



**prayer**

Third Sunday  
of Advent



**fraternity**

Walking with Purpose  
New Women's Faith Group



**minority**

2024 Commitment  
(Pledge) Card

Our Lady of Angels  
**CAPUCHIN**  
Franciscan

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: "There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him." The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— Father John Muir



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# Our Lady of Angels Church

CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS

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**Pastor:**

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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**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, Jim Arena, Pierina Moschella, Janey Runge (Fr. James' sister) and the following for whom Mass will be offered:

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

**SUN, December 17:**

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

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

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

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

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

**MONDAY:** 8:00 a.m. Ciel Crawford / Special Intention  
**TUESDAY:** Rita Porrazzo  
**WEDNESDAY:** Phil Lyons  
**THURSDAY:** Mario & Arianna Cassanego  
**FRIDAY:** Ciel Crawford  
**SATURDAY:** Junior Llamas / Howard Champagne Sr.

**11:30 a.m. at Marian**  
 Special Intention  
 Janey Runge  
 Special Intention  
 Special Intention  
 Special Intention  
 Thomas Mallard

**5:30 p.m.**  
 Marc Hinchman  
 Ciel Crawford  
 Freddie Bertetta III  
 Maureen Cafferkey  
 Loue B. & Bruno Fatica

**SAT, December 23: 5:00 p.m.** Frank Clyne / Robert Reynolds

**SUN, December 24 (Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses):**

**8:30 a.m.** All Parishioners

**10:00 a.m.** Henry Bleichner / John Underdahl

**Christmas Eve (December 24):**

**3:00 p.m.**  
 Roger Torrey / Ascani & Fatica Family

**3:15 p.m. (Gym)**  
 Freddie Bertetta III

**5:00 p.m.**  
 Jon Michael Bugato / Theresa Cafferkey

**10:00 p.m.**  
 John Campanile

**Christmas Day (December 25):**

**8:00 a.m.**  
 Linda & Peter Ferrai

**10:00 a.m.**  
 Daniel James Schlosser

**12:00 p.m.**  
 Laura Colabianchi

**11:30 a.m. (Marian)**  
 Special Intention



### **ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION**

**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
10:00 a.m. – Noon

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. ONLY

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **Christmas Eve (Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>)**

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

**Mass in the Church at 3:00 p.m.**

**Mass in the Gym at 3:15 p.m.**

**Children's Mass at 5:00 p.m.**

**Candlelight Mass at 10:00 p.m.**

*No Mass at Midnight*

#### **Christmas Day (Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>)**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and Noon

*No evening Mass*



## 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!

### ADVENT RENEW FAITH GROUP WEEK SIX

Please join us for our final video of the 6-part "Wild Goose" series entitled "God's Love Poured Out". The "Pick of The Week" is *The Spirit Remembers*. It's important for us to remember the great things that God has done for us. Often we become consumed with our daily struggles and forget all that that Lord has done. We may also only focus on God not doing what we want of him. One of the blessings of the Holy Spirit is that the Spirit reminds us what Jesus said and what he has done for us. There is no limit to what God has done or what he desires to do in our lives. This program will be facilitated by our priests and parishioners as follows:

- \* Tuesday, 12/19 from 10:00am-11:30am in the Lower Hall (Deborah Payne)
- \* Tuesday, 12/19 from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Church (Fr. Peter)
- \* Wednesday, 12/20 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](http://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

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23 at 5pm  
Sunday, December 24 at 8:30am and 10am ONLY

### 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)

### 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). Contact Theresa Webb at (650) 347-7768 for more information.

### OLA YOUTH MINISTRY

On December 16-17 & January 13-14, OLA Youth Ministry will be partnering with Totally Catholic Fundraising to sell religious jewelry and rosaries in the back of the Church at the end of every Mass. All the proceeds go towards the youth and young adults attending a Youth Conference at the Anaheim Convention Center.

### NEXT SENIOR LUNCHEON

*Monday, January 8 at 11:30am in the OLA gym*

Let's celebrate the start to the new year! Please contact Liz O'Connor at (650) 344-5521 with any questions!

### RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

The theme for 2024 is "Adoption as a Concrete Way of Love". All students in grades K-12 in public school, private school, or home school may participate. Cash prizes will be awarded. Essays are due by January 26, 2024. Visit [sfarch.org/essay-contest](https://www.sfarch.org/essay-contest) for more information.

### RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

*Adopt a Christmas Angels Family*

Grant a wish for families and children with incarcerated parents, surviving children of parents killed by gun violence, and families who have experienced and survived domestic violence. The Christmas Angel event will distribute toys Friday, December 22 at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. To adopt a family visit <https://www.sfarch.org/christmasangels-adoptfamily>.



U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

*The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, Case No. 23-30564*

*Notice of Deadline for Filing Claims: February 20, 2024*

YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR OTHER CLAIM AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

On August 21, 2023, The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, a California corporation sole, aka Archdiocese of San Francisco (the "Debtor"), filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be received by February 20, 2024, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Debtor. Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before August 21, 2023, must be filed on or before February 20, 2024, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before August 21, 2023. For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit <https://omniagentsolutions.com/RCASF>, or contact Omni Agent Solutions, Inc., the Debtor's claims agent via email at [RCASFInquiries@omniagnt.com](mailto:RCASFInquiries@omniagnt.com) or by phone at 888-480-6507 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or 747-293-0084 (International), between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Pacific Time), Monday through Friday. \*\*If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, please also visit the website at <https://sfarch.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 Filing\*\*



# Join OLA's New Women's Faith Sharing Group

## Come as you are.

**YOU ARE WELCOME HERE**

**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.

If you desire to grow in your faith—in a supportive community of Catholic women—This group is for you!

### ***Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point***

This FREE introductory mini-study (6 weeks) explores the fundamental questions of our Catholic faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ. Join us as we examine the core questions that we need to wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us. How do I get my priorities in order? I've been going through the motions in my spiritual life—how does it relate to my day-to-day life? How do I get to know Christ in a personal way?



**PROGRAM DATE:** January 11 - February 15

**TIME/DAY:** Thursdays 6:45pm- 8:15pm

**LOCATION:** Padre Pio Room (near school office)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Contact Theresa Webb at 650-504-7184

**TO REGISTER:** Scan the QR code to the right or email your name, address, phone # and email to [theresawebbola@gmail.com](mailto:theresawebbola@gmail.com).

