WELCOME to OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH!

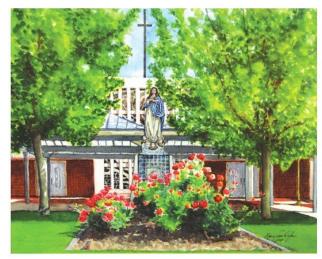
Thank you for joining us today. We welcome you to our faith family and look forward to growing in faith and friendship with you. If you are interested in formally joining our parish community and/or the Catholic Faith, you can do so on-line or by coming in to the parish office. If you are returning to 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

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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 <u>Holy Days:</u> 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

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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 THEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES: Ask Usher

OUR LADY of the ASSUMPTION WE WELCOME YOU HOME



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church 5:00pm Tom Stacy † Litchfield/Stacy Families **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15** *3rd Sunday of Advent* 8:00am Karen Luthringer Messner Family 9:30am Judy Baca (Healing) Henry & Barbara Reves 11:00am Justin Hall † Parulan Family 7:30pm OLA Parishioners **MONDAY, DECEMBER 16** Henry & Barbara 8:00am Joan Cotton (Healing) Reyes **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17** Juan San Miguel (Sp. Int.) 8:00am Portillo Family WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 8:00am Juan San Miguel (Sp. Int.) Portillo Family THURSDAY, DECĔMBER 19 8:00am Souls in Purgatory † Anonymous FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr 8:00am Fr. John Grace † Parish **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21** 5:00pm Lizz & Fred Baca †† **Baca Family**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; PS 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27 **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17** Gn 49:2, 8-10; PS 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17 **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18** Jer 23:5-8; PS 72:1-2; 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25 **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; PS 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25 **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20** Is 7:10-14; PS 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-28 **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21** Sg 2:8-14; PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45 **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22** Is 7:10-14; PS 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 9:30am Earle Travis Funeral, Church 10:30am Legion of Mary Curia Mtg., St. John's Hall SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 7:30am Santa's Breakfast, Parish Hall 11:00am Parish Mass (FF 3-6th), Church 2:00pm Christmas Play Practice, Church **MONDAY, DECEMBER 16** 8:00am Advent Giving Tree, St. John's Hall 8:45am School Play Rehearsal, Church 3:00pm OLA Bball Practice, Parish Hall 4:00pm Christian Meditation, Church 6:30pm Pastoral Council, St. Paul's Room 6:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 328, St. John's Hall **TUÉSDAY, DECEMBER 17** 8:00am Advent Giving Tree, St. John's Hall 8:45am School Play Rehearsal, Church 3:00pm OLA Bball Practice, Parish Hall 3:10pm Young Rembrandt's, St. Paul's Room 7:00pm Christmas Pageant, Church 6:00pm RCIA Adapted for Teens, St. John Paul II Rm 6:30pm OLA Preschool Meeting, St. John's Hall 7:00pm Baptism Prep, St. Paul's Room 7:00pm Baptism Prep, St. Anne's Room WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 8:45am Legion of Mary Meeting, St. Paul's Room 9:30am Christmas Pageant, Church 3:00pm Country Fair Chairs Mtg., St. Paul's Room 3:00pm OLA Bball Practice, Parish Hall 6:00pm Youth Music Ministry, Church 7:00pm Adult Music Ministry, Church 7:00pm RCIA, St. John Paul II Room **THÚRSDAY, DECEMBER 19** 3:00pm OLA Bball Practice, Parish Hall 6:00pm Cub Scout Pack 228 Meeting, St. John's Hall 7:00pm Advent Penance Service, Church **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20** 3:00pm ÓLA Bball Practice, Parish Hall **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21** 8:00am OLA Bball, Parish Hall 5:00pm Olive Wood Sales, Portico





OUR PARISH

Rejoice with joyful songs



This Sunday, which is called Joy Sunday, calls us to rejoice with joyful songs. The Prophet Isaiah invites us to rejoice because Our God comes to save us. St James calls us to rejoice in loving one another as we await patiently for the coming of the Lord. In the Gospel Jesus tells John's disciples about the things that are happening that are signs that Jesus is the One sent by the Father to save us. The healings that Jesus is performing and the preaching of the Gospel to the poor call us to rejoice in Jesus Christ.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



Taize Prayer & Penance Service Thursday, December 19th

Meditative Advent music & Taizé prayer - 6:30 pm. Penance Service – 7:00 pm

Confessing your sins is one of the best ways to prepare yourself spiritually for Christmas.

Individual Confession at OLA:

Saturday, December 14th beginning at 3:30pm Saturday, December 21 beginning at 3:30pm Please call 481-5115 if you wish to schedule a personal confession.

CHRISTMAS MASSES SCHEDULE

The Nativity of the Lord

Since many people come home for Christmas and join us, Masses are likely to be crowded. You may wish to plan to come early. There will be half an hour of music before EVERY Mass.

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, Dec. 24th 4:00pm Family Mass 6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass 12:00am Midnight Mass Children of the parish will celebrate the Christmas Pageant at the 4:00 Mass only.

Christmas Day - Wednesday, Dec. 25th 9:00am Morning Mass 11:00am Daytime Mass

Octave of Christmas Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God ***Holy Day of Obligation*** Tuesday, January 1st: 10:00 am

Living the Word Update

Living the Word will be cancelled for the following dates: December 19, December 26, and January 2.

Our meetings will resume Thursday, January 9.

OUR MINISTRIES



31st Annual OLA Giving Tree

This weekend we sort the beautiful gifts and prepare them for distribution to the families in need. Please remember to bring in your wrapped gift by <u>NOON</u> <u>ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH.</u> Thank you warmly for your generosity. You are sharing Christmas joy and hope with those in need. Problems? Call Christine 916-761 4939, Beth 916-487 2374, or MaryCaye 916-481-7484.

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 5:20 pm that evening. Once you sign up, you will receive music and audio recordings to practice with ahead of time. There will also be three evening rehearsals on Wednesday, December 11th; Wednesday, December 18th; and Monday, December 23rd from 6:30-8:00 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. Thank you so much!



Tuesday, December 17th St. John the Evangelist, 7:00pm Wednesday, December 18th St. Ignatius: 10:00am, 7:00pm Friday, December 20th Our Lady of Lourdes: 7:00pm

SCHOOL & YOUTH MINISTRY



December 17th at 7:00pm December 18th at 9:30am

Join us at one of two performances of our annual school Christmas Program. Our Preschool -Eighth Grade students, our Music teacher, Ms. Cibotar and all the teachers have been working very hard on this memorable event!

Upcoming Events

8TH ANNUAL OLA CRAB FEED BENEFITTING THE 8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP

When:Saturday, February 22nd, 2020Where:OLA Parish HallTime:6:30 pm (doors open at 5:00pm)



DID YOU KNOW?

Feast of the Immaculate Conception and Liturgical Year (Continued) By Shannon Langer

This is also why the Sundays don't count in the 40 days of Lent. Sundays are dedicated to Our Lord and, as such, serve as the major celebration. We truly celebrate his suffering, death, and resurrection every Sunday of the year.

The Sunday readings are in a different cycle of readings from the weekday readings. The weekday readings cover Monday through Saturday (not the Vigil Mass) and are on a two-year cycle (Year 1 and Year 2). The Sunday readings are on a three-year cycle with a different Gospel writer each year (Year A Matthew, Year B Mark, Year C Luke). John's Gospel has distinctive tones of baptism in it and is used during Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter.

With the Solemnity of Christ the Lord, King of the Universe on November 24th (which is the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year before the upcoming Advent), we will conclude Year C of the cycle. December 1st, the 1st Sunday of Advent, starts us at Year A with the new Liturgical Year. Our colors in the Church also change to a deep purple. We are in waiting.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Ministry Update

Thank you to the 8th graders who joined us for Youth Group last Sunday! Our Sunday meetings will resume in January.

On Monday, December 16th, all high school teens are welcome to join us for a bowling outing at Country Club Lanes (Watt and El Camino) at 7pm. **On Thursday, December 19th**, we will be meeting for dinner at El Forestero (Fair Oaks and Walnut) at 5:15 pm. After dinner, we will go to the church and attend Taize Prayer at 6:30 followed by the Penance Service at 7:00. Please join us for this evening of fellowship, prayer, and confession.

YOUTH CHOIR & ENSEMBLE

Youth Ministry Choir and Ensemble

OLA Youth Ministry Choir and Ensemble serves weekly at the 11:00 Sunday Mass plus at other events as scheduled. Rehearsals are every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Open to students grades 5-12. Arrangements can be made for scheduled absences for individual or seasonal activities, but students have the opportunity to serve weekly as they are available year-round. All ability levels are welcome. This is an instructional program designed to help motivated and enthusiastic young people grow in both musical ability and in faith. Participants learn about the various liturgical seasons, the structure and sequence of the Mass, liturgical participation and leadership, and basic vocal technique and musicianship. Questions? Please email Casey Oliver, Music Director, at worship@olaparish.net. Thank you!

OLA Youth Christmas Eve Choir

We need singers for the OLA Youth Christmas Eve Choir. This choir will join the OLA Youth Christmas Eve 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 grades K-12. There will be three rehearsals: Wednesday, 12/11, 5:00-6:30 pm; Wednesday, 12/18, 5:00-6:30 pm, and Monday, 12/23, 5:00-6:30 pm. Please join us! We would love to have a large youth choir for this very special Mass. Participants in the choir may also participate in the Christmas play. If your child falls into this category, please let me know and his/her choir rehearsal schedule will be shortened accordingly. If your child would like to participate, please confirm his/her participation via email: Casey Oliver, Music Director, at worship@olaparish.net. Thank you!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

ADVENT REFLECTION

Third Sunday of Advent

I wish I were a better steward. I would like to think I am a pretty generous person, and I do work hard to cultivate the characteristics of a good Everyday Steward in my life. However, stewardship is about more than giving. It is also about prudence and wise planning. It is about storing up grain for the lean years and making sure there is enough oil to light your lamps when the power goes out. If I were a better steward, I would have that \$1,000 emergency fund to dip into when I need a car repair. I would save more for retirement and vacation. I would have more food in the garage freezer because I bought more on sale and prepared for when money was a little tighter. In a nutshell, I would be prepared for whatever comes my way, good or bad.

Advent is a time of preparation. We not only prepare for Christmas, but for the day when Jesus Christ returns again. Unfortunately, too often we act like this is the only time to prepare for such events. We should be preparing all throughout the year.

If we only focus on our spirituality at Advent and Lent, then we are poor stewards of our time the rest of the year. The wise steward is always cultivating their faith and working to improve their relationship with God. They know that they need to be prepared for anything at any time. They stand ready, waiting for the call of their God.

-Tracy Earl Welliver

DAILY

ADVENT CHALLENGE

Make a plan NOW to do something to develop your spiritual life AFTER the New Year begins. Allow Advent to become the start of something greater all year long.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: Why is Christmas such a time of happiness for people?

Question for Youth: God speaks to you every day: Isaiah tells us our ears and eyes will be opened in Christ to hear God's voice. What do you hear God saying to you?

Question for Adults: What is there in this promise from the Prophet Isaiah that gives you hope? How have you seen this promise fulfilled in Christ?

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY

"Pray without ceasing. Thessalonians 5:

Prayers for Peace The Legion of Mary has a statue of Our Lady of Fatima for parishioners to host her at their homes, and commit to pray for peace in her presence.

For information, please call Maggie Mongeau at 483-5807 or the Parish office 481-5115. We will deliver it so you can offer your prayers in this time of great need.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays and Thursdays, following the 8 a.m. mass, and continuing until 7 p.m. First Saturday of the month following the 8 a.m. mass until 1 p.m.

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Living the Word

Every Thursday 7:00 pm Št. Paul's Řoom

Lectio Divina & Taizé Prayer

Typically the 4th Thursday of every month, during our regular "Living the Word" meeting time. Please check parish calendar.









PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please hold in your prayers our parishioners and friends:

- Joan Cotton
- Larry Nelson
- * George Peres *
- Jennifer Burk *
- Julie Nelson *
 - Nancy Carlson Jonathan Rassmussen
- * Stacie Higginbotham
- * Shirley Whitfield
- * Sandi Lanz
- * Tom Bogetich
- * Joe and Sue Simon
- * Shirley Ward
- * Mary Silva
- * Cathy Quesinberry

Note: Please call the parish office to add a name.

COMMUNITY

NOURISH

CHRIST THE KING PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER New Year's Eve Retreat December 31st 5:00pm to January 1st 10:00am "The Lord is my Joy and my Hope"

Liturgically, New Year's is the Octave of Christmas (The Eighth Day). The Church commemorates the Mother of Jesus as we celebrate the Name of Jesus in the expectation of a blessed New Year. In the midst of the conflict and strife of the past year, we gently gather to welcome the New Year as we continue to observe the Days of Christmas. The Year 2020 is also a "Leap Year" inviting us to remember we are meant to be people of "great joy" who announce that joy in all the thoughts, words, and actions of our lives. Come spent a peaceful New Year's overnight in gentle peace as with Mary we honor the Name which we bear always in our hearts. We will cross the threshold of the New Year with gratitude, prayer, praise, and hope.

For Registration or any questions email: retreatetk@passionist.org or Call: 916-725-4720 x 301.Register online

at:www.ChristTheKingRetreatcenter.org



WORD OF LIFE



A NEW TRADITION. A NEW VOICE.

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<u>SAVE THE DATE</u> WALK FOR LIFE!

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers at the Walk for Life West Coast on January 25, 2020. OLA is sponsoring a bus to the event in San Francisco. It's an amazing and uplifting event, and an easy 1.8 mile walk down Market Street.

For more information or to reserve your seat, please contact Carolyn Albers at (916) 296-2675. For walk details visit the website

<u>www.WalkforLifeWC.com</u>, or pick up a form in the office.

INVITE

Catholic Viewpoint Faith. Hope and Love

Hosted by Father Michael Kiernan

Don't miss this half hour interviews of guests by Fr. Michael Kiernan. View on Comcast 20, Consolidated 19 and AT&T 14, Times: Sun. 7:00 AM, Tues. 9:30 AM, Weds. 8:30 PM, and Thurs. 5:00 PM. All shows are also on **YouTube** and website <u>CatholicviewpointFHL.com</u>

Footsteps of Apostle Paul – Faith-Based Travel

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY with our Footsteps of Apostle Paul, You will enjoy this 10 day experience June 28th, 2020 – July 7th, 2020. Your included destinations while on this Journey: Athens, Greece; Thessalonika- Excursion to Philippi & Kavala; –Veria–Kalambaka- Meteora–Athens; – Lavrion/Piraeus (Cruising): Mykonos; Kusadasi, Turkey–Excursion to EphesusS–Patmos, Greece; Heraklion, Crete–Santorini; Piraeus –Corinth –Athens. Land prices begin at \$2442 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposit of only \$400 per person will reserve your space. Limited space available. For further info or to register, contact Sara or Eileen at 860-399-1785/ <u>Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com</u>.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Get on the Bus Volunteer Training January 25, 2020 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Carmichael (10 AM- 2 PM).

"Get on the Bus is a healing ministry for families suffering separation due to incarceration. The visits of children with their parents in prison provide a moment full of restorative grace. Please consider supporting the Get on the Bus ministry through your donations, volunteer efforts and prayers. Our efforts help to fulfill the promise of Jesus: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Mt. 18.20) -Bishop Jaime Soto

For more info: <u>https://www.scd.org/catholic-</u> <u>charities-and-social-concerns/get-bus</u>. If you feel the call to support this restorative justice ministry, please contact Regional Coordinator, Jackelin Aguilar at jaguilar@crjw.org.

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For these gifts we are grateful!

Week of	December 8
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Weekend Offertory:	\$ 9,617.97
Electronic Giving:	\$ 2,932.92
Total:	\$12,541.89
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312,300.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Thanks to your generous contribution, this weekend we have collected for the Special Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

3rd Sunday of Advent **Stewardship** Praver

"You too must be patient. Make you hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through *Stewardship* prayer, we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Invitation to Help Carmichael's Homeless

"There but for the grace of God go I."

Between 150 - 300 fellow residents are homeless in Carmichael. Many of them were born and raised in our area, but have fallen on hard times. Our Lady of the Assumption does much to help the poor and those in material need. Yet, homelessness remains a formidable challenge.

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. Throughout nine weeks in January and February, the Carmichael Homeless Assistance Resource Team (composed of faith communities, the public and private sectors, and concerned individuals) will feed and provide shelter for the homeless at various local churches. Three of our neighbor churches, will each host one of the nine weeks of Winter Sanctuary. They need our help. The three churches and the dates they will need help include:

- St. John the Evangelist (5751 Locust Ave.): Wednesday, January 1 from 4:30 pm through Thursday, January 2 at 6:30 a.m.
- Crossroads Church (7100 Fair Oaks Boulevard): Wednesday, January 8 from 4:30 pm through Thursday, January 9 at 6:30 a.m.
- American River Community Church (3300 Walnut Avenue): Wednesday, February 12 from 4:30 pm through Thursday, February 13 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. 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 theNight 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 andBoarding of the Busses

Last year, approximately 30 of our parishioners volunteered for Winter Sanctuary. Ostensibly, we were there to help the homeless. In reality, we were humbled by their humility and thankful spirit. In addition, we saw first-hand how homelessness makes people weary to the bone.

If you are interested in volunteering for one or more shifts, please contact Juan Yñiguez (jcyniguez@att.net or 916.207.9512). Not surprisingly, we would greatly appreciate volunteers for the Late Night and Overnight Shifts. 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 vou!!!



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