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Third Sunday
of Advent



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OLA Parish Advent Celebration
This Weekend



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2025 Commitment
(Pledge) Card

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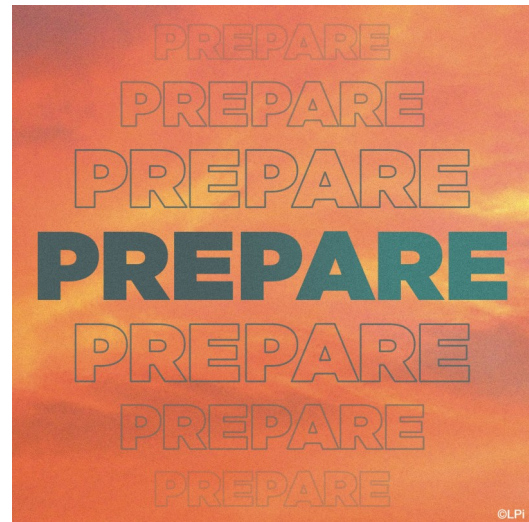
GOSPEL MEDITATION

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, “What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?” The Saint responded, “I’d keep hoeing this row of beans.” Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus’ glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize “with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus’ coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It’s so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don’t know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That’s what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: “Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming.” Then make the appropriate changes.

—Fr. 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 14: 5:00pm John Cassanego / Laura Colabianchi

SUN, December 15:

7:00am All Parishioners

10:00am Laurie Massa / Michael & Dragomir Martinovich

8:30am Dr. Antonio Arroyo Perez / Kathleen O'Brien

11:30am June Landi / Michael Irvine

6:00pm

Ron Brovelli / Thomas & Anthula Drolapas

8:00am

MONDAY: Noreen Harrington

TUESDAY: Rudy Gutierrez

WEDNESDAY: John Campanile

THURSDAY: Rita Porrazzo

FRIDAY: Noreen Harrington

SATURDAY: Mario & Arianna Cassanego / Fr. James Stump

11:30am at Marian Oaks

Rosalie O'Mahony

Special Intention

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Serafino Fontana

Rosalie O'Mahony

Fr. Flavian Welstead

5:30pm

Mary Cravalho

Claire Dutilh

Alfred Dutilh

Richard Rigney

June Rigney

SAT, December 21: 5:00pm William Reynolds / Heather Moggs

SUN, December 22:

7:00am All Parishioners

10:00am Zeljko Perovic / Anne Hahn

8:30am Godfrey, Lena & John Affonso / Juan De Dios Granados

11:30am Thomas & Anthula Drolapas / Judy Glosser

6:00pm

Rosalie O'Mahony

Christmas Mass
CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST



Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24

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

3:00pm in Church

3:15pm in OLA Gym

5:00pm Children's Mass

10:00pm Candlelight Mass

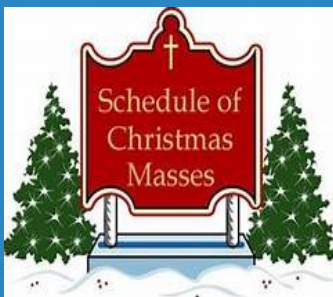
Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25

8:00am

10:00am

Noon

No Evening Mass on Christmas Day.



PRAYER

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When the year 1000 was about to dawn, people fled to mountains, expecting the return of Christ. When 2000 came, people feared major computer -- and hence societal -- breakdowns. Neither happened. Yet both moments in history remind us of something deeper, the lesson of Advent. Advent means "coming." The Lord wants us to anticipate and prepare for His coming, not as something that we hinge on a particular date or identify with a particular calamity, but as an *ordinary aspect of our daily Christian living*. On the one hand, we know He is coming; on the other, we don't know when. Yet every moment is an opportunity to make that coming more central to our lives. Lord, may we welcome you daily in your Word, Sacraments, and in our brothers and sisters!

“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 *Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage*. This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ’s coming so you can enter more deeply into this season. Please visit formed.org/signup to register or scan the QR Code to the left.

HALLOW DEAL — \$1 FOR THE YEAR

Let's make our Advent experience more special this year by trying Hallow's Advent Pray 25 Challenge. Hallow is the #1 prayer app in the world. Discover new ways to grow closer to God alongside millions of other Christians worldwide. The app 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.

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION

Wednesday, December 18 at 7pm
Tuesday, December 24 from 10am-Noon

SIMBANG GABI

Sunday, December 22 at 7:30pm in the OLA Church
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 noonday 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.

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)

NEW YEAR’S EVE HOLY HOUR

Tuesday, December 31 at 6:15pm (after the 5:30pm Mass)
Bring in the new year with us and pray like you never have before!
Let us pray for a peaceful, safe and successful New Year for all.

FRATERNITY

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!

OLA MERCHANDISE SALE

Looking for a Christmas gift this year? OLA T-shirts and hats are now available for sale in the Rectory Office. All items are \$10 each. Stop on by to pick one up before they are gone!

RELIGIOUS ITEMS FUNDRAISER

December 14-15 & 21-22 after all Masses
Bracelet, necklace and rosary sales will help fund the LA Congress Youth Trip.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Join Walking With Purpose
January 9-June 19 (break during Lent) from 6:45pm-8:15pm
Padre Pio Room (room next to school office)

We invite all women of the parish to join OLA's Women's Faith Sharing Group. The mission of Walking with Purpose is to help every Catholic woman encounter Jesus Christ through Bible studies! *Join us for Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point* as we explore the fundamental questions of our Catholic faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ. The cost of the book is \$50. Register with the QR code here or by emailing your name, phone # and email to theresawebbola@gmail.com. Contact Theresa at (650) 504-7184 for information. Registration deadline is December 31.

RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

For all students in grades K-12 in public, Catholic, and home school in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Cash prizes! The theme this year is *Respecting and Loving our Elderly*. Essays are due on January 24, 2025. Please visit sfarch.org/essay-contest for more information.



MINORITY

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. 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 and clicking on "Commitment (Pledge) for 2025" or using the QR Code shown on the right.

WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPES

You should be receiving your weekly donation envelopes soon for January-March, 2025. If you would like to sign up to start receiving them, please contact the rectory office at parishoffice@olaparish.org.

TUESDAY NIGHT MEALS FOR OUR PRIESTS

Our priests make their own meals and it is always nice for them to have a night off from cooking! They love the variety of items and are always pleasantly surprised to find out what is for dinner. If you are interested in providing a Tuesday night meal, please sign up at <https://takethemameal.com/FTFV3884>.





Register for OLA's Women's Faith Sharing Group "Opening Your Heart"

Make authentic connections with other women
Refuel and refresh | Learn more about God

WWP Bible studies combine personal study with small group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

Join us for **Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point** as we explore the fundamental questions of our Catholic faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ.



DATE: Jan. 9–June 19 (excluding Lent)

LENGTH: 17 week program

TIME/DAY: Thursdays 6:45pm– 8:15pm

LOCATION: Padre Pio Room

COST: \$50 (Book included)

REGISTRATION DUE DECEMBER 31

TO REGISTER:

Scan the QR code to the right or fill out the form below and return to the rectory.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____



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