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Second Sunday  
of Advent



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Walking With Purpose  
Women's Faith Group



**minority**

Advent Giving Tree  
Last Day to Donate

# Our Lady of Angels CAPUCHIN Franciscan

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side—by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

— Father John Muir



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# Our Lady of Angels Church

CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS

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Rev. Michael Mahoney, OFM, Cap.

**Associate Pastors:**

Rev. James Stump, OFM, Cap.  
 Rev. Peter Eugenio, OFM, Cap.  
 Rev. Brian McKenna, OFM, Cap. (R)  
 Rev. Gerald Barron, OFM, Cap. (R)  
 Chris Mariano, Permanent Deacon

**Principal:**

Mrs. Monica Ruane

**Director of Religious Education:**

Ms. Johna Maychrowitz

**Co-Director of Religious Education/  
 Children's Choir Director:**

Mrs. Jennie Lyn Malibiran

**Preschool Director:**

Mr. Corey Bianchi

**Youth Ministry:**

Ms. Raychelle Castillo

**Music Director:**

Mr. Matt Mattei

**BAPTISMS:**

By appointment only. Call the Rectory.

**MARRIAGES:**

By appointment. Call the Rectory at least SIX MONTHS in advance.

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**TELEPHONES**

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 Preschool 650-343-3115  
 Music Director 650-867-5434  
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 Rectory FAX 650-435-4357

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday:** 8:00am & 5:00pm

**Sunday:**

7:00am, 8:30am  
 10:00am, 11:30am,  
 6:00pm

**Monday-Friday:**

8:00am & 5:30pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

FACE TO FACE IN THE CHURCH  
 Saturdays: 3:30-4:30 pm

**ADORATION CHAPEL**

8:30 am-5:30 pm (M-F)  
 8:30 am-Noon (SAT)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Your prayers are requested for the deceased members of the parish and especially for those who have died recently, and the following for whom Mass will be offered:

**SAT, December 9: 5:00 p.m.** Frank Clyne / John Cassanego

**SUN, December 10:**

**7:00 a.m.** All Parishioners

**8:30 a.m.** Dorothy & Jack Douglas / Ceil Crawford

**10:00 a.m.** Elmo Fatica / Laurie Massa

**11:30 a.m.** Audrey Zensius

**6:00 p.m.** John Zensius

**MONDAY:** Al Bianchi / Patrick Sinnott  
**TUESDAY:** Norvell Llamas / Carmen Luna  
**WEDNESDAY:** Joseph & Maria Emilio / Peter Damon  
**THURSDAY:** Mae Terry  
**FRIDAY:** Bob Randolph  
**SATURDAY:** Maureen Cafferkey

**8:00 a.m.**

**11:30 a.m. at Marian**

Charlie Cunningham  
 Oliver McDermott  
 Special Intention  
 Special Intention  
 Serafino Fontana  
 Special Intention

**5:30 p.m.**

Liborio Sales Udasco / Al Bianchi  
 Jim Dalton  
 Mae Terry  
 Bernardine Martini  
 Mae Terry

**SAT, December 16: 5:00 p.m.** Laura Colabianchi / Fred Bertetta

**SUN, December 17:**

**7:00 a.m.** All Parishioners

**8:30 a.m.** Rudy Gutierrez / Special Intention

**10:00 a.m.** Joe Marchetti / Zeljko Perovic

**11:30 a.m.** Bernie Cotter / Godfrey, Lena & John Affonso

**6:00 p.m.** Jon Michael Bugatto

## SPECIAL REPORT

# How YOU helped OLA SVDP serve our neighbors in need

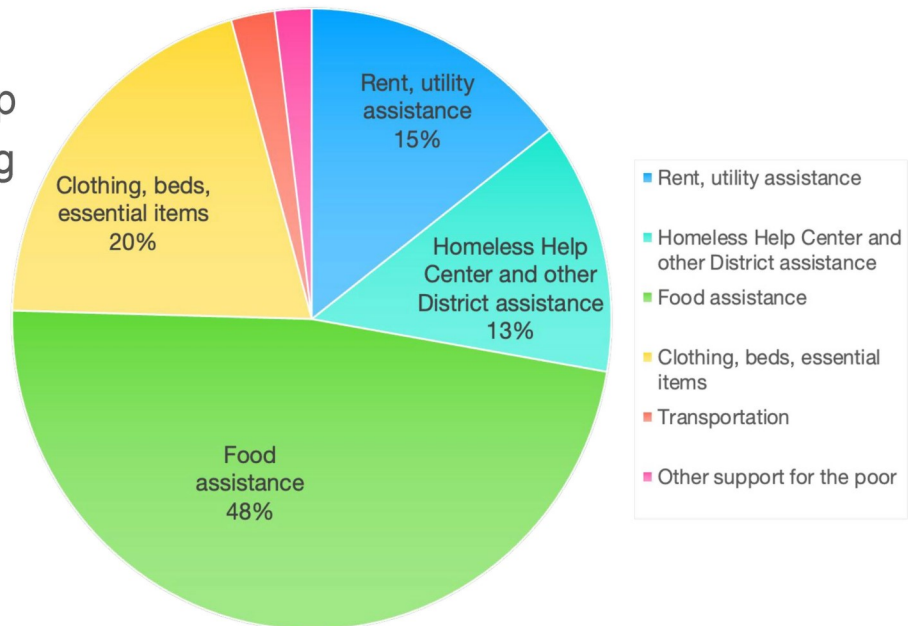


The Society of St. Vincent de Paul OLA Conference wants to **THANK** the OLA community for your generous support. You helped us make a significant difference in the lives of many less fortunate neighbors during our fiscal year Oct. 2022 - Sep. 2023.

## Highlights

- **400** OLA home visits (up 60% up from ~250 during the prior year)
- **354** individuals served through Home Visits
- Rent assistance kept neighbors housed **7** times

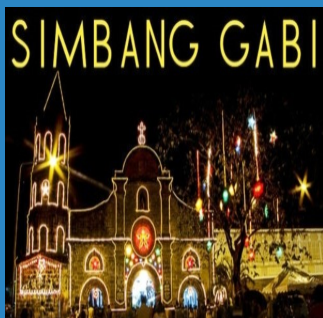
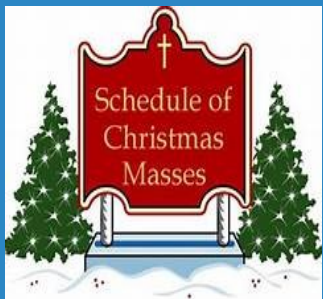
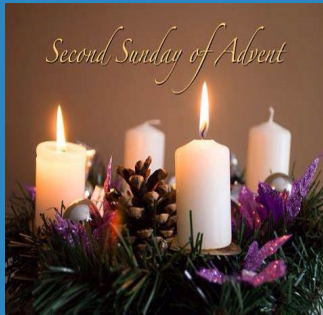
OLA SVDP Expenses: Oct 22 - Sep 23



## Special San Mateo County Homeless Help Center Programs

- Monthly ~280 Brown Bag lunches for weekend meals
- Thanksgiving gift (\$20 Target cards for 80 individuals)
- Christmas homemade holiday baked goods
- Christmas gifts (\$15 McDonald gift card for 100 individuals)

*Interested in becoming an OLA SVDP volunteer? Call Len Privitera at (650) 207-3215 for more info about this rewarding work.*



## PRAYER

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The way out of the moral wilderness is in one word, *Repent*. *Repensare* means to think again. Do we let the moguls of consumerism plan our Christmas? Repent, think again, straighten out life and see how near God is. Prepare for an Advent celebration of Reconciliation.

The virtue of Advent is hope: the courage to believe in God's love even when the signs are contrary. The scriptures were written to give us hope. Scripture gives examples of how people who did not give up hope were helped by God. *Lectio Divina* makes us familiar with what God did in the past so that we might discern what he is doing today.

### ADVENT RENEW FAITH GROUP WEEK FIVE

Please join us for our fifth video of the 6-part "Wild Goose" series entitled "God's Love Poured Out". The "Pick of The Week" is *The Spirit and the Eucharist*. The Eucharistic liturgy is saturated with the presence of the Holy Spirit. From the moment you decide to go to Mass the Holy Spirit is active and alive. Sadly, many people don't experience the Holy Spirit, and attending Mass becomes a chore for them rather than a life giving encounter with Jesus. In this segment we will look at a few of the many ways that the Holy Spirit is present in the Mass that will enable you to encounter God when you attend. This program will be facilitated by our priests and parishioners as follows:

- \* Tuesday, 12/12 from 10:00am-11:30am in the Lower Hall (Valerie Heckert)
- \* Tuesday, 12/12 from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Church (Fr. Peter)
- \* Wednesday, 12/13 from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Church (Fr. Michael)

If you can't make it this week, you can follow along at home. Please visit [formed.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup) to register or scan the QR Code to the left on your phone's camera for this week's video. FORMED is a popular online platform that can be likened to a Catholic Netflix.

### ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION

Tuesday, December 19 at 7pm

Saturday, December 23 from 10am-Noon

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Carols will begin 30 minutes prior to each Christmas Eve Mass.

#### Christmas Eve (Sunday, December 24)

3:00pm in the Church, 3:15pm in the gym,  
5:00pm Children's Mass & 10:00pm Candlelight Mass

#### Christmas Day (Monday, December 25)

8:00am, 10:00am & Noon (No Evening Mass)

### SIMBANG GABI

Sunday, December 17 at 7:30pm at OLA

The Simbang Gabi originated in the early days of Spanish rule over the Philippines as a practical compromise for farmers who began work before sunrise to avoid the noontday heat out in the fields. This cherished Christmas custom eventually became a distinct feature of Philippine culture.

### SPIRITUAL CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS

This is a special gift that you can give to your family and friends. They will be remembered in the Masses, Prayers and Apostolic works of our Capuchin Friars. Cards are \$5 and are available in the Rectory.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLY HOUR

Sunday, December 31st at 7pm (following the 6pm Mass)

Bring in the new year with us and pray like you never have before!  
"Could you not watch with me one hour?" - Matthew 26:10

## FRATERNITY

### NEW WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP AT OLA

**Women of Walking with Purpose's** mission is to help every Catholic woman encounter Jesus Christ through Bible studies. Join us for our FREE introductory mini-6-week session from "Opening Your Heart" starting on January 11 from 6:45-8:15pm in the Padre Pio Room (room outside the school office). Register by emailing your name, phone number and email to [theresawebbola@gmail.com](mailto:theresawebbola@gmail.com). Please contact Theresa Webb at (650) 347-7768 for more information.

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS

1010 Howard Ave., San Mateo (650) 342-0924

Shop at our neighborhood Catholic store, McCoy Church Goods, for beautiful gifts for Christmas, feasts, holidays, etc. McCoy's owners Mike and Candace will delight you with their selection of books, cards, statues, rosaries, religious jewelry, etc. These special gifts are spiritually memorable for any occasion.

### OUR LADY OF ANGELS SCHOOL

In collaboration with the Capuchin Franciscans, Our Lady of Angels School provides a foundation in Catholic values and encourages our students to serve others. We prepare students to become responsible and contributing members of a global society equipped with 21st Century skills. OLA is now accepting applications for the 2024/2025 school year. Visit Our Lady of Angels School and experience a day as an Angel. OLA is currently holding school tours every Wednesday. Scan the QR code to the right or use the following link to sign up for a tour. [www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4BADA92DA1FF2-olaschool4#/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4BADA92DA1FF2-olaschool4#/)



## MINORITY

### ADVENT GIVING TREE—LAST DAY TO DONATE

Our traditional Advent Giving Tree is in the vestibule of the Church. Simply take an ornament that describes the requested item from the local charity and return it to the **Rectory mail slot by Sunday, December 10.**

### COMMITMENT (PLEDGE) CARDS FOR 2024

Every year at this time, we send out a Commitment (Pledge) Card to ask for your financial support for the coming year. We know that you will be as generous as you can as we look towards 2024. We ask that you fill it in and return it either by mail or put it in the collection basket. Thank you for your support! You can also pledge online by visiting our website at [ola.community](http://ola.community) (click on "Commitment Card") or using the QR Code shown on the right.

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

*Retirement for Religious*

This weekend, our second collection will help defray some of the costs needed to care for the elderly religious in the San Francisco Archdiocese and relieve the genuine financial crisis in many religious congregations.



# BIBLE STUDY @ Our Lady of Angels

*Interested in deepening your faith? Bible Study program at Our Lady of Angels is offering an in depth and detailed study of the books of the Bible designed by Ascension Press. The courses are both educational and spiritual ways of approaching the Word of God as revealed in the Sacred Scriptures.*

**When & Where:** All classes start at 7:00 PM at Lower Hall (1335 Cortez Avenue, Burlingame)

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**Monday** class will offer:

## Corinthians - How Do I Live as a Christian in the Midst of a Pagan Culture?

*First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community* explores the key elements of the gospel message that Paul introduced to a new and growing Church. Presenter Tim Gray examines Paul's advice for living an authentic Christian life in a pagan culture as well as his teachings about the nature of grace, the Church as the body of Christ, and the most powerful gift of all—the Eucharist.

Ten session course starting Monday, **1/8/24**

Class days 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18

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**Tuesday** class will offer:

## Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life - A Powerful Study on the Life of Jesus Christ

The marvelous treasures of the Catholic Faith—the Eucharist, Mary, the saints, and the Creed—are all centered on a single figure: Jesus Christ. Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure. He is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God. While many of us already know a lot about him, how well can we say we really know him? Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life* is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life on him as you come to know and love him in an ever-deeper and more intimate way.

Ten session course starting Monday, **1/9/24**.

Class Days 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19.

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**Registration:** Please use a separate registration form available in the OLA Church vestibule.

**Last day to register is:** Thursday December 15, 2023. However, please sign up now as we need to order the books. Questions? Please call Tom Crawford (917-608 0812 or 650-274-0656) or Albert Chen (650-455-2025).