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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.
- Lk 2:7

Regular Mass Schedule

8:00 am daily Masses
(Monday-Friday and
first Saturday)

Saturday Vigil Mass
at 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses at 7:30 am,
9:00 am, 11:00 am,
and 7:30 pm

Holy Days of Obligation:
8:00 am and 5:30 pm

**Confessions are heard inside
the church on Saturday
afternoons at 3:30 pm.**

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

Please check our website for
current MASS SCHEDULE
information.

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Sunday, December 25, 2022

Pastor

Rev. Eduino T. Silveira
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Pastors Emeriti

**Rev. Brendan McKeefry &
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Deacon

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***Provides assistance for those in need
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Monday - Friday | 9:00am - 11:00am

**Food Locker hours of operation
are Tuesday and Thursday mornings
from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.**

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30am - 2:30pm

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Nativity of the Lord

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all.

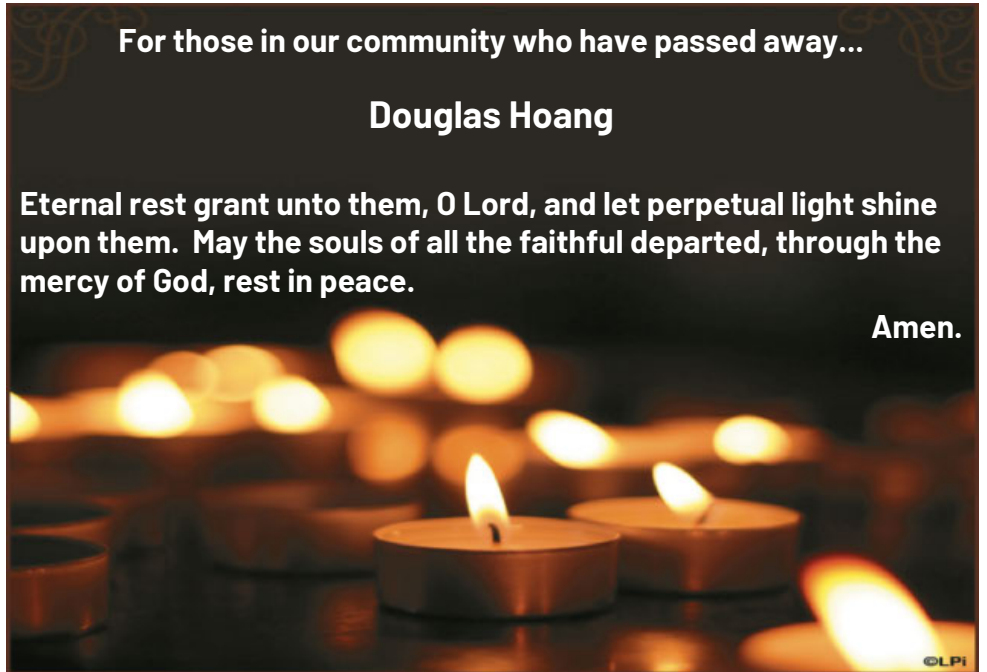
Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth. The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas! ©LPI

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

Douglas Hoang

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

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Stacie Higginbotham
Shirley Ward
J. Richard Heintz
Richard McClintock
Debbie McGee
Tom Hickman
Denny Collieran
Petra Morales
Amanda Young
Salvador Beltran
Chela DeAnda
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Olivia Jacobo**

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Sarah Maya
Charles Kesmodel MD
Lisa Berumen Cox
Elsie & Mona Berumen
Janice Leighton-Armah
Ericka Mora
Junior Mora**

**Adam Peters
Maureen Baker
Henry Holt (baby)
Joan Cotton
Wayne Stone
Sharon DeLeonardis
Crystal Weeks
Charles Roug
Lisa Coffman
Irene Simmons
Christine Jensen
Malachi Rex-
Pentacost
Levi Oliver
Lila McHugh**

**BULLETIN WEEKEND
DATES**

**ARTICLE
DUE**

Jan 7-Jan 8

Dec 30

Jan 14-Jan 15

Jan 6

Jan 21-Jan 22

Jan 13

DEADLINES

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

Send to communications@olaparish.net.

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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.



SATURDAY, DEC 24

Nativity of the Lord - Vigil

4:00 PM † Joseph Edwin Cotton
by Mom and Dad

6:00 PM † Mario Commandatore
by the Giodano family

SUNDAY, DEC 25 *The Nativity of the Lord*

12:00 AM † Mario Commandatore
by the Giodano family

† Mourhit Drissi
by OLA Pastoral Council

7:30 AM OLA Parishioners

9:00 AM † Gert Langer
by the Langer family

11:00 AM † Mary Zboralske
by Frank Zboralske
(Sp) Laurel Carbon (birthday)
by Carbon & Leighton-Armah families

MONDAY, DEC 26

Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

8:00 AM † Tim Riehl
by Steve and Mary Jo Riehl

TUESDAY, DEC 27

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 AM † Andrew Martelon (birthday)

WEDNESDAY, DEC 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 AM McArdle Family (intentions)
by Jane and James McArdle

THURSDAY, DEC 29

8:00 AM † Danilo Zaldana Sr.

FRIDAY, DEC 30

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 AM † Olivia Massetti
by John Massetti
(Sp) Joan Cotton (Health)
by Cathy Apker

SATURDAY, DEC 31

5:00 PM † Tim Melanson
† Randy Plese
by Kathie Penney

JOIN OUR OLA COMMUNITY

Are you attending Mass regularly at Our Lady of the Assumption Church but are not registered?

Register today as a parishioner. Go online to

<https://olaparish.net/community/register-us>.

You may also call or visit the parish office for assistance.

Thank you!

**Our OLA Parish Finance Council
thanks you for your generosity!**

You are invited to view the
2021-2022 Fiscal Year Parish Finance
Report and Video on our parish website:
<https://olaparish.net/finance-council>



We want to 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 in the comfort of your home.

To enroll please follow these simple steps:

Go to <https://olaparish.net>.

Click on Donate.

This will take you to our "Contribute" page, where you will find the **WeShare** link to enroll and start making your donation.

If you are a current WeShare customer and have questions about how to support your online giving contributions, please call:

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

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec 25

**Masses: 12:00 midnight -
7:30 am - 9:00 am - 11:00 am**
no 7:30 pm Mass

Monday, Dec 26

8:00 am Mass
2:30 pm - 8:30 pm OLA
Basketball - Affinito Gym
6:30 pm Boy Scouts - Troop
328 - Bannon Hall

Tuesday, Dec 27

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am - 7:00 pm Adoration
in the Chapel
2:30 pm - 8:30 pm OLA
Basketball - Affinito Gym
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
Committee Meeting - Affinito
Mtg. Room 3
6:30 pm Knights of
Columbus Mtg - St. John's
Hall

Wednesday, Dec 28

8:00 am Mass
2:30 pm - 8:30 pm OLA
Basketball - Affinito Gym
5:00 pm Catholics in
Recovery - St. Anne's
Room
6:30 pm RCIA - Affinito
Hall Mtg. Room 3

Thursday, Dec 29

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am - 7:00 pm
Adoration in the Chapel
2:30 pm - 8:30 pm OLA
Basketball - Affinito Gym

Friday, Dec 30

8:00 am Mass
2:30 pm - 8:30 pm OLA
Basketball - Affinito Gym

Saturday, Dec 31

10:30 am Alanon Meeting
- Affinito Hall - Mtg. Room
3
1:30 pm Bible Study -
Affinito Hall - Mtg. Room 3
3:00 pm Confessions -
Church
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Help OLA continue its mission by making a special gift today!

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STOCK or PLANNED GIFTS

Please contact Elisabeth Gustorf Advancement Director
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PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS



Meet our new Office Manager Lorraine Messerer

From Lorraine:

I was born and raised in Ireland. I have been a member of the parish since 2018. I'm married to Fred, and my son Patrick is in 3rd grade at OLA school.

I am excited to be the new office manager for the parish. You all are welcome to drop by the office to say hello. Christmas Blessings.

Adoration at OLA

**All are invited to come pray during
Adoration in the church on Tuesdays and
Thursdays from 8:30 am - 7:00 pm.**



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

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

Super Fritz and Friends Holiday Gift Drive Update

Together, WE DID IT! On behalf of the UC Davis Pediatric Cancer Center and the Super Fritz Family, we want to sincerely thank our OLA Parish community for supporting the 2nd annual Super Fritz & Friends Holiday Gift Drive.

Our parish & school community, together with other local organizations, raised thousands of dollars in gift cards and TRIPLED the amount of gifts & toys that were donated last year. The Cancer Center Holiday Shop opened on Friday, 12/16 and the families at the UC Davis pediatric Cancer Center will be able to shop in a safe, germ-free environment for free.

Thank you for providing hope and cheer to these families this year. We are grateful for our parish and school community and we wish you a blessed Christmas season.

With Love, The Stark Family





St. Vincent De Paul Society - OLA Conference

The OLA St. Vincent de Paul Conference would like to thank OLA parishioners for your support during the holiday season and throughout the year!

We urgently need volunteers for both the food locker and for the teams that work with helping clients with rent and utilities.

Our number of families needing help has almost tripled from previous years, and some of the food lockers/closets in area had to close due to lack of funds, so we are trying to help them also.

The Food Locker needs clean shopping bags (paper preferred, plastic okay) and non-perishable food items. Soup, chili, vegetables, cereal, peanut butter, pasta and sauce especially are needed. Bags and food donations can be dropped off in the SVdP collection bins inside the church or at the parish office. **Interested in volunteering for St. Vincent de Paul?** Please contact president Marylee Johnson: jmjohn@surewest.net.

Youth Ministry

thanks you for your donations!

OLA Youth Ministry has been busy preparing to distribute toiletry bags, coats, hats, and scarves.



Thank you to all the parishioners for their generous contributions to support these projects. We are happy to report that we made 70 toiletry bags and have over 200 hundred coats, socks, and scarves to distribute to the community!

Giving Tree Thank You!



We just want to say a heartfelt thank you to our wonderfully generous parishioners for their support of the Giving Tree! **Thanks to the families who sponsored our recipients and the incredible donations of gift cards and cash, we were able to provide gifts to 98 families this year!** We also want to thank our support team of tech support, shoppers, wrappers, and movers for making the logistics of this work with such cheer and joy! We are overwhelmed with the love and support of the OLA family for this ministry and feel blessed to be a part of it.

Dale and Peggy Stradford, Giving Tree Chairs

Christmas Message from Fr. Eduino

As we 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 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

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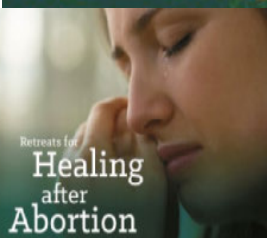
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