

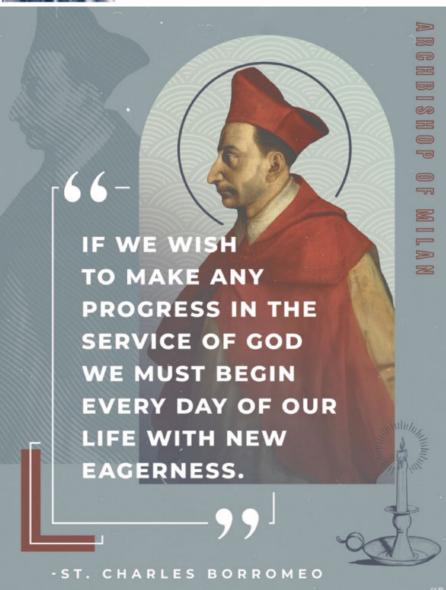
OUR LADY OF THE Assumption

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Regular Mass Schedule 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.

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

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 p.m.

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.

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Sunday, December 15, 2024

Bulletin for the

Third Sunday of Advent

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Pastors Emeriti
Rev. Brendan McKeefry &
Rev. Michael F. Kiernan
Deacon
Paul Friedrich
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Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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PRESCHOOL - EIGHTH GRADE (916) 489-8958

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

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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.

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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 15, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday: Friday:

Saturday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the

Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 5:00 PM † Michael Campos

by Linda Campos

† Molly Garcia by the Garcia family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30 AM † Eloise Libhart

(Sp) Libhart family

by the Depner family

9:00 AM (Sp) Caleb Dixon

by the 3rd grade families

11:00 AM (Sp) In Honor of the Holy Family for the Doud and Smith families

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7:30 PM † Bess Kerhoulas (100 year birthday) by Nicholas Kerhoulas

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 AM †† Tony and Irena Meriano (birthday)

by Joel and Lucy Brandt

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 AM (Sp) Johnson family (anniversary)

by Sheila Johnson

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 AM † Maria Judite Costa

by Antonio and Leontina Ferreira

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00 AM † Wesley Apker

by Cathy Apker

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 AM † Jim Dillon

by the Friesen family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:00 PM †† Fred and Lizz Baca

by Carmy and Tina Baca

† Joey Cotton

by Joan and Don Cotton



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Sign up for Flocknote emails and the Flocknote Engage educational resources by scanning the QR code or at https://olaparish.flocknote.com/.

Aren't signed up for OLA Parish Flocknote vet? We can help you! We can assist you in the parish office and via email. Call the parish office or email Casey Oliver at worship@olaparish.net.

Are you attending Mass regularly at Our Lady of the Assumption Church but not registered?

Register today as a parishioner! Go online to https://olaparish.net/community/register-us or scan the OR code.



You may also call or visit the parish office for assistance.

Thank you!

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Please contact Elisabeth Gustorf, Advancement Director, at advancement@olaparish.net or at (916) 489-8958 ext. 170.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 15

Masses: 7:30 am - 9:00 am

- 11:00 am - 7:30 pm 10:15 am Faith Formation -

Bannon Hall and St. John's Hall

Monday, December 16

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am OLA Women's Book Club - Affinito Hall Rm. 3

7:00 pm Gabriel Project -Affinito Hall Rm. 3

Tuesday, December 17

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rehearsal for School Christmas Concert -Church

6:00 pm School Christmas Concert - Church

Wednesday, December 18

8:00 am Mass

9:30 am School Christmas Concert Encore - Church

6:00 pm Catholics in Recovery - St. Anne's Rm.

7:00 pm OCIA - Affinito

Hall Rm. 3

Thursday, December 19

8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Living the Word -Affinito Hall Rm. 3

Friday, December 20

8:00 am Mass

6:15 pm Advent

Contemplative Prayer -Church

6:30 pm Advent Penance Service and Confessions -Church

Saturday, December 21

3:30 pm Confessions -

5:00 pm vigil Mass





We will have a 5th Sunday Second Collection for the OLA Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society on the weekend of December 28/29. OLA SVdP serves those in need who live within our parish boundaries through the food locker and by helping with utility and rent payments. Your support makes the work of SVdP possible.



We encourage 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 "Contribute" page, where you will find the **WeShare** link to enroll and donate.

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ADVENT 2024 - WEEK 3: JOY

I remember a movie where one of the characters said that she felt more excitement and delight in falling in love than being in love. We get caught up in the excitement of events. We get caught up in our expectations and anticipation. The thrill of what may come animates us and invigorates us. We see as much in our Gospel reading, as folks see in John and baptizing, their way to the kingdom of heaven. They were caught up in the moment "filled with expectation . . . asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ."

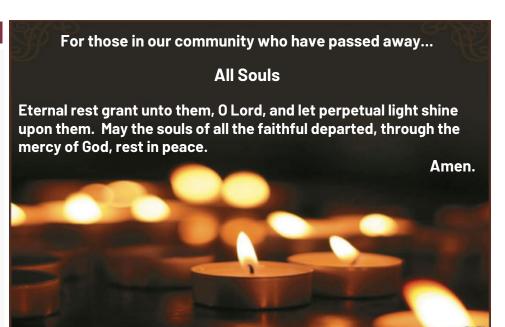
But what happens after the excitement and delight of falling in love wanes? Do we become anxious and impatient, looking for the next thing? Do we turn away? Look at the folks in the Gospel reading. What happened after falling in love with Jesus faded? They crucified him.

Graciously, God gives us this wonderful gift through Jesus – love. We find joy in being in love. There is something in the long, steady growth love fills within us. There is a calmness, a contentment, a comfort – joy. In our longest relationships, we are filled with the joy of being with someone, of being in their presence. Such a relationship we received in Christ's first advent, as he spread the good news born in love for us and sustained through the Holy Spirit, though we're surely not worthy.

It is this joy that often assists us in the worst of times or circumstances. We feel satisfied; we are filled with hope and promise that feeds our emptiness. In our joy, can we allow Jesus' presence to fill us with the wonders of this world? Can we prepare a place in our hearts for him?

- Deacon Michael Tateishi





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 parish@olaparish.net.
Thank you.

Lisa Coffman **Tomasa Washington Rvan Daniels Donna Blaschke** Alice Mayer Govaars (baby) **Esther Paulos** Cole Miller Whitney (baby) **Jonathan Whitfield Wesley Villariza Charlie Wetherall** Lawrence Wilhelm **Camille Peter Donna Deterding Parks** Yolande De Forge **Justin Langstroth Adam Peter Langford Metzger Mary Roy Shannon Langer Guadalupe Rodriguez**

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

OLA Communications Information

BULLETIN WEEKEND ARTICLE
DATES DUE

Dec 28 - Dec 29

Jan 4 - Jan 5

DEADLINES

Jan 11 - Jan 12
*Early deadline due to holiday

*Dec 23

*Dec 17

Amber Morris

Jan 3

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

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: Monday evening, December 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. Sheet music and a preparation video will also be provided.

If your child would like to participate, please confirm his/her participation by emailing Casey Oliver, Worship Director, at worship@olaparish.net.

Thank you to all of our youth musicians and their families for sharing their time and talent!

OLA Christmas Mass Schedule

This year, Christmas falls on a Wednesday.Please see the Christmas Mass schedule below.

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

Tuesday, December 24th

at *4:00 p.m. (family Mass) and 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Midnight Mass

Wednesday, December 25th

at 12:00 a.m. (midnight)

Christmas Day Masses

Wednesday, December 25th

at 8:00 a.m. and *10:00 a.m.

*Masses with an asterisk will be livestreamed.





OLA Ministry Information

Want to join a ministry? Does your ministry need assistance?
We can help you!

For more information about ministry at OLA, visit our website: https://olaparish.net/community/ministries.

Do you wish to learn more about our parish ministries and/or sign up to become involved? Please contact Jane Ricci, our OLA Ministry Coordinator, via email at ministrycoordinator@olaparish.net. You may also call the parish office at (916) 481-5115 to leave a message.

Santa's Breakfast is This Weekend!



OLA PERT Club December Notice

There will no December PERT Club meeting at OLA. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21st.

Members of PERT are invited to join with the SJE seniors on Wednesday, December 18 from 1 to 4 PM for a Christmas potluck gathering. We will meet at Saint James Hall at SJE church. For reservations and the side dish you will bring, please contact Penny Cabral at 916-805-6970. Hope to see you there!



Christmas blessings to you and yours from the OLA PERT Club!



"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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the remainder of December.

We apologize for any inconvenience. We have flyers in the church that list other nearby locations and times for Eucharistic Adoration.

We need more volunteers to support our Eucharistic Adoration ministry on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

To sign up for a regular time slot, please contact Don Thamer at don.nprz6@gmail.com or (916) 549-7195 mobile/text.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at OLA will resume on Thursday, January 2nd, 2025.

OLA Live Events in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament

At OLA, in addition to weekly Adoration, twice a month we host prayer services in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Each month we pray the rosary and have a prayer service with OLA Youth Ministry. Both services are livestreamed.

<u>Upcoming OLA Live Events</u> Thursday, January 9th at 6:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, January 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Revival Night of Prayer with Youth Ministry in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament

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

OLA Meditation Group

This group gathers weekly on Monday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. and follows Christian meditations to help participants grow in relationship with Christ.

Meetings are in the church on the first Monday of the month and then on Zoom for the rest of the month. Email Fran Rider at billrider2808@sbcglobal.net for more information. "Be still and know that I am God."



Living the Word Scripture Study

All are welcome for the Living the Word Scripture Study 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

Friday, December 20, 2024 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.

Catholic Q and A: Confessing Sins

Question: If I go to the Sacrament of Penance and end up repeating the same sins, does that mean I do not have a strong enough intention to amend my life?

Answer: There is a popular expression that says, "Be patient. God isn't finished with me yet!" Growing in faith and holiness is an ongoing, life-long project, and our struggle with sin is at the heart of it.

When we confess our sins, we are to come with a fully contrite heart. You need to reflect on your true feelings toward your actions before approaching the sacrament. After confession, there are strategies you can make to avoid falling into the same traps of sin. First, pray for and seek out strength and perseverance through multiple sacraments, charitable work, and personal sacrifice. Second, avoid occasions of sin when you might fail or be sorely tempted. In doing these things, remind yourself daily that it is a spiritual war we wage, and with God's grace, we will succeed.



Faith Enrichment and Formation Resources from Flocknote Engage

Did you know that our parish has Flocknote Engage, which includes <u>free</u> access to Bishop Barron's Word on Fire ENGAGE video library and study programs? All that is required is a OLA Parish Flocknote account. Sign up for free at https://app.flocknote.com/olaparish/.

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 popular Catholicism series and other 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 worship@olaparish.net.

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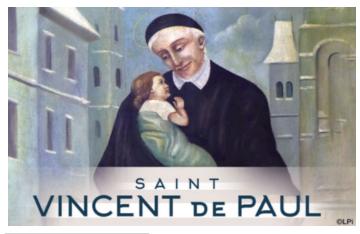
St. Vincent de Paul Society - OLA Conference

Thank you for your continued support! Pauline Gilmour received the Ozanam Award at the Top Hat Luncheon on Dec. 7th. The award recognizes her as a dedicated and active member. Congratulations Pauline, and thank you for your hard work!

We need soup for the OLA Food Locker. We also need paper grocery bags and empty egg cartons. Please drop off donations 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. Call (916) 481-6352 for more information.

Interested in volunteering for SVdP? Please call us at (916) 481-6352 to leave a message, or email Marylee Johnson at jmjohn@surewest.net.





Weekly Meetings at OLA

Join Catholic in Recovery Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. in St. Anne's Room. The 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. We welcome those recovering from any addiction, compulsion, or unhealthy attachment: alcoholism; drug addiction; compulsive overeating; restricted eating; lust/pornography addiction; gambling addiction; technology addiction; compulsive spending/debting; codependency; control, fear, resentment, and grief.

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

Hats for the Homeless Appeal

Winter weather is now upon us, and the need for hats is great! Hats have already been distributed to Mercy Pedalers, Loaves and Fishes, and Carmichael HART and this will continue through March. Contributions are needed and much appreciated! They can be left in the containers at the back of church or at the parish office during office hours. Donations of yarn (#4 weight worsted machine washable) are also welcome. To all those who are mystery donors at church, a HUGE thank you! Your gifts warm not only the heads but also the hearts of those who receive them. Gloves and scarves also welcome. Matt. 25:37-40.

Questions? Contact Angie at amstrawn@comcast.net.

Radiate Love December 2024

Your Mission, Should You Choose to Accept It...

In families, husbands and wives marry in love, then see their love deepen through the myriad good times and challenges of a lifetime of marriage. The mission of the family is not for the fainthearted. It entails sacrifice and sometimes heartache, but all of that is meant to bring spouses closer together and further along the path to holiness. If they are blessed to become parents, they are tasked with teaching their children how to be human. What a concept!

Learn more and share the Good News about marriage and family life at: www.radiatelove.info. For questions contact: Andreya Arevalo aarevalo@scd.org 916-733-0155



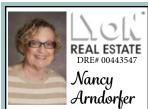
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