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THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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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 entire family of God.

Sunday, December 26 2021 - The Holy Family

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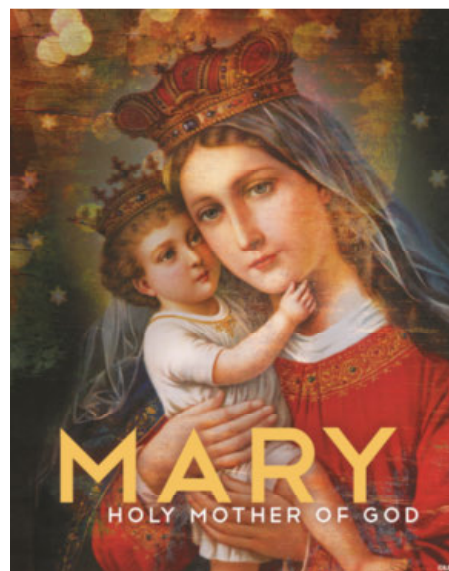
Monday - Friday | 9:00am - 11:00am

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

Ask an usher about them!

Please check our website for current MASS SCHEDULE information

www.olaparish.net



GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe. In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

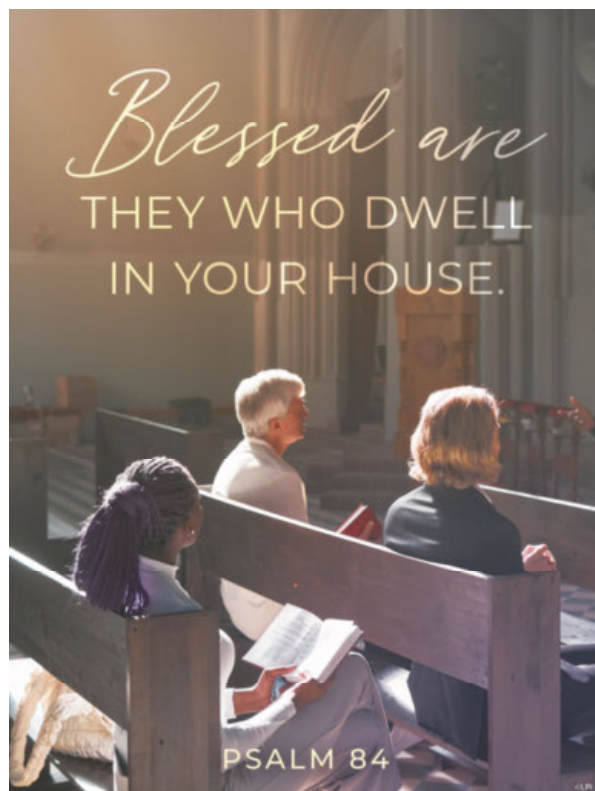


Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the “light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families.” While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God’s continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

Nancy Carlson	Dolores Morales	John Tenerio
Jonathan Rassmussen	Sarah Maya	Larry Wager
Stacie Higginbotham	Amanda Young	Peter Robledo
Sandi Lanz	Josefina Morales	Chistrine Dudley
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Charles Kesmodel MD	Jackie Doyle	Salvador Beltran
Gutierrez Family	Tamsyn R Holmquist	Tom Hickman
Debbie McGee	Evelyn Jensen	



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Stewardship Family

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, Stewardship is in our DNA. We share and express our love for others. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you; those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

<https://camdendiocese.org/stewardship>

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Feast of the Holy Family

Theme: Jesus establishes his obedience to and relationship with God the Father.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

Step Two: **Look into Your Life**

Question for Children: Why is it important to obey our parents? Why is it important to obey God?

Question for Youth: Jesus was obedient to his parents, even though he was the Son of God. Why is obedience so important? Is it something you struggle with?

Question for Adults: How are you, too, called to our Father's house?

<https://lifelongcatechesis.osv.com/>



SATURDAY, DEC 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Prayer Request

12:00AM (Midnight Mass)

7:30 AM † Estelita Brooks

by Marylee Johnson

9:00 AM † Gloria Plog & Alex Dalske

by Sheila Johnson

11:00 AM † Steven Vander Pyl

by Oliver Family

† Lizz Baca

by Carmy Baca

No 5:00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, DEC 26

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 AM † Aras Grakauskas

by Arnoldas S. kungys

9:00 AM † Mary Zboralske

by Frank Zboralske

11:00 AM † Karen Muravez

by The Oliver Family

(SP) Aurora Rimando

by The Doud Family

No 7:30pm Mass

MONDAY, DEC 27

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00AM † Karen Muravez

by The Oliver Family

TUESDAY, DEC 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00AM Family Intentions

by The McArdle Family

WEDNESDAY, DEC 29

8:00AM † Tim Reihl

by Steve and Mary Jo Reihl

THURSDAY, DEC 30

8:00AM † Joao DeFreitas

by Mary Jo Goes & Family

FRIDAY, DEC 31

8:00AM (Sp) Laurie Lerda-Plog (Healing)

by Charles Plog & Sheila Johnson

SATURDAY, JAN 01

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00AM † Mariano Silveira

5:00PM † Joanne Kelley

by Marie Mauer



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. Visit the following link:

<https://olaparish.net/community/register-us> and follow a few simple steps, and you are done.

If you prefer in person, you can fill out a form at our parish office, which is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Registration forms are also available at the Church. Ask an usher for details.

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. Eduíno, Pastor.



FOR THESE GIFTS WE ARE GRATEFUL!

Weekend Offertory	12/19/21	\$ 14,143.17
E-Giving	12/13/21 to 12/19/21	\$ 4,428.92
Total		\$ 18,572.09

Average weekly budget amount \$12,000.00

WESHARE

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.



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OUR PARISH

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec 26 <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> 7:30am-9:00am-11:00am No 7:30pm Mass 12:15pm Baptism - Church 10:30pm Flame Meeting - St. Paul's Room	Monday, Dec 27 8:00am Mass
Tuesday, Dec 28 8:00am Mass 8:30—7:00pm Adoration in the Church 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting - St. John's Hall.	Wednesday, Dec 29 8:00am Mass 2:15pm School Music Practice—Church 7:00pm RCIA—Affinito Hall - Meeting Room 3 7:30 pm Neocatechists - St. John's Hall
Thursday, Dec 30 8:00am Mass 8:30—7:00pm Adoration in the Church	Friday, Dec 31 8:00 am Mass
Saturday, Jan 01 10:00 am Mass Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God No 8:00am Mass 5:00pm Mass 7:30 pm Neocatechists - St. John's Hall	Sunday, Jan 02 The Epiphany of the Lord 7:30am-9:00am-11:00am & 7:30pm Mass



DEADLINES

BULLETIN WEEKEND DATES	ARTICLE DUE
Jan 01 -Jan 02	Dec 24
Jan 08-Jan 09	Dec 31
Jan 15-Jan 16	Jan 07

NEWS

Registration is Now Open!



Catechetical
Foundations

Catechetical Foundations is a course for anyone in the Diocese of Sacramento who wishes to gain an understanding of the fundamentals of the Christian faith and how to pass it on to others.

In particular, it is for parish leaders, catechists, teachers, homeschooling parents, and those involved in pastoral or liturgical ministries.

www.scd.org/catecheticalfoundations

THE NEXT SESSION STARTS:
January 3, 2022

**Completion of this course fulfills the curriculum requirement for Basic Catechist/Minister Certification*

Structure

- 8 Units (1 per month)
- Each Unit ends with a live session (virtual option available)
- About 1 hour per week at your own pace
- Cohort style
- Cost is \$20 per month

Contact:



Let us take some time to pray for the unborn, their mothers and fathers, and pray for state and federal laws that harm those most vulnerable.

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Questions? Moises De Leon, Associate Director, Family & Respect Life Ministry
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December 29th

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

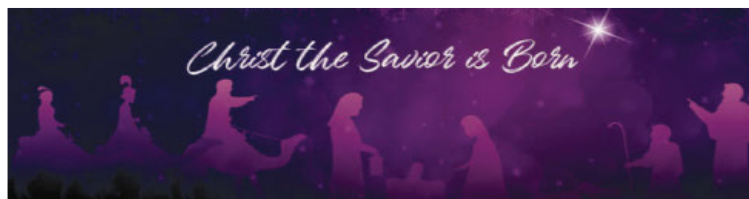


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HOLY INNOCENTS

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver,
MTS
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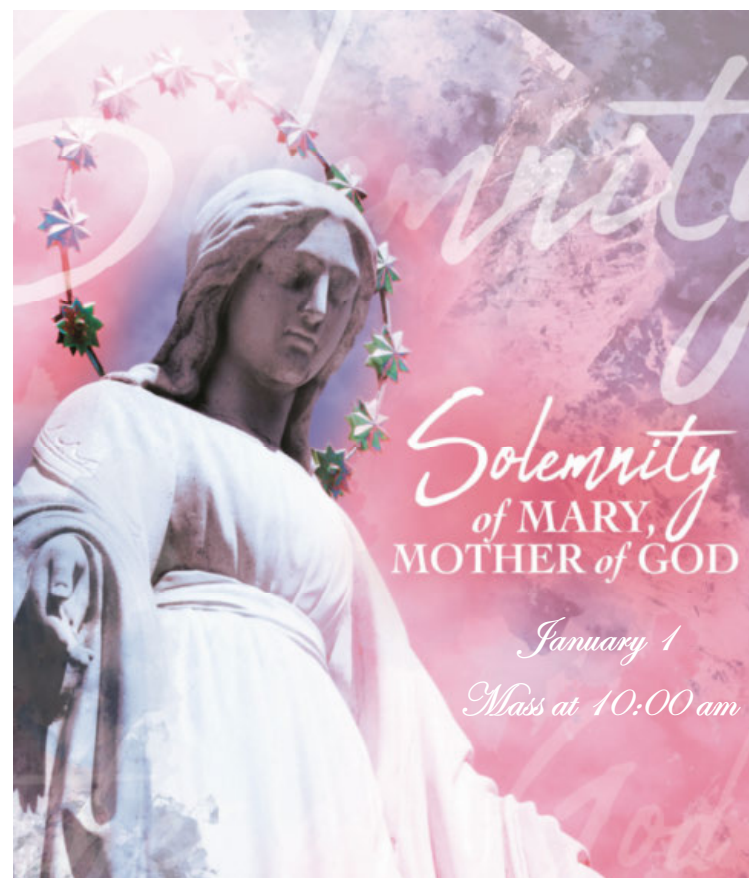


It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our

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families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

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COMMUNITY

END-OF-THE-CALENDAR-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Many individuals will make charitable contributions late in the calendar year to take advantage of tax benefits. In order to do so, checks must be dated and envelopes postmarked on or before December 31, 2021.

If you are in the position to make end-of-year contributions, please consider our parish as a beneficiary of your support.



Join Us For
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Annual

TOUCH OF ITALY Pasta Dinner EVENT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22ND
6:30PM (DOORS OPEN @ 6 PM)

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OUR LADY OF THE
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SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2021

Sunday, December 26: Feast of the Holy Family (Usual morning schedule and **No 7:30 PM Mass**)

Saturday, January 1, 2022: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, Mass at 10:00 am.

Sunday, January 2: The Epiphany of the Lord (usual Mass schedule)

Monday January 3: Rosary (Joyful Mysteries) at 6:30 pm in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, January 4: Adoration in the church 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 6: Adoration in the church 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 9: Baptism of the Lord (usual Mass schedule)

Special Event for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on January 18, 2022

You are invited to a Special Event on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 from 3:00-8:00 p.m. during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme is: ***We have seen his star in the East and have come to pay homage to him*** (cf. Matthew 2:2).

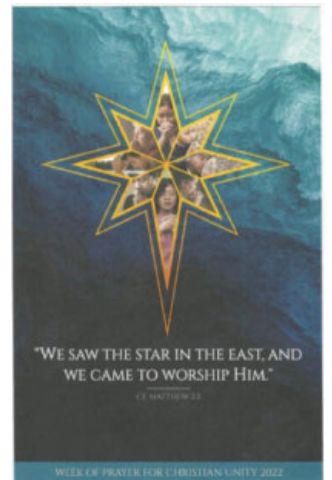
Panel Discussion (3:00 – 4:15 p.m.) *Uniting as Christians, as we pay homage to Christ.*

Featured Speaker (4:30 – 5:00 p.m.) *The gift of the star is a sign of hope during today's troubled times.*

Dinner (5:15 – 6:15 p.m.)

Worship Prayer Service (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.)

This Special Event will be held at **Westminster Presbyterian Church (1300 N Street, Sacramento)**, and also will be available through Livestream (link information will be announced soon). There is no charge for this event. If you are interested or have questions, please contact **Deacon Dennis Gorsuch**, NSEC Chair, at (916) 984-8550, or E-mail: dennisgorsuch@comcast.net.





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