

## **WELCOME to OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH!**

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

### **CONTACT US**

#### Parish Office

8:30 – 4:30pm, M-F

Closed 12:00 – 1:00pm, M-F

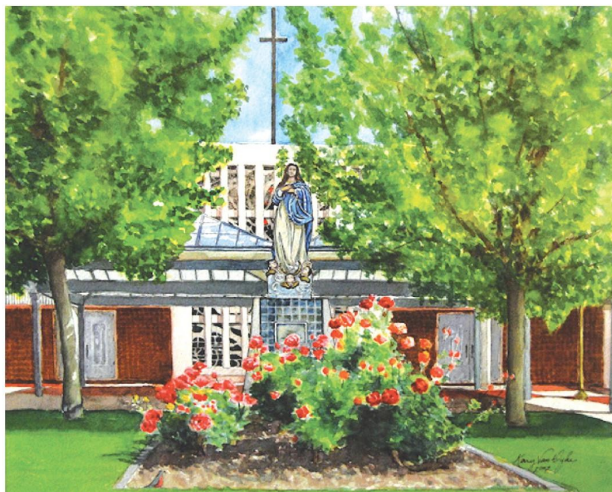
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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

First Saturdays: 8:00am

Sunday:

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 & 7:30pm

Weekday:

8:00am, Monday - Friday

#### **Holy Days:**

8:00am & 5:30pm

### **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.

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Eduino T. Silveira: [pastor@olaparish.net](mailto:pastor@olaparish.net)

#### **Pastors Emeriti**

Rev. Brendan McKeefry & Rev. Michael F. Kiernan

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Pastoral Council, Juan Yniguez

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#### **SACRAMENTS:**

Baptism: Required baptismal classes & scheduling, Deacon Michael

First Eucharist (child): Faith Formation

Reconciliation (child): Faith Formation

Confirmation (teen): Faith Formation

Marriage: Contact office six months in advance.

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:30pm or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Pastor to request.

Eucharist for Homebound Parishioners: Call office.


Eucharistic Adoration: T/Th after 8:00am Mass until 7:00pm

#### **RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

(unbaptized or uncatechized) If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, you are welcome to join this year-round process at any time by contacting Deacon Michael.

#### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:**

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

 **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES:** Ask Usher

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## Mass Intentions

To request a Mass, please call the Parish Office

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

*Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

5:00pm Anne Majuk † Kathy Walsh

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00am Anne Majuk † Mauer Family

9:30am Justin Hall † Parulan Family

11:00am Gorgonia DeVega † Parulan Family

7:30pm OLA Parishioners

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00am Dexter & Theresa Parulan Parulan Family

24th Wedding Anniversary

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

*St. Damasus I, Pope*

8:00am Konrad Szymanski † K of C Council 4970

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

8:00am Dale & Arlene Fuller † Portillo Family

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

*St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*

8:00am Souls in Purgatory † Anonymous

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

*St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

8:00am James A. Chronley † Pat Friesen

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

5:00pm Jack Madigan & Mary Fernando & Peggy  
Tapparo (Healing)



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, December 10

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

### Tuesday, December 11

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

### Wednesday, December 12

Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38

### Thursday, December 13

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

### Friday, December 14

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

### Saturday, December 15

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

### Sunday, December 16

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Advent Prayer & Reflection 10:00am, Church

Legion of Mary Curia Meeting 10:00am, St. John's

Lord's Day: Young Adlt. Outreach 6:30pm, Youth Rm.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Santa's Breakfast 7:00am, Parish Hall

Flame Group 10:30am, St. Paul's Room

RCIA 11:00am, St. Anne's Room

Group Baptism 12:00pm, Church

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

OLA Basketball Practices 3:00pm, Parish Hall

Girl Scout Troop 3097 Mtg. 3:00pm, St. John's Hall

Christian Meditation 4:00pm, Church

OLA Women's Book Club 6:30pm, St. Paul's Room

Tiger Den Meeting (Pack 225) 6:30pm, OLA Extension

Boy Scouts Meeting 6:45pm, St. John's Hall

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Pert Club 11:00am, St. John's Hall

OLA Basketball 3:00pm, Parish Hall

B&G Meeting 6:30pm, St. Paul's Room

Taize Prayer 6:30pm, Church

Advent Penance Service 7:00pm, Church

Knights of Columbus Bus. Mig 6:30pm, St. John's Hall

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Legion of Mary Meeting 8:45am, St. Paul's Room

OLA Basketball 3:00pm, Parish Hall

Christmas Play Practice 5:00pm, Church

Safety & Security Committee 7:00pm, St. Paul's Room

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

OLA Basketball 3:00pm, Parish Hall

St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 3:30pm, St. John's Hall

OLA Country Fair Committee 6:00pm, St. Paul's

Girl Scout Troop 103 Mtg. 6:00pm, St. John's Hall

Family Adoration 6:30pm, Church

Wolf Den Meeting (Pack 225) 6:30pm, OLA Extension

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

OLA First Grade 12:00pm, St. John's Hall

OLA Basketball 3:00pm, Parish Hall

Christmas Jazz Spectacular (Jesuit) 7:00pm, Church

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Pilgrimages Presentation (Cthl Chrts.) 2:00pm, Church

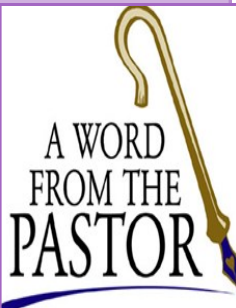
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## OUR PARISH



### *Called to conversion*

During this great season of Advent we are called to conversion. Last week we heard the Lord's call to pray at all times, to be strengthened in the Lord, to face whatever tribulations come our way, and to raise our heads to the salvation the Lord won for us at His First Coming and that He will bestow on us when He comes in Majesty and Glory. Today we are called to repentance and to put on the righteousness of Jesus Christ, God's justice and love. As we pray and confess our sins, we grow in the righteousness that Jesus gives us and in love for God and our neighbor. All are invited this Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. to celebrate as a community of faith our Advent service of Reconciliation.

## TAIZÉ

ADVENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER  
&  
PENANCE SERVICE

*Advent music and Taizé prayer in  
conjunction with our traditional  
Advent Penance Service.*

Tuesday, December 11th, 2018  
Meditative Advent music and  
Taizé prayer - 6:30 pm.  
Penance Service - 7:00 pm.

### **PERT CLUB MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

The PERT Club will meet on Tuesday, December 11, in St. John's Hall, OLA, at 11:00 am, for a short meeting with door prizes, and LOTTO drawings. The Christmas Potluck luncheon will follow promptly at Noon. The menu will include ham (provided by the club) and your mouthwatering special supporting delicacies. Please bring some nonperishable food for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Locker, your own place setting, cup, wine glass and your winning personality. BINGO games, with cash prizes, will follow the luncheon cleanup. Please call Penny at 916-489-6005, or George at 916-483-7194, if you have any questions. \$3.00 would be a welcome donation from guests, while no added offerings from the membership will be rejected. If you have some old Christmas decorations, bring them along to add to the festivities.

### ***A Catholic Journey through Recovery***

The Pastoral Council is very pleased to announce that we will inaugurate a new ministry, ***Catholic in Recovery***, in early January. The twice-monthly meetings will focus on the healing of addiction and unhealthy attachments. Together we will aim to supplement each other's personal recovery with a sacramental understanding of God's mercy using the traditions of the Catholic Church. During these meetings we'll tie together liturgical themes, scripture from Sunday's Mass readings and twelve step recovery principles. Loved ones of those struggling with addiction or unhealthy attachments are welcome to participate. **Our first meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in St. Paul's room.** Confidentiality will be fully supported. Please join these joyful meetings full of honesty, openness, and gratefulness. If you have any questions related to our Catholic in Recovery ministry, please contact Jenny Teeters at [jennyteeters@gmail.com](mailto:jennyteeters@gmail.com) or 916-265-3935.

### ***Martha and Mary Ministry***



*"On their journey Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him to her home. She had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at the Lord's feet and listened to his words." Luke 10:38-42*

The *Martha and Mary Ministry* meets each month in the spirit of hospitality demonstrated by Martha and Mary.

We provide funeral receptions for parishioners as part of that ministry. Next year, we plan to incorporate bible study into our meetings to further emulate Martha and Mary, who set aside their work to listen to Jesus.

We also enjoy a light luncheon with our meetings and also welcome guest speakers who can enlighten us on topics of interest to the group.

All ladies of the parish are encouraged to stop by on the first Thursday of each month, in St. John's Hall at 11:00 to join in faith and fellowship. For additional information, please contact Joan Cotton at [faithformation@olaparish.net](mailto:faithformation@olaparish.net).



Tags are still available on the OLA Giving Tree at the back of the church. Please choose a tag, purchase a new gift, wrap it, attach the tag firmly, and return the gift to the tree **by Sunday Dec 16th before NOON.** Thank you so much for your generosity. We're bringing hope and joy to many families. **Questions? Call Christine**

**761-4939, Beth 487-2374 or MaryCaye 481-7484.**



## OLA SCHOOL NEWS

### Washington D.C. Trip Fundraisers

Pavilions Car Wash and Cougar Socks: Looking for stocking stuffer ideas? How about Pavillion car wash gift cards and or cougar crew socks for your little (or big) dribbler? Well you're in luck! The 8th grade will be selling both at Santa's Breakfast this Sunday. Can't make it Sunday? Don't worry! Feel free to contact your favorite 8th grade family for car washes or Amy Kuzmich [ackuzmich@gmail.com](mailto:ackuzmich@gmail.com). Car washes are \$30. This covers a full service car wash, triple coat protectant, air fragrance, and rain-X all service protectant (wheel cleaning and tire dressing not included). Need Cougar Socks? Please contact Kristi Fluetsch [kfluetsch@mac.com](mailto:kfluetsch@mac.com)



Meetings are held in the Youth Room (Seton Hall)

Grades 7 & 8: Wednesdays, 7:00pm-8:30pm



Grades 9 - 12: OLA's Life Teen Mass every Sunday at 11am followed by group meeting from 12-1:30pm

For more information about Youth Groups, please contact OLA's Youth Minister, Johann Rubia-Miller at (916) 481-5115 or Email: [youth@olaparish.net](mailto:youth@olaparish.net)

### Encounter

**Eucharistic Adoration & Fellowship**  
**1st Thursday of every month**  
**7:00 pm - Church**

For more information, contact Malcolm MacDonald at [mmacdonald.ardeanery@gmail.com](mailto:mmacdonald.ardeanery@gmail.com)

*"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host."*

*-Ven. Fulton J. Sheen.*

### Faith Formation Students Pray to Mary

October, being the month of the Rosary, Faith Formation students wanted to send their love to our Blessed Mother. During their class on October 28th, all classes gathered in St. John's Hall to make a Rosary in honor of Mary. Each class was responsible for assembling one balloon decade of the Rosary as well as a cross and balloons for the Our Father and Glory Be. What team work can produce!!!

As the students gathered in our open area by the pre-school and lifted the Rosary, the wind came up and blew the Rosary into our evergreen trees – but where there is a will – there is a way! Students kept screaming to God to help, and, in his all-knowing and helpful way, God soon helped lift the Rosary up, up, and away. More importantly, our students will remember their prayers and that our God is always there to help us in need.



### You're still on time!



Don't let this Advent pass you by. Slow down and focus on what matters most with BEST ADVENT EVER. Each day, you'll receive an email with short inspirational videos and practical tips for your everyday life and real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey. ALL you have to do is sign up at [BestAdventEver.com](http://BestAdventEver.com)



## Preparing our Hearts and asking for the Grace

**W**e prepare this week by stepping up the longing. We move through this week by naming deeper and more specific desires.



**Each morning this week**, if even for that brief moment at the side of our beds, we want to light a second inner candle. We want to let it represent “a bit more hope.” Perhaps we can pause, breathe deeply and say,

*“Lord, I place my trust in you.”*

**Each day this week**, as we encounter times that are rushed, even crazy, we can take that deep breath, and make that profound prayer. Each time we face some darkness, some experience of “parched land” or desert, some place where we feel “defeated” or “trapped,” we hear the words, “Our God will come to save us!”

The grace we desire for this week is to be able to hear the promise and to invite our God to come into those real places of our lives that dearly need God's coming. We want to be able to say:

*“Lord, I place my trust in your promise. Please, Lord, rouse your power and come into this place in my life, this relationship, into this deep self-defeating pattern. Please come here and save me.”*

**Each night this week** we can look back over the day and give thanks for the moments of deep breath, that opened a space for more trust and confidence in God's fidelity to us. No matter how difficult the challenges we are facing - from the growing realization of our personal sinfulness, to any experience of emptiness or powerlessness, even in the face of death itself - we can give thanks for the two candles that faithfully push back the darkness. And, we can give thanks for the graces given us to believe that “Our God will come to save us” because we were given the courageous faith to desire and ask boldly.

*Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people.  
We await your coming. Come, O Lord.*

*-Taken from Praying Advent, on Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html> Used with permission.*

## Blessing of a Christmas Tree

The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the world. According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing.

In the home the Christmas tree may be blessed by a parent or another family member, in connection with the evening meal on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time on Christmas Day. —USCCB

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply “Amen.”

The leader may greet those present in the following words:

Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever.

**R/. Amen.**

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light. One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Titus 3:4 (lines 4-7) or Ezekiel 17:22 (lines 22-24 4; I will plant a tender shoot on the mountain heights of Israel.)

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**R/. Thanks be to God.**

The intercessions are then said. The leader says:

Let us ask God to send his blessing upon us and upon this sign of our faith in the Lord.

**R/. Lord, give light to our hearts.**

That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on which Christ accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**R/. That the joy of Christmas may always be in our homes, let us pray to the Lord.**

**R/. That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world, let us pray to the Lord.**

**R/. After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.**

The leader says the prayer with hands joined:

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.

We praise you for the light of Israel:

the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:

he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree.

May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.

May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**R/. Amen.**

The lights of the tree are then illuminated.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now and forever.

**R/. Amen.**

The blessing concludes with a verse from “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”:

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

—From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers



### **CHRIST THE KING PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER**

**Advent Day of Prayer  
'For Unto Us A Child Is Born'  
Wednesday, December 12, 2018  
9:30 am – 2:30 pm**

This has been a very difficult year for children around the World. We cannot help but remember the "Word made Flesh" was born to us as a child so all children might be reborn in the Word that reminds them of their dignity, liberates them in difficult times and blesses them at all times. This Advent we remind ourselves in prayer, study, friendship and worship we are all the children of God no matter where we are from or where we live. May we be for one another what Christ is for us.

For more information email:

[retreatctk@passionist.org](mailto:retreatctk@passionist.org) or Call: 916-725-4720 x 301.

Register online at: [www.ChristTheKingRetreatcenter.org](http://www.ChristTheKingRetreatcenter.org)



### **CCC Informational Meeting December 15th at 2:00 pm**

Catholic Charities of California is excited to be hosting walking pilgrimages in

Spain along the Camino de Santiago and in Italy along the Via Francigena, as well as non-walking pilgrimages visiting colonial Catholic churches in Cuba and following in the footsteps of martyrs in Mexico! These pilgrimages will change your life and support the work of Catholic Charities of California. Please join us for an informational meeting at Our Lady of Assumption in Carmichael on **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.** To RSVP for the meeting or for more information, contact CCC at [pilgrim@catholiccharitiesca.org](mailto:pilgrim@catholiccharitiesca.org) or call (916) 706-1539 Ext. 12.

### **2018-2019 Christ the King Passionist Women's Retreat**

Renew your inner life at our parish weekend retreat for women on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 4:30 pm through Sunday, January 13, 2019, ending with lunch.

This year's theme is: **"On the Way with Jesus."**

Enjoy soul renewing talks, quiet surroundings, beautiful, spacious grounds, private rooms, and healthy delicious meals. Reconciliation, counseling and massages are also available.

Take advantage of this retreat house in our neighborhood and give yourself a vacation with God.

Please make reservation soon, as room availability is limited.

For more information, call OLA Coordinator, Patty Calahan at 916-296-8477. For reservations, go to [www.christthekingretreatcenter.org](http://www.christthekingretreatcenter.org) or call 916-725-4720

**Hope for Paradise Gift Card Drive.** The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry invites all youth and young adult groups to participate in our Hope for Paradise Gift Card Drive, benefiting the communities affected by the Camp Fire in Butte County. All groups are encouraged to collect donations of gift cards valued between \$20-\$25 to Target and Walmart, or gas and Visa gift cards. Donations can be mailed in our dropped off at the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 2110 Broadway in Sacramento, or at Trinity Pines Catholic Center in Colfax. Leaders attending the Promise Advent Retreat on December 15th may also bring their donations with them. For any questions, please contact Rochelle Gammad at (916) 733-0123 or at [RGammad@scd.org](mailto:RGammad@scd.org).

**Supporting Students Affected by the Camp Fire in Catholic Schools.** We have open seats in our Catholic elementary schools and high school in the Northern Sacramento Valley, and we would like to make them available to these displaced Paradise students. We will waive tuition for these students for the remainder of the year.

This may be one of the few options they have, as the schools in their hometown have been damaged or destroyed. In addition to these new families, many of our current school families have lost their homes and will also need support as they rebuild. We ask your help in supporting these families. We would be appreciative if you would join us in sponsoring these affected students at our Catholic schools with a donation of any amount.

You can make a donation at: <https://www.scd.org/catholic-foundation/camp-fire-student-fund>

Thank you for your support.

### **Questions of the Week**

**Theme:** We are getting ready to welcome Christ into our hearts.

#### **Breaking Open the Word**

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

#### **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 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?"



# STEWARDSHIP

## OFFERING

### Week of December 2

Weekend Offertory:	\$ 11,376.34
Electronic Giving:	\$ 2,563.33
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 13,939.67</b>

***“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” Philippians 1:9-10***

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

## ***Second Collection December 8th/9th***

This weekend the collection will be for the *Retirement Fund for the Religious*.

Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare. Currently, the average annual cost of care for women and men religious past age 70 is \$43,913 per person. Skilled care can reach more than \$66,000. The total cost of care for senior women and men religious in the United States has exceeded \$1 billion annually for each of the last 10 years.



Please bookmark our link, located at [smile.amazon.com/ch/45-3954215](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-3954215), and support us every time you shop at no additional cost to you. Thank you!

## ***Invitation to Help Carmichael's Homeless “There but for the grace of God go I.”***

At the beginning of the New Year, our parish has the opportunity to help the homeless even more, in a very simple but profound way. Three of our neighbor churches, will each host one of the nine weeks of Winter Sanctuary, with the guidance of Carmichael HART. They need our help. The three churches and the dates that will need help include:

- St. John the Evangelist (5751 Locust Ave.): Wednesday, January 2 from 4:30 pm through Thursday, January 3 at 6:30 a.m.
- American River Community Church (3300 Walnut Avenue): Wednesday, January 16 from 4:30 pm through Thursday, January 17 at 6:30 a.m.
- Crossroads Church (7100 Fair Oaks Boulevard): Wednesday, February 27 from 4:30 pm through Thursday, February 28 at 6:30 a.m.



Each church will host 20-25 guests that have been screened and bussed to their church. **OLA will need a minimum of 18 volunteers to sign up for various shifts, and most especially late night and overnight. We will need volunteers to plan and cook a simple dinner and pack a light breakfast, as the guests leave in the morning.** In addition to the preparation of meals, we will need volunteers to cover the following shifts:

### Each Wednesday

- 4:30pm – 7:30 pm: 5 volunteers for Dinner and Clean Up
- 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm: 4 volunteers for Hospitality and Serving
- 7:30 pm – 11:30 pm: 2 males and 1 female for the Night Shift

### Each Thursday

- 11:30 pm – 6:30 am: 2 males and 1 female for the Overnight Shift
- 5:15 am – 6:30 am: 3 volunteers for Wake-up and Boarding of the Busses

If you are interested in volunteering for one or more shifts, please contact Juan Yñiguez ([jcyniguez@att.net](mailto:jcyniguez@att.net) or 916.207.9512). This is also a good opportunity for our parish ministries to volunteer as groups. Teens are welcome to participate, but they must be accompanied by their parent or guardian. Please feel free to learn more about Carmichael HART at <https://carmichaelhart.org>. Thank you!!!

## ***Christmas Eve Choir Opportunity for Adults***

Do you love to sing but just aren't able to commit to participating in music ministry on a regular basis? If so, we have a special opportunity for you! We are inviting all interested parishioners to participate in the choir for the 6:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass. This Mass has become very well attended over the years, and we would like to have a large choir for this special and beautiful liturgy. Arrival time in the church will be 5:15 pm that evening.

Once you sign up, you will receive music and audio recordings to practice with ahead of time. There will also be two evening rehearsals on Wednesday, December 12th and Wednesday, December 19th, from 7-8:30 pm in the church. Please contact our Music Director, Casey Oliver, with any questions or to sign up at 481-5115 or [worship@olaparish.net](mailto:worship@olaparish.net). Thank you so much!



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