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Sunday, November 28. 2021 Ist Sunday of Advent

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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



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCC



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.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

November 28, 2021 **1st Sunday of Advent**

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God.

Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops. And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us.

One day pours into another and time quickly flies by.

Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God.

Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another."

Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

Nancy Carlson Jonathan Rassmussen Stacie Higginbotham Sandi Lanz **Shirley Ward Molly Garcia** J. Richard Heintz

Richard McClintock Charles Kesmodel MD Gutierrez Family Debbie McGee **Dolores Morales** Sarah Maya Amanda Young

Josefina Morales Pauline Dressler Diva Orsolini Nancy Colleran Loretta Taylor Jackie Doyle Tamsyn R Holmquist Anna Gigi

Evelyn Jensen John Tenerio Larry Wager Peter Robledo **Chistrine Dudley Martin Trillo**

Vicente Flores Bill Koerlin Salvador Beltran Tom Hickman

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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Stewards Stand Erect

November 28, 2021

1st Sunday of Advent

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."(Luke 21:28) We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you live Stewardship? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

https://camdendiocese.org/stewardship

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Sunday of Advent

Be on guard!

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's 2nd Reading from St. Paul

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: What helps you to grow in your faith? Who helps you?

Question for Youth: Advent is the Church season when we prepare for Christ's birth at Christmas. What is one thing you can do to prepare yourself spiritually for Christmas?

Question for Adults: Paul exhorts us to "make greater progress" in our spiritual lives. What one step could you take to make greater progress in your own life?

https://lifelongcatechesis.osv.com/

Save the Date for aur Annual Pasta Dinner



Mark your calendar for our annual

Pasta Dinner Saturday, January 22, 2022, Affinito Hall 6:30PM

Scrumptious "Bob's" Meat Balls, Penne Pasta, Salad & Leatherby's Ice Cream & Italian Cookies Music & Song! Join in the Fun!



SATURDAY, NOV 27 5:00PM † Lizz Baca by Carmy Baca **SUNDAY, NOV 28 First Sunday of Advent** 7:30 AM + All Souls 9:00 AM ⁺ Jaime Jose De La Vega by De La Vega Family 11:00 AM ⁺ Mary Zboralske by Frank Zboralske 7:30 PM + All Souls **MONDAY NOV 29** 8:00AM + Joe Valim by Phillip & Judy Mottini **TUESDAY, NOV 30** Saint Andrew, Apostle 8:00AM + All Souls WEDNESDAY, DEC 1 8:00AM + Patricia Campini by Chamber Family THURSDAY, DEC 2 8:00AM + Ethelyn Rivard & Paul Rivard Jr. by Rivard Family FRIDAY, DEC 3 8:00AM + Joanne Bertolucci Kelley by Carolyn Albers **SATURDAY, DEC 4** 8:00AM + Patricia Ryan by Selewicz Family 5:00PM † Mae Ella Johnson by The Oliver Family

BULLETIN WEEKEND DATES	ARTICLE DUE	D
Dec 04 - Dec 05	Nov 26	EAD
Dec 11-Dec 12	Dec 03	LINE
Dec 18-Dec 19	Dec 10	S

OUR PARISH

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, 8:00 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. Eduino, Pastor.



FOR THESE GIFTS WE ARE GRATEFUL!

Weekend Offertory E-Giving 11/15/21 to		\$ 14,811.95 \$ 5,581.92
Total		\$ 20,393.87
II Collection "Human Development" \$ 2,023.53		

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 <u>Donate</u>.
- This will take you to our "<u>Contribute</u>" page, where you will find the **WeShare** link to enroll and start making your donation.



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



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, Nov 28Monday, Nov 293:30am-9:00am-11:00am & 7:30pm Mass8:00am Book Fair—Bannon Hall10:15am Faith Formation Classes—School0:30pm Rosary Joyful Mysteries in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament10:30pm Flame Meeting - St. Paul's Room0:0 pm Boy Scouts Meeting— Toop 328—St. John's Hall.10:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 103 - Affinito Hall Meeting Room 30:0 pm Boy Scouts Meeting— Toop 328—St. John's Hall.10:30pm Book Fair—Bannon Hall 8:00am Mass0:30pm Music Ministry Prayer service recording —Church 11:00pm Martha & Mary Gath- ering—St. John's Hall11:00am Funeral 5:00 pm Finance Council Meeting - St. John's Hall1:50pm School Music Practice— Church 02:30pm Book Fair—Bannon Hall 6:00pm RcLA-Affinito Hall - Meeting Room 37.00 pm Adoration in the ChurchFriday, Dec 038:30 — 7:00pm Adoration in the ChurchSioam Book Fair—Bannon Hall 6:00pm RcLA-Affinito Hall - Meeting Room 37.30am Book Fair—Bannon Hall 8:30 — 7:00pm Adoration in the ChurchSioam Book Fair—Bannon Hall 6:00pm RcLA-Affinito Hall - Meeting Room 38:30 — 7:00pm Adoration in the ChurchSioam Book Fair—Bannon Hall 6:00pm Mass 9:30 am Funeral 1:00am Baptism 1:00am AL-ANON Meeting Room 3Sindam Ass 9:30 am Funeral 1:00am Mass 9:30 am Funeral 1:00am M	FARISH	CALLINDAN
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SCHOOL & NEWS



POSITIONS AT OLA SCHOOL

First Grade Instructional Assistant Position

OLA Catholic School is looking for an instructional assistant for our first-grade class. OLA School is a vibrant Catholic school, and our motto is "hands to serve, hearts to love." The candidate we seek is a team player who has initiative and the skills to work with children and assist them in their academic, social, and emotional needs. We are looking for a team player who can take direction from a teacher in a dynamic classroom and school setting. The instructional assistant works with students individually and in groups and assists the teacher in the effective management of the class.

If you are interested in this position, please send your resume to **Robert Love**, love@olaparish.net.

Crossing Guard Volunteers Needed

OLA School is looking for volunteers to serve as crossing guards before and after school (7:40-8:00 am and 3:00-3:15 pm). Volunteers will need to be fingerprinted (paid by school) and complete SaveHaven online training. If you would like to help, please contact Donna Eaddy at the school office (eaddy@olaparish.net or 916 -489-8958).

Annual Catholic Appeal 2021 "Report of Gratitude"

Having just celebrated Thanksgiving, a time to reflect with gratitude for the many blessings God has given us, Catholics throughout our Diocese are invited to view the 2021



Annual Catholic Appeal "Report of Gratitude." See how, together as Catholics, parishioners have allowed 18 Northern California charities to provide instant and meaningful response to men, women and families in need. This year, more than 314,000 individuals and families, The full report can be viewed at www.scd.org/ gratitude.

The 2021 Appeal is approaching \$3.7 million in commitments so far. Our parish receives 25% of any gift made by parishioners here. If you have not yet participated, prayerfully consider a donation. No contribution, no act of charity is ever too small or insignificant.

Envelopes are available here at the parish, or donate online at scd.org.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

MARTHA & MARY GATHERING

Martha and Mary's Meeting Date has changed to the first Wednesday of each month from 11 AM to 2 PM In St. John's Hall. Also, lunch will be served at each meeting. We look forward to seeing you on December 1st at 11 AM. (Please wear a mask)



If you have any questions, contact: <u>peggystrad-</u> <u>ford@icloud.com</u>.

Thank you.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Preparing the Manger

Where do you fall in the "Christmas-songs-in-November" debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There's no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it's not everyone's cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It's hard to miss that point — Lent doesn't even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It's harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — "advent" — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, "so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap."

So let us not forget — our master's advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LIVE THE LITURGY

Any human success requires vigilance. Opportunities and powerful moments of encounter can easily be missed when we are not attentive. It is all too easy today to live distracted and preoccupied lives. There is so much vying for our attention that it can be hard to be selective and really focus. Caught up in this whirlwind of busyness and anxiety, we become tired and almost sleepwalk through life. Advent is a time to selectively focus. These beautiful four short weeks are a time to look backward and forward and be attentive to the human journey and God's revelation. From the beginning of time, God has been seeking our attention. He constantly reminds us of the justice he desires to bring and the promise of his abiding unconditional love. Understanding and growing in these truths requires alertness so that we can be strengthened in our faith and prepared for whatever will come.

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Let us all pray for Karen Kassis Cladianos Mariano (Mario) Silveira who recently passed away.

O Lord, grant them eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon them May the souls of all the faithful departed, by the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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COMMUNITY

OLA PARISH 2021 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL



Thank you to everyone who has filled out their commitment cards!

Our ministry leaders are beginning to reach out to those who have signed up to join ministries.

It's not too late to fill out a card! We have extra copies in the church, and you can also fill it out online using the following link:

http://s.alchemer.com/s3/Our-Lady-of-the-Assumption.

Thank you for your participation in our Stewardship Renewal!

Advent Nov 28-Dec 24

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the complete joy of Christmas. Visit our diocesan website we have resources for Faith Formation Programs, families and adults to live this holy

season: https://www.scd.org/family-andfaithformation/home-resources-familiesfaith-formation Questions? Teresa Donan 916-733-0132 TDonan@scd.org



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil, 5:00 pm (livestream) First Saturdays: 8:00 am Sunday, 7:30 am Sunday, 9:00 am (livestream) Sunday, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm Weekday, 8:00 am, Monday to Friday OLA LIVE EVENTS 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.

Monday November 29 at 6:30 pm

Rosary, Joyful Mysteries in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, November 30th at 7:00 pm

Interactive Zoom Rosary hosted by Knights of Columbus

www.olaparish.net



Seeking a videographer

The Diocese has recommended that OLA support potential future insurance claims by creating a digital record of our



property, equipment and other high value assets. If you are willing to do a video walkthrough of our church, parish hall and office, please contact Ivan Florez in the parish office.

Thank you!!

OLA GIVING TREE 2021

Christmas is right around the corner, and we are preparing our hearts and our homes for the birth of Christ. We must also look to our neighbors in need, and this year, our parish is continuing our longstanding tradition of the Giving Tree. Please prayerfully consider helping a **Giving**



Tree family. Sign-ups for the Giving Tree will be available on the parish website at www.olaparish.net.

If you need help signing up for a family, you can also email Casey Oliver at worship@olaparish.net and Peggy Stradford at peggystradford@icloud.com. ALL gifts are due back by December 7th or before. Before is better. Once you sign up, clothing sizes and suggested gifts for the family you selected will be emailed to you.

Thank you for your generosity!



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