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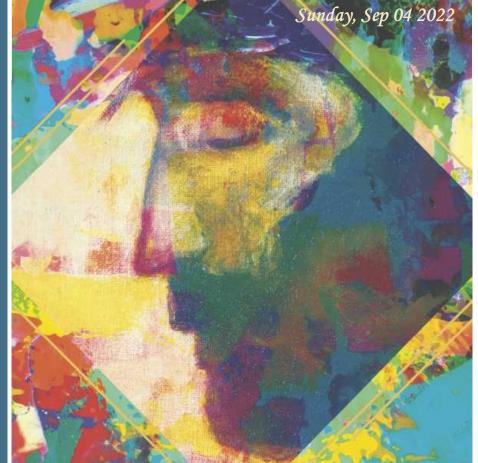
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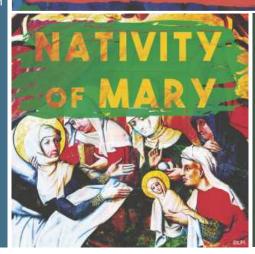
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:33



Regular Mass Schedule

8:00 am daily Masses (Monday-Friday and first Saturday) The weekend schedule is below: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm Sunday Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 7:30 pm Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00 am and 5:30 pm

GOSPEL MEDITATION

September 4, 2022 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most

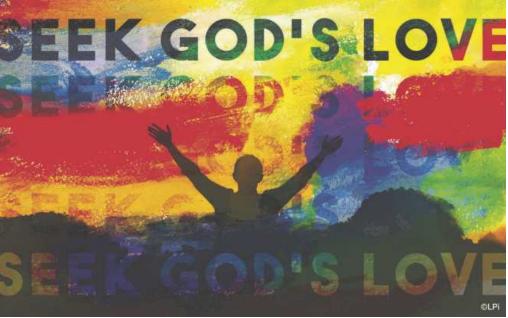
assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. "Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor)." "If anyone comes to me

without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble. The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love.

DE	BULLETIN WEEKEND DATES	ARTICLE DUE
ADL	Sep 17-18	Sep 09
DEADLINES	Sep 24-25	Sep 16
S	Oct 01-02	Sep 23

We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. "A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta)." Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don't feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God's love and seek it above all other things! ©LPi



PRAY FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

Jonathan Rassmussen	Pauline Dressler	Ericka Mora
Stacie Higginbotham	Diva Orsolini	Junior Mora
Shirley Ward	Nancy Colleran	Adam Peters
J. Richard Heintz	Loretta Taylor	Maureen Baker
Richard McClintock	Jackie Doyle	Henry Holt (baby)
Debbie McGee	Tamsyn R Holmquist	Joan Cotton
Tom Hickman	Evelyn Jensen	Wayne Stone
Mary Cottor	John Tenerio	Sharon DeLeonardis
Denny Colleran	Larry Wager	Hector Valencia
Juli Renteria	Sarah Maya	Crystal Weeks
Petra Morales	Charles Kesmodel MD	Charles Roug
Amanda Young	Lisa Berumen Cox	Lisa Coffman
Salvador Beltran	Annette Megie	Irene Simmons

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

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Sep 8

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Stewardship Possessions

September 4, 2022 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time "Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions can-

not be my disciple." Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, we as Stewards must renounce the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

https://camdendiocese.org/

REFLECTIONS

Lighting Candles in Church

Question: Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer:

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Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.



SATURDAY, SEP 03 8:00AM + Phyllis Howard by Tracy Urban 5:00PM + + Fred & Lizz Baca by Carmy & Tina Baca † Dick Metz by Metz Family SUNDAY, SEP 04 7:30am Tomasa Washington (Healing) by Anne Perez 9:00am † Gail Thrasher by Jerry & Marylee 11:00am † John Gougeon by Marie Mauer 7:30pm + All Parishioners MONDAY, SEP 05 8:00AM Joan Cotton (Healing) by Catherine Apker **Dennis Jackson (Healing - Surgery)** by Pat Jackson **TUESDAY, SEP 06** 8:00AM ⁺⁺ Dale & Arlene Fuller by Portillo Family WEDNESDAY, SEP 07 8:00AM + Sally Cortez by DeCristoforo Family **THURSDAY, SEP 08** 8:00AM Joan Cotton (Healing) by Tracy Urban FRIDAY, SEP 09 8:00AM (Sp) Juan San Miguel by Portillo Family **SATURDAY**, SEP 10 5:00PM † Ed Campini by The Chambers Family

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.

 For these gifts we are grateful!

 Weekend Offertory
 08/28/22 \$ 8,516.00

 E-Giving
 08/22/22 to 08/28/22 \$ 2,013.17

 Total
 \$ 10,529.17

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 "<u>Contribute</u>" 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/

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.



Pregnant? Worried? Need Help? Call (800) 910-0191 The Gabriel Project

PARISH CALENDAR

Thursday, Sep 08

8:00am Mass

8:30am—7:00pm Adoration in the Chapel

5:30pm Cub Scout (Webelos) - St. John's Hall

6:30pm Rosary in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament on - church

7:00pm Living the Word Meeting - Affinito Hall Room No.3

Friday, Sep 09

8:00am Mass

10:30am OLA School Mass -Church

7pm OLA School Family Movie Night - School Playground.

Saturday, Sep 10

8:00am Mass

10:00am Group Baptism (Spanish) - Church 10:30am Alanon meeting -Affinito Hall Room #3 11:00am Funeral - Chucrh 12:00pm Wedding - Church 2:00pm Wedding - Church



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Sunday, Sep 04

11:00am-7:30pm

Monday, Sep 05

Paul's Room

8:00am Mass

Masses: 7:30am-9:00am-

10:30am Flame Meeting - St.

3:00pm Meditation Group -

5:30pm Webelos - affinito Hall

8:30am-7:00pm Adoration in

2:00pm PTG Meeting - St. John's

6:00pm Baptism preparation

class - Spanish - St. John's Hall

11:00am Martha & Mary Gather-

Wednesday, Sep 07

ing - St. John's Hall

8:00am Mass

Affinito Hall Room No. 3

Meeting Room No. 3

Tuesday, Sep 06

8:00am Mass

the Chapel

Hall



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.

Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm Rosary (Luminous Mysteries) in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Livestream Lectio Divina and Taizé Prayer in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament

www.olaparish.net



PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS

2022-2023 FAITH FORMATION UPDATE



It's time to register for Faith Formation classes! The 2022-2023 Faith Formation program begins Sunday, September 11th, from 10:15-11:30 am in Bannon Hall. The Faith Formation program at OLA serves students in grades 1-8 who attend public

schools or non-Catholic private schools. The program strives to offer children and their parents an opportunity to learn about and experience the love of God through scripture, tradition, liturgy, teaching, and the life of the Church. The curriculum will be delivered using stories, arts and crafts, music, and videos based on the weekly Gospel reading. Our new Faith Formation Coordinator is Tracy Urban. To learn more about Tracy and the plans for Faith Formation this year, you are invited to read the article in the <u>August Stewardship Newsletter article.</u>

You can find more information and register online now at <u>https://olaparish.net/formation/faith-formation/</u> <u>becoming-catholic-children</u>

Volunteers are needed to help support the "Community Model" of Faith Formation. We are also requesting donations of a small/medium electric water fountain and two artificial trees. Please contact Tracy Urban

at faithformation@olaparish.net or **(916) 509-0625** for more information about registration, volunteering, or donations. Thank you for your support of our Faith Formation program!



ADORATION AT OLA AND THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



Fr. Eduino invites everyone to come pray during Adoration in the chapel on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am - 7:00 pm. All are welcome to come and pray at any time during Adoration, even if you only have a few moments. Our Adoration ministry also needs regular adorers as well as sub-

stitutes. If you would like to sign up for an Adoration time slot, please contact Don Thamer at (916) 549-7195 mobile/ text or email don.nprz6@gmail.com.

ANNUAL OLA PARISH RETREAT



"Take courage it is I; do not be afraid." (Mt. 14:27) Saturday, September 24, 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Affinito Hall

You and your spouse and/or guest are warmly invited to be part of a life-changing event taking place right here in our own parish. Join us as we take time to reflect on God's goodness and presence in our lives and listen for what more He has in store for each one of us! Whether you have attended many retreats, or if this will be your first, take this step to re-energize your faith life by reconnecting with our Lord Jesus Christ, who wants you to know Him deeply and to give you His peace. The retreat will include Mass, inspiring talks by Very Rev. Gary Kastl from Tulsa, OK, time for quiet reflection, and brief smallgroup discussion.

For more information or to RSVP, please visit our website, olaparish.net, or call the Parish



Office at (916) 481-5115. There is no cost to attend, and breakfast and lunch are included.



OLA Youth Ministry

Cases of water , Cases of soda and or Soda minis Big box variety of chips, Fruit snacks, Cookies Candy: variety, individually wrapped, Karaoke machine Throw rug 5 x 6 Small round end table Uno, Codenames Apples to Apples Headbands What Do You Meme Family Paper products - plates, cups, bowls, Napkins, Plastic utensils Padded Kneeler Small Virgin Mary Statue/figurine or Crucifix Ping Pong Table - Rosaries

Interested in joining youth group? Please contact Johann, at youth@olaparish.net or 916-257-1970.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Where's the Sacrifice?

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to want to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Stand up straight and don't slouch!" Many a child has heard these words bellowed from their mother's lips. We need the perspective of others to help us understand when we are not walking as straight as we could be. God sends us the Holy Spirit to correct and guide us so that our paths through life can be straight. Without this assistance, how we see and understand ourselves and the world around us is incomplete. We will also lack the virtue of fortitude. It takes courage to listen to the Holy Spirit and devote ourselves to the task of discipleship. We have to put aside things that the world says are necessary and follow a path placed before us by Jesus Christ. Jesus is asking us to follow him. We must consider what we have to do to be free enough to do so. God needs us to show the world a complete picture of what life is meant to be, correct its vision and tell it to stand up straight!



VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSITION 1 Sadly, California is presently one of the most permissive states in the nation for abortion.

Proposition 1 promotes an unlimited expansion of abortion here, while its defeat would keep all abortion laws as they are, including our common-sense limits on late-term abortions. Our bishops are calling us to unite in prayer and action to defeat Prop 1.

Please visit **www.CAcatholic.org/Prop1** to find answers to common questions and resources to help defeat this misleading, expensive, and unnecessary ballot initiative.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR PRIESTS RETIREMENT



Next weekend, there will be a second collection—the Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement. This is an opportunity for parishioners to thank our faithful and dedicated priests for their long and loving service to the Diocese.

Please consider making a donation.

To donate online, visit www.scd.org/dpr

COMMUNITY



Cost: \$135pp. Purchase tickets by phone, on-site, or online at www.christthekingretreatcenter.org. For more information, contact Sandra Gill at sgill@passionist.org or 916-725-4720, ext 302.



UPCOMING RCIA INQUIRY INFORMATION SESSIONS!

Are you interested in possibly becoming Catholic and learning more about our faith? Did you know that a person is brought into full communion with the Catholic Church through the reception of the three sacraments Rite of Christian Initiation of Christian initiation: Bap-



for Adults

tism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist? This occurs through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

If you are over the age of 16 and interested, or know someone who is interested, we will be holding one more Inquiry Information Session on September 21. Please feel free to drop in from 7:00pm - 8:00pm at Affinito Hall -Meeting Room 3 and learn more. We'll address your questions about our rich Catholic faith and share the RCIA process. Formal instruction begins in October. If you'll be joining us or have questions, please contact Deacon Paul Friedrich at 916.481.5115 or via email at deaconpaul@olaparish.net . We look forward to meeting you! God Bless!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD LOCKER NEEDS YOUR HELP



Mark your calendars for SVDP Shred Day Saturday, Oct. 22 8-12

LAUDATO SI' DIOCESAN KICKOFF

Friday, September 9, 2022 6-8pm Light dinner and refreshments St. Anthony Parish 511 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694

scd.formstack.com/forms/care_for_creation Questions? Laura Rios • 916-733-0251 • Irios@scd.org

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

OLA YOUTH MINISTRY 22-23 MEETING CALENDAR

Groups 2nd Tuesday 630-8pm and 4th Sunday of the month 1130am-1pm

	09/13	"GOSPEL AND GAME NIGHT"
	09/17	OnFire at Six Flags 7am-11pm
ļ	09/24	"Doughnuts & Divinity"
1	10/11	"Jesus & Journaling"
	10/23	"Trivia & Trinity"
	11/08	"Gratitude & Grace"
	11/27	No Meeting
i	12/13	"Christmas Carols & Cookies"
	12/25	No Meeting
	01/10	"Mercy & Movie Night"
	01/29	"Prayers & Paint"
84	02/14	No Meeting
	02/26	
	03/14	Adoration
	03/26	"Revelations & Reconcilation"
	04/11	"Beatitudes & Brownies"
	04/23	
	05/09	
No.		No Meeting
	June T	BD End of Year Outing
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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus

