

**prayer**

Second Sunday  
 of Advent



**fraternity**

OLA Parish Advent Celebration  
 December 15



**minority**

Advent Giving Tree  
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Our Lady of Angels  
**CAPUCHIN**  
 Franciscan

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when "the word of God came to John the Baptist:" Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."

—Fr. John Muir



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# Our Lady of Angels Church

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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, and the following for whom Mass will be offered:

**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

**MONDAY:** 8:00am Joseph Mocolin / Emma Lewin

**TUESDAY:** Betty Hollett

**WEDNESDAY:** Jerry Callahan

**THURSDAY:** Norvell Llamas

**FRIDAY:** Peter Damon / Pol Veroy

**SATURDAY:** Rosalie O'Mahony

**11:30am at Marian Oaks**

Thomas Mallard / Tom Keefer

Rosalie O'Mahony

Special Intention

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**5:30pm**

Mary Cravalho / Jean Cole

Dr. Robert Cody

Rosalie O'Mahony

Oliver McDermott

Bernardine Martini

**SAT, December 14: 5:00pm** John Cassanego / Laura Colabianchi

**SUN, December 15:**

**7:00am** All Parishioners

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

**10:00am** Laurie Massa / Michael & Dragomir Martinovich

**11:30am** June Landi / Michael Irvine

**6:00pm** Ron Brovelli / Thomas & Anthula Drolapas

# THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 9

8:00am, 11:00am, (11:30am Marian Oaks), 5:30pm

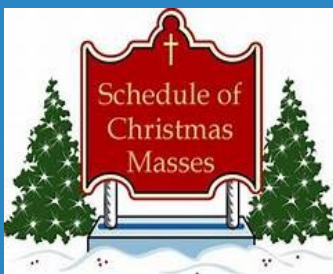
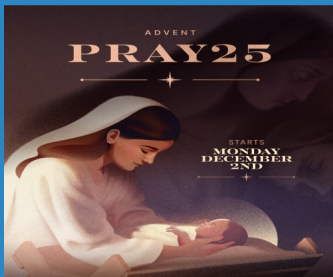
The Immaculate Conception is the belief that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free of original sin from the moment of her conception. It is one of the four dogmas of the Catholic Church.



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 that 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

### 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.

### 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 *Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message*. This film walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions. Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) to register or scan the QR Code to the left.

### 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.

### 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)

## 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!

### 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!

### 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—Padre Pio Room (room next to school office)*  
*January 9-June 19 (break during Lent) from 6:45pm-8:15pm*  
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](mailto:theresawebbola@gmail.com). Contact Theresa at (650) 504-7184 for information. Registration deadline is December 31.



## MINORITY

### ADVENT GIVING TREE—LAST CHANCE

This is the last weekend to donate to our Advent Giving Tree. Simply take an ornament that describes the requested item from a local charity and return it to the Rectory Mail Slot or Sunday Collection Basket by Monday, December 9. 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. 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) and clicking on "Commitment (Pledge) for 2025" or using the QR Code shown on the right.

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

*Retirement for Religious*  
This 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 PARISH ADVENT CELEBRATION '24



**Sunday, Dec. 15**  
**11am—1pm**  
**OLA Gym**

## **SPECIAL Faith in Art Exhibit Featuring:**

Jen Norton, Matt Christianson, Fr. Peter Eugenio, & Fr. Joyson Thomas  
OLA Youth Group Carolers

- Christmas Egg Nog/Coffees/Teas & Yummy Baked Delights!
- Photos with Santa
- Creche Exhibits Around the World
- Interactive Collaborative Art Project
- Family Craft Corner
- Outreach Christmas Cards for Hospitalized Children