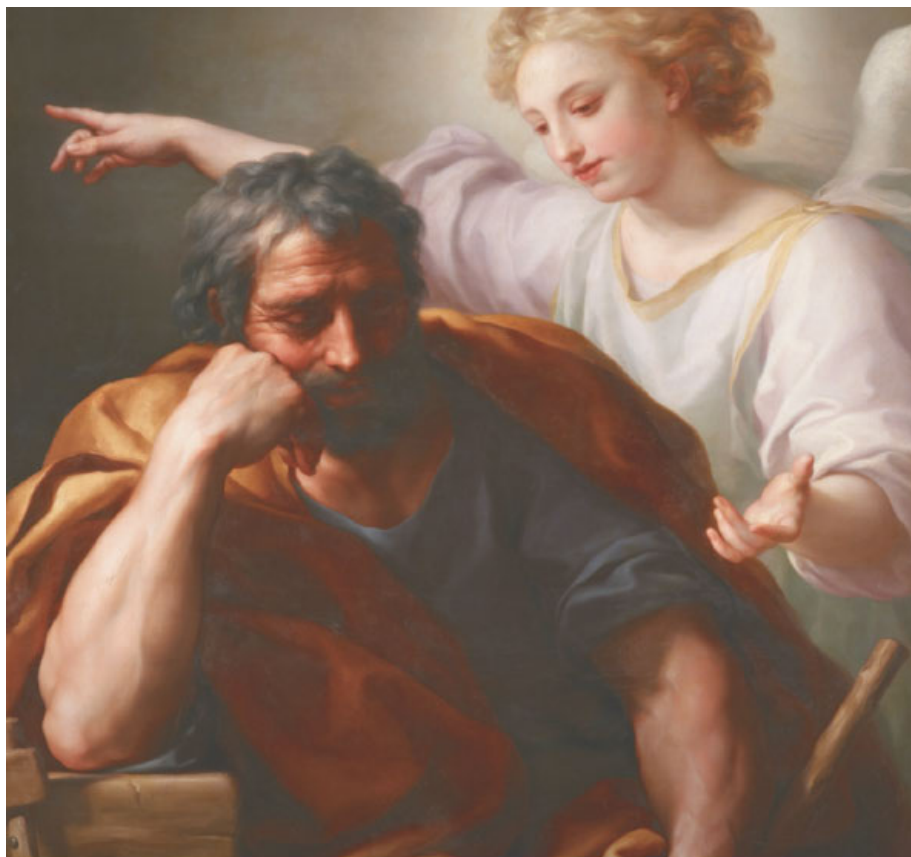




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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

Regular Mass Schedule

8:00 am daily Masses
(Monday-Friday and
first Saturday)

Saturday Vigil Mass
at 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses at 7:30 am,
9:00 am, 11:00 am,
and 7:30 pm

Holy Days of Obligation:
8:00 am and 5:30 pm

**Confessions are heard inside
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afternoons at 3:30 pm.**

*You may also call the parish office
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information

www.olaparish.net

Sunday, December 18, 2022

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8:30am - 2:30pm

GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 18, 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart?.

Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us.

If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.

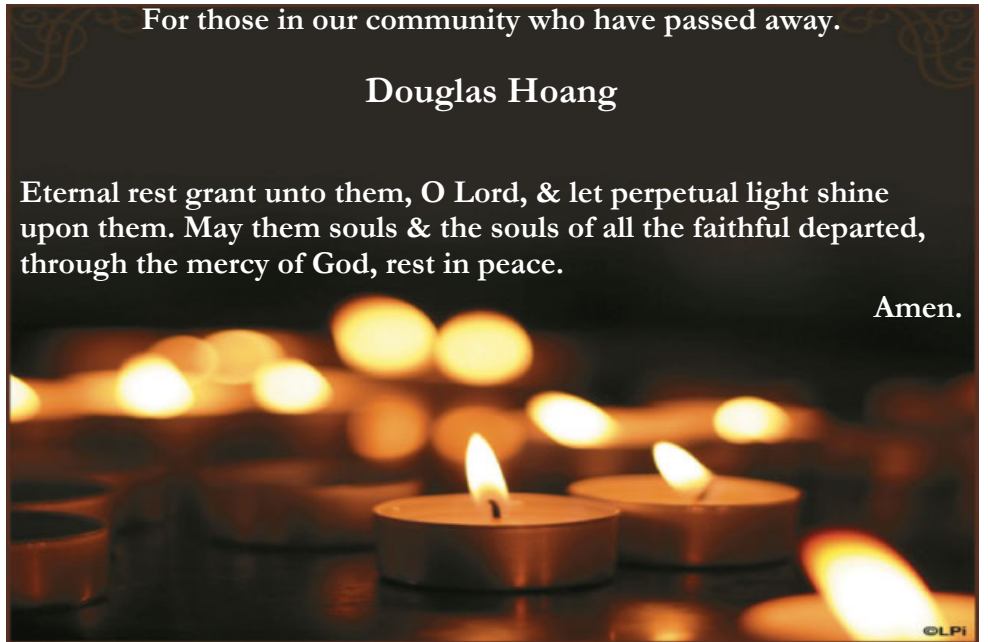
God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death. ©LPi

For those in our community who have passed away.

Douglas Hoang

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, & let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls & the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.



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Charles Kesmodel MD
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Janice Leighton-Armah
Ericka Mora
Junior Mora

Adam Peters
Maureen Baker
Henry Holt (baby)
Joan Cotton
Wayne Stone
Sharon DeLeonardis
Crystal Weeks
Charles Roug
Lisa Coffman
Irene Simmons
Christine Jensen
Malachi Rex-Pentacost
Levi Oliver

**BULLETIN
WEEKEND DATES**

**ARTICLE
DUE**

Dec 31-Jan 1

Dec 19

Jan 7-Jan 8

Dec 30

Jan 14-Jan 15

Jan 6

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

Send to communications@olaparish.net.

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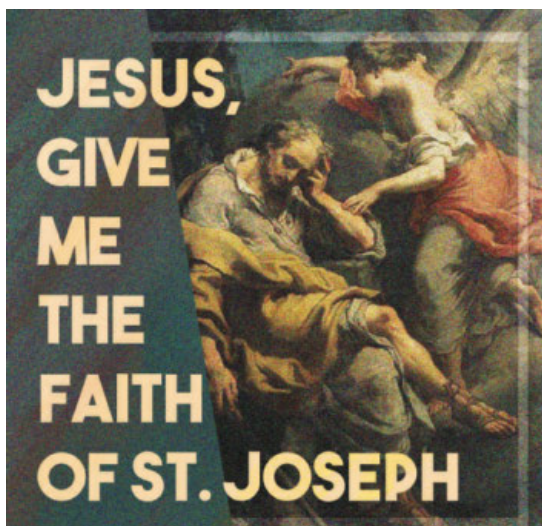
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.



SATURDAY, DEC 17

5:00 PM †† Fred and Lizz Baca
by Carmy and Tina Baca
† Dick Metz
by Metz family

SUNDAY, DEC 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM †† Earl and Virginia Breault
by Jim Breault

9:00 AM †† Ken and Betty Mork
by Jim Breault

11:00 AM † Michelle Shields
by Marie Mauer

7:30 PM OLA Parishioners

MONDAY, DEC 19

8:00 AM † Lois Franz

TUESDAY, DEC 20

8:00 AM (Sp) Joan Cotton (Healing)
by Catherine Apker

WEDNESDAY, DEC 21

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM † Daphne Johnson
by OLA Music Ministry
† Wesley Apker
by Catherine Apker

THURSDAY, DEC 22

8:00 AM † Damian Melanson
† Jane Melanson
by Kathie Penney

FRIDAY, DEC 23

8:00 AM † Kimberly Ford
by James Bartha

SATURDAY, DEC 24

4:00 PM † Joseph Edwin Cotton
by Mom and Dad
6:00 PM † Mario Commandatore
by the Giodano family

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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>



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.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec 18

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

9:00 am Faith Formation -
Bannon Hall - St. John Hall

10:30 am Flame Meeting -
St. Paul's Room

12:30 pm Girl Scouts Troop
103 - Affinito Mtg. Room 3

Monday, Dec 19

8:00 am Mass

6:00 pm Advent
Contemplative Prayer -
Church

3:00 pm - 9:00 pm OLA
Basketball - Affinito Gym

3:00 pm Young Rembrants -
St. John's Hall

5:00 pm. Jesuit Jr. Program
- Bannon Hall

6:00 pm Mission Evaluation
Committee (School) -
Affinito Mtg. Room 3

6:00 pm Advent
Contemplative Prayer -
Church

6:30 pm Advent Penance
Service - Church

6:30 pm Boy Scouts - Troop
328 - Bannon Hall

Tuesday, Dec 20

8:00 am Mass

3:00 pm - 9:00 pm OLA
Basketball - Affinito Gym

Wednesday, Dec 21

8:00 am Mass

3:00 pm - 9:00 pm OLA
Basketball - Affinito Gym

5:00 pm Catholics in
Recovery - St. Anne's
Room

6:00 pm. Christmas
Music Rehearsal -
Church

6:30 pm RCIA - Affinito
Hall Mtg. Room 3

Thursday, Dec 22

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Adoration in the Chapel

3:00 pm - 9:00 pm OLA
Basketball - Affinito Gym

7:00 pm Living the Word
Scripture Study - Affinito
Hall Mtg. Room 3.

Friday, Dec 23

8:00 am Mass

9:00 am Christmas
Decorating - Church

3:00 pm - 9:00 pm OLA
Basketball - Affinito Gym

Saturday, Dec 24

10:30 am Alanon Meeting
- Affinito Hall - Mtg. Room
3

1:30 pm Bible Study -
Affinito Hall - Mtg. Room 3

3:00 pm Confessions -
Church

4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Christmas Eve Masses

PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS

Advent Contemplative Prayer and Penance Service

Advent Contemplative Prayer at 6:00 pm
and **Advent Penance Service** at 6:30 pm
on **Monday, December 19th** in the church.



Several priests will be present to hear confessions, and there will be beautiful live Advent instrumental music and Taizé prayer. All are welcome to attend this prayerful event to help us prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Fill Your Advent with Holy Moments



Each parish family is encouraged to take home a free copy of Holy Moments during Advent.

What is a Holy Moment? Discover for yourself.

Holy Moments can change the world one simple act at a time. Our world needs such action to bring peace, community, and fulfillment. Advent is the start of a new church year; the perfect time to start new acts of kindness. The copies have been donated by two parish families so everyone can experience the joy that comes from living these simple, practical ways to change lives.

Books may be found at the church exits.

Volunteers Needed to Decorate the Church for Christmas

**Volunteers are needed to help decorate
the church for Christmas.**

Friday, December 23rd at 9:00 am

If you interested in assisting, please email
Marylee Johnson at jmjohn@surewest.net
and/or Casey Oliver at
worship@olaparish.net.



OLA Youth Christmas Eve Music Ensemble

We need singers and instrumentalists for the OLA Youth Christmas Eve Choir and Ensemble for 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 21st. 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, Music Director, at worship@olaparish.net. Thank you!

Adoration at OLA

**All are invited to come pray
during Adoration in the church
on Tuesdays and Thursdays
from 8:30 am - 7:00 pm.**

*Make time during Advent to pray
in the peaceful presence of our Lord.*

If you would like to sign up for an Adoration time slot, please contact Don Thamer at don.nprz6@gmail.com or (916) 549-7195 mobile/text.



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule

- **Christmas Eve, December 24th** at 4:00 pm (family Mass) and 6:00 pm
- **Christmas Night, December 25th** at midnight
- **Christmas Day, December 25th** at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am
(No 7:30 pm Sunday Mass on Christmas Day.)



St. Vincent De Paul Society - OLA Conference

St. Vincent de Paul urgently needs clean shopping bags for the Food Locker (paper preferred, plastic okay). Bags can be dropped off in the SVdP collection bins inside the church or at the parish office.

Interested in volunteering for St. Vincent de Paul?

Please contact president Marylee Johnson:

jmjohn@surewest.net.

Congratulations to Donna Hill! Donna received the Ozanam Award at the recent St. Vincent de Paul Top Hat luncheon in Lincoln. The award is given by the SVDP Diocesan Council to the most valuable member of the local conference.

We served over 1400 people in November at our food locker. Also assisted several families with rent and utilities as well as providing coats and household items as well. Thank you OLA for helping us serve so many in need!

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EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

December 5, 2022
Newsletter

Encounter Christ + Sacrament of Charity + Welcoming Church

Welcome to the Eucharistic Revival Newsletter

The diocesan Eucharistic Revival Committee (ERC) has selected the theme "Real Presence, Real Life" to guide us through the USCCB's Eucharistic Revival initiative. The three diocesan pillars are (1) Encounter Christ, (2) Sacrament of Charity, and (3) Welcoming Church. We will begin sharing monthly updates starting in January 2023 through this newsletter and via the diocesan website as we journey together through the Revival.

www.scd.org/eucharist



Join our diocesan Eucharistic Revival Flocknote

Pastors and Parochial Administrators: Please have your parish's Eucharistic Revival committee members join our Flocknote by January 1, 2023 to receive updates from the ERC. Clergy will continue to receive a version through the Diocesan Weekly News.

saccatholic.flocknote.com/ERCcommittees



Leader's Playbook

Available in both English and Spanish, this is the key resource to share with leaders in various ministries throughout the diocese. It's an invitation to engage with the vision of the Revival and to discern concrete ways to contribute in various settings.

www.eucharisticrevival.org/leaders-playbook

USCCB Newsletter

The "Heart of the Revival" email newsletter helps you enkindle, rekindle, and deepen a living relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. Sign up:

www.eucharisticrevival.org/heart-of-the-revival-newsletter

2023 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The 2023 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated January 18-25 with the theme "Do Good, Seek Justice." It is inspired by Isaiah 1:12-18, which laments a lack of justice among the People of God. Yet it also promises redemption by encouraging acts of justice. Like Isaiah, we hope to inspire a renewed desire and effort for justice among the Christian peoples around the world. Stay tuned for more information.



The Auxiliary of the Carmelite Monastery in Georgetown is hosting a benefit luncheon on February 11, 2023, at St. Mel's Parish Hall in Fair Oaks.

SCHOLA CANTORUM CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Enjoy the annual family program of music for Christmastide featuring choral processions, and familiar and new carols. **Dr. Donald Kendrick will conduct Schola Cantorum in their annual Christmas Concert "From Heaven On High" on Sunday, December 18th at 2 PM in Sacred Heart Church 1040-39th Street, Sacramento.** Suggested donation is \$20 General or \$15 Students/Seniors.

Tickets are available online: scholacantorum.com. You may also call (850) 545-4298. The choir has a variety of CD's that make wonderful gifts.

Christ the King Retreat Center Weekend Retreats

ALL WEEKENDS ARE OPEN TO MEMBERS OF ANY PARISH GROUP AND INDIVIDUALS.

For the full retreat calendar, please visit their website:

christthekingretreatcenter.org

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