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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

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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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 13, 2020
3rd Sunday of Advent

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.

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**GOD IS
THE JOY OF
MY SOUL**

**WEEKLY
Reading**

Sunday Dec 13: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday Dec 14: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday Dec 15: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday Dec 16: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday Dec 17: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Friday Dec 18: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Saturday Dec 19: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Sunday Dec 20: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00PM † † Dale and Arlene Fuller
by Portillo Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00AM †Don Martin
by Jeanette mArtin
†Frank McNamara
by Toni & Siobhan Riehl
11:00AM † John Gougeon
by Marie G Mauer

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00AM Georgia Kilkenny (Healing)
by Peter Kilkenny

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00AM Georgia Kilkenny (Healing)
by Margaret Mongeau

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00AM †Rick Seiler
by Pat DeBruyn

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00AM †Carl Di Capo
by Pat & Jerry Laumer

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00AM †Doris Desmond
by Friends of Biller Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:00PM † † Fred & Lizz Baca
by Baca Family

*Mass
Intentions*



Lord, Hear Our Prayer

STEWARDSHIP

THANK YOU

FOR THESE GIFTS WE ARE GRATEFUL!

Weekend Offertory 12/06/20	\$ 18,245.00
E-Giving from 11/30/20 to 12/06/20	\$ 3,643.04
Total	\$ 21,888.04

Average Weekly Budget Amount	\$12,000.00
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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!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS.

A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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REJOICE ALWAYS

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Weekend Dates	Article DUE
Dec 19-Dec 20	December 11
Dec 26—Dec 27	December 14
Jan 02—Jan 03	December 21

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.

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 - 6:45 pm Live Stream Advent Contemplative Prayer and Penance Service

Monday, December 21 - 7:00 pm Live Stream Rosary (Joyful Mysteries)



OLA IS LOOKING TO BORROW PATIO HEATERS

Due to COVID there is a real shortage of patio heaters because restaurants purchasing for outdoor seating. **OLA is looking to borrow 6 patio heaters** for the Christmas season.

Specs as follow: Must be safe, and in good operating condition, 40-50K BTU capacity, need one preferably two 20 lbs. LP tank, Heater should stand 80 inches min. Must have name and phone number on both heater and tanks.

Please, deliver to church by Dec. 12th, if possible. We would also like volunteers to pick up heaters, for those who are not able to deliver.

Please contact John Blaschke 916-471-9650 to coordinate.



Pregnant? Worried? Need Help?

Call (800) 910-0191

Updated regular Mass Times and Locations

8:00 am daily Masses

(Monday-Friday and first Saturday) will be located inside of the church with limited outdoor seating available in front of the church under the portico. Indoor seating is not permitted at this time.



The Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 9:00 am, and Sunday 11:00 am Masses

Will be live streamed inside of the church with limited outdoor seating available in front of the church under the portico. Indoor seating is not permitted at this time.

The Masses will also be available to view throughout the weekend on our website, YouTube channel, and Facebook page.

Communion

Will be distributed outdoors in front of the church up to 45 minutes after each Mass.

The Sunday 7:30 pm Mass is cancelled at this time.

Communion will be distributed in front of the church from 7:30 - 8:30 pm on Sunday evenings.

PUZZLES

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

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KIDS CORNER



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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YOUTH MINISTRY



Camp Pendola December Zoom Hangout

Join us for our FREE monthly opportunity for campers to gather, catch up with each other, and create a seasonal craft and play a game over Zoom.



For December Miss Katella will be leading our hangout and we will be making Paper Snowmen, Snowflakes and playing Charades

TUESDAY, DEC. 15TH AT 4PM

RSVP AT [WWW.PENDOLA.ORG](https://www.pendola.org)

ADVENT MISSION

**ST BASIL THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH
DECEMBER 14TH - 16TH, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

"Waiting in Hope: Patience, Prayer, and Perseverance"



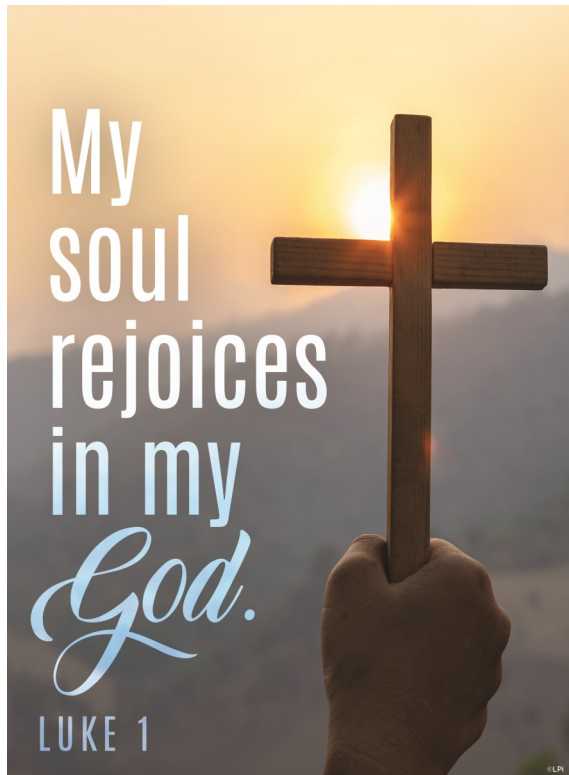
Fr. Bart Landry, CSP

Fr. Bart Landry, CSP will present St. Basil's Advent mission.

The mission includes Mass and will be held nightly at 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm beginning Monday, Dec 14th through Wednesday, Dec. 16th.

The Advent mission will be live-streamed to St. Basil's [YouTube channel](#), [Facebook page](#), and can be viewed on St. Basil's website stbasilvallejo.org/at-table-of-plenty.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Lent calls us to conversion.

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: God wants your faith to result in good living. What steps can you take during Lent to make sure that happens?

Question for Youth: What needs changing in your life right now? How will you invite God into that change?

Question for Adults: What steps are you taking this Lent to make sure that your faith bears fruit in good works?

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.

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ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS—DECEMBER 14



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The following diocesan and county guidelines are still in place:

- * Seating is outdoors only. Limited outdoor seating is available in front of the church under the portico.
- * Face masks are required for those ages 2 and older unless you have a medical exemption. We will provide a face mask for you if you need one.

We will continue to collect information for contact tracing purposes.

- * Use hand sanitizer. You are also encouraged to bring personal hand sanitizer with you.
- * Maintain physical distancing of at least six feet when seated and when in line to receive communion. Families may sit together.

The congregation is asked to not sing or chant during the Mass.

Wear your face mask and maintain physical distancing.

If you are sick or feel unwell, please stay home.

Thank you for following the diocesan and county guidelines, which allow us to have the public celebration of the Mass.



Special Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious to be taken of December 12/13

Make a difference. "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

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Shirley Ward	Daniel Armstrong
Mary Silva	George Peres
Gloria Plog	Gutierrez Family
J. Richard Heintz	

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



LIVE STREAM ADVENT CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER AND PENANCE SERVICE

We will have a live streamed Advent Contemplative Prayer and Penance Service on Thursday, December 17th.

Contemplative Prayer and Taize music will begin at 6:45pm, and the Penance Service will begin afterwards at approximately 7:00 pm.

We encourage everyone to view the service from home, and limited outdoor seating will also be available. After the service, there will be the opportunity for confession until 8:00 pm.

On Friday, December 18th, Fr. Eduino will also be available for confessions from 9:00-9:30 am, 2:00-2:30 pm, and from 5:30-6:00 pm. These confessions will take place with all the safety measures. We will be informing you later on.

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