WELCOME to OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH!

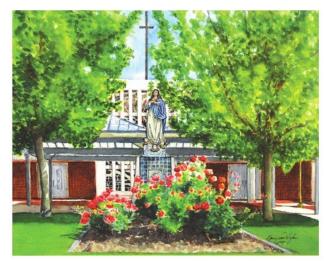
Thank you for joining us today. We welcome you to our faith family and look forward to growing in faith and friendship with you. If you are interested in formally joining our parish community and/or the Catholic Faith, you can do so on-line or by coming in to the parish office. If you are returning to an active Catholic life, we are happy to facilitate a smooth and joy filled transition. May you find fellowship, peace and serenity in our community. Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Eduino, Pastor

CONTACT US

Parish Office 8:30 – 4:30pm, M-F Closed 12:00 – 1:00pm, M-F (916) 481-5115

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm First Saturdays: 8:00am Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 & 7:30pm Weekday: 8:00am, Monday - Friday <u>Holy Days:</u> 8:00am & 5:30pm

Our 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 wider Diocesan community, and with the entire family of God.

Pastor

Rev. Eduino T. Silveira: <u>pastor@olaparish.net</u> **Pastors Emeriti**

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SACRAMENTS:

Baptism:

Required baptismal classes & scheduling, Deacon Michael First Eucharist (child): Faith Formation Reconciliation (child): Faith Formation Confirmation (teen): Faith Formation Marriage: Contact office six months in advance. Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:30pm or by appointment. Anointing of the Sick: Contact Pastor to request. Eucharist for Homebound Parishioners: Call office. Eucharist for Homebound Parishioners: Call office. Eucharistic Adoration: T/Th after 8:00am Mass until 7:00pm <u>RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS</u> (unbaptized or uncatechized) If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, you are welcome to join this year-round process at any time by contacting Deacon Michael. <u>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:</u>

Provides assistance for those in need within our parish boundaries. Please call: 916-481-6352

THEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES: Ask Usher

OUR LADY of the ASSUMPTION WE WELCOME YOU HOME



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 5:00pm Lizz & Fred Baca †† **Baca Family** SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 4th Sunday of Advent Juan San Miguel (Sp. Int) Portillo Family 8:00am 9:30am Claire Adams † Jack Smith Family 11:00am Ray Anderson † Pat & Jerry Laumer 7:30pm OLA Parishioners **MONDAY, DECEMBER 23** 8:00am Margaret Meagher † Barbara & Joe Selewicz TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord 4:00pm Wayne & Rosemary †† Donna Hill Fitzgerald 6:00pm Rod Hill † Donna Hill WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 The Nativity of the Lord 12:00am Kenneth Whitfield † Shirley Whitfield 9:00am Ludy Langer † Langer Family 11:00am "Ernie" DeGraaf † Mary DeGraaf **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26** St. Stephen, The First Martyr 8:00am Msgr. Brendan O'Sullivan † Parish **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27** St. John, Apostle, Evangelist 8:00am Souls in Purgatory † Anonymous SATURDAY, DECEMBÉR 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 5:00pm Kevin Malone Sr. † Kelley Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; PS 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66 **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79 **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25** Is 52:7-10; PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; PS 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22 **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27** 1 Jn 1:1-4; PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8 **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; PS 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18 **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 December 22, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent

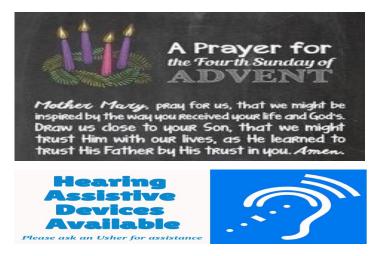
"God is with us." Mt. 1: 23



ADVENT

SEASON

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 8:00am OLA Bball, Parish Hall 5:00pm Olive Wood Sales, Portico **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22** 7:30am Santa's Breakfast, Parish Hall 12:00pm OLA Bball Practice, Parish Hall 2:00pm Christmas Play Practice, Church **MONDAY, DECEMBER 23** 3:00pm OLA Bball Practice, Parish Hall 4:00pm Christian Meditation, Church 5:15pm Youth Music Ministry, Church 6:00pm Catholic in Recovery, St. Paul's Room 6:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 328, St. John's Hall 6:30pm Adult Music Ministry, Church **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 Parish Office Closed** 2:00pm Christmas Play Dressing, St. John's Hall 4:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass, Church 6:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass, Church WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 **Parish Office Closed** 12:00am Christmas Midnight Mass, Church 9:00am Christmas Mass, Church 11:00am Christmas Mass, Church **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26** 3:00pm OLA Bball Practice, Parish Hall **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27** 3:00pm ÓLA Bball Practice, Parish Hall **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28** 8:00am OLA Bball, Parish Hall



OUR PARISH

The Coming of Emmanuel



Today we contemplate the mystery of God made Man by the Power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, full of Grace. This was the revelation that came to Joseph who was thinking of divorcing Mary who was expecting a Child. The angel revealed to him that His Name would be Jesus which means "God saves his people" (Christ means anointed). Thus Jesus is the Eternal Son of God Who came to dwell among us to save His people.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

CHRISTMAS MASSES SCHEDULE

The Nativity of the Lord

Since many people come home for Christmas and join us, Masses are likely to be crowded. You may wish to plan to come early. There will be half an hour of music before EVERY Mass.

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, Dec. 24th 4:00pm Family Mass 6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass 12:00am Midnight Mass Children of the parish will celebrate the Christmas Pageant at the 4:00 Mass only.

Christmas Day - Wednesday, Dec. 25th 9:00am Morning Mass 11:00am Daytime Mass

Octave of Christmas Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God ***Holy Day of Obligation*** Tuesday, January 1st: 10:00 am

Living the Word Update

Living the Word will be cancelled for the following dates: December 19, December 26, and January 2, 2020.

Our meetings will resume Thursday, January 9, 2020.

PLEASE HOLD IN PRAYER



The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. (Wis 3,1)

OUR MINISTRIES



31st Annual OLA Giving Tree

Thank you very much for your exceptional generosity! Many needy families enjoyed a wonderful Christmas because of you; we were touched to see how moved they were by your generous gifts. They send you their heartfelt thanks and love. May God bless you.

News from Gabriel Project

Last week, during their monthly meeting the Gabriel Project members gave a Baby Shower for Rubi, one of their clients who had her baby two months ago. Each member brought gifts, cakes and treats to share. She was accompanied by one of her sons and two sisters. She received many lovely gifts: a beautiful Bible which Fr. Eduino blessed for her, a Rosary, a crib, clothes, and some more.

It was a wonderful getting to know her and having the opportunity to cuddle her precious baby, Christian. Seeing her face of happiness each time she opened the presents for her little one was a rewarding experience.

Interested in learning more about us? Please call our GP Coordinators Carolyn Albers 916-296-2675 or





SCHOOL & YOUTH MINISTRY

CRAB FEED

SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming Events

8TH ANNUAL OLA CRAB FEED BENEFITTING THE 8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP

When:	Saturday, February 22nd, 2020
Where:	OLA Parish Hall
Time:	6:30 pm (doors open at 5:00 pm)
Tickets:	\$60 per person
	Tickets will be available in January
	at the school office and by email at:
	<u>olacraftfeed@olaparish.net</u>

Live/Silent & Dessert Auction



DID YOU KNOW?

Advent Season vs. Christmas Season By Shannon Langer

This Sunday, December 22nd, we approach the end of the Advent Season. During the Advent Season our focus is on preparing our homes and hearts for Jesus' birth. During this time we see the color purple and light Advent wreath candles. We sing songs that speak of anticipation. Songs like "People Look East" verse 4: "Angels, announce on this great feast: Him who cometh from the East. Set ev'ry peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way." Or "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" verse 7: "O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all humankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, And by thyself our Prince of Peace."

These songs are meant to help us reflect and prepare for the coming of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

Then the Christmas season begins! Just as the rest of the world stops the Christmas carols, we START ours! This is the time to celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas. We celebrate every day until the Feast of the Epiphany. Traditionally this is celebrated on January 6th, but the Bishops in the US have moved it to the Sunday after January 1st (this year that is January 5th). The Sunday that follows is then the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. After this is when we move back to the color green in the Church. However, during that entire time we hear Christmas carols like "Joy to the World" and "O Come, All Ye Faithful".

So, celebrate the Christmas season for the full 12 days with your family! There are plenty of Christmas music stations on Pandora or Sirius. Enjoy those days!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Meetings are held in the Youth Room

Grades 7 & 8: Wednesdays, 7:00pm-8:30pm



Grades 9 - 12: OLA's Life Teen Mass every Sunday at 11am followed by group meeting from 12-1:30pm *****

For more information about Youth Groups, please contact OLA's Youth Minister, Johann Rubia-Miller at (916) 481-5115 or Email: <u>vouth@olaparish.net</u>

YOUTH CHOIR & ENSEMBLE

Youth Ministry Choir and Ensemble

OLA Youth Ministry Choir and Ensemble serves weekly at the 11:00 Sunday Mass plus at other events as scheduled. Rehearsals are every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Open to students grades 5-12. Arrangements can be made for scheduled absences for individual or seasonal activities, but students have the opportunity to serve weekly as they are available year-round. All ability levels are welcome. This is an instructional program designed to help motivated and enthusiastic young people grow in both musical ability and in faith. Participants learn about the various liturgical seasons, the structure and sequence of the Mass, liturgical participation and leadership, and basic vocal technique and musicianship. Questions? Please email Casey Oliver, Music Director, at worship@olaparish.net. Thank you!

OLA Youth Christmas Eve Choir

We need singers for the OLA Youth Christmas Eve Choir. This choir will join the OLA Youth Christmas Eve Choir will join the OLA Youth Ministry Choir and Ensemble for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (3:00 pm arrival time) and is open to youth grades K-12. There will be a last rehearsal on Monday, 12/23, 5:00-6:30 pm. Please join us! We would love to have a large youth choir for this very special Mass. Participants in the choir may also participate in the Christmas play. If your child falls into this category, please let me know and his/her choir rehearsal schedule will be shortened accordingly.

If your child would like to participate, please confirm his/her participation via email: Casey Oliver, Music Director, at worship@olaparish.net. Thank you!

ADVENT REFLECTION

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Patron Saints for Advent

The season of Advent should be a source of hope for believers, as they look forward once again the recurring feast of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. The Magi offer us a wonderful symbol of this religious hope. As the Church moves through the weeks of Advent preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we can think of the Magi as having already been on the road for some time. They are on the way, over the horizon, and they will eventually join us at Bethlehem. They are travelling in hope.

The Magi on the road well illustrate the new theology of hope which has developed in Christian thought since the Second Vatican Council. Influenced by Jürgen Moltmann's Theology of Hope (1967), and inspiring the various theologies of liberation, the idea of hope has moved from a former attitude of sitting patiently, while waiting for God to improve things or to remedy some situation for us. Now God is viewed not as sorting things out for us, but as doing it through us. Hope has become an active, transformative, driving force, which encourages believers to cooperate, and spurs them to work with God now in achieving an improvement in difficult situations.

At the Epiphany I always like to think of the Magi from the East adoring the infant Jesus at the crib in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:11) as representing the best of human wisdom worshipping at the feet of the incarnate God of all. That is why, before their arrival, the Magi, travelling forward in uncertainty yet strong in hope, make wonderful patron saints of Christian hope for us, particularly in Advent, as we look forward to, and devote ourselves to working for, the growth of God's presence in our lives, our activities and our world.

-Excerpted from Glimpses of the Gospels

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: When you pray, how do you hear God's voice in response?

Question for Youth: God speaks to us in our intuitions and imagination, as he did to Joseph in this dream. What is your experience of hearing God speak in this way? What is God asking of you?

Question for Adults: What experiences do you have of God "speaking to you" and directing your life and work? How does God speak to you in prayer?

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY

"Pray without ceasing."

Prayers for Peace

The Legion of Mary has a statue of Our Lady of Fatima for parishioners to host her at their homes, and commit to pray for peace in her presence.

For information, please call Maggie Mongeau at 483-5807 or the Parish office 481-5115. We will deliver it so you can offer your prayers in this time of great need.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays and Thursdays, following the 8 a.m. mass, and continuing until 7 p.m. First Saturday of the month following the 8 a.m. mass until 1 p.m.

For additional information please call Joan at 335-3532.

Living the Word

Every Thursday 7:00 pm St. Paul's Room

Lectio Divina & Taizé Prayer

Typically the 4th Thursday of every month, during our regular "Living the Word" meeting time. Please check parish calendar.









PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please hold in your prayers our parishioners and friends:

- * Joan Cotton
- * Larry Nelson
- * George Peres * Jannifer Burk
- * Jennifer Burk
- * Julie Nelson * Nancy Carlso
- * Nancy Carlson * Jonathan Rassm
- * Stacie Higginbotham
- * Sandi Lanz
- * Tom Bogetich * Joe and Sue Simon
- * Shirley Ward
- * Mary Silva
- Jonathan Rassmussen * Cathy Quesinberry

Note: Please call the parish office to add a name.

NOURISH

CHRIST THE KING PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER New Year's Eve Retreat December 31st 5:00pm to January 1st 10:00am

"The Lord is my Joy and my Hope"

Liturgically, New Year's is the Octave of Christmas (The Eighth Day). The Church commemorates the Mother of Jesus as we celebrate the Name of Jesus in the expectation of a blessed New Year. In the midst of the conflict and strife of the past year, we gently gather to welcome the New Year as we continue to observe the Days of Christmas. The Year 2020 is also a "Leap Year" inviting us to remember we are meant to be people of "great joy" who announce that joy in all the thoughts, words, and actions of our lives. Come spent a peaceful New Year's overnight in gentle peace as with Mary we honor the Name which we bear always in our hearts. We will cross the threshold of the New Year with gratitude, prayer, praise, and hope.

For Registration or any questions email: retreatctk@passionist.org or Call: 916-725-4720 x 301.Register online

at:www.ChristTheKingRetreatcenter.org



INVITE

Footsteps of Apostle Paul – Faith-Based Travel

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY with our Footsteps of Apostle Paul, You will enjoy this 10 day experience June 28th, 2020 – July 7th, 2020. Your included destinations while on this Journey: Athens, Greece; Thessalonika- Excursion to Philippi & Kavala; -Veria-Kalambaka- Meteora-Athens; -Lavrion/Piraeus (Cruising): Mykonos; Kusadasi, Turkey-Excursion to EphesusS-Patmos, Greece; Heraklion, Crete–Santorini; Piraeus –Corinth –Athens. Land prices begin at \$2442 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposit of only \$400 per person will reserve your space. Limited space available. For further info or to register, contact Sara or Eileen at 860-399-1785/ Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

Adult Bereavement Support Group

Bereavement Support Group meetings, for adults experiencing the death of a loved one, are held at Mercy San Juan Medical Center, 6501 Coyle Ave., Carmichael, on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the hospital, on the main level, in the con-ference room across from the Russell elevators. Sessions are facilitated by staff chaplains. No registration is required. Meetings are free to the public. For more information you may contact the Spiritual Care Services department (916) 537-5098, or email: Matt.Sanders@DignityHealth.org. Additional support groups in the area can be found at www.GriefHelpSacramento.com.

WORD OF LIFE



SAVE THE DATE WALK FOR LIFE!

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers at the Walk for Life West Coast on January 25, 2020. OLA is sponsoring a bus to the event in San Francisco. It's an amazing and uplifting event, and an easy 1.8 mile walk down Market Street.

For more information or to reserve your seat, please contact Carolyn Albers at (916) 296-2675. For walk details visit the website

www.WalkforLifeWC.com, or SAN FRANCISCO pick up a form in the office.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Get on the Bus Volunteer Training January 25, 2020 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Carmichael (10 AM- 2 PM).

"Get on the Bus is a healing ministry for families suffering separation due to incarceration. The visits of children with their parents in prison provide a moment full of restorative grace. Please consider supporting the Get on the Bus ministry through your donations, volunteer efforts and prayers. Our efforts help to fulfill the promise of Jesus: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Mt. 18.20) -Bishop Jaime Soto

For more info: https://www.scd.org/catholiccharities-and-social-concerns/get-bus. If you feel the call to support this restorative justice ministry, please contact Regional Coordinator, Jackelin Aguilar at jaguilar@crjw.org.

OFFERING

For these gifts we are grateful!

Week of December 8

Correction:

There was a misprint last week for the collection. Please accept our apologies. The totals are below.

Weekend Offertory:	\$13,044.77	
Electronic Giving:	<u>\$ 6,015.58</u>	
Total:	\$19,060.35	
Week of December 15		
Weekend Offertory: Electronic Giving:	\$14,132.48 \$ 1,020.58	
Total:	\$15,153.06	
Average Weekly Budget Amount:	\$12,500.00	
Retirement Fund for the Religious:	\$ 2,871.60	

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

<u>4th Sunday of Advent</u> Stewa

Stewardship Disciples

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. *Stewards* strive to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may led us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

OLA's St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Collection December 28th/29th, 2019

Next weekend we will take up the collection for our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry. Thank you for your generosity!



STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Invitation to Help Carmichael's Homeless "There but for the grace of God go I."

Between 150 - 300 fellow residents are homeless in Carmichael. Many of them were born and raised in our area, but have fallen on hard times. Our Lady of the Assumption does much to help the poor and those in material need. Yet, homelessness remains a formidable challenge.

At the beginning of the New Year, our parish has the opportunity to help the homeless even more, in a very simple but profound way. Throughout nine weeks in January and February, the Carmichael Homeless Assistance Resource Team (composed of faith communities, the public and private sectors, and concerned individuals) will feed and provide shelter for the homeless at various local churches. Three of our neighbor churches, will each host one of the nine weeks of Winter Sanctuary. They need our help. The three churches and the dates they will need help include:

- St. John the Evangelist (5751 Locust Ave.): Wednesday, January 1 from 4:30 pm through Thursday, January 2 at 6:30 a.m.
- Crossroads Church (7100 Fair Oaks Boulevard): Wednesday, January 8 from 4:30 pm through Thursday, January 9 at 6:30 a.m.
- American River Community Church (3300 Walnut Avenue): Wednesday, February 12 from 4:30 pm through Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 a.m.

Each church will host 20-25 guests that have been screened and bussed to their church. OLA will need a minimum of 18 volunteers to sign up for various shifts. We will need volunteers to plan and cook a **simple dinner and pack a light breakfast, as the guests leave in the morning.** In addition to the preparation of meals, we will need volunteers to cover the following shifts:

Each Wednesday

4:30pm – 7:30 pm: 5 volunteers for Dinner and Clean Up

5:30 pm – 8:00 pm: 4 volunteers for Hospitality and Serving

7:30 pm – 11:30 pm: 2 males and 1 female for the Night Shift

Each Thursday

11:30 pm - 6:30 am: 2 males and 1 female for the Overnight Shift

5:15 am - 6:30 am: 3 volunteers for Wake-up and Boarding of the Busses

Last year, approximately 30 of our parishioners volunteered for Winter Sanctuary. Ostensibly, we were there to help the homeless. In reality, we were humbled by their humility and thankful spirit. In addition, we saw first-hand how homelessness makes people weary to the bone.

If you are interested in volunteering for one or more shifts, please contact Juan Yñiguez (jcyniguez@att.net or 916.207.9512). Not surprisingly, we would greatly appreciate volunteers for the Late Night and Overnight Shifts. This is also a good opportunity for our parish ministries to volunteer as groups. Teens are welcome to participate, but they must be accompanied by their parent or guardian. Please feel free to learn more about Carmichael HART at <u>https://carmichaelhart.org</u>. Thank you!!!



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