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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"BLESSED ARE YOU WHO BELIEVED
THAT WHAT WAS SPOKEN TO YOU BY THE LORD
WOULD BE FULFILLED."

—LUKE 1:45

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Bulletin for the
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Regular Mass Schedule

8:00 a.m. daily Masses
(Monday-Friday and
first Saturday)

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.

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 pm.

*You may also call the parish office to
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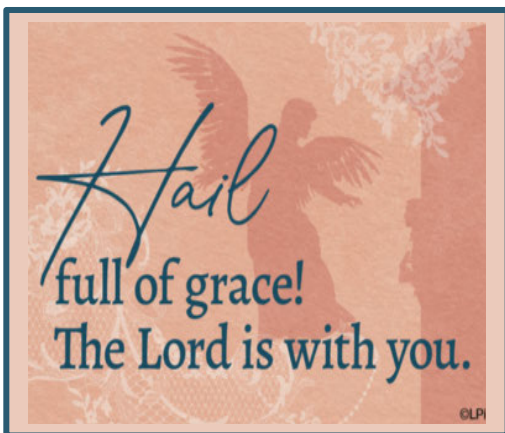
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, "But she was greatly troubled at what was said." An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her precisely when she is troubled. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, **"Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God."**

-Father John Muir ©LPi



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

All Souls

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.

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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.

Thank you.

Lisa Coffman

Theda Lord

Tomasa Washington

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Donna Blaschke (mother)

Alice Mayer Govaars (baby)

Rachel Carrasco

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OLA Communications Information

BULLETIN WEEKEND DATES

ARTICLE DUE

DEADLINES

Jan 6-Jan 7

Dec 29

Jan 13-Jan 14

Jan 5

Jan 20-Jan 21

Jan 12

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Weekly Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DEC 23

5:00 PM † Lizz Baca

by Carmy and Tina Baca

† Jean Metz

(Sp) John Metz

by Carol Metz

SUNDAY, DEC 24

7:30 AM †† Ken and Betty Mork

9:00 AM (Sp) Phil and Carole Vercruyssen

11:00 AM (Sp) Laurel Carbon (birthday)

by Janice Leighton-Armah (sister)
and family

4:00 PM (Sp) McHugh Family

by Lorraine, Fred, and Patrick
Messerer

6:00 PM † Noelle Malone

by the Spritzer family

MONDAY, DEC 25

12:00 AM All Parishioners (*Missa Pro Populo*)

8:00 AM † Joyce Nocetti

by the Seymour family

10:00 AM † Gert Langer

by the Langer family

TUESDAY, DEC 26

8:00 AM † Molly Garcia

by the Garcia family

WEDNESDAY, DEC 27

8:00 AM † Tim Riehl

by Steve and Mary Jo Riehl

THURSDAY, DEC 28

8:00 AM McArdle Family intentions

by Jim and Jane McArdle

FRIDAY, DEC 29

8:00 AM † Andrea Martelon

by Catherine Apker

SATURDAY, DEC 30

5:00 PM † Jeanette Brown

by Laurie Brown and Judy Hecox

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 24, 2023

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

Monday: The Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Wednesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Thursday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Friday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday:

Next Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

JOIN OUR OLA COMMUNITY

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 12/10/23	\$ 9,335.00
E-Giving 12/4/23 to 12/10/23	\$ 4,747.51
Total:	\$14,082.51



We 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 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.

Current WeShare customers with questions about their account can access customer support.

WeShare Donor Support Phone: (877) 316 0260 or go to <https://www.wesharegiving.com/support/>

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Masses: 7:30 am - 9:00 am - 11:00 am (no 7:30 pm Mass)

Christmas Vigil Masses:
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Monday, Dec 25

12:00 am Christmas Midnight Mass

8:00 am Christmas Day Mass

10:00 am Christmas Day Mass

Tuesday, Dec 26

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am - 7:00 pm Adoration in the Church

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus mtg. - St. John's Hall

Wednesday, Dec 27

8:00 am Mass

6:00 pm Catholics in Recovery - St. Anne's Rm.

6:30 pm RCIA - Affinito Hall Rm. 3

Thursday, Dec 28

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Adoration in the Church

7:00 pm Living the Word - Affinito Hall Rm. 3

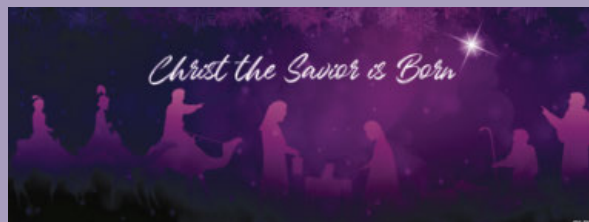
Friday, Dec 29

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, Dec 30


3:30 pm Confessions - Church

5:00 pm vigil Mass



Next weekend 12/31 we will have the 5th Sunday Second Collection for the OLA Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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!**

We  love
having you as part of our flock



Keep in touch
with us via
email & text



Sign up for our parish Flocknote emails and Flocknote Engage educational resources at <https://olaparish.flocknote.com/>, or by scanning the QR code. If you have any questions about Flocknote, or if you need help accessing the Flocknote Engage educational resources, please contact Casey Oliver at worship@olaparish.net.

PARISH AND SCHOOL NEWS

Giving Tree Thank You!

A special thank you message from Giving Tree chair Peggy Stradford:

Dale and I want thank all of our fabulous sponsors, donors, and workers! **Your generosity allowed us to provide Christmas gifts to 76 families in need.** Many people also donated their time to shop for, wrap, move and distribute the gifts to our clients.

The joy and gratitude of those we help makes this ministry so worthwhile and we appreciate everyone who helped make it happen!



Peggy and Dale Stradford sorting through just some of the gifts in St. Anne's room. Gifts were distributed to families the week before Christmas.



Santa's Breakfast and Secret Santa Shoppe Recap

We had a wonderful turn out for the annual Santa's Breakfast and Secret Santa Shoppe on Sunday, December 10th.



Thank you to our dedicated Santa's Breakfast / Secret Shoppe planners and to "Santa" and OLA parent Lee Scott!



Thank you to all of the hard-working Knights of Columbus for cooking the delicious pancake breakfast.



Thank you to Martha and Mary Ministry for hosting their annual bake sale and thank you to all who donated!



We hope everyone got into the holiday spirit at the Santa's Breakfast! Thank you to all who attended!

Thank you to all in our parish community for making this event a wonderful success. Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas from Fr. Eduino and the Parish Office staff



Fr. Eduino and the parish staff wishes everyone a holy Christmas!

Thank you for all of your prayers and support during the holiday season and throughout the year.

A special thank you to the office volunteers who serve every week, and to the volunteers who helped with the Christmas letter mailing.



Vocations Corner

A HUGE "Thank You" to our Faith Formation and School children who recently supported our 11 Seminarians with some Christ-mas love. The children shined their light of kindness through the many cards and gifts they and their teachers provided.



We are all grateful for these Seminarians who are in training, after they discerned and answered the call to serve others through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Please keep them in your prayers.

"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 24, 2023

PRAYER AND FORMATION AT OLA

Adoration

All are invited to come pray during Adoration in the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.



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

**We are in need of a regularly scheduled Adorer
Thursdays from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.**

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

OLA Live Events in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament

At OLA, in addition to weekly Adoration, we host prayer services twice a month in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Each month we pray the rosary and have a Lectio Divina and Taizé Prayer service. Both services are livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person. All are welcome to attend.

Upcoming OLA Live Events

Thursday, January 11th at 6:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m.

Lectio Divina and Taizé Prayer 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. either via Zoom or in the church and follows guided meditations to help participants grow in relationship with Christ. Contact Fran Rider via email at bilrider2808@sbcglobal.net for more information.



Living the Word Scripture Study

All are welcome to join us for the Living the Word Scripture Study program 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.

Mass Schedule for the Feast of the Holy Family and the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God falls on a Monday. This year it is not a holy day of obligation, but we are all still invited to celebrate this beautiful solemnity as we welcome the new year.

Please see the weekend Mass schedule below.

Feast of the Holy Family vigil Mass

Saturday, December 30th

at *5:00 p.m.

Feast of the Holy Family Sunday Masses

Sunday, December 31st

at 7:30 a.m., *9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

(No 7:30 p.m. Sunday Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family)

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God vigil Mass

Sunday, December 31st

at 5:30 p.m.

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Mass during the day

Monday, January 1st, 2024

at *10:00 a.m.

(No 8:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, January 1st.)

*Masses with an asterisk will be livestreamed.



Faith Enrichment and Formation Resources from Flocknote Engage

Did you know that our parish has Flocknote Engage, which includes free and complete access to Bishop Barron's Word on Fire ENGAGE video library and study programs? All that is required is a Flocknote account. If you do not have a 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 complete Catholicism series and multiple 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.

COMMUNITY



St. Vincent de Paul Society - OLA Conference

Thank you for your continued support! Your generosity makes a tremendous difference within our parish boundaries, especially during the holiday season.

We are excited to announce that Dennis Ward won the Ozanam award at the St. Vincent de Paul Top Hat luncheon on Dec 9. It is an award given to a SVdP member who is an outstanding member for the SVdP OLA Conference.

We need pasta, canned corn, canned green beans, spaghetti sauce, and macaroni and cheese for the Food Locker. We also need grocery bags, especially paper bags. Drop donations off 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. For more information, please call (916) 481-6352.

Interested in volunteering for SVdP? Call (916) 481-6352 and leave a message, or email SVdP president Marylee Johnson at jmjohn@surewest.net.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is available to those who need financial assistance to pay their home energy bills. To find out if you qualify, call the toll-free hotline at 866-674-6327 or visit <https://liheapch.acf.hhs.gov/search-tool/>.



Weekly Meetings at OLA

Join Catholic in Recovery at OLA on Wednesdays at 6:00 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.

For more information, please visit our website www.catholicinrecovery.com, or contact Bill B. at bbefort@bellsouth.net or at (561) 827-0624.

Hats for the Homeless Update

Thank you for your generous donations to the OLA Hats for the Homeless ministry!

The Super Fritz Fund for the UC Davis Pediatric Cancer Center received 100 hats. The OLA Giving Tree received 100+ hats. The Carmichael HART program that occurs every Saturday at Carmichael Presbyterian Church has received 50 hats and will be kept stocked as the homeless come weekly for a hot meal, warm clothing, free haircuts, clean clothes, and wellness checks by student nurses under supervision of an RN instructor (blood pressure, blood sugar checks, skin checks). God's Bounty at St. Ignatius has received hats as well as Mercy Pedalers, just to name a few of the causes that the hats will support.

Boxes for hats are in the back of church. Drop off homemade hats or ready-made store-bought hats. They are collected weekly.

We need 2,000 hats to get through the winter.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Merry Christmas!

Vocare - Who Are You Called To Be? Young Adult Discernment Retreat

February 23 & 24, 2024 - Please join the Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations to the upcoming young adult discernment retreat for men and women ages 18 to 35. Young adults will have the opportunity to reflect and ponder on their vocation, gain tools for discernment and prayer as they meet with religious women and men to discern their vocation whether it be religious life or priesthood. **Registration is now open!** https://scd.formstack.com/forms/vocare_retreat



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