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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

## First Sunday of Advent

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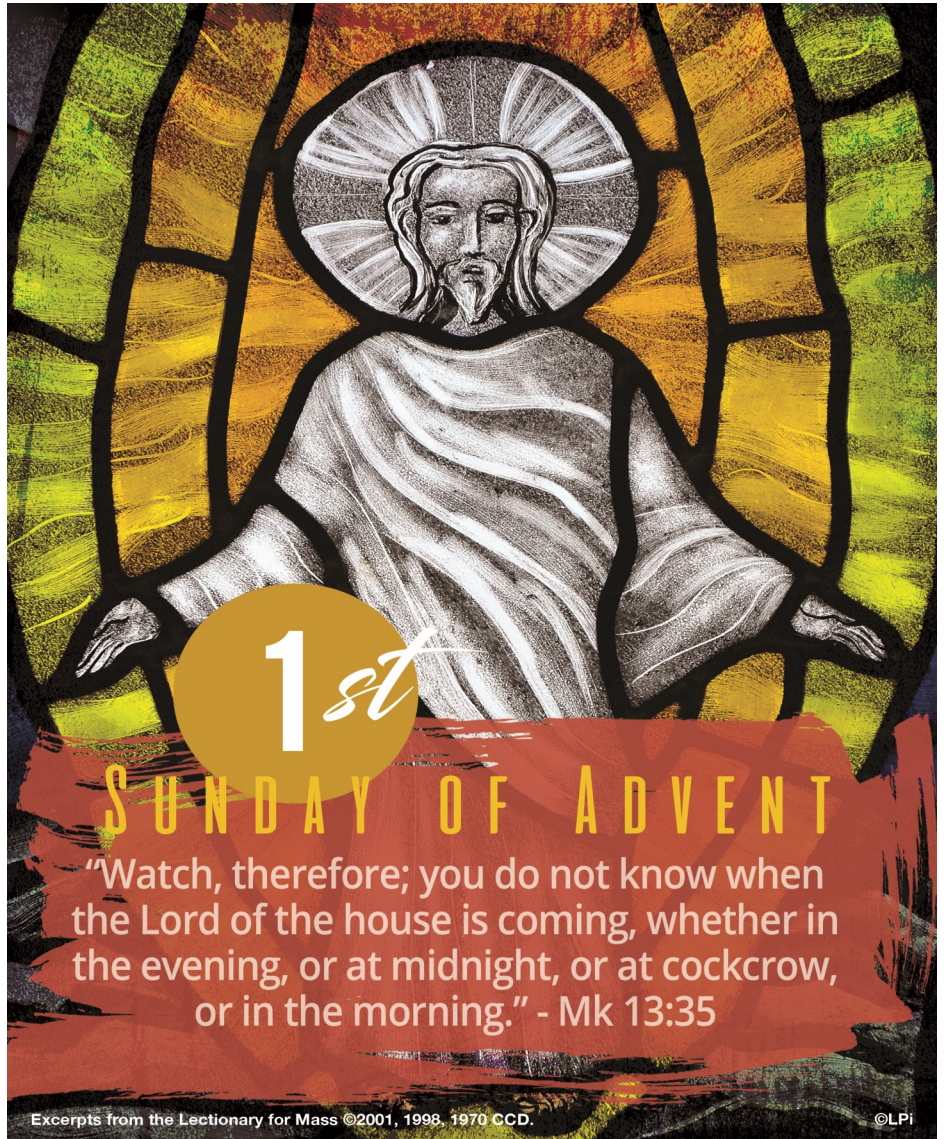
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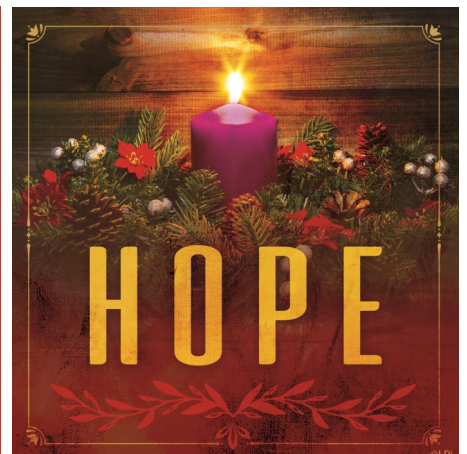
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### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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 wider Diocesan community, and with the entire family of God.





# 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.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

5:00PM † Kevin Malone  
by Judith A. Malone

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00AM †Fr. Cesar Ageas  
by Fr. Eduino Silveira  
†Maxine Iris Bailey Walker  
by Phyllis Howard  
10:00AM † Mary Zboralske  
by Zboralske & Family  
7:30PM OLA Parishioners

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

**St. Andrew, Apostle**  
8:00AM All Souls  
Georgia Kilkenny (Healing)  
by Peter Kilkenny

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 01

8:00AM † Kevin Malone  
by LaSpina Family  
Georgia Kilkenny (Healing)  
by Margaret Mongeau

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 02

8:00AM † Patricia Campini  
by Chambers Family

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 03

**St. Francis Xavier, Priest**  
8:00AM † Thomas Weekes  
by Robert Honaker &  
Monica Weekes

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 04

**St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

8:00AM † Margaret Weekes Reynolds  
by Robert Honaker &  
Monica Weekes

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 05

8:00AM † † Gino & Jo Bettolucci  
by Joanne Bertolucci  
5:00PM † Kevin Malone  
by Judith Malone

*LORD HEAR  
OUR PRAYER*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 29, 2020

1st Sunday of Advent

Concentration and focus are key to succeeding to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

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## Reading of the Week

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 30

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

### TUESDAY DECEMBER 01

Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 02

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 03

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

### FRIDAY DECEMBER 04

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 05

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 06

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



**ADVENT**



# STEWARDSHIP

## THANK YOU

for your generosity

### FOR THESE GIFTS WE ARE GRATEFUL!

Weekend Offertory 11/15/20	\$ 9,015.00
E-Giving from 11/09/20 to 11/15/20	\$ 3,760.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,775.92</b>

Average Weekly Budget Amount \$12,000.00

Prayerfully consider Online Giving through WeShare, by mail or dropping in the mail box by the office.

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

### 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.



## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

### Thankful Stewards First Sunday of Advent

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - MARK 13:33 We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God through your Stewardship for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

### THANK YOU OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION FAMILIES!

I am always amazed at the great generosity of our families. Even during these difficult times many have continued with their contributions to our parish by WeShare, by mail or by dropping in the mail box by the office. Thank you for your contribution that helps us to pay our bills.

May God continue to bless all our families and help all in this time of pandemic with the abundance of His Love.

Fr. Eduino Silveira

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS.

#### In the Unexpected

"What could happen next?" How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us." He is the expected in all things unexpected.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## OUR PARISH

### 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. For the month of December during Advent, we will pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary together every Monday evening. More events will be added, so please check the schedule each week for updates.

**Monday, November 30 - 7:00 pm** Zoom Rosary (Joyful Mysteries)

**Thursday, December 3 - 7:00 pm** Living the Word meeting via Zoom

**Monday, December 7 - 7:00 pm** Zoom Rosary (Joyful Mysteries) - hosted by OLA Faith Formation

**Thursday, December 10 - 7:00 pm** Living the Word meeting via Zoom

**Monday, December 14 - 7:00 pm** Zoom Rosary (Joyful Mysteries) - hosted by OLA School

**Thursday, December 17 - 7:00 pm** Living the Word meeting Zoom

**Monday, December 21 - 7:00 pm** Zoom Rosary (Joyful Mysteries)



## Church Wi-Fi

**We now have wireless internet (WiFi) in the Church and St. John's Hall**

### Church

Network: OLA Parishioner

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### St. John's Hall

Network: St. John's Hall Guest

Password: GuestWiFi1!!!

Go to our parish website:

<https://olaparish.net/live-stream-mass> to access the worship aid online each Sunday.



Pregnant? Worried? Need Help?

Call (800) 910-0191

### OLA GIVING TREE

We are continuing our beloved Giving Tree tradition here at OLA this year. Instead of a physical tree in the church, our "gift tags" are online. We have many families in need this year. To sign up, you will be prompted to create a Flocknote account or log in to your existing Flocknote account. If you need help signing up for a family, you can also email Casey Oliver at [worship@olaparish.net](mailto:worship@olaparish.net). ALL gifts are due back by December 7th or before. Before is better.

Thank you for your generosity!



### PUZZLES

Come to our parish office and take home a fantastic puzzle that will keep you busy, healthy, and happy.



**Parishioners have brought these puzzles to share.**

**Take the challenge to build a big one!**

# SCHOOL & YOUTH MINISTRY

## FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation students are distance learning and will continue to learn all about the love God has and continues to share with them.

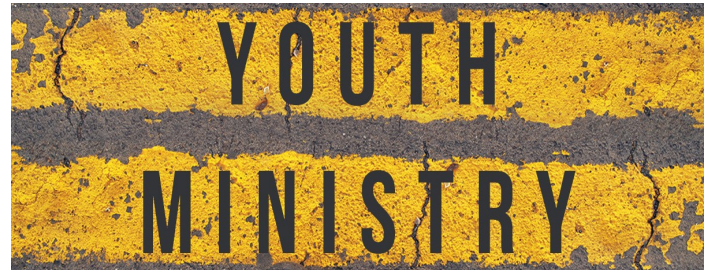
Religion by Zoom will continue until early January. Starting January 17th, all Faith Formation students will begin studying on the OLA campus in the classrooms, God willing.

Parents, if you did not sign your child up for this year's Faith Formation classes, please do so by mid-November so we can order enough textbooks and class supplies. The tentative start date is January 17th.



Registration forms are available in the parish office or send an email to: [faithformaiton@olaparis.net](mailto:faithformaiton@olaparis.net) and request one to be sent to you. You should complete, turn in, and donate the fees no later than December 1st. Any questions call 916-488-4626.

Thank you! Joan Cotton



The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry invite all DREs, Confirmation Catechists, Youth Ministry Coordinators are invited to attend and explore together how to do retreats during this time of staying at home! Together we will see different models to host and ideas on how to provide youth retreats for your ministry.

Registration: <https://www.scd.org/expedition>

## KIDS CORNER

### 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Weekend Dates	Article DUE
Dec 05—Dec 06	November 27
Dec 12—Dec 13	December 4
Dec 19—Dec 20	December 11

### PLEASE NOTE!

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



# ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.



# SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Photo: Holy Name of Mary Cathedral, Saint Ste. Marie, Christ Knocking at the Door

*In Our Thoughts*

## OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

Julie Nelson  
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Daniel Armstrong  
George Perez  
Dana Swears

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

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Be on guard!**

### **Breaking Open the Word**

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

### **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?

### **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?

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### **INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Be watchful! Be alert! The core message of Advent cannot be more direct or simple. As those who are postured in a spirit of readiness and anticipation, we must always be attentive and vigilant. We have to be ready not only for the anticipated arrival of our Lord, but watchful and attentive to the unexpected visit as well. While we know that the Christ is coming, we also do not know the exact time. Cultivating this expectant attitude is the purpose of this season. It is easy to grow slack, inattentive, and too self-assured. We can easily deaden ourselves to the wonder and surprise of God's presence. We get so absorbed in so many other distractions that it can seem like Christ's second coming, and even Christ's coming in time are of lesser importance. When it finally dawns on us that we have wandered far away from where we need to be, and lost our attentiveness and focus, we will wonder how this all happened. We may even try to put the onus on God and blame God for a lack of involvement or presence. We are the ones, who through our own choice, put the distance in our relationship and lost touch. Now it's time to come back and perk ourselves up a bit!

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The coming Advent season reminds us of the need to remain vigilant. With greater reason we must remain vigilant and steadfast in caring for one another, especially for the sake of the most vulnerable among us.

Remember:

- Wear face masks
- Maintain physical distancing
- Cooperate with contact tracing programs
- Hand wash frequently
- Stay at home if you are feeling sick or exhibiting symptoms
- Get tested for the COVID-19 virus
- Get the flu vaccination

Join me in asking the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary for God's mercy to end the Pandemic, bring healing to all those afflicted and provide protection to their caregivers.

Respectfully,

Jaime Soto

Bishop of Sacramento

## HELPING THE HOMELESS

We all can do something to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters through Arden **Arcade Carmichael HART**. They work with Mercy Peddlers, Navigators and Sacramento Self Help to distribute resources to our homeless community. Some of the items needed are bottled water, chips, Slim Jims and soft granola bars (no nuts as many of our homeless do not have all of their teeth), individual servings of fruit and pudding, small toiletries as toothpaste and hand sanitizer. They take new or used tarps, sleeping bags, rain gear and umbrellas they also accept cash or checks made out to Arden Arcade HART.



You may drop off your donations at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer at the corner of Mission and Marconi every Monday from 10AM to 12PM.

For more information go to: [ArdenArcadeHart.com](https://www.ArdenArcadeHart.com)

THE SEASON OF ADVENT  
MEANS THERE IS SOMETHING  
ON THE HORIZON  
THE LIKES OF WHICH WE HAVE  
NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

— JAN RICHARDSON

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The pastors in parishes that are located in "purple tier" counties offer Mass and provide to the Faithful the opportunity to attend virtually, either by live-streaming or other visual technology. Pastors presently offering Mass outdoors may continue to do so, weather permitting.

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