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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS IN YOUR MIDST,
A MIGHTY SAVIOR;
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH GLADNESS,
AND RENEW YOU IN HIS LOVE.

—ZEPHANIAH 3:17

Regular Mass Schedule

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.**

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Sunday, December 17, 2023

Bulletin for the
Third Sunday of Advent

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

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Monday - Friday | 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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are Tuesday and Thursday mornings
from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Third Sunday of Advent

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: "There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him." The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light. -Father John Muir ©LPi



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

All Souls

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.

Amen.



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

Theda Lord

Tomasa Washington

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Donna Blaschke (wife)

Donna Blaschke (mother)

Alice Mayer Govaars (baby)

Rachel Carrasco

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Yolanda De Anda

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Donna Deterding Parks

Yolande De Forge

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OLA Communications Information

BULLETIN WEEKEND DATES

ARTICLE DUE

Dec 30-Dec 31

Dec 18

Jan 6-Jan 7

Dec 29

Jan 13-Jan 14

Jan 5

DEADLINES

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.**

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Weekly Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DEC 16

5:00 PM † Robert Johnson

by Mary Cummins

SUNDAY, DEC 17

7:30 AM † Dick McGuire

by Gerry and Mary Anne Campos

9:00 AM † Shane Barnes

by the Friesen family

11:00 AM † Michael Plog

by Maureen Olguin

7:30 PM All Parishioners (*Missa Pro Populo*)

MONDAY, DEC 18

8:00 AM †† Eduino and Palmira Silva

by the Silva family

TUESDAY, DEC 19

8:00 AM † Mahin Vali

By the Chambers family

WEDNESDAY, DEC 20

8:00 AM † Ann Neuhaus

By Eric Neuhaus

THURSDAY, DEC 21

8:00 AM † Wes Apker

By Cathy Apker

FRIDAY, DEC 22

8:00 AM †† Francisco and Adelina Sousa

SATURDAY, DEC 23

5:00 PM † Lizz Baca

by Carmy and Tina Baca

† Jean Metz

(Sp) John Metz

by Carol Metz

Observances for the week of

December 17, 2023

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Friday:

Saturday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve



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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 QR code.



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

Thank you!

FOR THESE GIFTS WE ARE GRATEFUL

Due to an early bulletin deadline, collection numbers for the weekend of 12/10 will be posted in next weekend's bulletin.



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 Donate. This will take you to our "Contribute" 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/>

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec 17

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

10:15 am Faith Formation -
Bannon Hall & St. John's Hall

Monday, Dec 18

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Rehearsal for
School Christmas Pageant -
Church

3:00 pm Set up for School
Christmas Pageant - Church

Tuesday, Dec 19

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am - 7:00 pm Adoration
in the Church is **CANCELLED**.

8:30 am Rehearsal for
School Christmas Pageant -
Church

6:00 pm School Christmas
Pageant - Church

Wednesday, Dec 20

8:00 am Mass

9:30 am School Christmas
Pageant - Church

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

6:00 pm Music Ministry
Christmas Rehearsal -
Church

6:30 pm RCIA - Affinito
Hall Rm. 3

Thursday, Dec 21

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Adoration in the Church

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

Friday, Dec 22

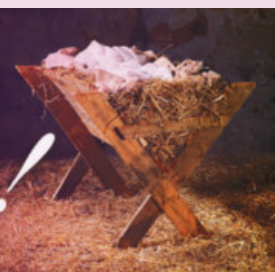
8:00 am Mass

Saturday, Dec 23

3:30 pm Confessions -
Church

5:00 pm vigil Mass

COME,
Lord Jesus!



We  love
having you as part of our flock



Keep in touch
with us via
email & text



Sign up for our parish Flocknote emails and Flocknote Engage educational resources at <https://olaparish.flocknote.com/>, 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.

PARISH AND SCHOOL NEWS

Youth Christmas Choir and Ensemble

Thank you to all who have volunteered so far, and we still 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 worship@olaparish.net. Thank you!

Super Fritz and Friends Toy Drive Update

On behalf of the Stark Family and Super Fritz & Friends Fund, thank you for supporting our 3rd annual Super Fritz & Friends Holiday Gift Drive.



Overflowing donations boxes from the toy drive, thanks to your generous support.



Duke and Fritz Stark holding up four of the 100 hats donated by the OLA Hats for the Homeless Ministry.

This year was a tremendous success, and there is no doubt that the Holiday store at the UC Davis Pediatric Cancer Center will be overflowing with gifts for all ages. Not only were the gift donations incredible, but we also raised a couple thousand dollars in gift card donations which will be special for all families.

The Holiday Store will open on Monday, December 18th, and all families with a child currently battling cancer will be invited to shop for their family members for FREE.

Our OLA parish community has yet again supported a sincere mission. Together, we will provide hope and cheer this Christmas season and we are incredibly grateful for You.

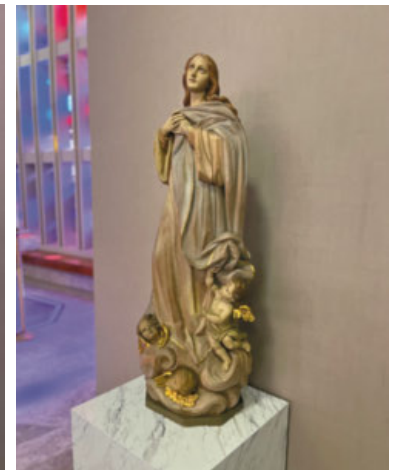
Blessings, The Stark Family

New St. Joseph Statue in the Church



On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, Fr. Eduino blessed our new statue of St. Joseph. The statue is by the east front door of the church. The statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary was moved from the chapel and is now by the west front door of the church.

The CSAC Committee on Mission Effectiveness for OLA School was a driving force in the selection and purchase of this statue, and our student council raised the funds to make it happen. Mr. Lago and the Student Council sold snow cones during lunch recess for three months. They were able to raise \$850.00 to purchase our St. Joseph statue.



Our Lady of the Assumption and St. Joseph, *pray for us.*

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.

***There will be no Adoration in the Church on Tuesday, 12/19 due to the OLA School Christmas Pageant.**

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.

Upcoming OLA Live Events

Thursday, January 11th at 6:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m.

Lectio Divina and Taizé Prayer 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. 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 bilrider2808@sbcglobal.net 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.

Mass Schedule for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas

This year, Christmas falls on a Monday, the day after the Fourth Sunday of Advent. We are invited to attend Mass for both the Fourth Sunday of Advent (fulfills the regular Sunday Mass obligation) and for Christmas (fulfills the Christmas Holy Day Mass obligation). Please see the schedule below.

Fourth Sunday of Advent vigil Mass

Saturday, December 23rd

at *5:00 p.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses

Sunday, December 24th

at 7:30 a.m., *9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

(No 7:30 p.m. Sunday Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

Sunday, December 24th

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

Christmas Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25th

at 12:00 a.m. (midnight)

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25th

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

*Masses with an asterisk will be livestreamed.



Faith Enrichment and Formation Resources from Flocknote Engage

Did you know that our parish has Flocknote Engage, which includes free 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 <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 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 worship@olaparish.net.

COMMUNITY



St. Vincent de Paul Society - OLA Conference

Thank you for your continued support! Your generosity makes a tremendous difference within our parish boundaries, especially during the holiday season.

We are excited to announce that Dennis Ward won the Ozanam award at the St. Vincent de Paul Top Hat luncheon on Dec 9. It is an award given to a SVdP member who is an outstanding member for the SVdP OLA Conference.

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? Call (916) 481-6352 and leave a message, or email SVdP president Marylee Johnson at jmjohn@surewest.net.

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 <https://liheapch.acf.hhs.gov/search-tool/>.



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 www.catholicinrecovery.com, or contact Bill B. at bbefort@bellsouth.net 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

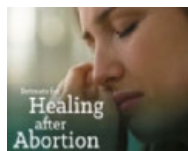
February 23 & 24, 2024 - Please join the Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations to the upcoming young adult discernment retreat for men and women ages 18 to 35. Young adults will have the opportunity to reflect and ponder on their vocation, gain tools for discernment and prayer as they meet with religious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



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