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Merry Christmas!



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Beautiful Eucharist Fr. Michael's Gift to You



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St. Vincent de Paul Collection Next Weekend

Our Lady of Angels

Franciscan

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"She gave birth to her firstborn son." The pain of childbirth is something that boggles my mind. I'm sure I couldn't handle it. I can't even watch scenes in movies in which a woman gives birth. I understand it's a beautiful part of nature, but there's still something awful about it and the attendant suffering.

Which is why it's worth pondering an often neglected and currently unpopular part of the Church's theology around the birth of Christ, his was miraculous because it caused no pain to his mother. Even her physical virginity remains intact. Of course, we modern scientific people scoff at such an idea.

Without obsessing over the obstetrical details, we discover a glorious illumination in the symbolic meaning of this birth that we moderns find so embarrassing. God comes into the world in an utterly non-violent way. He himself will suffer his own bloodshed but will never shed that of others. He is so peaceful and non-violent that he will even rise from the dead without breaking the seal of the tomb. All of humanity, in the Church, will give birth to him in the Church free from the terrible pain due to original sin. How badly we need the truth of this miraculous birth today!

Let's delight in this great mystery and miracle of Jesus's birth. He is the Prince of Peace and always nonviolent. We need not fear him, ever.

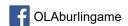
— Father John Muir

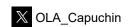


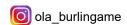
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Our Lady of Angels Church

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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

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Ms. Raychelle Castillo

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By appointment only. Call the Rectory.

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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 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. 10:00 p.m. 3:15 p.m. (Gym) 5:00 p.m. Roger Torrey / Ascani & Fatica Family Freddie Bertetta III / The Wall Family Jon Michael Bugatto / Theresa Cafferkey John Campanile / Elizabeth Smith

Christmas Day (December 25):

8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 11:30 a.m. (Marian Oaks) Laura Colabianchi Linda & Peter Ferrai Daniel James Schlosser Rosalie O'Mahony

8:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. at Marian Oaks 5:30 p.m. Rudona Bleichner / Susan Cownan TUESDAY: Judy Biancalana Mary B. Hughes Arlin Goodwin / Dionisio Soto Mark Stove WEDNESDAY: Jim Arena Sharon Campodonico / Milton & Rita Snyder Albert Baggiani THURSDAY: Florence Echeverria / Janey Runge Rosalie O'Mahony John & Ada Mocelin / Felicisimo Castillo FRIDAY: Katherine Higgins Mary & Donal Welstead / Special Intention Rosalie O'Mahony **SATURDAY:**

> SAT, December 30: 5:00 p.m. Felicisimo Castillo / Mae Terry

> > SUN, December 31:

7:00 a.m. All Parishioners **10:00 a.m.** Gene Slakmon / Michael & Dragomir Martinovich

11:30 a.m. Rosalie O'Mahony 8:30 a.m. Special Intention / Moe Summa

> 6:00 p.m. John & Ada Mocelin / Rosalie O'Mahony

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS



For a child is born to us,
a son is given to us;
upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him
Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

-ISAIAH 9:5

Dear God,

May the love and peace
that was born that holy night,
remain with us always.











PRAYER

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

On behalf of our Capuchin friars, we wish all our parishioners at Our Lady of Angels a blessed and holy Christmas. May the humility of the new born child be a reminder to us all of how we are to conduct our lives with deep respect and love for all. May the Child Jesus remind each one of us of the blessings and gifts that are ours this Christmas.

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
We will hold a Holy Hour on the last Sunday of every month in 2024 at 7pm following the 6pm Mass.

SAVE THE DATE

Eucharistic Miracles — Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 7pm in the Church Dr. Scott French presents the amazing 21st century validated medical/scientific evidence that the *Eucharist* is the living blood, body, soul and divinity of *Jesus Christ*.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1st, 2024

Masses at 8:00am and 10:00am at OLA, and 11:30am at Marian Oaks Since it falls on a Monday this year, all the faithful are encouraged to attend Mass but are not obliged to do so.

BAPTISMS AT OUR LADY OF ANGELS

If you are a first time parent, "Congratulations"! To prepare for your child's baptism, you are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Class. This class is offered on the second Tuesday of the month (September—May). The next class will be held on January 9. Please contact the rectory office at (650) 347-7768 to register.

DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Friday at 7:40am (before the 8am Mass) in the Church Please come and pray together daily before the 8am Mass.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus in the beautiful Adoration Chapel which is located at the end of the Hall of Saints. The chapel is open from 8:30 am-5:30 pm (Monday through Friday) and 8:30 am-Noon (Saturdays). If you would like to devote some time to this ministry, call (650) 359-0945.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples of Jesus Christ, and in the spirit of Saint Francis, Our Lady of Angels Catholic family welcomes and embraces one another and those who come to us. Through worship, ministry and loving service we provide for one another's spiritual and communal well being. In being so nourished, we, in turn, reach out to serve the larger community.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to Our Lady of Angels Church! We encourage you to officially register as a parishioner on our website at **ola.community** by clicking on "Join Our Parish". We also invite you to visit the Rectory to personally meet one of our priests and to get acquainted with the parish facilities and upcoming events. Again, welcome to Our Lady of Angels!

FRATERNITY

"BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST"

This Christmas, Fr. Michael's gift to you is this wonderful book by Matthew Kelly. The book will be handed out at all Christmas Masses. One per family, please.

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.** Please contact Theresa Webb at (650) 347-7768 for more information.

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** for more information.

OUR LADY OF ANGELS SCHOOL

In collaboration with the Capuchin Franciscans, Our Lady of Angels School provides a foundation in Catholic values and encourages our students to serve others. We prepare students to become responsible and contributing members of a global society equipped with 21st Century skills. OLA is now accepting applications for the 2024/2025 school year. Visit Our Lady of Angels School and experience a day as an Angel. OLA is currently holding school tours every Wednesday. Scan the QR code to the right or use the following link to sign up for a tour. www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4BADA92DA1FF2-olaschool4#/







MINORITY

SVdP COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

This second collection will assist the St. Vincent de Paul Society in ministry to the homeless, hungry and needy in our area. In the last year, requests have increased and funds are needed. Thank you for your prayers, support and kindness to our brothers and sisters in need. We hold this collection every month there is a fifth Sunday.

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. 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.



Sunday collection envelopes have been mailed. If you have not yet received them for January-March and/or would like to start receiving them, please contact the rectory office at **parishoffice@olaparish.org**.







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