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## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." - Lk 1:35



FOREVER  
I WILL SING YOUR  
*goodness.*  
PSALM 89



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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# FATHER EDUINO'S CHRISTMAS LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Even though it has been a challenging year for many of us, we find comfort and hope in the wonderful Good News that Jesus became Emmanuel, God with us. Although this year we cannot celebrate in large gatherings like last year because we need to be safe and protect one another from Covid 19, we still want to celebrate the Birth of Jesus Who was born for us out of love. At this time, to keep everyone safe, we are not allowed to gather inside the Church, but we will celebrate with five masses virtually with a small group present practicing social distance and wearing face coverings outside the church. To accommodate as many people as possible, the Holy Father and Bishop Soto has given permission to celebrate Christmas Eve this year as early as 2 pm.



In our parish, we will celebrate Christmas Eve Thursday, December 24, with outdoor Masses at 2:00 pm, 4:00pm, and 6:00 pm. On Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, we will celebrate with outdoor Masses at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Also, we will have a virtual penance service on Thursday, December 17, at 7:00 pm, and I will be available from 7:30 to 8:00pm to hear confessions, as well as on Friday, December 18, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am, 1:00pm to 2:00 pm, and 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Of course, I am available on Saturdays at 3:00 pm and at anytime by appointment.

It is important in this challenging time to put our faith in God and to know that His love is stronger than any evil or inconvenience and that He is always with us. I and all the staff wish you a Holy Christmas filled with God's love and a Better New year. We encourage you to celebrate with your immediate family safely and to reach out to your friends and others through a card, a call, or social media and we invite you to join us through Vimeo on our website, YouTube, and Facebook. Join us also every Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00am through the social media.

God Bless you all and keep you and your loved ones safe. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely in Christ,

*Eduino Silveira*, Pastor



## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19**

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

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20**

9:00AM † Cian Francis O'Neill  
by O'Neill Family  
† Gert Langer  
by Langer Family  
11:00AM † Michael Gougeon  
by Marie G. Mauer  
† Shirley Pasquini Bennett  
by Larry Bennett

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 21**

**St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

8:00AM Georgia Kilkenny (Healing)  
by Peter Kilkenny  
† Wesley Apker  
By Catherine A. Apker

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22**

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

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23**

**St. John of Kanty, Priest**

8:00AM † Raphael Velazques  
by Fred & Susan Oliver

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24**

8:00AM †† Patrick & Isabel Lunny  
by Fred & Susan Oliver

## **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas)**

9:00AM † Kenneth Whitfield  
by Susan Whitfield

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26**

**St. Stephen, The first martyr.**

5:00PM † Patricia Ryan  
by The Selewicz Family

*Mass  
Intentions*



*Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

# STEWARDSHIP

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS.

#### The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 20, 2020

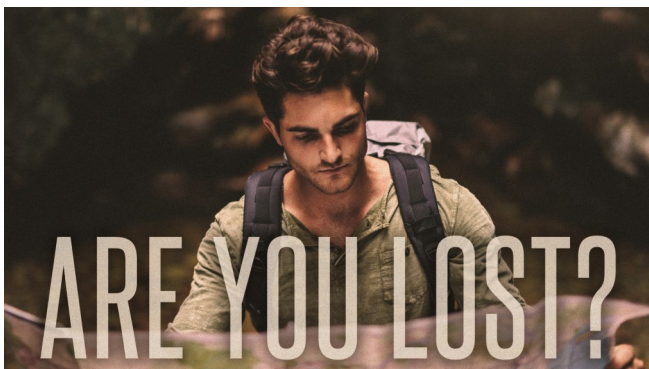
4th Sunday of Advent

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

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## OUR PARISH



In our parish, we will celebrate **Christmas Eve Thursday, December 24, Masses at 2:00 pm, 4:00pm, and 6:00 pm.**

**On Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, we will celebrate with Masses at 9:00 am and 11:00 am.**

**We will distribute Holy Communion outside at the back doors of the church for approximately 30 minutes after each Mass.**

**All Masses will be live streamed, and limited outdoor seating will be available.**

**Please try to arrive at the church as soon as possible after the Mass concludes. Each Mass will be approximately 45 minutes long.**

LET US PRAY...



For those in our community who have passed away.

**Thomas Bogetich  
Doris Desmond**

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.

## 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 17 - 6:45 pm** Live Stream Advent Contemplative Prayer and Penance Service

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



Pregnant? Worried? Need Help?  
Call (800) 910-0191

## 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. 17th, 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.**



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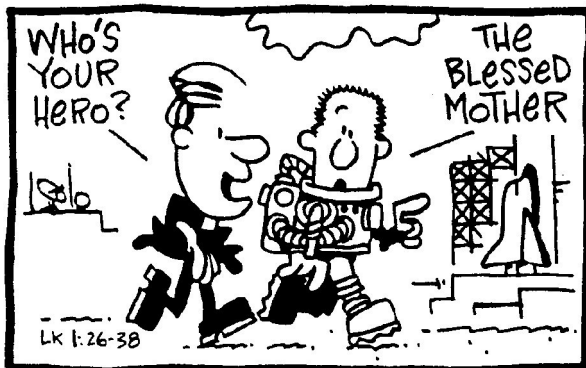
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## HUMOR

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## YOUTH MINISTRY



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## Church Wi-Fi

**We now have wireless internet (WiFi) in the Church and St. John's Hall**

### Church

Network: OLA Parishioner

Password: olachurch

### St. John's Hall

Network: St. John's Hall Guest

Password: GuestWiFi1!!!

Go to our parish website:

<https://olaparish.net/live-stream-mass> to access the worship aid online each Sunday.





# SPIRITUAL GROWTH



## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

God's Spirit comes to us in ways we least expect.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

### Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading about Mary today, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

### Look into Your Life

**Question for Children:** If you were to tell someone one thing about Jesus' mother, Mary, what would you say?

**Question for Youth:** Gabriel's greeting to Mary was, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." This is God's greeting to each of us – he loves us just as we are. What are some of your personal strengths that God rejoices in?

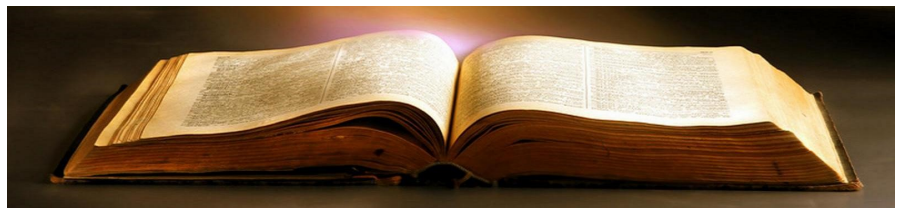
**Question for Adults:** Name one area of your life where God has surprised you with love, abilities, or even a pregnancy. How is God's Spirit upon you in this dimension of life?

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Does the world realize that it is waiting?

As we go about all of the busyness of our lives and entertain our distractions, there are many holes and gaps in our lives that need to be filled. We are always wanting more, but not really sure what that "more" needs to be. Fulfillment, happiness, contentment, and true satisfactions are fleeting occurrences and often come to us in illusive ways. What we think is the ultimate fix to our anxious emptiness really is only a fancy trend that we entertain. The world does not realize any more today than it did over two thousand years ago that it is waiting for a Savior. We need a Savior. We need to see and embrace the God who has broken into history and become one with us. It is this union of God and man that sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals, and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. The world does not know how truly lost it is. Do you realize how lost you are and that the One you need most is here among us and within your grasp?

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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

Monday Dec 21: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday Dec 22: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday Dec 23: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday Dec 24: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Friday Dec 25: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday Dec 26: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Sunday Dec 27: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

# COMMUNITY



## OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

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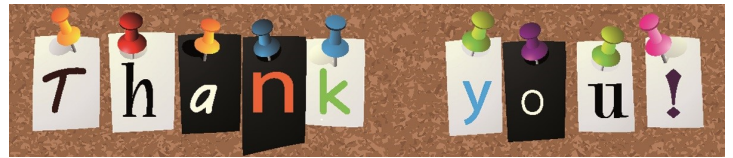
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## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

### Stewardship Generosity 4th Sunday of Advent

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – LUKE 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal Steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.



### FOR THESE GIFTS WE ARE GRATEFUL!

Weekend Offertory	12/13/20	\$ 19,266.00
E-Giving from 12/07/20 to 12/13/20		\$ 3,739.64
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 22,955.64</b>

Average Weekly Budget Amount \$12,000.00

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!

# THANK YOU

FOR THE CHRISTMAS GIFT

There are many happy children thanks to your generosity.

God bless OLA Families.



Celeste working on her Thanksgiving food order.

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the members of the parish for their generosity in supporting the Food Locker. We were able to provide turkey dinners with all the trimmings to over 50 families for Thanksgiving, which was delivered using social distancing and contactless delivery by our volunteers.



**We hope everyone was able to enjoy a safe and happy holiday!**



Phillip Tateishi delivering food to a client's car.



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