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Sunday, December 5, 2021
2nd Sunday of Advent

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Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 3:00pm

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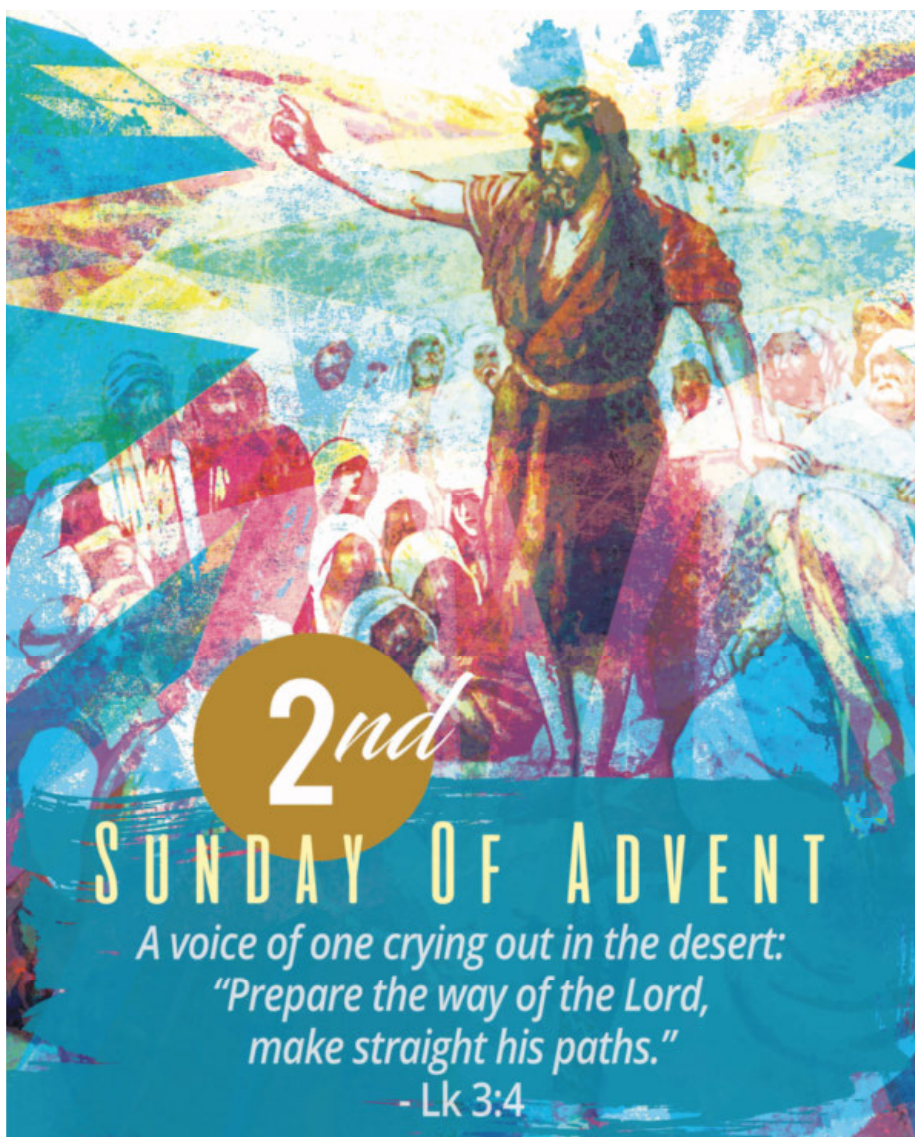
Monday - Friday | 9:00am - 11:00am

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

Ask an usher about them!

Please check our website for current MASS
SCHEDULE information

www.olaparish.net



SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."*

- Lk 3:4



FEAST OF THE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 8, Masses at 8:00
am and 5:30 pm

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

December 5, 2021
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St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. “You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him.” When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy,

justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God’s gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God’s promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts’ doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present. We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome.

God is not done.

When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God’s simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

Nancy Carlson	Richard McClintock	Josefina Morales	Evelyn Jensen	Vicente Flores
Jonathan Rassmussen	Charles Kesmodel MD	Pauline Dressler	John Tenerio	Bill Koerlin
Stacie Higginbotham	Gutierrez Family	Diva Orsolini	Larry Wager	Salvador Beltran
Sandi Lanz	Debbie McGee	Nancy Colleran	Peter Robledo	Tom Hickman
Shirley Ward	Dolores Morales	Loretta Taylor	Chistrine Dudley	
Molly Garcia	Sarah Maya	Jackie Doyle	Martin Trillo	
J. Richard Heintz	Amanda Young	Tamsyn R Holmquist	Anna Gigi	

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Stewardship Lifestyle

2nd Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a Stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives but for the lives of others as well.

<https://camdendiocese.org/stewardship>

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday of Advent

We are getting ready to welcome Christ into our hearts.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

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 things do you do to get ready for a big event or celebration?

Question for Youth: How do you share the Good News of Jesus with others?

Question for Adults: Name one thing you can do to help "prepare the way of the Lord?"

<https://lifelongcatechesis.osv.com/>

Save the Date for our 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!

PRAYER REQUESTS



SATURDAY, DEC 04

Saint John Damascene, Doctor of the Church

8:00AM † Patricia Ryan

by Selewicz Family

5:00PM † Mae Ella Johnson

by Oliver Family

SUNDAY, DEC 05

Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM † Joao De Freitas

Mary Jo Goes & Family

9:00 AM † David Grace

by Casey Oliver

11:00 AM † Rodney Grossman

by Family and Friends

7:30 PM † All Parishioners

MONDAY, DEC 06

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

8:00AM † Walter Lovisa

by Carolyn Albers

TUESDAY, DEC 07

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00AM † Tom Bogetich

by Casey Oliver

WEDNESDAY, DEC 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM † Bill Portillo & Amelia San Miguel

by Portillo Family

5:30PM † All Souls

THURSDAY, DEC 09

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:00AM † Kevin Malone

by Judith Malone

FRIDAY, DEC 10

8:00AM Paulina Carbon (Birthday)

by Janice Leighton

SATURDAY, DEC 11

Saint Damasus I, Pope

5:00PM † Ashleigh Novis

by Dean and Gloria Carmazzi

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.

thank you

FOR THESE GIFTS WE ARE GRATEFUL!

Weekend Offertory 11/28/21 \$ 9,270.71
E-Giving 11/22/21 to 11/28/21 \$ 2,392.25

Total \$ 11,662.96

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 "Contribute" page, where you will find the **WeShare** link to enroll and start making your donation.



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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec 05 7:30am-9:00am-11:00am & 7:30pm Mass 8:00am Book Fair—Bannon Hall 10:15am Faith Formation Classes—School 10:30pm Flame Meeting - St. Paul's Room	Monday, Dec 06 8:00am Mass 4:00pm Meditation Group—Church 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Meeting—Troop 328—St. John's Hall.
Tuesday, Dec 07 8:00am Mass 8:30—7:00pm Adoration in the Church 6:30pm American River Dinner Diaconate Meeting - St. John's Hall	Wednesday, Dec 08 8:00am Mass - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 2:15pm School Music Practice—Church 02:30pm Book Fair—Bannon Hall 5:30 pm Mass 7:00pm RCIA—Affinito Hall - Meeting Room 3
Thursday, Dec 09 08:00am Mass 8:30—7:00pm Adoration in the Church 3:00pm St Vincent de Paul—Affinito Hall Meeting Room 3 5:30pm Cub Scout (Webelos)	Friday, Dec 10 8:00 am Mass 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm Music Ministry Prayer-Service recording in the Church
Saturday, Dec 11 08:00am Mass 10:00am Baptism Group (Spanish) 11:00am Wedding 11:00am AL-ANON Meeting—Affinito Hall Meeting Room 3 5:00pm Mass 7:30 pm Neocatechists - St. John's Hall	Sunday, Dec 12 7:30am-9:00am-11:00am & 7:30pm Mass 8:00 am Santa Breakfast—Affinito Hall 10:15am Faith Formation Classes—School 10:30pm Flame Meeting - St. Paul's Room 12:30 pm Girl Scouts Troop 103 - Affinito Hall Meeting Room 3 1:00pm Wedding 3:30pm Baptism

DEADLINES

BULLETIN WEEKEND DATES

Dec 11-Dec 12
Dec 18-Dec 19
Dec 25-Dec 26

ARTICLE DUE

Dec 03
Dec 10
Dec 17

OLA Youth Ministry

HOLIDAY HOPE

DONATION DRIVE

Help make this Christmas merry and bright for those displaced and living on the streets of Sacramento.

We will be collecting **gently used or new coats and socks** after the 9am and 11am mass.

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DECEMBER 5TH, 12TH, 19TH

For more information on the Donation Drive, call or text Johann Rubia-Miller at 916-257-1970 or email at youth@olaparisht.net

Donations can also be dropped off at the parish office Monday-Friday, starting Dec.6th-Dec.17th.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Virtue of Sincerity: Trustfulness in words and actions; honesty and enthusiasm towards others. Communicating on the outside how you genuinely feel on the inside; not deceiving or being hypocritical.

RESTAURANT **BJ's** BREWHOUSE

JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO RAISE MONEY!

Date: Dec 07, 2021 Time: 4:00PM to 8:00PM

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:

1689 Arden Way
Sacramento, CA 95815
916-570-1920

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

OLA Take out Tuesday



WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's WILL DONATE 20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!

SCHOOL & NEWS

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.

POSADA
INTERCULTURAL ADVENT GATHERING

12/18/2021 at 10am
St Philomene Parish, Sacramento
All are welcome!

¡Todos son Bienvenidos!
Tất cả đều được chào đón!
모두 환영합니다!
歡迎大家光臨!

Wote Mnakaribishwa!
Todos são bem-vindos!

Register/Inscribere <https://forms.gle/luVpSjMXtEtEKy6TF6>
Questions? ¿Preguntas? Teresa Donan TDonan@scd.org

20th Annual Remembrance Tree and Candlelight Vigil



Celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have gone before us to live in the light of the Lord.

Thursday, Dec. 9th, 2021
Ornament Decoration 4-6:30 pm
Vigil at 7 pm
In the chapel at:

St. Mary Cemetery
& Funeral Center
6507 Fountains Rd., Sacramento
916-452-4831

Calvary Cemetery
& Funeral Center
7101 Weaver Blvd., Colusa Heights
916-726-1232

All Souls Cemetery
& Funeral Center
1501 East Ford Rd., Colusa
916-444-5209

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT:

"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,

MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.

EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED

AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW."

—LUKE 3:4-5

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

God's Personal Assistants

If you have ever planned a large-scale event, whether it's a musical performance or a religious conference, you may have dealt with someone's personal assistant. Possibly this person would be a representative of the keynote speaker or the master of ceremonies for the local bishop; perhaps it's even the staffer of a local politician or the lackey of a well-known musical act.

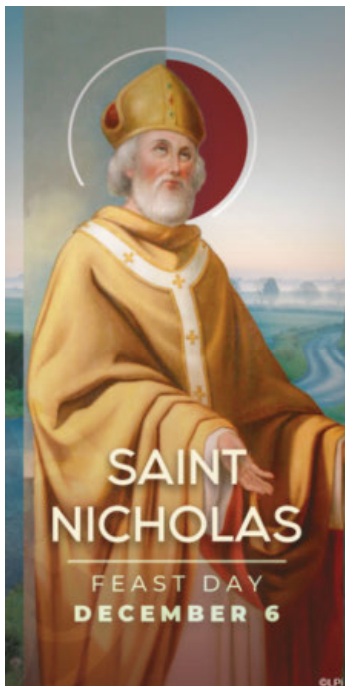
Personal assistants are masters of stewardship — overseeing things in their boss' absence. They prepare the way. This person's job is to get everything ready for the person in charge, so that when he or she shows up — whoever he or she is — it's smooth sailing for them to do whatever it is they need to do: sing, speak, pray, mingle, what-have-you. It's usually a big job full of little things, a gig where attention to detail is key.

God is the guest of honor in our life, the keynote speaker, the main event. And what He wants — what He needs — to do is to change our hearts. Constantly, over, and over, and over again.

We are all His personal assistants in this endeavor. We need to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight His paths. We need to make everything ready so that when He shows up — however He shows up, whether it's in the form of a neighbor in need or a burning bush right in front of us — everything is ready for Him to do His job.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

LIVE THE LITURGY

Sometimes, especially when life gets overwhelming and difficult, we can find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable. Wallowing in this uncomfortable darkness seems to be our norm and it's difficult to see a way out of, or through, this experience. If we listen carefully enough, we will hear God's voice calling out deep within, beckoning us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Faith tells us that God has already begun the creation of a good work in us and is with us, bringing it to completion, until Christ Jesus comes again. It is this light of God's glory for which we are asked to pave the way and straighten the paths of our lives so that it can shine. With all that life can ask of us and bring to us, it is our task to constantly discern what is of value. So that we do not get so weighed down by things that we no longer see, or feel, God's salvation.

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Let us all pray for
Nancy J. Kehoe
Joan Lukas
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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SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2021

Sunday, December 5: Second Sunday of Advent (usual Mass schedule)

Tuesday, December 7: Adoration in the church 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 8: **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Masses at 8:00 am and 5:30 pm**

Thursday, December 9: Adoration in Church 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 12: Third Sunday of Advent (usual Mass schedule)

- 8:00am Coffee and Donuts with Santa

Monday, December 13: Rosary (Joyful Mysteries) at 6:30 pm in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament



OLA Youth Christmas Eve Choir

We need singers for the OLA Youth Christmas Eve Choir. This choir will join the OLA Youth Ministry Choir and Ensemble for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (3:00 pm arrival time), and is open to youth in grades K-12. There will be one in-person rehearsal: Tuesday evening, December 21st. Sheet music and a rehearsal video will also be provided. Please join us! All singers will need to wear a face mask at all times, including while singing. Participants in the choir may also participate in the Christmas play.

If your child would like to participate, please confirm his/her participation via email: **Casey Oliver**, Music Director, at worship@olaparish.net. Thank you!

END-OF-THE-CALENDAR-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Many individuals will make charitable contributions late in the calendar year to take advantage of tax benefits. In order to do so, checks must be dated and envelopes postmarked on or before December 31, 2021.

If you are in the position to make end-of-year contributions, please consider our parish as a beneficiary of your support.

COMMUNITY

Special Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious - Dec 11/12



Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

To donate online, <https://www.scd.org/retiredreligious>



Advent Retreat Catholic Deaf Community Diocese of Sacramento



with Rev. Paul M. Zirimenya

Saturday, December 11, 2021

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Newman Catholic Center

5900 Newman Ct, Sacramento, Ca 945819

RSVP: deafministry@scd.org

No voice interpreters will be provided.

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Contact: Fr. Paul Zirimenya (628) 400 - 3436 Voice mail via a VRS interpreter

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