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Sunday, December 12 2021 3rd, 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

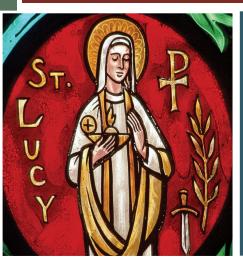
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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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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 12, 2021 **3rd Sunday of Advent**

"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts.

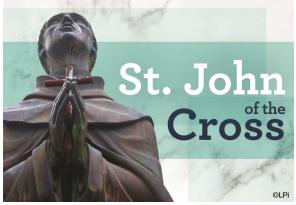
PRAY FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

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**

When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within.



God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

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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**

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Stewards Rejoice Always

3rd Sunday of Advent

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

https://camdendiocese.org/stewardship

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Advent

John baptized with water, but the Messiah will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

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: Why is it so important to keep promises which you have made?

Question for Youth: What do you remember from stories about your Baptism? What does your Baptism mean to you now?

Question for Adults: How can you live the promise of your Baptism each day?

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, DEC 11 Saint Damasus I, Pope 5:00PM + Ashleigh Novis by Dean and Gloria Carmazzi SUNDAY, DEC 12 Third Sunday of Advent 7:30 AM + Santiago Pille Valerio **Bartola Sanchez** 9:00 AM + + Dale & Arlene Fuller by Portillo Family 11:00 AM ⁺ Jaime Jose De La Vega by De La Vega Family 7:30 PM + Quintero & Peña Family by Laura Peña **MONDAY, DEC 13** Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr. 8:00AM + Ann Neuhaus by Erick Neuhaus **TUESDAY, DEC 14** Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church 8:00AM + Kevin Malone by Judith Malone WEDNESDAY, DEC 15 8:00AM † Michael McKenzie by Robin & Mary Meriano **THURSDAY, DEC 16** 8:00AM + Linda Lang by Plog Family FRIDAY, DEC 17 8:00AM + Joanne Kelley by Patty Read SATURDAY, DEC 18 5:00PM **†** Robert johnson by Cummins Family **†** Donald John Marsau by Jo - Ann Marsau

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	12/05/21	\$ 12,703.00
E-Giving 11/29/21 to	12/05/21	\$ 4,723.92
Total		\$ 17,426.92

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.



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



PARISH CALENDAR

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 Meeting—Troop 328—St. 103 - Affinito Hall Meeting John's Hall. Room 3 1:00pm Wedding

3:30pm Baptism

Tuesday, Dec 14

8:00am Mass the Church

3:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting - St. John's Hall.

6:30pm Webelos - Pack 225 - Affinito Hall Meeting Room 3 7:00pm Baptism Prepara-

tion - English -St. Paul Room.

Thursday, Dec 16

8:00am Mass

the Church

Friday, Dec 17 8:00 am Mass

8:30-7:00pm Adoration in 5:00 pm Youth Ministry 8th Graders - Bannon Hall

5:30pm Cub Scout (Webelos) - Bannon Hall

Saturday, Dec 18 5:00pm Mass 7:30 pm Neocatechists - St. John's Hall

Sunday, Dec 19

7:30am-9:00am-11:00am & 7:30pm Mass 10:15am Faith Formation Classes—School 10:30pm Flame Meeting - St. Paul's Room

Monday, Dec 13 8:00am Mass 2:30pm Girl Scout Meetings -St. John's Hall 4:00pm Meditation Group-Church 4:30pm Marriage Prep - Deacon Paul - Parish Office 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:15pm Gabriel Project Meeting

Wednesday, Dec 15

8:00am Mass

8:30-7:00pm Adoration in 2:15pm School Music Practice—Church

> 7:00pm RCIA—Affinito Hall -Meeting Room 3

~ OLA's ~

Coffee & Donuts with

Santa



Sunday, December 12th

From 8:00am to 11am

Photos with Santa will be offered

The Shoppe will be open for the children

Coffee and Donuts will be location in the breezeway between church and Affinito Hall. The Shoppe, Santa, and Martha & Mary's baked goods will be inside Affinito Hall

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Virtue of Trustworthiness is being worthy of trust. People can count on you to do your best, to keep your word, and to follow

through on your commitments. You do what you say you will do. Trustworthiness is a key to success in anything you do.



DEADLINES

SCHOOL & NEWS



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.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH DECEMBER 5TH, 12TH, 19TH

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

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

at vouth@olaparish.net



OLA STUDENT COUNCIL 2021-2022

Join the NATIONWIDE DISCUSSION, or just listen to questions & answers to some great insider tips & information

Early Preparation is key!

Set yourself up for success in the future!

College Requirements? * STAND OUT ABOVE THE REST! SAY NO to Students & Families stressed out for months with College Prep!

EVERYONE IN OUR SCHOOL IS INVITED! All Students and Teachers! ALL 8TH GRADE STUDENTS WILL BE EMAILED THE LINK TO REGISTER! For non-8th Grade Students and Teachers, Please sign-up to get your email link to REGISTER.

BULLETIN WEEKEND DATES	ARTICLE DUE
Dec 18-Dec 19	Dec 10
Dec 25-Dec 26	Dec 17
Jan 02 -Jan 03	Dec 24

MARTHA & MARY DONATIONS

The Ladies of the Martha and Mary Ministry will be having their annual Bake Sale and Craft Sale during this year's Breakfast with Santa.





They are asking for donations of baked goods (which must be nutfree) from parishioners. Donations should be dropped off at Affinito Hall on Saturday, De-

cember 11th, between 9 and 12:00 noon. Thank you for your generous support of their ministry

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Well That Never Dries Up

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. "Rejoice always," he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you're really feeling this vibe. But if you've got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. "Rejoice always? Always? When I'm tired? Cranky? When I'm sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I'll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow's morning commute."

When we feel this way, we know it's time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God's strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It's water you can keep coming back to. It's water that never dries up.

Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to 'rejoice always.' To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties.

The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It's a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

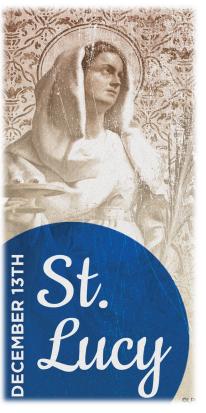
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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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Shout for joy! When was the last time you ever felt like doing that? Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of joy. We can never predict what life will bring. As unsettling as that can often seem, life's unpredictability is also the very thing that allows it to be exciting and adventuresome! We know that life can be difficult, and it is unrealistic to expect it to be otherwise. God never promised an easy road. But, when a person truly falls in love with God and discovers the peacefulness and assurance of God's presence, then a depth of understanding will be brought to everything they do and experience. Nothing will be able to rob them of joy! When we realize that

God, the King of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's gift of joy today as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. There is a power and presence within us, our God, who has made us, who loves us and who will keep us. What more do we need? Rejoice!



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Let us all pray for Nancy J. Kehoe Joyce Heintz 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.





SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2021

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

- Coffee and Donuts with Santa

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

-A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens: (school Christmas play) in Affinito Hall at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 14: Adoration in the church 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 14: A Night of Carols at 7:00 pm outside at OLA School

Thursday, December 16: Adoration in the church 8:30 am - 7:00 pm.

Sunday, December 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent (usual Mass schedule)

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

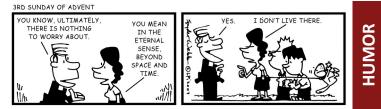
Catholic Appeal "Report of Gratitude." See how, together as Catholics, parishioners have allowed 18 Northern California charities to provide instant and meaningful response to men, women and families in need.

"Thank You"

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.



COMMUNITY

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



Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

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



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.





2020/2021 Annual Parish Financial Report

20-21	21-22
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Dear	Brothers	and	Sisters	in	Christ,
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I want to thank you, on behalf of our Parish Community, for all you offer in time, talent, and treasure to continue to proclaim and build the Kingdom of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here we offer you the financial report that was submitted to Bishop Soto for this past fiscal year. This report was prepared by our bookkeeper, Stacy Gunn, and our Finance Council Chair, Joe Selewicz and it was reviewed by the whole finance council: Carmy Baca, Fernando Vellanoweth, Wesley Carson, Ann Reuter, and Peter Tateichi.

Thank you, Tom Nelson, for presenting to our parishioners. I really thank them for their work and willingness to serve on the finance council which makes sure that we are transparent with our finances. I also want to thank the parish council, staff, and ministries that serve our Lord Jesus Christ and you, His Holy People.

I also thank all who volunteer in any ministry which enables us to save thousands of dollars and to continue the Saving work of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Eduino Silveira

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Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
501 · Offertory Collections	\$688,845.54	\$702,000.00
502 · Sacramental Services	\$10,625.00	\$11,500.00
525 · Parish Facilities Donations	\$0.00	\$3,250.00
530 · Religious Articles & Books	\$1,444.89	\$3,300.00
535 · Donations & Unrestricted Gifts	\$11,988.94	\$5,000.00
545 · Charitable Donations	\$24,423.43	\$10,000.00
550 · Religious Education	\$4,507.00	\$7,570.00
555 Parish Programs	\$7,285.00	\$14,482.00
569 · Other Receipts	\$30,718.07	\$4,500.00
Total Income	\$779,837.87	\$761,602.00
Gross Profit	\$779,837.87	\$761,602.00
Expense		
601 · Salaries & Wages	\$242,091.11	\$245,220.00
602 · Payroll Taxes	\$12,477.38	\$15,021.00
603 · Employee Benefits	\$71,101.45	\$70,946.00
605 · Auto	\$3,204.20	\$2,700.00
610 · Church Expenses	\$30,846.55	\$33,250.00
615 · Rectory	\$14,591.19	\$12,500.00
620 · Hall	\$1,226.71	\$2,500.00
625 · Office	\$75,491.83	\$31,300.00
626 · Plant Utilities	\$58,547.31	\$60,000.00
628 · Grounds Repair & Maintenance	\$70,892.47	\$41,000.00
630 · Religious Books		
635 · Property & Liability Insurance	\$33,737.10	\$40,660.00
640 · Property Taxes	\$282.62	\$285.00
645 · Charitable Distribution	\$15,712.83	\$4,300.00
650 · Religious Education	\$6,236.26	\$9,453.00
655 · Parish Programs	\$2,070.05	\$50,443.00
660 · School Subsidy	\$740.00	\$1,500.00
669 · Other Expenditures	\$2,759.13	\$4,550.00
680 · Diocesan Assessment	\$122,996.00	\$111,000.00
69800 · Uncategorized Expenses		
Total Expense	\$765,004.19	\$736,628.00
Net Ordinary Income Other Income	\$14,833.68	\$24,974.00
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520.20 · Savings Interest	\$2,199.92	
540.01 · PPP Loan forgiveness Total Other Income	\$74,400.00 \$76,599.92	
Other Expense	\$70,399.92	
682 · Capital Fund Drive	\$17.662.66	\$12,000,00
686 - Capital Expenditures	\$17,662.66 \$42,270.56	\$12,000.00
Total Other Expense	\$59,933.22	\$42,957.00
Net Other Income	\$16,666.70	-\$54,957.00
et Income	\$31,500.38	-\$29,983.00

