



prayer

Third Sunday
of Advent



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Last Chance to Register for
January Bible Study



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St. Vincent de Paul
Thanks You!

Our Lady of Angels CAPUCHIN Franciscan

GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

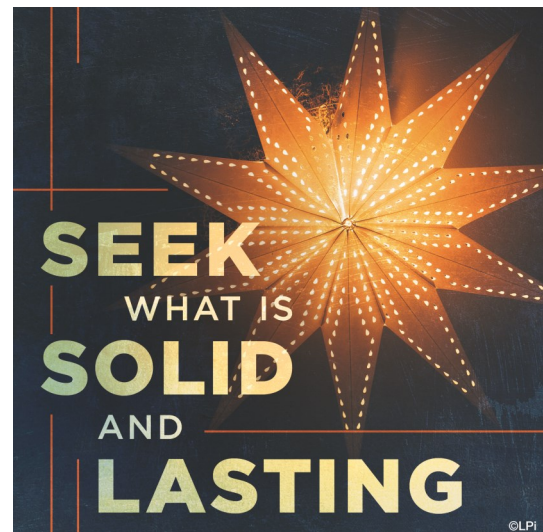
As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?" (Matthew 11:7). He's not just describing the crowd's mis-aimed pursuit. He's naming our tendency to chase after what's flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can't satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn't a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

— Father John Muir



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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, and the following for whom Mass will be offered:

SAT, December 13: 5:00pm Frank Clyne / Rudy Soto

SUN, December 14:

7:00am All Parishioners

10:00am Dragomir & Michael Martinovich / Gerry O'Donnell

8:30am Zaven Kuredkjan / Richard Wolbach

11:30am Laura Colabianchi / William Pierce Sutherland Jr.

6:00pm Special Intention / John Cassanego

8:00am

MONDAY: Carol Strauss / Lina Sant

TUESDAY: Special Intention

WEDNESDAY: Rudy Gutierrez / Dr. Rudy Soto

THURSDAY: John Campanile / Carlo & Ella Renati

FRIDAY: Rita Porrazzo

SATURDAY: Howard Champagne Jr.

11:30am at Marian Oaks

Rosalie O'Mahony

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Special Intention

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5:30pm

Jan Christensen

Rufino Aquino / Hermie Hernandez

Rosalie O'Mahony

Rosita Abad

Rosalie O'Mahony

SAT, December 20: 5:00pm Bruno Fatica & Louie Benedetti / Brovelli & Manuccani Family

SUN, December 21:

7:00am All Parishioners

10:00am Nonato Reyes / Zeljko Perovic

8:30am Godfrey, Lena & John Affonso / Fr. James

11:30am Salvador Braganza Sr.

6:00pm Maria Del Pilar Arriola / Candida Ordonez



Christmas Mass Schedule

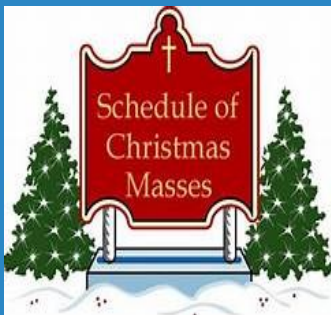
Christmas Eve

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

*Mass at 4:00pm
Children's Mass at 6:00pm
Candlelight Mass at 10:00pm*

Christmas Day

*8:00am
10:00am
Noon*



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!

BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

December 17 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Lower Hall

This Advent, renew your faith with an amazing tour of the Mass while enriching your devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Join us for *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* where we'll explore the extraordinary roots of the Liturgy and reveal what it means and why it all matters. Please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/Advent-Mass> or by using the QR Code on the left.

ADVENT OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION

Wednesday, December 24 from 10am-Noon

SIMBANG GABI

Sunday, December 21 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 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 (Wednesday, December 24)

4:00pm Mass

6:00pm Children's Mass

10:00pm Candlelight Mass

Christmas Day (Thursday, December 25)

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31 at 5:30pm

Thursday, January 1, 2026

8am & 10am in the Church and 11:30am at Marian Oaks

NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLY HOUR

Wednesday, 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'S WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING GROUP

Thursday nights from 6:45-8:15pm from January 8– February 12, 2026
in the Padre Pio Room (next to the school office)

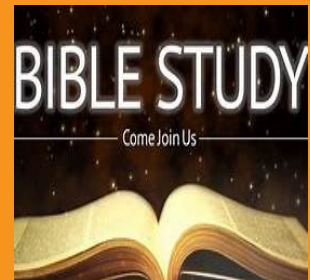
Reclaiming Friendship: God's Plan for Deep Connection will explore what it takes to stay close to friends for the long haul, what to look for in a friend, and how to navigate toxic relationships. Register using the QR Code on the right or by calling Theresa Webb at (650) 347-7768.
(Cost is \$30 per person which includes the book)

RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

For all students in grades Kindergarten-12 in public, Catholic, and home school in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Cash prizes are awarded to the winners! The theme this year is *Religious Freedom: An Essential Requirement of the Dignity of Every Person*. Essays are due on January 23, 2026. Please visit the San Francisco Archdiocese website at sfarch.org/essay-contest for more information.

BIBLE STUDY

Last call to register for this Winter's OLA Bible Study sessions starting in January. In the Monday night sessions, we will discover and study the Eucharist's roots in the Bible through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament and the gospels. In the Tuesday night sessions, we will see how the Book of Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times" and rather is also a revelation of God and his people united in a holy and heavenly marriage that we enter into as we celebrate the Mass. There are fliers available in the vestibule with information and how to register by Sunday, December 14.



MINORITY

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.

COMMITMENT (PLEDGE) CARDS FOR 2026

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 2026. 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 using the QR Code shown on the right.

SVdP THANKS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

On behalf of our St. Vincent de Paul OLA ministry, thank you to our OLA parishioners for your generous response to our November pantry drive. We collected dozens of needed items and because of your kindness, struggling individuals and families in our community will have nutritious food and household supplies. We are deeply grateful for your compassion and your commitment to living the Gospel through concrete acts of love.



WHAT A YEAR!!
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OLA FAMILY
THANKS FOR THE GENEROSITY

OLA Parish: Financial Statement FY 2024/2025
(July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

2024-2025

Revenues:

Collections	\$949,296
Sacramental	\$21,811
Fundraisers	\$37,776
Religious Education	\$28,131
Donations & Gifts	\$543,425
Other	\$55,100

Total Revenues: \$1,635,539

Expenditures:

Personnel	\$985,221
Property Cost	\$122,866
Utilities	\$78,500
General & Administrative	\$202,751

Total Expenditures: \$1,389,338

Net: \$246,201

FUTURE PLANT IMPROVEMENTS

- 1) Refurbishing of two existing church vestibule bathrooms.
- 2) Installation of railings and safety gates around the school property.
- 3) Painting of the Gymnasium interior.

OVERALL FINANCIAL POSITION

Reserves (Held at the Archdiocese)	\$9,304,741.00
Cash on Hand	\$576,404.00
Grand Total:	<u>\$9,881,145.00</u>

FR. MICHAEL'S ANALYSIS

INCOME:

1. Very successful financial year thanks to the generosity of our parishioners. We have a positive balance.
2. Very generous donations of \$543,425. These donations are not subject to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.

EXPENDITURES:

1. Expenses are higher due to increased cost of living.
2. Major projects included the ADA Bathroom at a cost of \$185,186 (not included above) funded by Parish Reserves and Mary's Grotto funded by an \$80,000 anonymous donor.
3. A big "THANK YOU" to all for your generosity.

OVERALL:

Our reserves are for our "rainy day/earthquake" fund. It is there in case of an emergency and provides us with the resources for immediate repairs when necessary.

We are so fortunate to have such generous and loving parishioners. Thank You!!