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Sunday, February 25, 2024 Bulletin for the Second Sunday of Lent

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Provides assistance for those in need within our parish boundaries. Please call: (916) 481-6352 Monday - Friday | 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Food Locker hours of operation are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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HEART AND RUN TO MEET THE SUN OF ETERNAL LIGHT THAT ILLUMINATES ALL MEN.

- ST. AMBROSE OF MILAN

Regular Mass Schedule

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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.

Please visit our website and subscribe to Flocknote for more information about our parish, ministries, and upcoming events.

<u>www.olaparish.net</u>



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Second Sunday of Lent

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love -Isaac - and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chaffs us that God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac, God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus – but that doesn't make it easy. *-Father John Muir ©LPi*

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

Maureen McNamee

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.



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 <u>parish@olaparish.net</u>. Thank you. Lisa Coffman Theda Lord Tomasa Washington Ryan Daniels Donna Blaschke (wife) Donna Blaschke (mother) Alice Mayer Govaars (baby) Esther Paulos Cole Miller Whitney (baby) Jonathan Whitfield Wesley Villariza Charlie Wetherall Lawrence Wilhelm Camille Peter Donna Deterding Parks Yolande De Forge Justin Langstroth Roger Nagtalon Bryan Woodward Adam Peter Patricia Sieberg

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

| OLA Communications Information | | |
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| | BULLETIN WEEKEND DATES | ARTICLE DUE |
| DFADI INFS | Mar 9-Mar 10 | Mar 1 |
| | Mar 16-Mar 17 | Mar 8 |
| | Mar 23-Mar 24 | Mar 14 |

If you have an event to promote or news to share, please fill out the Communications Request Form on our parish website at <u>https://</u> <u>olaparish.net/communications-</u> <u>committee</u>. 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 February 25, 2024

Sunday:2nd Sunday of LentMonday:St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the
ChurchWednesday:ChurchFriday:Saturday:Saturday:Saturday:Next Sunday:3rd Sunday of Lent



SATURDAY, FEB 24 5:00 PM † Ken Adamson by Fred and Susan Oliver † Patrick Walsh † Maureen McNamee by Kate Walsh SUNDAY, FEB 25

7:30 AM † Sylvia Powers by husband and children

9:00 AM † Dave Merold by the Merold family

11:00 AM **††** Henry and Teresa Jerzak

7:30 PM † Phero Chu Van Rinh by Kim and family

MONDAY, FEB 26

8:00 AM † Stanley Kummer by Mike Rockenstein and family (Sp) Tomasa Washington (healing) by Anne Perez

TUESDAY, FEB 27 8:00 AM † Michael Campos by Lance family

WEDNESDAY, FEB 28 8:00 AM † Joao Jose Machado

THURSDAY, FEB 29 8:00 AM †† Francisco and Adelina Sousa

FRIDAY, MAR1

8:00 AM † Monsignor Valdemiro Fagundes (97th birthday) by Meriano family

SATURDAY, MAR 2

8:00 AM All Parishioners (Missa Pro Populo)

5:00 PM † Emily Souza † Dorothy Neto by Fred and Susan Oliver



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 <u>https://olaparish.net/community/register-us</u> 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 2/18/24
 \$

 E-Giving 2/12/24 to 2/18/24
 \$

 Total:
 \$

\$ 5,920.00 \$ 3,748.10 **\$ 9,668.10**

WeShare

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 <u>Donate</u>.

This will take you to our "<u>Contribute</u>" 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/

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

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Checks payable to Our Lady of the Assumption Parish *or* Our Lady of the Assumption School

ONLINE Please visit <u>https://olaparish.net/contribute</u>

or scan our QR Code.



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

Our Lady of the Assumption is a 501(c)(3) organization. All gifts are tax deductible as allowed by the law. Tax ID number is #45-3954215

PARISH CALENDAR

* <u>Parish Mission</u> Daily Schedule

Monday 2/26, Tuesday 2/27, and Wednesday 2/28

8:30 am Hospitality for Parish Mission – St. John's Hall 9:00 am Parish Mission Morning Session with Confession 30 minutes before and after – Church 5:45 pm Dinner for Parish Mission – St. John's Hall 6:30 pm Parish Mission Evening Session with Confession 30 minutes before and after – Church

<u>Sunday, Feb 25</u>

Masses: 7:30 am - 9:00 am -11:00 am - 7:30 pm 10:15 am Faith Formation -

Bannon Hall & St. John's Hall

* <u>Monday, Feb 26</u> 8:00 am Mass

<mark>*</mark> <u>Tuesday, Feb 27</u>

8:00 am Mass 8:30 am – 9:00 am, 10:00 am – 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Church 4:30 pm PAL Host Varsity Basketball – Affinito Hall 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus mtg. – Affinito Hall Rm. 3

* <u>Wednesday, Feb 28</u>

8:00 am Mass 6:00 pm Catholics in Recovery - St. Anne's Rm. 6:30 pm RCIA - Affinito Hall Rm. 3

Thursday, Feb 29

8:00 am Mass 8:30 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Church 4:30 pm PAL Host JV Basketball - Affinito Hall 7:00 pm Living the Word - Affinito Hall Rm. 3

<u>Friday, Mar 1</u>

8:00 am Mass 5:45 pm Lenten Soup Supper – St. John's Hall 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross – Church

<u>Saturday, Mar 2</u>

8:00 am Mass 11:30 am Rosary and Funeral Mass for Michael Campos – Church 1:00 pm Funeral Reception – Affinito Hall 2:00 pm Bible Study Lectio Divina – Chapel 3:30 pm Confessions – Church 5:00 pm vigil Mass





Keep in touch with us via email & text

Sign up for our parish Flocknote emails and Flocknote Engage educational resources at <u>https://olaparish.flocknote.com/</u>, or by scanning the QR code.

If you need help accessing the Flocknote Engage educational resources, or if you are interested in starting a small group study, please contact Casey Oliver at <u>worship@olaparish.net</u>.

Aren't signed up for OLA Parish Flocknote yet? We can help you! We can assist you in the parish office and via email. Call the parish office or email Lorraine Messerer, Office Manager, at officemgr@olaparish.net.

PARISH AND SCHOOL NEWS



Fr. Bart Hutcherson Preaching at All Weekend Masses

This week's parish Lenten Mission will be conducted by Father Bart Hutcherson OP from the Diocese of

San Francisco. Ordained for 26 years, Fr. Bart currently serves as an itinerant preacher, traveling to offer parish missions, retreats, and pilgrimages. He also teaches homiletics at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley, California. You can learn more about Fr. Bart's ministries by visiting his website <u>www.frbart.com</u>. See the parish calendar for complete parish mission schedule. **We hope to see you there Monday February 26 – Wednesday, February 28!**

Environment Committee Seeking New Members and Easter Lily Donations

Thank you to our parish Environment Committee for decorating the church for the Lenten season!

Are you interested in helping decorate the church? Members of the Environment Committee help plan and coordinate the decorating of the church for all the liturgical seasons and celebrations. To learn more, please reach out via email to Marylee Johnson at <u>imjohn@surewest.net</u> and Peggy Vellanoweth at <u>pcvella@aol.com</u>. Marylee and Peggy are especially hoping to mentor/train new leaders for the committee.

Easter Lily donations will also be needed for Easter. Flowers can be dropped off between Thursday, March 28 and Saturday, March 30.



K of C Council 4970 Barbeque and Cornhole Tournament

The men of OLA, SI, and SJE are invited to attend a Barbeque and Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, March 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Ignatius Parish Center Gym. The cost is free, but we will take a free will offering for the host school. Burgers, Brats and Beer will be served. If you have a favorite beer, bring some to share. There will also be chips and slaw. The tournament will be low key. Winner takes home bragging rights and a trophy. Come with a teammate or be paired at the event. (Rules will be provided at the event. Judges' decisions are final.)

March Martha and Mary Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 6, at 11:00 in St. John's Hall. We will have a spiritual enrichment activity featuring a video from Bishop Barron and a festive St. Patrick's Day lunch. All ladies of the Parish are welcome!

RCIA Update

At the 11:00 am Mass last Sunday, our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates took part in the Rite of Sending. Together with their Godparents, Sponsors, and the parish community, we symbolically "sent" them to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion later that evening with Bishop Soto. Now, our RCIA Catechumens, the newly Elect, and Candidates have entered the Period of Purification and Enlightenment.

For the newly Elect (the unbaptized), this period is a time of "spiritual reflection in preparation for the celebration of the Paschal mystery" (RCIA 138). It involves more intense spiritual preparation, focusing on interior reflection rather than catechetical instruction, aimed at purifying their minds and hearts, and deepening their knowledge of Christ the Savior (RCIA 139). The upcoming scrutinies are designed to uncover and heal weaknesses and sins while strengthening what is good and upright in their hearts (RCIA 141). To enable more members of the OLA community to participate, **the Scrutinies will take place at different Masses: the 1st at the 7:30 am Mass on March 3, the 2nd at the 11:00 am Mass on March 10, and the 3rd at the 9:00 am Mass on March 17**.

For the Candidates (baptized), this period is about preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, and Reconciliation. Their preparation accelerates maturation of their "faith and understanding" (RCIA 460), and also elicits "praise for the Father's mercy' from those who will "hear the comforting message of pardon for sin" (RCIA 464). The Penitential Rite, scheduled for February 25 at the 7:30 am Mass, will assist in the preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which calls them to deeper repentance and total abandonment to the mercy of the Father, who sent His only Son to die for our sins.

For each of us, the Period of Purification and Enlightenment is an opportunity to reflect on our own baptismal graces through prayer, penance, and almsgiving. Let us hold each other, our Elect and Candidates, their Godparents, Sponsors, and families, close in prayer. May you have a Holy, Healthy, and Happy Lent. -The RCIA Team

Elect: Amy Lara, Brodie Shearer, Chad Worden, Sara Hernandez *Candidates:* David Cladianos, Kathleen Kerekes, Kimberly Burger



1st Row: David Cladianos, Fr. Eduino, Kimberly Burger, Kathleen Kerekes. 2nd Row: Brodie Shearer, Sara Hernandez, Chad Worden, Amy Lara, Deacon Paul 3rd Row: Tim Flanigan, Bill Simpson, Sharon Friedrich Not pictured: Jordan Holmes

"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!



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 more regularly scheduled Adorers on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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.

<u>Upcoming OLA Live Events</u> Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Join us in prayer inside the church or online! <u>https://olaparish.net/ola-live</u>

OLA Meditation Group

This group gathers weekly on Monday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. and follows guided meditations to help participants grow in relationship with Christ. Meetings are in the church on the first Monday of the month and then on Zoom for the rest of the month. Email Fran Rider 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 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.

OLA Schedule for Lent

The OLA Lent and Easter Triduum calendar is available on our parish website, and copies are available in the church and parish office. We will also include a weekly summary of events in the bulletin throughout Lent.

<u> Parish Mission Monday, 2/26 - Wednesday, 2/28</u>

Morning Sessions: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the church

• coffee/pastries and fellowship beginning at 8:30 a.m. in St. John's Hall following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Evening Sessions: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the church

• light dinner and fellowship beginning at 5:45 p.m. in St. John's Hall

Tuesday, February 26

-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church from 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 29

-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church from 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 1

-Soup Supper in St. John's Hall from 5:45 p.m.- 6:45 p.m. hosted by the Liturgy Committee -Stations of the Cross in the church at 7:00 p.m. (livestream)

Adult / Family Faith Formation Resources AND New Small Group Scripture Studies!

Fr. Eduino strongly encourages small groups to meet together to grow in faith, knowledge, and friendship! Thank you to some of our parishioners who have answered this special call. Kristine Breault and friends are leading a Women's Lenten Bible Study with reflections from Blessed is She. Blessed is She is a Catholic Women's Community with Bible Study and small group resources and products. We purchased 10 books for their Lenten Study and have planned weekly events using their guide, all taking place on Saturdays at 2 p.m. during Lent. Please contact Kristine Breault at kristinebreault@gmail.com for more info!

Sandi Lanz is leading a Lenten bible study focusing on the impact of scripture on our personal lives today! Meetings are on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. throughout Lent and will be held at the home of Sandi Lanz. Call (916) 595-2413 to rsvp for additional information!

Did you know that our parish has access to Flocknote Engage, which includes <u>free</u> and complete access to Bishop Barron's Word on Fire ENGAGE video library and study programs? Flocknote Engage is a great resource if you want to bring together a small group to grow in faith. If you have any questions or are interested in leading a group, contact Casey Oliver at <u>worship@olaparish.net</u>.

Check out our parish website which has even more spiritual and educational resources for your faith journey: <u>https://olaparish.net/formation/resources</u>.

COMMUNITY



St. Vincent de Paul Society -OLA Conference

Thank you for your continued support!

We need soup, spaghetti sauce, canned green beans, 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 <u>jmjohn@surewest.net</u>.

Thank you again for your support of St. Vincent de Paul!

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 the informational website <u>https://liheapch.acf.hhs.gov/search-tool/</u>.



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 <u>www.catholicinrecovery.com</u>, or contact Bill B. at <u>bbefort@bellsouth.net</u> or at (561) 827-0624.

Find healing at Rachel's Vineyard



Call (916) 733-0161 or email projectrachel@scd.org.

All messages are confidential.

CRS Rice Bowl at OLA

During Lent, we are invited to encounter God in a deeper way through prayer, fasting and almsgiving and to answer our Gospel call to see the face of Christ in our sisters and brothers in need. Through CRS Rice Bowl– Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program–we will support our sisters and brothers around the world.

Here at OLA, we will have a CRS Rice Bowl on the altar in the church throughout Lent. Please place your contributions in the bowl after Masses, and all proceeds will go directly to Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

For more information about CRS Rice Bowl program, please visit <u>https://www.crsricebowl.org/</u>. There are prayer resources, inspirational videos, and more.

"UNITED IN CHRIST" Gathering

Announcing a GRAND ULTREYA! This is a gathering of the Vietnamese, English, and Filipino speaking Cursillo Communities in the Diocese of Sacramento.

Saturday, March 2, 2024 10:30 am - 2:30pm

Vietnamese Martyrs' Church 8181 Florin Road, Sacramento 95828

11:00 am Mass with main celebrant, Bishop Jaime Soto *Please bring a lunch pot luck item reflective of your culture.*

Eucharistic Revival Diocesan Congress

In celebration of the Eucharistic Revival, Bishop Soto invites Catholics across the Sacramento diocese to join us at our **Diocesan Congress on Saturday, March 9 from 2:00-6:00 pm** for one of three simultaneous gatherings: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sacramento (in Spanish), St. Francis Parish, Sacramento (in English), and a youth event at Immaculate Conception Parish, Sacramento (in English) hosted by the Black Catholic Ministry.

The Diocesan Congress will feature music, food, and speakers such as Priscilla Garza, Fr. Agustino Torres CFR, Rhyan Ramirez, Pedro de Acevedo, and more. The events will culminate with Mass and a Eucharistic Procession from each of the three locations to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament for Night Fever from 7:00-9:00 pm. For more information, please visit our website at <u>www.scd.org/celebrate</u>.



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