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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

www.olaparish.net



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

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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 entire family of God.



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GOSPEL MEDITATION



May 1, 2022 3rd Sunday of Easter

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

DEADLINES	BULLETIN WEEKEND DATES	ARTICLE DUE
	May 7 - May 8	Apr 29
	May 14 - May 15	May 6
	May 21 - May 22	May 13

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved."

The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero). Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this? CLPi



PRAY FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

Jonathan Rassmussen	Sarah Maya	Martin Trillo
Stacie Higginbotham	Amanda Young	Anna Gigi
Shirley Ward	Pauline Dressler	Bill Koerlin
J. Richard Heintz	Diva Orsolini	Salvador Beltran
Richard McClintock	Nancy Colleran	Lisa Berumen Cox
Charles Kesmodel MD	Loretta Taylor	Ericka Mora
Debbie McGee	Jackie Doyle	Junior Mora
Tom Hickman	Tamsyn R Holmquist	Antonette GiGi
Mary Cottor	Evelyn Jensen	Adam Peters
Denny Colleran	John Tenerio	John Massetti
Tom Nelson	Larry Wager	

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

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Stewardship Love

May 1, 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

"...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (John 21:17)

How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all crave love. Live your Stewardship by telling someone you love them every day.

https://camdendiocese.org/

REFLECTIONS

CHOOSING ORGAN DONATION

Question:

Are Catholics allowed to donate their organs? Answer:

Yes, Catholics are allowed to donate their organs. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church praises this practice when it notes that, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity" (no. 2296).

The Church has a series of guidelines for health care providers called The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services. This document helps us see organ donation as an act of charity, but it also reminds us that we have to be sure that donations of organs by living donors do not "sacrifice or seriously impair any essential bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm to the donor" (no. 30); trained medical professionals can help to make this assessment. In the case of organ donation at the end of life, we must be sure of the intentions of the donor or of their proxy are always respected, and that the dignity of the human body is always respected.

In the end, we can look to Pope Saint John Paul II and his encyclical Evangelium Vitae, where he noted that organ donation is a beautiful act of expressing the culture of life, when "performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health or even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope" (no. 86).



SATURDAY, APRIL 30 St. Pius V, Pope 5:00pm † Darlene McLean by The Berry Family SUNDAY, MAY 1 7:30am + Betty Sax by Sax Family 9:00am + Betty Sax & The Sax Family by DeCristoforo Family 11:00am † Mirko Strazicich by Strazicich Family 7:30pm All Parishioners MONDAY, MAY 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 8:00AM + Lynnette Fleischbein by Carolyn & Terry Albers **TUESDAY, MAY 3** St. Philip and James, Apostles 8:00AM + + Dale & Arlene Fuller by Portillo Family WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 8:00AM + Jutta Wodington **THURSDAY, MAY 5** 8:00AM John Massetti by Anne Perez FRIDAY, MAY 6 8:00AM † Wilma Bower by Richard Bower SATURDAY, MAY 7 8:00am **++** Bill Portillo & Amelia San Miguel by Portillo Family **††** Fred & Lizz Baca 5:00pm **Carmy & Tina Baca**



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JOIN OUR OLA COMMUNITY

Are you attending Mass regularly at Our Lady of the Assumption Church but are not registered? Register today as a parishioner. Visit the following link:

https://olaparish.net/community/register-us and follow a few simple steps, and you are done.

If you prefer in person, you can fill out a form at our parish office, which is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Registration forms are also available at the Church. Ask an usher for details.

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. Eduíno, Pastor.



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 are a current WeShare customer and have questions about how to support your online giving contributions, please call to:

WeShare Donor Support Phone: (877) 316 0260 or go to https://www.wesharegiving.com/support/



Pregnant? Worried? **Need Help?** Call (800) 910-0191



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 1	Tuesday, May 3	
Masses: 7:30am-9:00am-	8:00am Mass	
11:00am-7:30pm	8:30am—7:00pm Adoration in	
10:00am Faith Formation Clas-	the Church	
ses - Bannon Hall	6:00pm Baptism preparation	
10:30am Flame Meeting - St.	class (Spanish) - St. John's Hall	
Paul's Room	Wednesday, May 4	
2:00pm First Eucharist Mass:	8:00 am Mass	
Third Sunsay of Easter - Grade 2 - Church	11:00am Martha & Mary	
	Gathering - St. John's Hall	
Monday, May 2	2:15pm School Music Practice	
8:00am Mass	- Church	
11:00am Funeral - Church	6:30pm Pack 225 Committee	
12:00pm Funeral Reception -	Meeting - St. John's Hall	
St. John's Hall	7:30pm Neocatechists - St.	
4:00pm Meditation Group - Church	John's Hall	
6:00pm Sacramento Choral Society - Church		
7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop		
328 - St. John's Hall		
Thursday, May 5	Friday, May 6	
8:00am Mass	8:00am Mass	
8:30am—7:00pm Adoration in	11:00am May Crowning -	
the Church	School - Church	
2:00pm OLA Arts - Affinito Hall	Saturday, May 7	
7:00pm Living the Word -	8:00 am Mass	
Affinito Hall Room 3	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	
	10:30am Alanon Meeting-	
	Affinito Hall Room 3	
	11:00am Quiceañera - Church	



1:00pm Wedding - Church

SCHOOL & PARISH NEWS

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish School

ANNUAL

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GOLF TOURNAME

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT OLA SCHOOL

Mrs. Hellen Rowell, who currently teaches 3rd grade, will be job-sharing with Mrs. Penney in 5th Grade next year. This creates an opening in 3rd grade, which we have posted on EDJOIN.



Mrs. Lynn Sweeney, who has faithfully served as our Extension Director and Enrollment Management Specialist, will be retiring in June. We thank Mrs. Sweeney for her outstanding service to OLA, and she will be greatly missed. Mrs. Elisabeth Gustorf will take on Mrs. Sweeney's Enrollment Management duties, and we will post an opening for a part-time Extension Director. We thank Mrs. Sweeney for her invaluable service to OLA School.

We are grateful to Mrs. Gustorf for taking on the enrollment management duties. We are in good hands.

Here are the positions that we have currently posted:

2nd Grade Teacher **3rd Grade Teacher** Librarian/STEM Lab Teacher (combined position) **Extension Director Preschool Teacher Preschool Instructional Assistant**

We will conduct interviews for these positions in April. If you know of any outstanding prospects for these positions, please ask them to send their resume and cover letter to OLA Principal, Robert Love: love@olaparish.net.

Drink and Food Tickets: \$1.00 each (Bar, Snack Shack, Hagen's and Leatherby's)

Saturday Dinner Tickets: Dinner starts at 5pm and includes Tri Tip, Chicken, Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread, and Salad.

- Dinner Adult Ticket- \$14
- Dinner Child Ticket- \$11 •
- Dinner Senior \$11 (65 and older) ٠
- Family of 4 Meal- \$50.00

You can purchase tickets, T- shirts, sponsorships, and parking raffle tickets online through Give Smart. https://olacountryfair.givesmart.com/ Tickets will also be available for purchase after Masses this weekend. We thank you for your generosity and continued support in bringing back the Country Fair and making it a tremendous amount of fun for the community! Be sure to tell your family and friends to come join in the fun

Friday, May 6, 2022 10am Registration 12pm Shotgun Start

Great Prizes



OLA 70th Annual Country Fair



The Country Fair is back! The 70th Annual OLA Country Fair will take place on Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14. We look forward to you joining us for a fun-filled weekend. It's a great way to visit with friends and make new ones, while creating lasting memories. Fair

events include: Pie Eating Contest, OLA's Got Talent, Chili Cook Off, Cake/Treat Walk, Pie The Principal, Class Game Booths, Sack Races and Three Legged Races, and so much more! Friday's hours are from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be food trucks and games, and the DJ is Disc Jockey Rob. Saturday's hours will be from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., and the activities will additionally include the chili cook-off, talent show, pie-eating contest, as well as an opportunity to throw a pie at Principal Love. There will also be dinner in the evening.

Ticket Price Information

Game Tickets: \$1.00 each (each game play is one ticket)

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

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Gifts in Disguise

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store What prevents us from seeing the Lord? We are not used to seeing Jesus in the ordinary, everyday events of our lives. We expect some kind of startling, extraordinary revelation to occur that definitely and unmistakably sends a signal that God wants our attention. We don't expect a visit from Jesus while we are having breakfast, doing the dishes, running after the kids, negotiating a deal at work, or taking a shower! Sometimes when God simply stands on the shore of our lives casually looking for us, we don't recognize him. Did we ever stop and think that God is really and truly interested in the routine, run of the mill events of our lives? So, "what did you do today?" God may ask. Maybe we don't think that God is concerned about such things, or we are so consumed with life's demands that we give it little if any thought. Perhaps we are determined to achieve our own success, desire to control things ourselves or not really sure what God cares about. God is there. One day, out of the blue, God will get our attention and ask, "Do you love me?" ©LPi

where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace. What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Will you join us on May 12 for a special Holy Hour? The 59th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed around the world on Sunday, May 8, 2022, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day in our rich Catholic faith is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of



the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its focus on this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

To support this, we will be holding a special **Holy Hour for World Day of Prayer for Vocations on May 12 from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm** in the church (also live streamed). Please pray young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. More information can be found on the United State Conference of Catholic Bishops website.

Interested in helping promote or pray for Vocations? Please contact **Dcn. Paul and Sharon Friedrich at 916.481.5115** or via email at **deaconpaul@olaparish.net.** We pray you receive the many blessings of the Easter Season and that you too respond generously to the Gospel message of God's love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

For those in our community who have passed away.

Mirko Strazicich

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, & let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul & the calls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

COMMUNITY

From the Vocations Committee....

Father Eduino - Congratulations on the 35th anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood on May 2, 1987! You are a gift to our parish, and we are blessed to have your guidance and wisdom. Thank you for your ongoing "Yes" to the priesthood! May God shower you with His amazing grace,



strength, love, and good health. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. *Our Lady of the Assumption and St.* Joseph, please pray for Father Eduino.





OUR LADY OF THE Assumption

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.

Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm Holy Hour for World Day of Prayer for Vocations in the

Presence of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Lectio Divina and Taize Prayer in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament



CALVARY CEMETERY & FUNERAL CENTER

MOTHER'S DAY MASS AND PINK CARNATIONS REMEMBRANCE

Join us on **Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 8:30** am for Mass in our Calvary Chapel. This Mass is dedicated to the memory of our dear mothers, grandmothers and all those who had a motherly influence in your life. If you would like your mother honored, please stop by or call the office (916.726.1232) with their name. We will have a Pink Carnation displayed before the altar in their memory at our weekly Saturday Mass before Mother's Day. A Ministry of the Diocese of Sacramento

Calvary Chapel 7101 Verner Ave. Citrus Heights 95621 916-726-1232



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If you have any questions, or if you need help signing up or accessing the Flocknote Engage resources, please contact **Casey Oliver** at worship@olaparish.net.



