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**Sunday, December 21, 2025**  
**Bulletin for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**



## 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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### 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

**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.*

### Parish Office Hours

**Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

### Pastor

**Rev. Eduino T. Silveira – [pastor@olaparish.net](mailto:pastor@olaparish.net)**

### Pastors Emeriti

**Rev. Brendan McKeefry & Rev. Michael F. Kiernan**

### Office Manager

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Flocknote ([mail@flocknote.com](mailto:mail@flocknote.com)). Please check the sender's  
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### OLA PARISH SCHOOL (Preschool – Eighth Grade)

Website: [school.olaparish.net](http://school.olaparish.net)

### Principal

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### Admissions

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### School Office

Donna Eaddy – [eaddy@olaparish.net](mailto:eaddy@olaparish.net)

### OLA ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

*Provides assistance for those in need  
within our parish boundaries.*

**Please call: (916) 481-6352**

**Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**Food Locker hours of operation are Tuesday and Thursday  
mornings from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Visit our website and join Flocknote for more information  
about our parish, ministries, and upcoming events.**

[olaparish.net](http://olaparish.net)  [flocknote.com/olaparish](https://flocknote.com/olaparish)

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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

### **Love and Serve God. Love and Serve One Another.**

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.

## PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS

**Pastoral Council: Carmy Baca**

**Finance Council: Joe Selewicz**

**Buildings & Grounds Committee: John Blaschke**

**To reach out to any advisory council chairperson, please call the parish office or email [parish@olaparish.net](mailto:parish@olaparish.net).**

## BULLETIN SUBMISSION INFORMATION

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 Fr. Eduino. We will do our best to accommodate your timeline. For general questions or bulletin requests, you may also send an email to [communications@olaparish.net](mailto:communications@olaparish.net). \*Due dates may be earlier due to Printer's Holiday Schedule.

### **Bulletin Weekend Dates**

January 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>

January 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>

January 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>

### **Article Due Date**

\*December 22<sup>nd</sup>

\*January 2<sup>nd</sup>

\*January 9<sup>th</sup>

## DONATIONS

**Total donations for December 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>: \$15,300.50**

**Your support means the world to us. Thank you for your donations!**

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

There will be no Special Collections for the month of January.

## MEET A PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBER EACH WEEK



"As Chair of the Pastoral Council, I serve the parish by utilizing my knowledge of our Parish, multiple ministries, and people to oversee and bring our parish and school together."

Every parishioner is welcome to express thoughts and concerns to any member of the Pastoral Council at any time. For details contact Pastoral Council Chair, Carmy Baca directly at [cbaca\\_929@yahoo.com](mailto:cbaca_929@yahoo.com) or by leaving a message with the parish office at (916) 481-5115.

## JOIN OUR COMMUNITY



**If you are attending Mass in person or online but not yet registered? Please register today!** This will enable you to get more information about liturgical and social events. Access our online form by scanning the QR code or go to: <https://olaparish.net/community/register-us>.



## FLOCKNOTE ONLINE GIVING COMMUNICATION & DATABASE

### PLEASE JOIN OUR FLOCKNOTE ONLINE GIVING

If you have not already signed up for Flocknote Online Giving, we ask you to please take a minute and sign up for continued recurring giving. Flocknote Online Giving is an integral component of OLA's comprehensive parishioner communication and database system.

**Using Flocknote Online Giving is more convenient for both parishioners and parish office staff.** You will have the ability to support OLA with Flocknote Online Giving, and it will allow you to:

1. **Make one-time donations.**
2. **Set up automatic recurring giving.**
3. **Choose which fund you specifically want to donate to.**
4. **Print your own tax records.**



Sign up for online giving through your existing OLA Parish Carmichael Flocknote account or by visiting <https://olaparish.flocknote.com/give>.

Please contact us for assistance, at 481-5115 ext. 212 or [flocknotesupport@olaparish.net](mailto:flocknotesupport@olaparish.net).

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1. Check parish communications
2. Access educational videos through Flocknote Engage
3. Access Flocknote Online Giving to make a gift
4. View your giving history
5. Update recurring gifts

### STAY CONNECTED BY SIGNING UP FOR EMAILS



Keep current with details of OLA parish activities by visiting our Flocknote website by scanning the QR code using your smartphone camera or by visiting <https://olaparish.flocknote.com>.

Once there, be sure to join the **OLA Parish Carmichael News** and the **OLA Parish Carmichael Faith and Catechesis email groups** to receive important updates from OLA, including the weekly bulletin.



# ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM **(Sp) Vicky Blackwell**  
by Sid Curry  
† **Carole Vercruyssen**  
by Selewicz family  
† **Sue Oliver**  
by Murphy family  
† **Jean Metz**  
by Carol and Steve Metz

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>

7:30 AM † **Tom Willow**  
by Marylee & Jerry Johnson  
9:00 AM **(Sp) Casey Kelly**  
by Jack Ingram  
11:00 AM **(Sp) Thanksgiving for blessings received.**  
by Tamborini family  
† **Mona Walsh**  
by Murphy family  
7:30 PM **All Parishioners** (Missa Pro Populo)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 AM † **Joanne Hilton-Robinson**  
by Kozlowski family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 AM † **Sarah Beckstrom** (National Guard)  
by Kannengeiser family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 PM †† **Francis & Florida Long**  
by Callahan family  
**(Sp) Jane Dunbar** (Birthday)  
by Marianne Powers

6:00 PM † **Vasco Faria and family**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>

12:00 AM (Midnight)  
† **Jutta Woodington**  
8:00 AM † **Glorietta Ang Fonte**  
by Kim family  
10:00 AM † **Gert Langer**  
by Langer family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM † **Gloria Medeiros**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM **(Sp) McArdle Family Intentions**  
by Jim and Jane McArdle  
† **Tim Riehl**  
by Steven & MaryJo Riehl  
† **Sue Oliver**  
by Murphy family  
† **Emerson Severin**  
by Paulina Carbon and Leighton-Armah families

## PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and  
7:30 pm Masses  
9:50 am (After Mass) Pray & Play -  
Preschool Playground

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>

8:00 am Mass  
9:30 am Meditation Group -  
Church

TUESDAY, DEC. 23<sup>RD</sup>

8:00 am Mass  
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus -  
St. John's Hall

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24<sup>TH</sup>

4:00 pm Mass  
6:00 pm Mass  
6:00 pm Catholics in Recovery -  
St. Anne's Room  
6:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal -  
Church  
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal -  
Church

THURSDAY, DEC. 25<sup>TH</sup>

12:00 am (Midnight) Mass  
8:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 am Mass  
SATURDAY, DEC. 27<sup>TH</sup>  
3:30 pm Confessions - Church  
5:00 pm vigil Mass

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL  
BE CLOSED:** Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>,  
31<sup>st</sup> and Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**To see a complete calendar  
parish website calendar at:**  
<https://olaparish.net/calendar>



## TITHING VERSUS STEWARDSHIP

**Question:** What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

**Answer:** Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.

The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. **He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.** Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that all things belongs to God.

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## OBSERVANCES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>

Sunday:	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
Tuesday:	St. John of Kanty, Priest
Wednesday:	Christmas Eve
Thursday:	The Nativity of the Lord
Friday:	St Stephen, First Martyr
Saturday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

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## REQUEST A MASS INTENTION

**To request a Mass Intention, please come by the parish office or call (916) 481-5115.** Mass Intentions refer to the practice of offering a Mass for a specific purpose, such as for living or deceased individuals. **This practice allows us to pray for others, both the living and the dead. This is a meaningful way for Catholics to express their faith and support for others through prayer.** The "†" means that a person is deceased. The "(Sp)" means that it is a Special Intention for someone in need or an event like a birthday. A suggested donation in the province of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, which the Diocese of Sacramento is part, is \$10.00 but if a person cannot afford it there is no need for a donation.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

**December 21, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Mathew 1:18-24**

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts. God still speaks – not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. **Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.**

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. **Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.** — Father John Muir

## FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY...

*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.*  
**All Souls**



## 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.**

The names will be added in alphabetical order. Once a name is added, it will be removed either when requested OR after six months, *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:*

[communications@olaparish.net](mailto:communications@olaparish.net).

**Thank you.**

Doug Abbes  
 Cathy Apker  
 Shannon Armstrong  
 Doreen Baldwin  
 Donna Blaschke  
 Joan Cotton  
 Ryan Daniels  
 Yolande De Forge  
 Robert DeAnda  
 John DeSouza  
 Aaron Esselman  
 Bobbie Hall  
 Kathy Harreld  
 Dorothy Heimbichner  
 Matthew Holmes  
 Christine Jansen  
 Sheila Johnson  
 Michael Kyalwazi  
 Michael and Shannon Langer  
 John Lemieux  
 Kathleen Lemieux  
 David DeLeonardis  
 Dave Levin  
 Elaine Lyons  
 Delilah Macfal  
 Bennett Mattingly  
 Armie Mauricio  
 Langford Metzger

Margaret Mongeau  
 Jessica Montgomery  
 Nguyen Family  
 Kathleen Nolan  
 Jane Osborn  
 Dave Palmer  
 Maria Passarelli  
 Camille Peter  
 Adam Peter  
 T.J. Rapozo  
 Rob & Teresa Reavis  
 David Rider  
 Guadalupe Rodriguez  
 Mary Roy  
 Marie Schuring  
 Hannon Sulochana  
 Emily Tuazon  
 April Valencia  
 Linda Vaughan  
 Wesley Villariza  
 Rachel Wann  
 Tomasa Washington  
 Charlie Wetherall  
 Jack Wetherall  
 Cole Miller Whitney (baby)  
 Lawrence Wilhelm  
 Pat Wood

## THANK YOU

We are very grateful for the Parents, Parishioners, Knights of Columbus and Martha & Mary ladies for coming together and making Santa's Breakfast a precious memory for the children and adults! This successful event included a special shoppe for the children, pancake breakfast for everyone, and a baked goods sale!



## HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

**Distribution of the Eucharist to our homebound parishioners is available.**

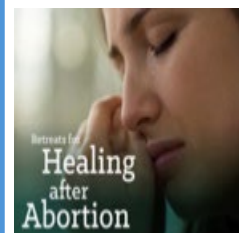
Eucharistic Homebound Ministers are dedicated to serving the spiritual needs of our homebound parishioners by bringing Christ to them and keeping them connected to our community. **Leave a message for Peggy Vellanoweth at the parish office if you would like to receive the Eucharist.**

### **PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE THE GABRIEL PROJECT**



**Pregnant? Worried?  
 Need Help?**  
**Call (800) 910-0191**  
*The Gabriel Project*

### **FINDING HEALING AT RACHEL'S VINEYARD**



**Call  
 (916) 733-0161  
 or email  
[projectrachel@scd.org](mailto:projectrachel@scd.org).**  
 All messages are confidential.

## PARISH AND SCHOOL NEWS

### OLA CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

This year, Christmas falls on a Thursday.

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES**

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

at \*4:00 PM (family Mass) and 6:00 PM

#### **CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS**

Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

at 12:00 AM (midnight)

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

at 8:00 AM and \*10:00 AM

\*Masses with an asterisk will be livestreamed.



### YOUTH CHRISTMAS CHOIR AND ENSEMBLE



**IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN** 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 pm.

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](mailto:worship@olaparish.net).

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



### ADULT FELLOWSHIP

**OLA adult parishioners are welcome to a fellowship of Sunday prayer and a pickup Basketball game in Affinito Hall.**

Come to the church as early as 5:00PM if you like. There will be a group rosary at 5:30PM followed by basketball in Affinito Hall. Basketball will wrap up in time for those attending 7:30PM Mass. All players and spectators must be 18yrs or older and a registered parishioner. **Our next meeting is Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>!** Please contact Catherine Olguin at 916-223-1257 or [catharina.936@gmail.com](mailto:catharina.936@gmail.com) for questions.

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR. EDUINO

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we prepare to celebrate in faith, love, and gratefulness the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, may we remember that through God's mercy he became man to save us. Let's thank Our Father for sending Jesus Who, through His love, Died and Rose for us to forgive our sins and lead us to eternal life. He came to fill us with the Holy Spirit Who transforms us and gives us true love, peace and joy.

Jesus' Words are spirit and life. In these difficult times, Jesus gives us hope and strength so we may emerge from our darkness into light. I encourage you and your loved ones to put your hope and faith in Jesus, Who has the power to heal and save. His Grace empowers us to love one another and destroy all barriers that afflict us and separate us from God and one another.

On behalf of our staff, ministries, and volunteers, I pray that God blesses you with a wonderful Advent, a Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with the peace and love that Jesus brings us.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Eduino Silveira, Pastor



### SCHOOL PROJECT



On November 15<sup>th</sup>, the school had a workday and as one of its projects, installed two steel canopies covering two of the school's picnic tables. The tables are used for lunch. The school has been using temporary cloth canopies, which quickly deteriorate and get damaged during heavy winds. **The parish and school would like to purchase three more of the steel canopies to cover its picnic tables. If you would like to donate towards the purchase of three steel canopies, they cost around \$1,000 dollars apiece.** Any donations would be used for purchasing the canopies. We will let you know when we have reached our goal of \$3,000 for the purchase. Thank you.



# PRAYER AND FORMATION AT OLA

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**There will be no exposition on  
December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.**



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

***All are invited to pray a  
Holy Hour if you have the  
time to do so.***

To sign up for an Adoration time slot, please contact  
Don Thamer at [don.nprz6@gmail.com](mailto:don.nprz6@gmail.com)  
or (916) 549-7195 mobile/text.

## OLA MEDITATION GROUP

**"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD"** This group meets weekly on Mondays at 9:30 am in the church and follows Christian Meditation practice to help participants to grow in relationship with Christ. For more information, E-mail [blrider2808@sbcglobal.net](mailto:blrider2808@sbcglobal.net).



## LIVING THE WORD SCRIPTURE STUDY

**All are welcome for 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.

## RETURNING TO YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

**If you are returning to your Catholic Faith, we would like to offer an informal conversation with a member of the parish staff** to help facilitate a comfortable active return to our church community by sharing information on topics that may have changed in your absence: Sacraments, Explanation of Mass, Church Terminology, Divorce/Annulment, etc. as well as discussing the many OLA ministry options. Interested? Please leave a message for Casey at (916) 481-5115 ext. 212 or send an email: [worship@olaparish.net](mailto:worship@olaparish.net). We are very excited to have you join our faith family!

## CHOIR IN THE PEWS MUSIC MINISTRY



**Choir in the Pews is a volunteer ministry that is open to all ability levels.** We need prepared singers in the pews who are willing to sing out during Mass to support and encourage the singing of others. If you have been interested in participating in music ministry, but have never had the time, this ministry is for you! **Please email Casey Oliver at [worship@olaparish.net](mailto:worship@olaparish.net) to learn more.**

## OLA MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

Do you wish to learn more about our parish ministries and/or sign up to become involved? Our Worship Director, Casey Oliver is here to help! **Please reach out to Casey via email at [worship@olaparish.net](mailto:worship@olaparish.net). You may also call the parish office at (916) 481-5115 ext. 212.**

## IN THE SILENCE

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. **At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season.** Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.

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## WHY DO WE GIVE GIFTS AT CHRISTMAS

**Question:** Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

**Answer:** Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So, we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

**Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver.** Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. **We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son.** No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. **Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.** ©LPI



# LOVE AND SERVE GOD, LOVE AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER

## GABRIEL PROJECT

Rose and I want to thank all of you who participated in our holiday gathering meeting on December 8th. Many hands made light work. We can't believe we sorted over six bins of clothes and items and finished early! The food was delicious, and we welcomed new people from OLA and various churches to host our largest meeting to date.

**Our storage areas are brimming with gently used baby clothes, beautiful handmade blankets, and hats.**



## CATHOLICS IN RECOVERY

**Join Catholic in Recovery Wednesday nights at 6 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. We welcome those recovering from any addiction, compulsion, or unhealthy attachment.: For details: **Bill B. at (561) 827-0624 or [bbefort@bellsouth.net](mailto:bbefort@bellsouth.net) or [www.catholicinrecovery.com](http://www.catholicinrecovery.com).**

## FAITH ENRICHMENT AND FORMATION

Our parish has Flocknote Engage, which includes **FREE access to Bishop Barron's Word on Fire ENGAGE video library and study programs (including free pdf study materials)!** All that is needed is an OLA Parish Flocknote account. Sign up for free at <https://app.flocknote.com/olaparish/>. Login to Flocknote by clicking on the sheep icon at the top left of our website's home page and visit Word on Fire (WOF) Digital to watch any of the videos at any time.

**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. For more info. email Casey Oliver at [worship@olaparish.net](mailto:worship@olaparish.net).

## JUBILEE CLOSING MASS

**On the Feast of the Holy Family the Diocese of Sacramento will celebrate the conclusion of the Jubilee Year with a bilingual Closing Mass on Sunday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.**

For details: 916-444-3071 or go to: [www.cathedralsacramento.org](http://www.cathedralsacramento.org).



## DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED - LAS POSADAS

Las Posadas is a Mexican tradition which recreates the Holy Family's search for lodging in Bethlehem. **This nine-day devotion anticipates the birth of Jesus Christ, who seeks refuge in the heart of every man and woman.**

**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!

December 21, 2025



## St. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OLA CONFERENCE

**For those who need assistance and live within our parish boundaries, the OLA SVdP Food Locker is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.**

SVdP had 7 service days in November and served:

Total Households:	455	Total in Family:	1,697
Adults 18-62yrs.:	620	Seniors 63+yrs.:	329
Children 4-17yrs.:	557	Children 0-3yrs.:	191

The continued generosity of this parish made it possible to serve so many in need this month. **THANK YOU!**

**DRIVERS are NEEDED** to pick up Food for SVdP! A driver/s is urgently needed to pick up food from Winco every Wednesday between 8-9am. The person should be able to lift 50 pounds and have an SU V or small truck for transport. **We are also looking for back up and part-time drivers.** Please contact Dale Stradford at [dstradford@ymail.com](mailto:dstradford@ymail.com) or at (910)471-8527.

## EL MESIAS DE HANDEL & NAVIDAD NUESTRA

**La Catedral presenta dos conciertos navidenos con el Cathedral Choir, Capella Antigua y solistas invitados bajo la direccion de Rex Rallanka.**

**2 de enero: El Mesias en ingles**

**3 de enero: El Mesias en Espanol (nueva traduccion)**

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