



**prayer**

First Sunday  
 of Advent



**fraternity**

OLA Tree Lighting  
 December 7



**minority**

Advent Giving Tree  
 Ends December 8

Our Lady of Angels  
**CAPUCHIN**  
 Franciscan

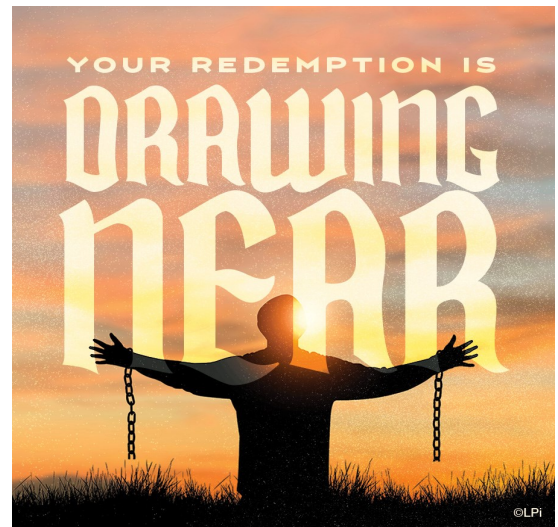
**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, “Don’t be afraid.” She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, “Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen.” A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various “worlds” in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves “fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world” (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to “look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” He then compares what’s coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That’s what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you’re troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: “Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming.”

—Fr. John Muir



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By appointment only. Call the Rectory.

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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

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**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, Doris Gebhardt, Jean Drigo, Alicia Rodondi, and the following for whom Mass will be offered:

**SAT, November 30: 5:00pm** Kathryn Gigliotti Arana / Roberta McElroy

**SUN, December 1:**

**7:00am** All Parishioners

**8:30am** Helen M. Bonelli / Betty Hollett

**10:00am** Helen Arana / Marisol Roberts

**11:30am** Fr. Flavian Welstead / Juan De Dios Granados

**6:00pm** Lynette McQuade Gianni / Elizabeth Notarte

**8:00am**

**MONDAY:** Karen Elizabeth Horder

**TUESDAY:** Rosalie O'Mahony

**WEDNESDAY:** Fr. Flavian Welstead

**THURSDAY:** Honesto & Carolina Llamas / Guillermo Gruzzi

**FRIDAY:** John Totah Sr. / Jerry Hahn

**SATURDAY:** Rosalie O'Mahony

**11:30am at Marian Oaks**

Rosalie O'Mahony

Rudona Bleichner

Serafino Fontana

Giovanni Galletto

Rosetta Fontana

Special Intention

**5:30pm**

John Vannucci

Juan De Dios Granados

Fr. Flavian / Cristina Uy Perfecto Gotauco

Rosalie O'Mahony

Bob Hamilton / Carolyn Hipps

**SAT, December 7: 5:00pm** The Lopez & Verbelli Family / Frank Clyne

**SUN, December 8:**

**7:00am** All Parishioners

**8:30am** Dorothy & Jack Douglas / Rosetta Fontana

**10:00am** Rudy Gutierrez / Maria Pericic

**11:30am** Fr. James Stump / Juan De Dios Granados

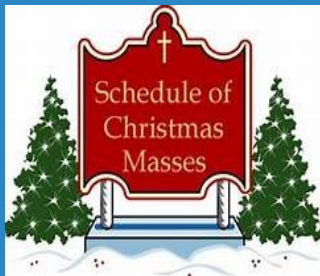
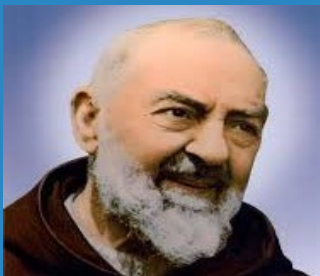
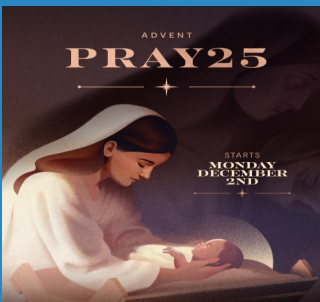
**6:00pm** Bernie Cotter / Sammy Allen



In the spirit of giving, Youth Ministry's Advent Giving Tree is full of ornaments that have various organizations that we will be giving Gift Card donations to.

**All Gift Cards are due Dec 8th in the rectory!**





## 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.

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is a holy day of obligation this year. Since it falls on the Second Sunday of Advent, it has been moved to Monday, December 9. Masses will be celebrated on Monday, December 9 at 8am, 11am, (11:30am Marian Oaks) and 5:30pm.

### "FORMED" PICK OF THE WEEK

FORMED is a popular online platform that can be likened to a Catholic Netflix. The subscription is free and provided by OLA to all parishioners. The "Pick of The Week" is *Mary's Labor: What does Catholic Tradition Have to Say?* Join Scott Hefelfinger as he explores the Catholic Church's understanding of Mary's labor and birth of Jesus. Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) to register or scan the QR Code to the left on your phone's camera.

### ADVENT PRAY 25 CHALLENGE

While we await the birth of Jesus, let's make our Advent experience more special this year by trying Hallow's Advent Pray 25 Challenge. Hallow is now the #1 prayer and meditation app for Catholics. It includes great ways to pray including listening to scripture, sermons, podcasts, music, rosaries, family prayers, and bedtime meditations. Our parish is being offered a special full year trial for \$1. To try out the app, visit <https://hallow.com/parish/> and enter Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame to join our parish page on Hallow.

### CONGRATULATIONS FR. NIKOLAS BARTH!

*December 1 at the 10am Mass, reception to follow in the St. Francis Garden*  
Please join us in congratulating Fr. Nikolas Barth, OFM Cap as he celebrates his first Mass at OLA. He was ordained a Capuchin priest on November 16 at St. Bede the Venerable in La Canada.

### FIRST FRIDAY MASS

*December 6 at 5:30pm in the Church*  
Join Fr. Peter and the Filipino Ministry every first Friday of the month.

### PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

*Saturday, December 7 at 8am*  
Father Peter will celebrate this Mass as we remember St. Pio of Pietrelcina. We will have refreshments in the Hall of Saints following Mass.

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

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

## FRATERNITY

### ANNUAL OLA TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

*Saturday, December 7 from 5-7pm in the St. Francis Garden*

The OLA Mothers' Club invites you to our Second Annual Tree Lighting! Come sip some holiday cheer as we gather together for the lighting of OLA's Christmas Tree. Enjoy the hot cocoa bar, crafting ornaments, decorating sugar cookies, a visit from Santa, and a performance by the Merrie Olde Christmas Carolers! Buy tickets at [ola-tree-lighting-celebration-67243.cheddarup.com](https://ola-tree-lighting-celebration-67243.cheddarup.com).

### CHRISTMAS AT KOHL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

*Wednesday, December 4 from 5-9pm (2750 Adeline Drive, Burlingame)*

*\$15 per person in advance or at the door*

<https://www.mercyhsb.com/about/christmas-at-kohl>

More than 65 vendors will display unique holiday treasures, jewelry, clothing, and holiday decorations. A shuttle will run every 15 minutes to and from OLA and Mercy to help with parking.

### BURLINGAME TREE LIGHTING & WINTERFEST

*Friday, December 6th from 5 - 8pm on Burlingame Avenue*

Our parish will host a booth this year at the Burlingame Tree Lighting and Winterfest event! Come share the Christmas spirit with our community! Our table will be on Burlingame Ave and we'll have fun treats for all. Stop by and help wish everyone a Merry Christmas! Look for the OLA banner!

### OLA PARISH ADVENT CELEBRATION

*Faith in Art Exhibit on Sunday, December 15 from 11am-1pm in the gym*

Enjoy eggnog, coffee and festive treats as you admire creches and artwork created by some of our priests and parishioners! Feel free to bring your own faith based artwork to exhibit!

### RELIGIOUS ITEMS FUNDRAISER

*December 14-15 & 21-22 after all Masses*

Bracelet, necklace and rosary sales will help fund the LA Congress Youth Trip.

### GIRL SCOUTS HOSTING KIDS' NIGHT OUT

*Saturday, December 14 from 5:30-9pm in the Lower Hall (Cost: \$35)*

Need to finish some last minute Christmas shopping? Do parents need a date night? Our Girl Scouts have you covered! Cadette Troop 62542 has planned a fun holiday themed Kids' Night Out for children 4-10 years old. Activities include: holiday crafts, games, a movie and more! Pizza dinner included! Advance online registration is required using the QR code on the right. Email [programs.olaparish@gmail.com](mailto:programs.olaparish@gmail.com) with questions!



## MINORITY

### ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our traditional Advent Giving Tree is now 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 or Sunday Collection Basket** by Sunday, December 8. Thank you!

### COMMITMENT (PLEDGE) CARDS FOR 2025

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 in 2025. 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](https://ola.community) and clicking on "Commitment (Pledge) for 2025" or using the QR Code shown on the right.





MOTHERS' CLUB PRESENTS

OLA'S 2ND ANNUAL

# Tree Lighting celebration



*Saturday December 7th 5PM - 7PM*

OLA PARISH GARDEN

HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES FOR ALL

COME ENJOY A HOT CHOCOLATE BAR, LIGHT APPETIZERS & DESSERT  
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS, AND ADULTS CAN TOAST TO THE  
LIGHTING OF OLA'S OFFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE!

PLUS A PERFORMANCE BY THE MERRIE OLDE CHRISTMAS CAROLERS AT 5PM!

VISIT WITH SANTA

COOKIE DECORATING

ORNAMENT CRAFTING