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First Sunday
of Advent



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Tree Lighting Celebration



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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come...lest he find you asleep." Isn't sleep, especially at midnight, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God, and whether we are awaiting Him to meet us, will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— Father John Muir



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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 2: 5:00 p.m. Kathy Gigliotti Arana / The Lopez & Verbelli Family

SUN, December 3:

7:00 a.m. All Parishioners

8:30 a.m. Mae Terry

10:00 a.m. Rudona Bleichner / Maria Pericic

11:30 a.m. Bernie Cotter

6:00 p.m. Liza Maskarich

MONDAY:	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>	<u>11:30 a.m. at Marian</u>	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>
	Fr. Flavian Welstead / Special Intention		Serafino Fontana	Fr. Flavian Welstead
TUESDAY:	Honesto & Carolina Llamas / Giovanni Galletto		Maureen Cafferkey	Bessie Valconcha
WEDNESDAY:	Bob Hamilton / Jerry Hahn		Rosetta Fontana / Special Intention	Carolyn Hipps
THURSDAY:	Bruno Fatica / Special Intention		Norman Fung	Maureen Cafferkey / Carolyn Hipps
FRIDAY:	Rudy Gutierrez / Maureen Cafferkey	Joan & Darrell Harmon	Rosetta Fontana	Bernie Cotter
SATURDAY:	Joseph Mocelin / Bob Hamilton		Thomas Mallard / Tom Keefer	

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 7 at 5:30 pm

Friday, December 8 at

8:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:30 pm

(Marian Convent at 11:30 am)

The Immaculate Conception is the belief that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free of original sin from the moment of her conception.

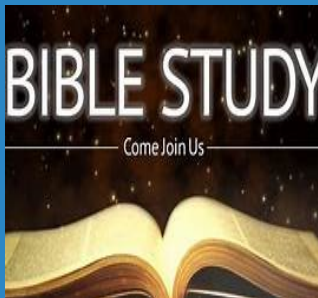
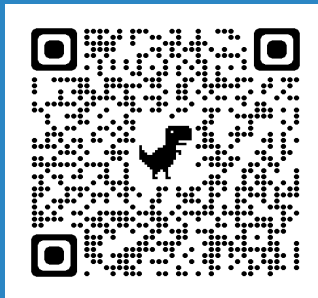
It is one of the four dogmas of the Catholic Church.



HOW MUCH DO WE REALLY KNOW ABOUT MARY?

Mary is someone we can learn from. She was a woman of tremendous faith at the time the Archangel Gabriel told her she was to give birth to the Messiah. She replied, "Behold I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your word".

One of the biggest lessons we can learn from Mary's story is God took an ordinary girl from Nazareth and called her to do an extraordinary thing. The same is true of us. God takes us, ordinary people, and invites us to become extraordinary by doing extraordinary things.



PRAYER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As a circle begins and ends at the same point, the liturgical year begins and ends at the final judgement. God is at the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega. All time belongs to him and all the ages. The Advent wreath represents the circle of life's journey from God as creator to God as final destiny. Evergreen leaves express hope based on God's everlasting love.

Three times we hear that the Son of Man is coming. Advent will focus on three stages of his coming. We look back to his historical coming at the first Christmas. We look forward to his final coming at the end of our earthly sojourn. We are called to be vigilant in prayer to the many ways that God communicates with us each day. Prayer is not so much talking to God as learning how to listen to God before talking.

DECEMBER 8—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation this year. Masses are on Thursday, December 7 at 5:30pm and on Friday, December 8 at 8am, 11am, 11:30am (Marian Oaks) and 5:30pm.

ADVENT RENEW FAITH GROUP WEEK FOUR

Please join us for our fourth video of the 6-part "Wild Goose" series entitled "God's Love Poured Out". The "Pick of The Week" is *The Spirit and Our Lady*. Our Lady, from the moment of her conception, was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit. As the Spouse of the Holy Spirit she models for us what our lives can look like when we say "yes" to God's will and fully give ourselves over to the actions of the Spirit of God. Mary's fiat led her to the cross, the empty tomb, and ultimately the upper room where she was once again overshadowed by the Holy Spirit. This program will be facilitated by our priests and parishioners as follows:

- * Tuesday, 12/5 from 10:00am-11:30am in the Lower Hall (Valerie Heckert)
- * Tuesday, 12/5 from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Church (Fr. Peter)
- * Wednesday, 12/6 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.

BIBLE STUDY AT OLA

Classes start January 8 & 9, 2024 in the Lower Hall at 7pm

Mondays will focus on *Corinthians: How Do I Live as a Christian in the Midst of a Pagan Culture?*

Tuesdays will focus on *Jesus: The Way, the Truth and the Life*

Please register with the forms available in the vestibule. The last day to register is December 15. Contact Tom Crawford at (917) 608-0812.

OCIA

At the 10am Mass, OLA parishioners will welcome Draper to our community as a Candidate preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. At the 11:30am Mass, Kianna and Christopher will be accepted as Catechumens preparing for all the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey toward the Easter Sacraments.

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)

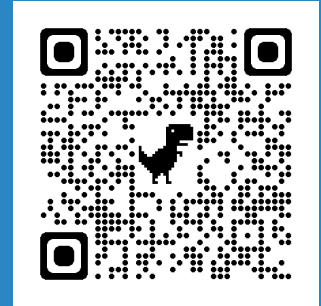
8:00am, 10:00am & Noon (No Evening Mass)

FIND PEACE IN GOD THIS ADVENT

Deepen your prayer life this Advent with Hallow, a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps us all find peace in God. Daily prayers, family content, and Bible stories. Download the app using the QR Code to the right.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated annually on December 12. Join our parish community at a special Bilingual Mass at 6pm on Sunday, December 10 as we honor the patroness of the Americas with this early celebration. Readings, prayers of the faithful and music will be bilingual with English and Spanish. A flower offering to Our Lady of Guadalupe will also be presented. Light refreshments to follow after Mass.



FRATERNITY

FIRST TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 3 from 4-6pm in the St. Francis Garden

The Mothers' Club invites you to our very first Tree Lighting Celebration! It will be a festive Holiday evening to kick off the holiday season! Kids will be busy crafting holiday ornaments and decorating delicious sugar cookies. And be sure to take your photo with Santa! Come sip some holiday cheer while watching the tree come to life. Don't miss the live performance by the Merrie Olde Christmas Carolers! Buy your tickets today at <https://ola-tree-lighting-2023.cheddarup.com>.

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 or call Theresa at (650) 347-7768.



MINORITY

ADVENT GIVING TREE

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. You should have received a card in the mail. You can also find them in the pews. 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 (click on "Commitment Card") or using the QR Code shown on the right.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Retirement for Religious

Next 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.





OLA YOUTH'S ANNUAL



Saint
Vincent de
Paul



Giving Tree

Our traditional Advent Giving Tree is now up in the Vestibule of the Church. Please join the Youth Group in serving our neighbors in need by donating a gift to Good Tidings, SVdP, Catholic Worker House, or Restorative Justice Christmas Angels Project.



Catholic
Worker
House



The Gabriel
Project

Simply take an ornament that describes the requested item from the local charity and return it to the Youth Center or Parish Rectory Office by Dec.

10.



Good Tidings

return by December 10



Restorative
Justice
Christmas
Angels Project