



# OUR LADY OF THE *Assumption* PARISH

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**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

Bulletin for the  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Pastor**

**Rev. Eduino T. Silveira**  
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**Pastors Emeriti**

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

**Deacon**

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**OLA PARISH SCHOOL**

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School Website: school.olaparish.net

Principal: Robert Love

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

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from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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**BLESSED  
ARE YOU!**

- ST. ELIZABETH

## **Regular 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 are heard inside  
the church on Saturday  
afternoons at 3:30 p.m.**

*You may also call the parish office  
to schedule an appointment.*

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ministries, and upcoming events.

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



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### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:00 PM †† Fred and Lizz Baca  
by Carmy and Tina Baca  
† Joey Cotton  
by Joan and Don Cotton

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:30 AM † Jonathan Whitfield  
by the Lemieux family  
9:00 AM (Sp) Caleb Dixon  
by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade families  
†† Lupe and Philip Rivas  
by Lynda Campos  
11:00 AM (Sp) Jane Dunbar (birthday)  
by Maryanne Powers  
† Noelle Malone  
by the Spitzer family  
7:30 PM All Parishioners (Missa Pro Populo)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00 AM † Maria Judite Costa  
by Antonio and Leontina Ferreira  
(Sp) Trek and Lisa Portillo  
by the Portillo family

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 PM (Sp) Caleb Dixon (healing)  
by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade families  
†† Francis and Florida Long  
by the Callahan Family  
(Sp) McHugh family  
by the Messerer family  
6:00 PM All Souls

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

12:00 AM All Souls  
8:00 AM † Tim Riehl  
† Roderick Read Sr.  
by the Callahan family  
10:00 AM † Gert Langer  
by the Langer family  
† Laurel Carbon  
by Paulina Carbon and family and the  
Leighton-Armah family

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00 AM † Ron Ricci  
by Albers family  
(Sp) Matthew and Erin Portillo  
by the Portillo family

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00 AM † Andrew Martelon  
by Cathy Apker  
† Tim Riel  
by Steve and Mary Jo Riehl

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

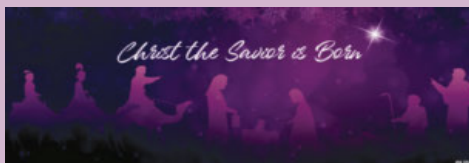
5:00 PM (Sp) Philip Tinely (100<sup>th</sup> birthday)  
by Maria Porter  
(Sp) McArdle Family Intentions  
by Jane and Jim McArdle

### 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.

### Observances for the week of December 22, 2024

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



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having you as part of our flock



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with us via  
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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

Weekend Offertory 12/8/24	\$ 7,482.27
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Please contact Elisabeth Gustorf, Advancement Director, at [advancement@olaparish.net](mailto:advancement@olaparish.net) or at (916) 489-8958 ext. 170.

Our Lady of the Assumption is a 501(c)(3) organization. All gifts are tax deductible as allowed by the law. Tax ID number is #45-3954215.

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday, December 22**

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

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

**Monday, December 23**

**8:00 am** Mass  
**6:00 pm** Christmas Choir  
Rehearsal - Church

**Tuesday, December 24**

**8:00 am** Mass  
**Christmas Vigil Masses:  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Wednesday, December 25**

**12:00 am** Christmas  
Midnight Mass

**8:00 am** Christmas Day  
Mass  
**10:00 am** Christmas Day  
Mass

**Thursday, December 19**

**8:00 am** Mass

**Friday, December 20**

**8:00 am** Mass

**Saturday, December 21**

**3:30 pm** Confessions -  
Church  
**5:00 pm** vigil Mass

# Special COLP COLLECTIONS



We will have a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Second Collection for the OLA Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society on the weekend of December 28/29.

OLA SVdP serves those in need who live within our parish boundaries through the food locker and by helping with utility and rent payments. Your support makes the work of SVdP possible.

**Thank you for your generosity towards the collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious** that took place the weekend of December 7/8.

**Total collection amount for the Retirement Fund for the Religious: \$2,287.46**

**Thank you for your support of all of the special collections throughout the year!**



We encourage 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.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ADVENT 2024 – WEEK 4: LOVE

As in all the cycles of the liturgical year, we finish Advent with a Gospel reading of Mary. Here are two women, one exulting in her special condition because she was beyond childbearing years, never having had a child, and the other bewildered by her predicament yet accepting her state. This is a story of two women, wholly insignificant and living their mundane lives. But like “Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah,” God chooses them to be the vessels of His Glory.

Theirs is the story of all greatness that bears forth in vulnerability, entrusted to the natural processes of human life. God comes forth in Jesus the Christ to accompany us in harmony with the suffering of all of us small and little people, to teach us the value of human life and the greatness of each life. Mary and Elizabeth embraced their littleness, their smallness so that God could allow us to grasp our eternal value.

Why does God choose what is ordinary to hold the radiance of the divine – “And how does this happen to me?” Might it be that we mistake what is loud and flashy for what is truly marvelous? Whatever the case, God’s choice should encourage all of us. The mystery of the Incarnation comes to ordinary people living ordinary lives. What is required is openness to do God’s will, a willingness to respond to God’s call, “Behold, I come to do your will.”

As we stand at the threshold of Jesus’ second advent, we should prepare by realizing that the radiance of God shines forth through faithfulness in the ordinary events of life. This is how God chose to come, not had to come, through the joy and bewilderment of two simple, extraordinary women, whose hearts were open to God.

– Deacon Michael Tateishi

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

**Jonathan Whitfield**

**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](mailto:parish@olaparish.net).

Thank you.

Lisa Coffman  
Tomasa Washington  
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Donna Blaschke  
Alice Mayer Govaars (baby)  
Esther Paulos  
Cole Miller Whitney (baby)  
Wesley Villariza  
Charlie Wetherall  
Lawrence Wilhelm  
Camille Peter  
Donna Deterding Parks  
Yolande De Forge  
Justin Langstroth  
Adam Peter  
Langford Metzger  
Mary Roy  
Shannon Langer  
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Amber Morris

Doug Abbes  
John Klaas  
Kathy Harreld  
T.J. Rapozo  
Diane Goodman  
Will Walker  
Bennett Mattingly  
Jack Wetherall  
Sally Leatherby  
Elaine Lyons  
John DeSouza  
Jerry Seldon  
Sheila Johnson  
Nick Friedrich  
Jerry Beck  
April Valencia  
Robert DeAnda  
Angie Marakas

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

### **OLA Communications Information**

	<b>BULLETIN WEEKEND DATES</b>	<b>ARTICLE DUE</b>
<b>DEADLINES</b>	<b>Jan 4 – Jan 5</b>	<b>*Dec 23</b>
	<b>Jan 11 – Jan 12</b>	<b>Jan 3</b>
	<b>Jan 18 – Jan 19</b>	<b>Jan 10</b>

\*Early deadline due to holiday

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

## PARISH AND SCHOOL NEWS

### Youth Christmas Choir and Ensemble

It's 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.** 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!**

### OLA Christmas Mass Schedule

**This year, Christmas falls on a Wednesday.**  
*Please see the Christmas Mass schedule below.*

#### Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### Christmas Midnight Mass

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

at 12:00 a.m. (midnight)

#### Christmas Day Masses

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

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

*\*Masses with an asterisk will be livestreamed.*



### OLA Ministry Information

Want to join a ministry? Does your ministry need assistance?  
We can help you!

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

**Do you wish to learn more about our parish ministries and/or sign up to become involved?** Please contact Jane Ricci, our OLA Ministry Coordinator, via email at [ministrycoordinator@olaparish.net](mailto:ministrycoordinator@olaparish.net). You may also call the parish office at (916) 481-5115 to leave a message.

## Christmas Message from Pastor 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. May we remember that through Jesus' love, death, and resurrection He forgives our sins and brings us to eternal life. May we remember that He came to guide us into true joy through His Holy Spirit to transform and fill us with love and peace.

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 separates 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

### "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!

December 22, 2024

## PRAYER AND FORMATION AT OLA

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the remainder of December.**

We apologize for any inconvenience. We have flyers in the church that list other nearby locations and times for Eucharistic Adoration.

### We need more volunteers to support our Eucharistic Adoration ministry on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at OLA will resume on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.**

### OLA Live Events in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament

**At OLA, in addition to weekly Adoration, twice a month we host prayer services in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.** Each month we pray the rosary and have a prayer service with OLA Youth Ministry. Both services are livestreamed.

#### Upcoming OLA Live Events

**Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

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

**Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

Youth Revival Night of Prayer with Youth Ministry 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. and follows Christian meditations to help participants grow in relationship with Christ.**

*Meetings are in the church on the first Monday of the month and then on Zoom for the rest of the month.*

Email Fran Rider at [birider2808@sbcglobal.net](mailto:birider2808@sbcglobal.net) for more information. **"Be still and know that I am God."**



### Living the Word Scripture Study

**All are welcome for the 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.

## Catholic Q and A: Christmas Gifts

**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.

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### Faith Enrichment and Formation Resources from Flocknote Engage

**Did you know that our parish has Flocknote Engage, which includes free access to Bishop Barron's Word on Fire ENGAGE video library and study programs?** All that is required is a OLA Parish 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 popular Catholicism series and other 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](mailto:worship@olaparish.net).



## COMMUNITY



### St. Vincent de Paul Society - OLA Conference

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**We need soup for the OLA Food Locker.** We also need paper grocery bags and empty egg cartons. Please drop off donations 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. Call (916) 481-6352 for more information.

**Interested in volunteering for SVdP?** Please call us at (916) 481-6352 to leave a message, or email Marylee Johnson at [jmjohn@surewest.net](mailto:jmjohn@surewest.net).

**St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us!**

### Hats for the Homeless Appeal

**Winter weather is now upon us, and the need for hats is great!** Hats have already been distributed to Mercy Pedalers, Loaves and Fishes, and Carmichael HART and this will continue through March. Contributions are needed and much appreciated! They can be left in the containers at the back of church or at the parish office during office hours. Donations of yarn (#4 weight worsted machine washable) are also welcome. To all those who are mystery donors at church, a HUGE thank you! Your gifts warm not only the heads but also the hearts of those who receive them. Gloves and scarves also welcome. *Matt. 25:37-40.*

Questions? Contact Angie at [amstrawn@comcast.net](mailto:amstrawn@comcast.net).



### Weekly Meetings at OLA

**Join Catholic in Recovery Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. in St. Anne's Room.** The 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: alcoholism; drug addiction; compulsive overeating; restricted eating; lust/pornography addiction; gambling addiction; technology addiction; compulsive spending/debting; codependency; control, fear, resentment, and grief.

**For more information,** please go online to our website [www.catholicinrecovery.com](http://www.catholicinrecovery.com), or you may contact Bill B. at [bbefort@bellsouth.net](mailto:bbefort@bellsouth.net) or at (561) 827-0624.

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### Rachel's Ministry Retreat

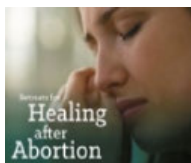
There are claims stating that abortion will solve the problem. However, these claims do not address the landslide of problems it creates - feelings of sadness, guilt, grief, isolation, and depression. Rachel's Ministry Retreat allows the healing process to begin for those who suffer from the traumas of abortion by offering Jesus' forgiveness and healing love and the hope and promise of resurrection. Two retreats will be offered next year:

-February 28-March 2, 2025 (in Spanish)

-June 6-8, 2025 (in English)

If you or someone you know would benefit from the weekend retreat, to experience God's love, mercy, and compassion, please call Project Rachel at 916-733-0161 and start the process of accepting God's loving mercy. More information is available on the diocesan website at [www.scd.org/postabortioncare](http://www.scd.org/postabortioncare).

### Find healing at Rachel's Vineyard



Call (916) 733-0161

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**Martin Ross**

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