WELCOME to OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH!

Thank you for joining us today. We welcome you to our faith family and look forward to growing in faith and friendship with you. If you are interested in formally joining our parish community and/or the Catholic Faith, you can do so on-line or by coming in to the parish office. 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. Eduino, Pastor

CONTACT US

<u>Parish Office</u> <u>8:30 – 4:30pm, M-F</u> <u>Closed 12:00 – 1:00pm, M-F</u> (916) 481-5115

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm First Saturdays: 8:00am Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 & 7:30pm Weekday: 8:00am, Monday - Friday <u>Holy Days:</u> 8:00am & 5:30pm

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 wider Diocesan community, and with the entire family of God.

Pastor

Rev. Eduino T. Silveira: pastor@olaparish.net Pastors Emeriti

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

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SACRAMENTS:

Baptism:

Required baptismal classes & scheduling, Deacon Michael First Eucharist (child): Faith Formation Reconciliation (child): Faith Formation Confirmation (teen): Faith Formation Marriage: Contact office six months in advance. Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:30pm or by appointment. Anointing of the Sick: Contact Pastor to request. Eucharist for Homebound Parishioners: Call office. Eucharist for Homebound Parishioners: Call office. Eucharistic Adoration: T/Th after 8:00am Mass until 7:00pm <u>RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS</u> (unbaptized or uncatechized) If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, you are welcome to join this year-round process at any time by contacting Deacon Michael. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Provides assistance for those in need within our parish boundaries. Please call: 916-481-6352

THEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES: Ask Usher



WE WELCOME YOU HOME

December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"He shall be called a Nazorean." Mt. 2: 23

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 5:00pm Kevin Malone Sr. † Kelley Family **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph 8:00am Amelia Šan Miguel (Šp. Int) Portillo Bill Portillo † Family 9:30am Gertrude Langer † Langer Family 11:00am Mary Zboralske † Zboralske Family 7:30pm OLA Parishioners **MONDAY, DECEMBER 30** 8:00am Juan San Miguel (Sp. Int) Portillo Family **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31** No Mass WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 10:00am Souls in Purgatory † Anonymous THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 StS. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, **Bishops.** Doctors 8:00am John West † Bob & Joan Adams FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 Most Holy Name of Jesus 8:00am Chris Norton † Bob & Joan Adams SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 8:00am Juan San Miguel (Sp. Int) Portillo Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 1 Jn 2:12-17; PS 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40 **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31** 1 Jn 2:18-21; PS 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18 **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1** Nm 6:22-27; PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 **THURSDAY, JANUARY 2** 1 Jn 2:22-28; PS 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28 **FRIDAY, JANUARY 3** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; PS 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34 **SATURDAY, JANUARY 4** 1 Jn 3:7-10; PS 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42 **SUNDAY, JANUARY 5** Is 60:1-6; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 8:00am OLA Bball, Parish Hall **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29** 7:30am Men's Bball, Parish Hall 12:00pm OLA Bball Practice, Parish Hall **MONDAY, DECEMBER 30** 3:00pm OLA Bball Practice, Parish Hall 4:00pm Christian Meditation, Church 6:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 328, St. John's Hall **TUÉSDAY, DECEMBER 31 Parish Office Closed** 5:00pm Yarbrough-Strong Wedding, Church WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 Parish Office Closed 10:00am Solemnity of Mary Mass, Church **THURSDAY, JANUARY 2** 3:00pm OLA Bball Practice, Parish Hall FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 3:00pm OLA Bball Practice, Parish Hall **SATURDAY, JANUARY 4** 8:00am OLA Bball, Parish Hall



An issue with the bonding of the project has delayed

construction until January, but construction will soon be underway! As 2019 comes to a close, we are thankful to all of our generous donors for making this possible. If you have not made a pledge (or want to give a little more...), please consider a pledge before the end of the year so you can reap the full tax benefit as quickly as possible.

2020 will be a momentous year for the OLA Community! Thank you for your patience during construction. Please help us complete the project and ensure the future of OLA by making a pledge today.





OUR PARISH

Follow God's Voice to Safety



Christmas naturally brings with it thoughts of family, especially our families of origin. These thoughts are laced with myriad emotions, ranging from tender memories for some to painful memories of loneliness, abandonment, loss, and sadness for others. Unlike the Holy Family who fled the grasp of Herod, we cannot flee our family memories. We have been shaped by them: good, bad, or indifferent. Families can be a safe haven, a place of fear, anxiety, anger, and resentment, or a mix of both.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Octave of Christmas Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God ***Holy Day of Obligation *** Tuesday, January 1st: 10:00 am

Living the Word Update

Living the Word will be cancelled for the following dates: December 19, December 26, and January 2, 2020.

Our meetings will resume Thursday, January 9, 2020.

NEW PARISHIONERS



We warmly welcome our New Parishioners!

Traute Grether

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Bridgeforth & Family

"Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)

OUR MINISTRIES



Martha and Mary Ministry Meeting Thursday, January 9th, 2020



All ladies of the parish are invited to our next meeting on Thursday, January 9th, at 11:00 in St. John's Hall. We just completed our major fund-raiser for the year at the Santa Breakfast, where our boutique of crafts and holiday treats was a big hit! Our key ministry is providing funeral receptions, but we

are also active in almost every aspect of the parish. If you would like to participate in any of our ministries, but think that you don't have the time, we urge you to let us know- if you only have an hour or two a month, we would love to have you join us!



SCHOOL & YOUTH MINISTRY

SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming Events

8TH ANNUAL OLA CRAB FEED BENEFITTING THE 8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP

When:Saturday, February 22nd, 2020Where:OLA Parish HallTime:6:30 pm (doors open at 5:00 pm)Tickets:\$60 per personTickets will be available in January
at the school office and by email at:
olacraftfeed@olaparish.net



Live/Silent & Dessert Auction



DID YOU KNOW?

The Twelve Days of Christmas Explained By Shannon Langer

The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators.

According to Ann Ball in her book, A Handbook of Catholic Sacramentals:

The two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments

The three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The five golden rings represented the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Savior. The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit----Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes. Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit-----Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience

[Forbearance], Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency [Chastity]. The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten

Commandments.

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful Apostles.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Meetings are held in the Youth Room

Grades 7 & 8: Wednesdays, 7:00pm-8:30pm



Grades 9 - 12: OLA's Life Teen Mass every Sunday at 11am followed by group meeting from 12-1:30pm

For more information about Youth Groups, please contact OLA's Youth Minister, Johann Rubia-Miller at (916) 481-5115 or Email: <u>vouth@olaparish.net</u>

YOUTH CHOIR & ENSEMBLE

Youth Ministry Choir and Ensemble

OLA Youth Ministry Choir and Ensemble serves weekly at the 11:00 Sunday Mass plus at other events as scheduled. Rehearsals are every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Open to students grades 5-12. Arrangements can be made for scheduled absences for individual or seasonal activities, but students have the opportunity to serve weekly as they are available year-round. All ability levels are welcome. This is an instructional program designed to help motivated and enthusiastic young people grow in both musical ability and in faith. Participants learn about the various liturgical seasons, the structure and sequence of the Mass, liturgical participation and leadership, and basic vocal technique and musicianship. Questions? Please email Casey Oliver, Music Director, at worship@olaparish.net. Thank you!





WORDS FROM THE POPE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this first Sunday after Christmas, the Liturgy invites us to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Indeed, every nativity scene shows us Jesus together with Our Lady and St Joseph in the grotto of Bethlehem. God wanted to be born into a human family, he wanted to have a mother and father like us. And today the Gospel presents the Holy Family to us on the sorrowful road of exile, seeking refuge in Egypt. Joseph, Mary and Jesus experienced the tragic fate of refugees, which is marked by fear, uncertainty and unease (cf. Mt 2:13-15; 19-23). Unfortunately, in our own time, millions of families can identify with this sad reality. Almost every day the television and papers carry news of refugees fleeing from hunger, war and other grave dangers, in search of security and a dignified life for themselves and for their families. In distant lands, even when they find work, refugees and immigrants do not always find a true welcome, respect and appreciation for the values they bring. Their legitimate expectations collide with complex and difficult situations which at times seem insurmountable. Therefore, as we fix our gaze on the Holy Family of Nazareth as they were forced to become refugees, let us think of the tragedy of those migrants and refugees who are victims of rejection and exploitation, who are victims of human trafficking and of slave labour. But let us also think of the other "exiles": I would call them "hidden exiles", those exiles who can be found within their own families: the elderly for example who are sometimes treated as a burdensome presence. I often

think that a good indicator for knowing how a family is doing is seeing how their children and elderly are treated.

Jesus wanted to belong to a family who experienced these hardships, so that no one would feel excluded from the loving closeness of God. The flight into Egypt caused by Herod's threat shows us that God is present where man is in danger, where man is suffering, where he is fleeing, where he experiences rejection and abandonment; but God is also present where man dreams, where he hopes to return in freedom to his homeland and plans and chooses life for his family and dignity for himself and his loved ones.

~ Angelus, December 29, 2013

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: When is it the hardest for you to obey your parents?

Question for Youth: In Colossians, St. Paul lays out a way of life for the followers of Christ. As you read through this list, which one of these is most difficult for you to follow? Which one is easiest?

Question for Adults: We are invited to let the word of Christ dwell within us and direct our daily lives. Which one of the lifestyle suggestions in this reading speaks most loudly to you?

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY

"Prav without ceasing. Thessalonians 5:

Prayers for Peace The Legion of Mary has a statue of Our Lady of Fatima for parishioners to host her at their homes, and commit to pray for peace in

her presence. For information, please call Maggie Mongeau at 483-5807 or the Parish office 481-5115. We will deliver it so you can offer your prayers in this time of great need.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays and Thursdays, following the 8 a.m. mass, and continuing until 7 p.m. First Saturday of the month following the 8 a.m. mass until 1 p.m.

additional infor-For mation please call Joan at 335-3532.

Living the Word

Every Thursday 7:00 pm Št. Paul's Řoom

Lectio Divina & Taizé Prayer

Typically the 4th Thursday of every month, during our regular "Living the Word" meeting time. Please check parish calendar.









PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please hold in your prayers our parishioners and friends:

- * Joan Cotton
- * Larry Nelson
- * George Peres
- * Jennifer Burk * Julie Nelson
- *
- Nancy Carlson
- * Stacie Higginbotham
- * Sandi Lanz
- * Tom Bogetich
- * Joe and Sue Simon
- * Shirley Ward
- * Mary Silva
- Jonathan Rassmussen * Cathy Quesinberry

Note: Please call the parish office to add a name.

COMMUNITY

NOURISH

⇒ The Spirituality of Self-Compassion

Silent Retreat for Women and Men // Friday, Jan 17, 2020, 4:00pm through Sunday, Jan 19, 2020, 2:00pm Fr. Andrew Rodrigue, S.J.



El Retiro San Iñigo THE JESUIT RETREAT CENTER OF LOS ALTOS

How is God inviting me to show

self-compassion? We will pray, reflect, and practice ways in which God is inviting us to be compassionate with ourselves. There will be opportunities to listen to talks, share in small groups, pray in private, participate in liturgies, and avail oneself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

\Rightarrow God of Tenderness and Mercy

Silent Retreat for Men // Friday, Jan 24, 2020, 4:00pm through Sunday, Jan 26, 2020, 2:00pm Pastoral Staff

God's love is shown in the tenderness and compassion for all who seek God. Spend this weekend resting in the profound tender mercy of God's love. Pope Francis calls the Church to be deeply connected to Christ and to be in solidarity with others, to return to the Gospel's values, and to live with joy and gratitude. In particular, his concerns for the poor prophetically challenges us to be a church of the people and for the people.

INVITE

SFD INSTITUTE Presents

Christian Unity The Lord's Bold Dream for Humanity Friday, January 24th, 2020 Mercy Center Auburn (535 Sacramento St. Auburn, CA 95603)

Reservation must be made by January 10th via text of call to 916 203 0150 or email to <u>SFDinstitute@gmail.com</u> with following details: Full name; email address; phone number, and parish/ community name.

Adult Bereavement Support Group

Bereavement Support Group meetings, for adults experiencing the death of a loved one, are held at Mercy San Juan Medical Center, 6501 Coyle Ave., Carmichael, on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the hospital, on the main level, in the conference room across from the Russell ele-



vators. Sessions are facilitated by staff chaplains. No registration is required. Meetings are free to the public. For more information you may contact the Spiritual Care Services department (916) 537-5098, or email: <u>Matt.Sanders@DignityHealth.org</u>. Additional support groups in the area can be found at <u>www.GriefHelpSacramento.com</u>.

WORD OF LIFE



<u>SAVE THE DATE</u> WALK FOR LIFE!

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers at the Walk for Life West Coast on January 25, 2020. OLA is sponsoring a bus to the event in San Francisco. It's an amazing and uplifting event, and an easy 1.8 mile walk down Market Street.

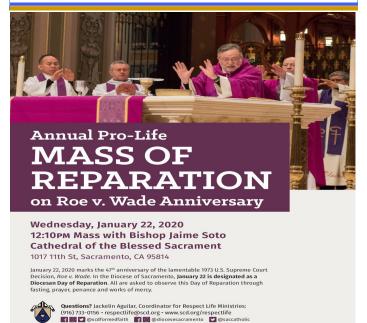
For more information or to reserve your seat, please contact Carolyn Albers at (916) 296-2675. For walk details visit the website

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<u>www.WalkforLifeWC.com</u>, or pick up a form in the office.

DIOCESAN NEWS



STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

For these gifts we are grateful!

Week of December 22	
Weekend Offertory:	\$ 9,508.19 \$ 2,058.97
Electronic Giving:	\$ 2,058.97
Total:	\$11,567.10
Average Weekly Budget Amount:	\$12,500.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS

OLA's St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Collection December 28th/29th, 2019

This weekend we will take up the collection for our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry. Thank you for your generosity!



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

<u>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</u> Stewardship Family

"Wives, be subordinate to your husbands... Husbands, love your wives...Children, obey your parents in everything...Fathers, do not provoke your children..." COLOSSIANS 3:18-21

Pope Francis said that *Stewardship* families, through their life of prayer and love, become "schools of true human growth." Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Invitation to Help Carmichael's Homeless "There but for the grace of God go I."

Between 150 - 300 fellow residents are homeless in Carmichael. Many of them were born and raised in our area, but have fallen on hard times. Our Lady of the Assumption does much to help the poor and those in material need. Yet, homelessness remains a formidable challenge.

At the beginning of the New Year, our parish has the opportunity to help the homeless even more, in a very simple but profound way. Throughout nine weeks in January and February, the Carmichael Homeless Assistance Resource Team (composed of faith communities, the public and private sectors, and concerned individuals) will feed and provide shelter for the homeless at various local churches. Three of our neighbor churches, will each host one of the nine weeks of Winter Sanctuary. They need our help. The three churches and the dates they will need help include:

- St. John the Evangelist (5751 Locust Ave.): Wednesday, January 1 from 4:30 pm through Thursday, January 2 at 6:30 a.m.
- Crossroads Church (7100 Fair Oaks Boulevard): Wednesday, January 8 from 4:30 pm through Thursday, January 9 at 6:30 a.m.
- American River Community Church (3300 Walnut Avenue): Wednesday, February 12 from 4:30 pm through Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 a.m.

Each church will host 20-25 guests that have been screened and bussed to their church. OLA will need a minimum of 18 volunteers to sign up for various shifts. We will need volunteers to plan and cook a simple dinner and pack a light breakfast, as the guests leave in the morning. In addition to the preparation of meals, we will need volunteers to cover the following shifts:

Each Wednesday

4:30pm – 7:30 pm: 5 volunteers for Dinner and Clean Up

5:30 pm – 8:00 pm: 4 volunteers for Hospitality and Serving

7:30 pm – 11:30 pm: 2 males and 1 female for the Night Shift

Each Thursday

11:30 pm – 6:30 am: 2 males and 1 female for the Overnight Shift

5:15 am - 6:30 am: 3 volunteers for Wake-up and Boarding of the Busses

Last year, approximately 30 of our parishioners volunteered for Winter Sanctuary. Ostensibly, we were there to help the homeless. In reality, we were humbled by their humility and thankful spirit. In addition, we saw first-hand how homelessness makes people weary to the bone.

If you are interested in volunteering for one or more shifts, please contact Juan Yñiguez (<u>icyniguez@att.net</u> or 916.207.9512). Not surprisingly, we would greatly appreciate volunteers for the Late Night and Overnight Shifts. This is also a good opportunity for our parish ministries to volunteer as groups. Teens are welcome to participate, but they must be accompanied by their parent or guardian. Please feel free to learn more about Carmichael HART at <u>https://carmichaelhart.org</u>. Thank you!!!

