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Therefore, if anyone is in
Christ, he is a new
creation. The old has
passed away; behold, the
new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)

May God's peace be upon
you and remain with you
throughout the year.

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
schedule an appointment.

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Sunday, December 31, 2023

Bulletin for the
Feast of the Holy Family

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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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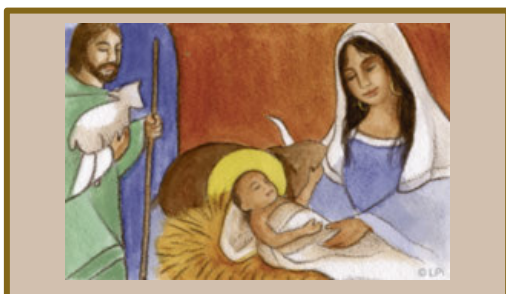
Feast of the Holy Family

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too."

—Father John Muir ©LPI



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

Benjamin Dougherty

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.

Thank you.

Lisa Coffman

Theda Lord

Tomasa Washington

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Donna Blaschke (wife)

Donna Blaschke (mother)

Alice Mayer Govaars (baby)

Rachel Carrasco

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

OLA Communications Information

BULLETIN WEEKEND DATES

ARTICLE DUE

DEADLINES

Jan 13-Jan 14

Jan 5

Jan 20-Jan 21

Jan 12

Jan 27-Jan 28

Jan 19

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.

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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.

Observances for the week of December 31, 2023

<i>Sunday:</i>	The Holy Family; New Year's Eve
<i>Monday:</i>	Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
<i>Wednesday:</i>	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
<i>Thursday:</i>	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
<i>Friday:</i>	St. John Neumann, Bishop
<i>Saturday:</i>	St. André Bessette, Religious
<i>Next Sunday:</i>	The Epiphany of the Lord



Weekly Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DEC 30

5:00 PM † Jeanette Brown

by Laurie Brown and Judy Hecox

(Sp) Don Cotton

by Joan Cotton

SUNDAY, DEC 31

7:30 AM †† Barbara and Herb Jones

by the Breault family

9:00 AM † Guadeloupe Bivins

by Cathy Apker

11:00 AM † Mary Zboralske

by Frank Zboralske

5:30 PM All Parishioners (*Missa Pro Populo*)

MONDAY, JAN 1

10:00 AM †† Benedict and Frances Hauck

by Loretta Tuttle

TUESDAY, JAN 2

8:00 AM (Sp) Sandi Lanz (healing)

by Cathy Apker

WEDNESDAY, JAN 3

8:00 AM † Ben Dougherty

by KoC Council 4970

THURSDAY, JAN 4

8:00 AM (Sp) Don and Joan Cotton (healing)

by Cathy Apker

FRIDAY, JAN 5

8:00 AM † Louis Volpicelli

by Loretta Tuttle

SATURDAY, JAN 6

8:00 AM †† Francisco and Adelina Sousa

5:00 PM † Mike Cummins

† Eleonora DeLuca

by Mary Cummins

(Sp) Don Cotton

by Joan Cotton



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 12/17/23	\$ 11,880.00
E-Giving 12/11/23 to 12/17/23	\$ 3,491.10
Total:	\$15,371.00



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.

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

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Please contact Elisabeth Gustorf, Advancement Director, at advancement@olaparish.net or at (916) 489-8958 ext. 170.

Our Lady of the Assumption is a 501(c)(3) organization.
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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec 31

Feast of the Holy Family

**Masses: 7:30 am - 9:00 am -
11:00 am (no 7:30 pm Mass)**

Mary Mother of God Vigil

Mass: 5:30 pm

Monday, Jan 1

10:00 am Mass for the
Solemnity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, the Mother of
God

Tuesday, Jan 2

8:00 am Mass

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

Wednesday, Jan 3

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Martha and Mary
mtg. - St. John's Hall

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

6:30 pm RCIA - Affinito Hall
Rm. 3

Thursday, Jan 4

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, Jan 5

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, Jan 6

8:00 am Mass

3:30 pm Confessions -
Church

5:00 pm vigil Mass



**This 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



OLA Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society Top Hat Award Winners

On Saturday December 9, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of the Sacramento Diocesan Council held their annual 2023 Top Hat Awards. These awards honor faith, friendship, and service among the 26 Saint Vincent de Paul conferences spread across Northern California. Awards are named to honor the Society's principal founder, Frederick Ozanam who was known to wear a top hat in the style of the 19th century Paris.

We are honored to announce that our parishioner Dennis Ward won the Ozanam Award for his distinctive and continued service helping the less fortunate in our conference. Congratulations Dennis!

Our Lady of the Assumption Conference also won the Blessed Sister Rosalie Rendu Award for excellence in serving our community. Thank you to all the volunteers within Our Lady of Assumption's conference for your selfless and devoted work that brought us this award.

None of this could be accomplished without you, our parishioners, who continue to generously support Our Lady of the Assumption's St. Vincent de Paul conference. Your support enables us to feed and assist over 14,000 individuals each year.

Thank you for your generosity!



Taking care of business at the Food Locker.

OLA Youth Ministry Winter Coat Drive



"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 31, 2023

PRAYER AND FORMATION AT OLA

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are invited to come pray 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 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.

Sunday, December 31st (vigil)
at 5:30 p.m.

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 holidays.

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! So far 729 hats have been distributed to various causes.

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.

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>

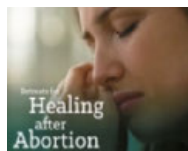


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