



# OUR LADY OF THE *Assumption* PARISH

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**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

**Bulletin for the  
Epiphany of the Lord**

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**Rev. Brendan McKeefry &  
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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**OLA PARISH SCHOOL**

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(916) 489-8958**

**School Website: school.olaparish.net**

**Principal: Robert Love**

**OLA ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

**Provides assistance for those in need  
within our parish boundaries.**

**Please call: (916) 481-6352**

**Monday - Friday | 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

**Food Locker hours of operation  
are Tuesday and Thursday mornings  
from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

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**youtube.com/@OLAParishCA**

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**WHERE IS  
THE NEWBORN  
KING OF  
THE JEWS?**  
”

**- THREE WISE MEN**

MAGI FROM THE EAST



## **Regular Mass Schedule**

**Saturday vigil Mass  
at 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday Masses at 7:30 a.m.,  
9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,  
and 7:30 p.m.**

**8:00 a.m. daily Masses  
(Monday-Friday and  
first Saturday)**

**Holy Days of Obligation:  
8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

**Confessions are heard inside  
the church on Saturday  
afternoons at 3:30 p.m.**

*You may also call the parish office  
to schedule an appointment.*

Please visit our website and  
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information about our parish,  
ministries, and upcoming events.

**[olaparish.net](http://olaparish.net)**



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### Parish 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.

### Observances for the week of January 5, 2025

*Sunday:* The Epiphany of the Lord  
*Monday:* St. Andre Bessette, Religious  
*Tuesday:* St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest  
*Wednesday:*  
*Thursday:*  
*Friday:*  
*Saturday:*  
*Next Sunday:* The Baptism of the Lord



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### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

8:00 AM †† Francisco and Adelina Sousa

5:00 PM † Robert Kunstel

† Judie Balshor Plummer  
by Fred and Susan Oliver

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

7:30 AM † Rod Read

by Dick and Lisa Shanahan

9:00 AM † Louis Volpicelli

11:00 AM (Sp) In honor of the Holy Family  
for the Sorenson family  
by the Doud family

7:30 PM All Parishioners (*Missa Pro Populo*)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00 AM (Sp) Tomasa Washington (healing)  
by Anne Perez

(Sp) Matthew and Erin Portillo  
by the Portillo family

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 AM †† Juan and Amelia San Miguel  
by the Portillo family

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 AM † Tom Couch

by Sarah Couch

† Molly Garcia  
by the Garcia family

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 AM (Sp) Matthew and Erin Portillo  
by the Portillo family

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00 AM (Sp) Ernie and Linda Portillo  
by Anne Perez

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

5:00 PM † Connie Shepherd

by Susan and David Murphy

† Molly Garcia  
by the Garcia Family



## JOIN OUR OLA COMMUNITY

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having you as part of our flock



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with us via  
email & text



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**Are you attending Mass regularly at Our Lady of the Assumption Church but not registered?**

Register today as a parishioner! Go online to <https://olaparish.net/community/register-us> or scan the QR code.



You may also call or visit the parish office for assistance.

# Thank you!

FOR THESE GIFTS WE ARE GRATEFUL

Weekend Offertory 12/22/24	\$12,086.73
E-Giving 12/16/24 to 12/22/24	\$ 2,936.70
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$15,023.43</b>

**Help OLA continue its mission by making a special gift today!**

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### STOCK or PLANNED GIFTS

Please contact Elisabeth Gustorf, Advancement Director, at [advancement@olaparish.net](mailto:advancement@olaparish.net) or at (916) 489-8958 ext. 170.

Our Lady of the Assumption is a 501(c)(3) organization. All gifts are tax deductible as allowed by the law. Tax ID number is #45-3954215.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 5

**Masses: 7:30 am - 9:00 am**  
**- 11:00 am - 7:30 pm**  
**10:15 am** Faith Formation -  
Bannon Hall and St. John's  
Hall

### Monday, January 6

**8:00 am Mass**

### Tuesday, January 7

**8:00 am Mass**

**2:00 pm** OLA School PTG  
mtg. - Affinito Hall Rm. 3

### Wednesday, January 8

**8:00 am Mass**

**6:00 pm** Catholics in  
Recovery - St. Anne's Rm.

**7:00 pm** OCIA - Affinito  
Hall Rm. 3

### Thursday, January 9

**8:00 am Mass**

**8:30 am - 7:00 pm**

Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament - Church

**3:00 pm** St. Vincent de Paul  
mtg. - Affinito Hall Rm. 3

**6:30 pm** Rosary in the  
Presence of the Blessed  
Sacrament - Church

**7:00 pm** Living the Word -

Affinito Hall Rm. 3

### Friday, January 10

**8:00 am Mass**

### Saturday, January 11

**8:00 am Mass**

**3:30 pm** Confessions -  
Church

**5:00 pm vigil Mass**



**There will be no special collections during the months of January and February.**

The next collection will be for the diocesan 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. The Commitment Weekend will be held March 1-2, 2025. 25% is returned to the donor's parish to help local social service ministries.



We encourage parishioners to enroll in our automated donation program called WeShare.

This program provides a convenient way to make your donations to our church from the comfort of your home.

To enroll please follow these simple steps:

Go to <https://olaparish.net> and click on Donate.

This will take you to our "Contribute" page, where you will find the **WeShare** link to enroll and donate.

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



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 5, 2025

### The Epiphany of the Lord

Matthew 2:1-12

Have you ever wondered *why* the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, **"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh"** (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us – which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

For those in our community who have passed away...

### All Souls

**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.



## PRAY FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

### Bulletin Sick List Policy

**To ensure the privacy of people who are sick, please make sure you have their permission before submitting their name to the list.**

Once a name is added, it will be removed either when requested OR after six months. Names will then be removed *unless there is a specific request to keep the name on the list for longer.*

To add a name, remove a name, or if a name has been removed that needs to be added back, you may call the parish office at (916) 481-5115 or email [parish@olaparish.net](mailto:parish@olaparish.net).

Thank you.

Lisa Coffman  
Tomasa Washington  
Ryan Daniels  
Donna Blaschke  
Alice Mayer Govaars (baby)  
Esther Paulos  
Cole Miller Whitney (baby)  
Wesley Villariza  
Charlie Wetherall  
Lawrence Wilhelm  
Camille Peter  
Donna Deterding Parks  
Yolande De Forge  
Justin Langstroth  
Adam Peter  
Langford Metzger  
Mary Roy  
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Guadalupe Rodriguez  
Amber Morris

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John Klaas  
Kathy Harreld  
T.J. Rapozo  
Diane Goodman  
Will Walker  
Bennett Mattingly  
Jack Wetherall  
Sally Leatherby  
Elaine Lyons  
John DeSouza  
Jerry Seldon  
Sheila Johnson  
Nick Friedrich  
Jerry Beck  
April Valencia  
Robert DeAnda  
Angie Marakas  
Linda Vaughan

Call the parish office to add a name or to remove a name from this list.

### OLA Communications Information

	BULLETIN WEEKEND DATES	ARTICLE DUE
DEADLINES	Jan 18 – Jan 19	Jan 10
	Jan 25 – Jan 26	Jan 17
	Feb 1 – Feb 2	Jan 24

If you have an event to promote or news to share, please fill out the Communications Request Form on our parish website at <https://olaparish.net/communications-committee>. All communications requests are subject to approval by Father Eduino. For general questions or bulletin requests, you may also send an email to [communications@olaparish.net](mailto:communications@olaparish.net).

## PARISH AND SCHOOL NEWS

### Christmas Flower Donations and Decorating Thank You! Help Needed.



**Thank you to all those who helped to decorate the church for Christmas, and thank you to all who made donations for the beautiful Christmas flowers!**

The Environment Committee will need help taking down the Christmas decorations in the church on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Time to be announced.

### Coming Together in Faith in 2024

**As we welcome 2025, let us reflect with gratitude on the many blessings of 2024.** On November 22, Jesuit High School hosted its first Thanksgiving Interfaith Prayer Service, uniting students, faculty, parents, friends, and faith leaders, including Deacon Paul and Sharon Friedrich, alongside representatives from several local faith communities. The beautiful gathering featured heartfelt student reflections, inspiring music, and meaningful contributions from the individuals pictured below.



From left to right: Kamal Lemseffer, representing the SALAM Center; Dr. Anne Kjemtrup, representing the SALAM Center; Fr. Tom Lucas, SJ, representing St. Ignatius Loyola Parish; Rabbi Matt Friedman, representing the Sacramento Board of Rabbis; Dr. Mark Luttio, World Religions Instructor at JHS.



### OLA Ministry Information

Want to join a ministry? Does your ministry need assistance? We can help you!

For more information about ministry at OLA, visit our website: <https://olaparish.net/community/ministries>.

**Do you wish to learn more about our parish ministries and/or sign up to become involved?** Please contact Jane Ricci, our OLA Ministry Coordinator, via email at [ministrycoordinator@olaparish.net](mailto:ministrycoordinator@olaparish.net). You may also call the parish office at (916) 481-5115 to leave a message.



### Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope December 24, 2024 - January 6, 2026

A jubilee year is a time in which God's holiness transforms us. The Bible indicates that the holy year was intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. In 1470, Pope Paul II declared that Holy Years would be celebrated every 25 years. Holy Year, or Jubilee Year, includes special celebrations and pilgrimages, strong calls for conversion and repentance, and special opportunities to experience God's grace through the sacraments, especially confession.

**Pope Francis had dedicated this Jubilee Year to "Pilgrims of Hope".** In the heart of each person dwells the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite not knowing what the future may bring. This Jubilee Year is an opportunity to be renewed in hope, in the hope of "life everlasting". Through our baptism, we are Pilgrims of Hope, opened to God's grace, nourished by Jesus Christ, and accompanied by the Holy Spirit. On this journey anchored by unending hope, we patiently yearn to see God as he is, to be living stones transformed into spiritual houses, and to await with creation for God's redemption.

**For more information on the Jubilee Year, please see the pamphlets and other resources in the church.**

### OLA Pasta Dinner Information

**Join us for the annual Pasta Dinner on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.** Doors open after the 5 p.m. vigil Mass, and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Menu includes Mama Cesario's Amazing Meatballs, pasta and sauce, salad, garlic French bread, and Leatherby's Ice Cream for dessert.

All are welcome! The dinner is free of cost, but donations are appreciated. **Please RSVP by Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.** Flyers with the RSVP form are available in the church and in the parish office.

**You may also RSVP online by visiting our parish website [www.olaparish.net](http://www.olaparish.net), or by scanning the QR code using your smartphone camera.**



### "Brick by Brick" OLA School is Building Our Faith

**Students:** Please cut out the brick and bring it to school on Monday to add to your class board and help your class "build" their faith!



## PRAYER AND FORMATION AT OLA

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are invited to come pray in the church on  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
from 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



***Make time in the  
new year to pray in the  
peaceful presence of  
our Lord.***

To sign up for an Adoration time slot, please contact  
Don Thamer at [don.nprz6@gmail.com](mailto:don.nprz6@gmail.com)  
or (916) 549-7195 mobile/text.

### OLA Live Events in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament

At OLA, in addition to weekly Adoration, twice a month we host prayer services in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Each month we pray the rosary and have a prayer service with OLA Youth Ministry. Both services are livestreamed.

#### Upcoming OLA Live Events

**Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

Rosary (Luminous Mysteries) in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament

**Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

Youth Revival Night of Prayer with Youth Ministry in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament

Join us in prayer inside the church or online!

<https://olaparish.net/ola-live>

### OLA Meditation Group

**This group gathers weekly on Monday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. and follows Christian meditations to help participants grow in relationship with Christ.**

*Meetings are in the church on the first Monday of the month and then on Zoom for the rest of the month.*

Email Fran Rider at [birider2808@sbcglobal.net](mailto:birider2808@sbcglobal.net) for more information. ***"Be still and know that I am God."***



### Living the Word Scripture Study

All are welcome for the Living the Word Scripture Study on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Affinito Hall Meeting Room 3. At Living the Word, we discuss the Sunday scripture readings and how they apply to our daily lives.



### Special Announcement: January 12<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. Mass Combined with Group Baptism

We warmly invite you to celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord with us at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

This special celebration will include our monthly Group Baptism as part of the Eucharistic liturgy, rather than being held separately after Mass. Please note this will extend the length of Mass slightly, so we encourage you to plan accordingly. We look forward to sharing this joyous occasion with you!

**Holy Baptism  
is the basis  
of the whole  
Christian life,  
the gateway  
to life in  
the Spirit.**

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### Faith Enrichment and Formation Resources from Flocknote Engage

Did you know that our parish has Flocknote Engage, which includes **free** access to Bishop Barron's Word on Fire ENGAGE video library and study programs? All that is required is an OLA Parish Flocknote account. Sign up for free at <https://app.flocknote.com/olaparish/>.

**Login to Flocknote and visit Word on Fire (WOF) Digital to watch any of the videos at any time.** This is a robust faith formation resource that includes access to the popular Catholicism series and other study programs (including free pdf study materials).

**Fr. Eduino encourages parishioners to gather in small groups to learn more about our faith.** The Flocknote Engage library is a great resource if you want to bring together a small group to learn about a variety of topics. On Flocknote Engage, the educational series available include Catholicism, The Mass, The Sacraments, The Creed, The Pivotal Players, and so much more. If you have any questions or are interested in leading a group, please contact Casey Oliver at [worship@olaparish.net](mailto:worship@olaparish.net).





**St. Vincent de Paul Society - OLA Conference**

**Thank you for your continued support!** Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to all of you!

**We need soup for the OLA Food Locker.** We also need paper grocery bags and empty egg cartons. Please drop off donations at the parish office or in the church SVdP collection boxes.

**For those who need assistance and live within our parish boundaries,** the food locker is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 A.M.-12 P.M. We can also help with utility and rent payments. Call (916) 481-6352 for more information.

**Interested in volunteering for SVdP?** Please call us at (916) 481-6352 to leave a message, or email Marylee Johnson at [jmjohn@surrewest.net](mailto:jmjohn@surrewest.net).

**St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us!**

**Hats for the Homeless Appeal**

**Winter weather is now upon us, and the need for hats is great!** Hats have already been distributed to Mercy Pedalers, Loaves and Fishes, and Carmichael HART and this will continue through March. Contributions are needed and much appreciated! They can be left in the containers at the back of church or at the parish office during office hours. Donations of yarn (#4 weight worsted machine washable) are also welcome. To all those who are mystery donors at church, a HUGE thank you! Your gifts warm not only the heads but also the hearts of those who receive them. Gloves and scarves also welcome. *Matt. 25:37-40.* Questions? Contact Angie at [amstrawn@comcast.net](mailto:amstrawn@comcast.net).



**Weekly Meetings at OLA**

**Join Catholic in Recovery Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. in St. Anne's Room.** The meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. **Confidentiality is protected.** We welcome those recovering from any addiction, compulsion, or unhealthy attachment: alcoholism; drug addiction; compulsive overeating; restricted eating; lust/pornography addiction; gambling addiction; technology addiction; compulsive spending/debting; codependency; control, fear, resentment, and grief.

**For more information,** please go online to our website [www.catholicinrecovery.com](http://www.catholicinrecovery.com), or you may contact Bill B. at [bbefort@bellsouth.net](mailto:bbefort@bellsouth.net) or at (561) 827-0624.

**Special Christian Unity Event**



**You are invited to attend a special annual event on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.**

This event is sponsored by the North State Ecumenical Conference (NSEC), which is comprised of Christian faiths in the Greater Sacramento Area.

**You are invited to attend this event in person at:**

St. Francis of Assisi Church  
1114 26th Street Sacramento, California 95816

**For more event details, please contact Deacon Paul Friedrich at [deaconpaul@olaparish.net](mailto:deaconpaul@olaparish.net).**

**There is no charge for this Special Event.**

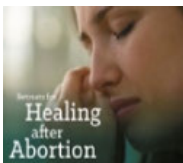
**RSVP online: <https://form.jotform.com/233367380273155>**

**Annual Pro-Life Mass of Reparation and the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Walk for Life West Coast**

On **Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:10 p.m.** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Bishop Soto, joined by members of the clergy of Sacramento, will offer a Mass of Reparation for the sin of legalized abortion inflicting the people of California. All are invited.

**The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Walk for Life West Coast will be held on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco.** This event is an important opportunity to stand together in defense of life and human dignity. It is a simple, joyful and beautiful expression of the hope we have for the life of all people. **Visit <https://www.walkforlifewc.com/> to register or find a ride with a local parish community.** You may also contact Deacon Danny Patterson by calling 916.733.0133 or via email at [dpatterson@scd.org](mailto:dpatterson@scd.org).

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**Martin Ross**

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January 4, 2025

To: OLA Parishioners

From: Deacon Michael Tateishi

Over the past year, our parish staff has been working on a new database to improve how we manage parishioner information, registrations, and communications. The database is provided through Flocknote, which we have been using for the parish's general electronic communication for a few years. We chose Flocknote for our database because it provides on-line access and a host of applications for our parish and parishioners to use. We will be sending out the giving information for your tax records for 2024 in January through Flocknote. To accomplish this, we need to ensure the parishioner information we have on file is correct.

**Here is how you can help:** We ask that you take a moment to update or verify your home address, phone numbers, email addresses, and family details. Please use the link below to provide any necessary changes. This link can also be used for new parishioners who wish to register. Even if you are a long-time parishioner, kindly update your information if any details have changed using this web address: <https://olaparish.net/register-us>. You may also scan the QR code using the camera of your smartphone to access the link.



**We will also be available after all the Masses on the weekend of January 11-12, 2025 (location to be announced) to assist you with updating your information and to instruct you on how to access your Flocknote account.**

We are pleased to inform you that nearly all of our parish information has been successfully transferred to Flocknote from our previous system. Starting **March 1, 2025**, new parishioners will be able to register, current parishioners will be able to make changes to their information, and everyone will have easy access to their giving history and other important parish communications.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email at [deacon@olaparish.net](mailto:deacon@olaparish.net), or you may call the parish office.

Wishing you a blessed New Year, filled with grace and peace.