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Sunday, December 10, 2023 Bulletin for the Second Sunday of Advent

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



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

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.

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 pm.

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

Please visit our website and subscribe to Flocknote for more information about our parish, ministries, and upcoming events.

<u>www.olaparish.net</u>



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Deacon Paul Friedrich deaconpaul@olaparish.net

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

<u>OLA PARISH SCHOOL</u> PRESCHOOL - EIGHTH GRADE (916) 489-8958

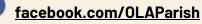
School Website: school.olaparish.net Principal: Robert Love

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.

You are invited to follow OLA Parish on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube!



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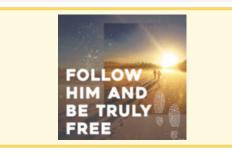
GOSPEL MEDITATION

Second Sunday of Advent

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side – by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives – however it comes – we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus – not the Roman emperor - is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors. -Father John Muir ©LPi



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

Mary Baeza

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.



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 <u>parish@olaparish.net</u>. Thank you. Lisa Coffman Theda Lord Tomasa Washington Ryan Daniels Donna Blaschke (wife) Donna Blaschke (mother) Alice Mayer Govaars (baby) Rachel Carrasco Robert De Anda Yolanda De Anda Esther Paulos Cheryl Jones Jonathan Whitfield Wesley Villariza Jim Walters Charlie Wetherall Tom DeAnda Lawrence Wilhelm Camille Peter

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

	OLA Communication	ons
	BULLETIN WEEKEND DATES	ARTICLE DUE
DEADLINES	Dec 23-Dec 24	Dec 11
	Dec 30-Dec 31	Dec 18
	Jan 6-Jan 7	Dec 29

If you have an event to promote or news to share, please fill out the Communications Request Form on our parish website at <u>https://</u> <u>olaparish.net/communications-</u> <u>committee</u>. 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.

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Principal: Robert Love Vice Principal: Hellen Brassfield Admissions: Elisabeth Gustorf advancement@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 December 10, 2023

Sunday:	2 nd Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Damasus I, Pope
Tuesday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday:	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday:	St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	
Saturday:	
Next Sunday:	$3^{\mathrm{rd}}SundayofAdvent$ – Guadete (Rejoice) Sunday
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Weekly Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DEC 9 5:00 PM † Kevin Malone Sr. (birthday) by Judith Malone and family † Shane Barnes by the Gilles family

SUNDAY, DEC 10

7:30 AM † Shane Barnes

by the Ross family

9:00 AM † Gary Razo † Carlos Bickel

by the Razo family

11:00 AM (Sp) Paulina Carbon (birthday) by the Carbon and Leighton -Armah families

7:30 PM All Parishioners (Missa Pro Populo)

MONDAY, DEC 11

8:00 AM (Sp) Joan Cotton and family by Deacon Paul and Sharon

TUESDAY, DEC 12

8:00 AM †† Amelia and Juan San Miguel † Bill Portillo by Ernest and Linda Portillo

WEDNESDAY, DEC 13

8:00 AM (Sp) Tateishi family by Deacon Paul and Sharon

THURSDAY, DEC 14

8:00 AM (Sp) John DeSouza (healing) by Virginia DeSouza

FRIDAY, DEC 15 8:00 AM † Margaret Mook by Mook family

SATURDAY, DEC 16

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5:00 PM † Robert Johnson by Mary Cummins

> † Shane Barnes by the Gilles family



JOIN OUR OLA COMMUNITY

Are you attending Mass regularly at Our Lady of the Assumption Church but not registered? Register today as a parishioner! Go online to <u>https://olaparish.net/community/register-us</u> 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 12/3/23 E-Giving 11/27/23 to 12/3/23 **Total:** \$10,864.00 \$6,784.03 **\$17,648.03**



We 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 from the comfort of your home. To enroll please follow these simple steps:

Go to **https://olaparish.net** and 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 donate.

Current WeShare customers with questions about their account can access customer support.

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

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

CASH + CHECK

Checks payable to Our Lady of the Assumption Parish *or* Our Lady of the Assumption School

ONLINE

Please visit https://olaparish.net/contribute

or scan our QR Code.



STOCK or PLANNED GIFTS

Please contact Elisabeth Gustorf, Advancement Director, at <u>advancement@olaparish.net</u> 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

<u>Sunday, Dec 10</u>

Masses: 7:30 am - 9:00 am -11:00 am - 7:30 pm

8:00 am – 11:30 am Santa's Breakfast – Affinito Hall 10:15 am Faith Formation – Bannon Hall & St. John's Hall 12:00 pm Baptisms – Church

<u>Monday, Dec 11</u>

8:00 am Mass 10:00 am Women's Book Club – Affinito Hall Rm. 3 6:15 pm Advent Contemplative Prayer and Penance Service – Church 7:00 pm Gabriel Project – Affinito Hall Rm. 3

<u>Tuesday, Dec 12</u>

8:00 am Mass 8:30 am - 7:00 pm Adoration in the Church 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus - St. John's Hall

<u>Wednesday, Dec 13</u>

8:00 am Mass 6:00 pm Catholics in Recovery – St. Anne's Rm. 6:30 pm RCIA – Affinito Hall Rm. 3 7:00 pm Jesuit Christmas Choral Concert – Church

Support elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests through this weekend's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Donate online: <u>https://www.scd.org/retiredreligious</u>



Sign up for our parish Flocknote emails and Flocknote Engage educational resources at <u>https://olaparish.flocknote.com/</u>, or by scanning the QR code. If you have any questions about Flocknote, or if you need help accessing the Flocknote Engage educational resources, please contact Casey Oliver at worship@olaparish.net.

Thursday, Dec 14

8:00 am Mass 8:30 am - 7:00 pm Adoration in the Church 10:00 am Giving Tree Gift Wrapping - St. John's Hall 4:00 pm PAL Basketball -Affinito Hall 6:30 pm Rosary in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament - Church 7:00 pm Living the Word -

Affinito Hall Rm. 3 Friday, Dec 15

8:00 am Mass 10:30 am Mary Baeza Funeral Rosary – Church 11:00 am Mary Baeza Funeral Mass – Church 12:00 pm Funeral Reception – St. John's Hall

<u>Saturday, Dec 16</u>

1:00 pm Funeral Mass for Ken Adamson - Church 3:30 pm Confessions -Church 5:00 pm vigil Mass

PARISH AND SCHOOL NEWS

Youth Christmas Choir and Ensemble

We need singers and instrumentalists for the OLA Youth Christmas Eve Choir and Ensemble at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (3:00 pm arrival time). Open to youth in grades K-12.

There will be one in-person rehearsal: Wednesday evening, December 20th, at 6:00 p.m. Sheet music and a preparation video will also be provided.

Please join us! If your child would like to participate, please confirm his/her participation via email: Casey Oliver, Worship Director, at <u>worship@olaparish.net</u>. Thank you!

Santa's Breakfast is this weekend!





It's not too late to support the OLA Giving Tree program!

Thank you to all who have sponsored a family for the OLA Giving Tree and to those who have purchased gift cards!

If you would still like to help, you may do so by taking a gift card tag from the Giving Tree that is set up inside the church. Take a tag, purchase a gift card from either Walmart or Target in any denomination, write the amount on the gift card, and bring the gift card to the parish office. The gift cards will be used to either help shop for the families or to supplement the gifts the families receive.



ALL gifts and gift cards are due back this Monday, December 11th.

Please email Casey Oliver at <u>worship@olaparish.net</u> or Peggy Stradford at <u>peggystradford@icloud.com</u> if you have any questions.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

PERT Club December Notice

There will no December PERT Club meeting. Or next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16th.

Have a blessed Christmas, and see you in January!

"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

Adoration

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



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

We are in need of a regularly scheduled Adorer Thursdays from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

To sign up for an Adoration time slot, please contact Don Thamer at 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, we host prayer services twice a month in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Each month we pray the rosary and have a Lectio Divina and Taizé Prayer service. Both services are livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person. All are welcome to attend.

<u>Upcoming OLA Live Events</u> Monday, December 11 at 6:15 p.m.

Advent Contemplative Prayer and Penance Service

Thursday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Join us in prayer inside the church or online! <u>https://olaparish.net/ola-live</u>

OLA Meditation Group

This group gathers weekly on Monday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. either via Zoom or in the church and follows guided meditations to help participants grow in relationship with Christ. Contact Fran Rider via email at <u>bilrider2808@sbcglobal.net</u> for more information.



Living the Word Scripture Study

All are welcome to join us for the Living the Word Scripture Study program 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.

Advent Contemplative Prayer and Penance Service

Join us at OLA for prayer and worship during Advent!

Monday, December 11, 2023

Advent Contemplative Prayer at 6:15 p.m. and Advent Penance Service at 6:30 p.m.

Several priests will be present to hear confessions, and there will be live Advent instrumental music.

All are welcome to attend this prayerful event to help us prepare our hearts for Christmas.





Families needed to light the Advent wreath candles for the Sunday Masses during Advent.

During each Sunday of Advent, we would like to invite families to light the Advent wreath candles at all of the weekend Masses.

If your family is interested in participating, please email Casey Oliver at <u>worship@olaparish.net</u> and we will assign you.

Thank you for your participation!



Faith Enrichment and Formation Resources from Flocknote Engage

Did you know that our parish has Flocknote Engage, which includes <u>free</u> and complete access to Bishop Barron's Word on Fire ENGAGE video library and study programs? All that is required is a Flocknote account. If you do not have a Flocknote account, sign up for free at <u>https://app.flocknote.com/olaparish/</u>.

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 complete Catholicism series and multiple 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 <u>worship@olaparish.net</u>.

COMMUNITY



St. Vincent de Paul Society -OLA Conference

Thank you for your continued support!

Your generosity makes a tremendous difference within our parish boundaries. For the month of November, SVdP served a total of <u>418 families</u>. Within those 418 families, a total of <u>1,442 clients</u> received food.

We need pasta, canned corn, canned green beans, spaghetti sauce, and macaroni and cheese for the Food Locker. We also need grocery bags, especially paper bags. Drop donations off 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. For more information, please call (916) 481-6352.

Interested in volunteering for SVdP? We need people to answer phone calls and help clients by phone, and we also need a Russian interpreter on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Call (916) 481-6352 and leave a message, or email SVdP president Marylee Johnson at <u>jmjohn@surewest.net</u>.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is available to those who need financial assistance to pay their home energy bills. To find out if you qualify, call the toll-free hotline at 866-674-6327 or visit <u>https://liheapch.acf.hhs.gov/search-tool/</u>.



Weekly Meetings at OLA

Join Catholic in Recovery at OLA on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in St. Anne's Room. 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.

For more information, please visit our website <u>www.catholicinrecovery.com</u>, or contact Bill B. at <u>bbefort@bellsouth.net</u> or at (561)827-0624.

Hats for the Homeless Update

Hats, hats and more hats!!! The weather is getting cold, and the distribution has begun! So far the Super Fritz Fund for the UC Davis Pediatric Cancer Center has received 75 hats. The OLA Giving Tree this year has 75 families signed up (176 adults and 148 children ages 1-17) and will get 100+ hats. The Carmichael HART program that occurs every Saturday at Carmichael Presbyterian Church has received 50 hats and will be kept stocked as the homeless come weekly for a hot meal, warm clothing, free haircuts, clean clothes, and wellness checks by student nurses under supervision of an RN instructor (blood pressure, blood sugar checks, skin checks). God's Bounty at St. Ignatius has received hats as well as Mercy Pedalers, just to name a few of the causes that the hats will support.

Boxes for hats are in the back of church. Drop off homemade hats or ready-made store-bought hats. They are collected weekly. We need 2,000 hats to get through the winter. Thank you for your generosity and support.

> Vocare - Who Are You Called To Be? Young Adult Discernment Retreat

February 23 & 24, 2024 - Please join the Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations to the upcoming young adult discernment retreat for men and women ages 18 to 35. Young adults will have the opportunity to reflect and ponder on their vocation, gain tools for discernment and prayer as they meet with religious women and men to discern their vocation whether it be religious life or priesthood. **Registration is now open!** <u>https://scd.formstack.com/forms/vocare_retreat</u>



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