7:00  
pm

### HOLY SATURDAY

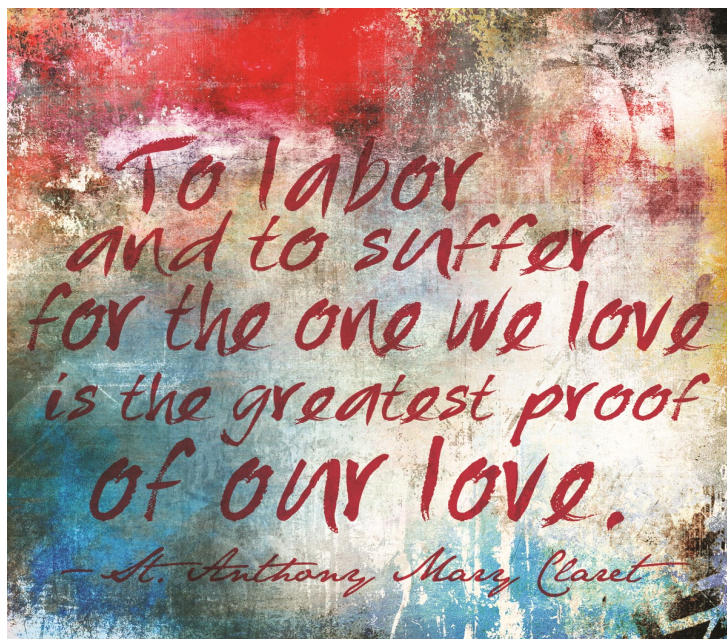
Easter Vigil

**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Mass at 8:15 pm

### EASTER SUNDAY

**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Masses at 8:00 am, 10:00 am  
& 12:00 pm

Easter Egg Hunt at  
approximately 11:10 am





# OUR PARISH

## PARISH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Catholic Relief Services Collection  
Church

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22

10:30AM Flame Group Meeting  
St. Paul's Room

### MONDAY, MARCH 23

4:00PM Christian Meditation  
Chapel

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

6:30PM Finance Council Meeting  
Rector's

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

8:45AM Legion of Mary Meeting  
St. Paul's Room

7:00PM RCIA

St. Paul Room

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26

No Events

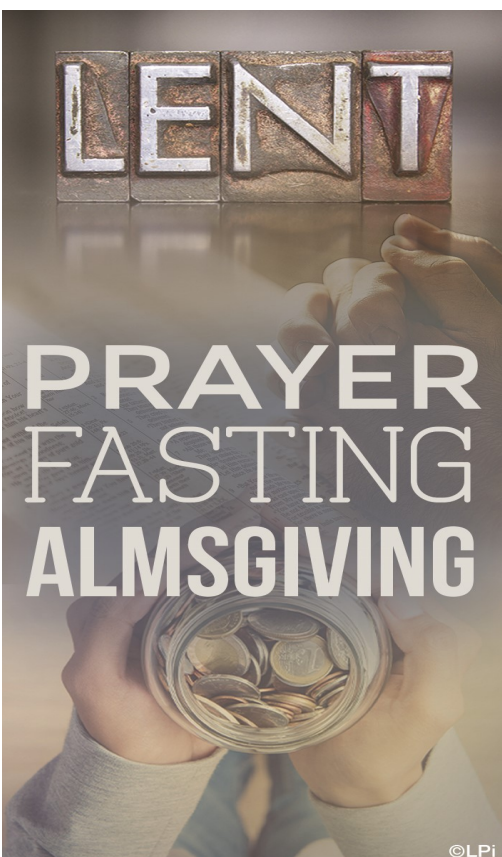
### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

7:00PM Stations of the Cross  
Church

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

No Events

NOTE: PLEASE CONTACT THE  
COORDINATOR OF EACH EVENT TO  
CONFIRM WHETHER THERE IS A MEETING  
OR NOT. THANK YOU!



## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### PRAYER RESOURCES DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

If you choose to use the dispensation and not attend Mass in the parish, you can watch it at any time on your computer, some sources are:

#### Online Mass

- Vatican News Live Stream of Pope Francis' Masses at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxIsefyI9g9A5SGWA4FvGIA/>
- Catholic TV Mass at [www.watchthemass.com](http://www.watchthemass.com)
- EWTN Daily Mass at <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule>
- Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at <https://www.nationalshrine.org/mass/>
- Relevant Radio at <https://relevantradio.com/>

#### Prayers

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

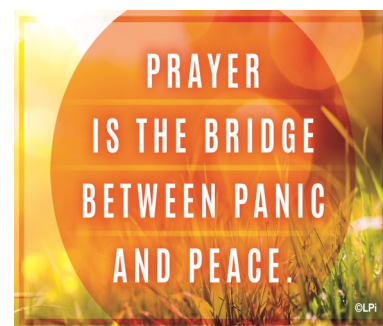
Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.



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THE PROMISE  
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### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Thanks to an all-out push by Cook Engineering with support from AP Thomas we have a building pad! Getting that pad completed on Friday, ahead of the rains that began Saturday, was a huge win! Thanks to our construction team!

## MINISTRY NEWS

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

#### Shred Day

The tax man cometh- and so does SHRED DAY on Saturday, April 25th from 8:00am until noon. While tax season is over and things are still fresh in your mind, it is a good time to get rid of last year's unnecessary paperwork. Get a jump on your spring cleaning by getting rid of old records that are taking up valuable space. The suggested donation is \$5.00 per grocery bag or \$10.00 per office file box. See you in April!

SATURDAY  
APR 25

### SPECIAL REQUEST

#### Grocery Bags

The OLA St Vincent de Paul Food Locker would appreciate any donations of grocery bags. We use grocery bags to distribute food. Currently, we purchase paper bags from Raley's, so the donation of any grocery bag - plastic or paper - would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

# SCHOOL & YOUTH MINISTRY



## SCRIPPS REGIONAL SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to Lexi Mauricio, OLA 6<sup>th</sup> grader, placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 59 other top spellers from around Sacramento. She not only showed excellence in spelling, but she also demonstrated poise and grace under pressure. The entire 6<sup>th</sup> grade class was at Golden One to support Lexi.



## COVID-19 UPDATE

In the interest of doing our part to slow the onset of COVID-19 and in keeping with action taken by public health authorities, numerous school districts, and other dioceses throughout the state, Bishop Jaime Soto has decided to close all schools of the Diocese of Sacramento, effective March 13, 2020, for a minimum of two weeks. This closure includes any planned school events, including fundraisers, community events, and field trips. School buildings will not be open to children, parents, or community members during this time. Teachers sent students home with the books and materials they need for distance learning.

**Have you considered a Catholic Education for your child?**

**We invite you to visit and learn more about OLA School.**

**Please contact Lynn Sweeney at [Sweeney@olaparish.net](mailto:Sweeney@olaparish.net)**

**OLA School, Preparing the Whole Child for a Lifetime of Excellence.**



## Please follow us

Website: [www.school.olaparish.net](http://www.school.olaparish.net)  
Facebook: [ourladyoftheassumptionschool](https://www.facebook.com/ourladyoftheassumptionschool)  
Instagram: [OLA\\_Cougars](https://www.instagram.com/OLA_Cougars)  
YouTube: [OLA This Week](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

## COMING SOON...

## IT'S EASTER EGG TIME For The Annual OLA Easter Egg Hunt

Donations of plastic Easter eggs, Easter candy or other treats will be accepted at the Parish and School Offices until Wednesday, April 8th. We please ask that donors adhere to the school's nut-free policy when selecting candy to donate. Questions regarding acceptable candy donations can be sent to [olanurses@gmail.com](mailto:olanurses@gmail.com). General donation questions can be sent to [annareuter@yahoo.com](mailto:annareuter@yahoo.com).



## YOUTH GROUP

### Meetings

Meetings are held in the Youth Rom

Grades 7 & 8: Wednesdays, 7:00pm-8:30pm

## LIFE TEEN GROUP



### Meetings

Grades 9 - 12: OLA's Life Teen Mass every Sunday at 11am followed by group meeting from 12-1:30pm

## \* EVENT POSTPONED \*

## ARISE: YOUTH LOCK-IN

The "Arise" Youth Ministry Lock-In that was scheduled for March 27-28 at Our Lady of the Assumption has been postponed. We will reschedule for a future date.

## YOUTH CHOIR & ENSEMBLE

## YOUTH MINISTRY CHOIR AND ENSEMBLE

OLA Youth Ministry Choir and Ensemble serves weekly at the 11:00 Sunday Mass plus at other events as scheduled. Rehearsals are every Wednesday at 6:00

pm. Open to students grades 5-12. Arrangements can be made for scheduled absences for individual or seasonal activities, but students have the opportunity to serve weekly as they are available year-round. All ability levels are welcome. This is an instructional program designed to help motivated and enthusiastic young people grow in both musical ability and in faith. Participants learn about the various liturgical seasons, the structure and sequence of the Mass, liturgical participation and leadership, and basic vocal technique and musicianship. Questions? Please email Casey Oliver, Music Director, at [worship@olaparish.net](mailto:worship@olaparish.net). Thank you!



-CHOIR PRACTICE-

## DID YOU KNOW?





# SPIRITUAL GROWTH

## OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY



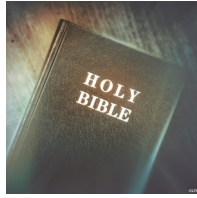
### PRAYERS FOR PEACE

The Legion of Mary has a statue of Our Lady of Fatima for parishioners to host her at their homes, and commit to pray for peace in her presence.

**For information, please call Maggie Mongeau at 483-5807 or the Parish Office 481-5115.** We will deliver it so you can offer your prayers in this time of great need.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays and Thursdays, following the 8 a.m. mass, & continuing until 7 p.m.



First Saturday of the month following the 8 a.m. mass until 1 p.m.

For additional information please call Joan at 335-3532.

### LIVING THE WORD

Thursdays 7 p.m. in St. Paul's Room

### LECTIO DIVINA & TAIZÉ PRAYER

Typically the 4th Thursday of every month, during our regular "Living the Word" meeting time. Please check parish calendar.



**Please hold in your prayers our sick brothers and sisters:**

Joan Cotton	Cathy Quesinberry
Larry Nelson	Gloria Plog
George Peres	J. Richard Heintz
Jennifer Burk	Molly Garcia
Julie Nelson	Craig & Jane Holmquist
Nancy Carlson	Daniel McNerney
Jonathan Rassmussen	Barbara Farren
Stacie Higginbotham	Richard McClintock
Sandi Lanz	Ben Koerber
Tom Bogetich	Rees Lee
Joe and Sue Simon	Margaret Parker
Shirley Ward	
Mary Silva	

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

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Question for Children:** What are the things that Jesus wants you to do as his friend?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus helped a blind man see—and he helps each of us see the world differently. How do you see differently because you believe?

**Question for Adults:** Share how you, as a child of the light, in the power of Christ, produce goodness, justice, and truth for the world. What specific actions do you take to do this?



## SOMETHING TO PONDER

### Where Have We Not Yet Surrendered Our Lives to God?

Many of us give up something as part of a Lenten fast. Fasting helps us in our almsgiving in having more to give away to others, serves as a penitential offer for past wrongdoing, and unites us in solidarity to those who are hungry. Fasting is good, especially if we keep in mind it is a means and not an end in itself. But as we move through these days and weeks of Lent, we are called to give even more deeply: to give up aspects of our lives and even ourselves to God.

Ignatius famously hung up his sword and dagger at Montserrat, near the altar of the blessed Virgin; soon afterwards, he gave away his clothes to a beggar. Ignatius's autobiographical account has both serious and self-aware comedic tones at points. On the one hand, his sacrifices arise from a sincere heart. On the other hand, they are highly romantic. Although Ignatius lived a century before Cervantes wrote *Don Quixote*, one cannot help but notice certain parallels. In the autobiography, we see a knight so eager to give away his clothes that he nearly gets a poor beggar arrested. We see a man who considers whether or not to chase after a Moor on the basis of which path his donkey walks and who for a time refuses to cut his hair or his fingernails for the greater glory of God. Ignatius was perfectly willing to poke a little fun at himself and his youthful ardor. However, what becomes clear is that it is the everyday sacrifices of his life that matter more: enduring others' opinions of him as a fool or heretic, having to send his friend Francis Xavier to the East for the sake of mission, or spending his last years working as a paper-pushing administrator so that the Society of Jesus could thrive as an organization.

In Lent, we are being asked to consider where we have not yet surrendered our lives to God, not so much by way of great, romantic gestures, but rather in concrete and practical ways. For example:

- Do I seek to make my family's everyday life happier rather than putting my own desires first
- Can I make do without some material goods, so that I can share with others who lack even the basics?
- Can I stop dwelling on past hurts so that I can give generously here and now?
- Do I listen when I want to speak and make room for others' voices and dissenting opinions?
- Am I willing to let teenage or adult children, friends, or my spouse grow in new directions, even when that means certain kinds of losses for myself?
- Am I able to let go of any desire that exists to prop up my own sense of self, and trust that there is a deeper self beneath whose joy lies in self-gift?

—Marina McCoy

## NOURISH

### PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND RETREAT FRIDAY, APR 3, 4:00PM THROUGH SUNDAY, APR 5, 1:00PM

#### Pastoral Staff

#### Silent Retreat for Women and Men

This is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for Jesus' Passion and Resurrection. We will reflect on the final week of his earthly ministry - from his entry into Jerusalem to his last day on earth. Spend Palm Sunday Weekend in silent prayer saying "yes" to God.

For more information call (650) 917 4000 or email [retreat@jrclosaltos.org](mailto:retreat@jrclosaltos.org).



## INVITE

### A CLOSER WALK WITH CHRIST THROUGH CURSILLO

THU, APRIL 23 - SUN, APRIL 26

#### JESUIT RETREAT CENTER

Cursillo (short course in Christianity) is a movement within the church that supports our walk of faith through a simple method (Piety, Study and Action). Cursillo started in Spain in 1940's and, today, is a worldwide movement with over 3 million active Catholic participating.

The format includes a 3-day weekend filled with learning, growth, fellowship, and worship. It is a practical and remarkable experience! It is also based on Catholic teaching and embraces the sacraments during the weekend and beyond. Cursillo is completely supported and encouraged by the Roman Catholic Church. It is joined to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Sacramento Diocese.

Come join us for this springs Women's Weekend, April 23-26, Jesuit Retreat Center.

For more information, please contact Pat Friesen, [patty.friesen@comcast.net](mailto:patty.friesen@comcast.net)

### PLEASE NOTE! NEW BULLETIN DEADLINES

Send typed articles, in MS Word - Times New Roman, font 10, via email to :[parishbulletin@olaparish.net](mailto:parishbulletin@olaparish.net) with copy to [officemgr@olaparish.net](mailto:officemgr@olaparish.net), no later than 8am on the day indicated below. Mass intentions are not subject to these deadlines.

Bulletin Weekend Dates	Article DUE
April 4 - April 5	March 27
April 11 - April 12	April 3
April 18 - April 19	April 10
April 25- April 26	April 17

## WORD OF LIFE

"There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (*The Gospel of Life* 86).

**Pregnant?  
Worried?  
Need Help?**

You are not alone.  
We can help.

**The Gabriel Project**  
Call: 800-910-0191

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### CANCELLED EVENT!

#### Preserving Our Religious Freedoms with a Civil Voice: People of Faith Working Together in the Public Square

In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic, we have decided to postpone the "Preserving Our Religious Freedom" Conference which had been scheduled for Tuesday, April 7 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The event will be rescheduled for a later date.

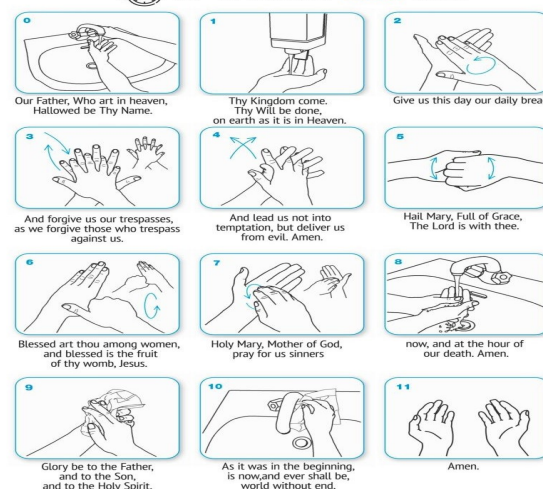
### CANCELLED EVENT!

#### Walking with Moms in Need Kick-Off Mass and Open House

Out of an abundance of caution related to the Coronavirus, Bishop Soto has decided to postpone the "Walking with Mom in Need" kick-off mass and open house which had been scheduled for Wednesday, March 25 at St. Anne's Catholic Parish in Sacramento to a later date to be determined.

## How to handwash Catholic Style!

30-45 second wash time



Clean hands are life savers  
... and prayers save souls!



# STEWARDSHIP

## OFFERING

For these gifts we are grateful!

Week of March 15

Weekend Offertory .....\$3,478.75

Electronic Giving .....\$ 983.08

**Total .....\$4,461.83**

**Average Weekly Budget Amount .....\$12,000.00**

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

Please gently take note of the upcoming second collections:

⇒ April 10 (Good Friday): Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land



### THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

March 21st / 22nd, 2020

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide struggling communities with relief and support and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



### OLA'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

March 27th / 28th, 2020

Next weekend we will take up the collection for our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry. Thank you for your generosity!



## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

MARCH 22, 2020

TRUE STEWARDSHIP

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

*"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."* 1Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure to live **Stewardship** here on earth.

## GIVING

### 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.

If you have questions about your account or are having trouble to enroll, please contact our Manager, Ivan Florez in the office at (916) 481-5115.

### CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

During the offertory at all the masses, we encourage the children, if they have something to offer or give, to place it in the baskets.



## HELP NEEDED!

If you can sew, we are in need of sprucing-up our collection baskets. Your sewing talent would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Joan Cotton at (916) 488-4626 Monday & Tuesday or call (916) 849-2282.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Mindful  
What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? It is something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you really start reflecting, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is still there waiting for a weak moment in your life. One difficulty in the life of a disciple trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the temptations we never actually see. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but we miss him because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead.

Being mindful means that we are looking out for how and when God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, we will miss those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find. However, God may need us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. We need to stay awake, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don't, we may even miss the pathway out of that desert when it presents itself.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

