

# Our Lady of the Assumption School

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*With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love*

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## Prayer for Vocations

Gracious God, You gift us with your son, Jesus,  
At his baptism you affirmed him as your beloved son, and Jesus  
responded by proclaiming the Good News about your reign.

Help us realize that by our baptism we are each called  
to continue the mission of Jesus by proclaiming the Good News.

You call people to married life.

Bless them with love, understanding, and fidelity  
as they proclaim the Good News.

You call people to the single life.

Bless them with compassion, joy, and dedication  
as they proclaim the Good News.

You call people to the consecrated life.

Bless them with courage, commitment, and passion  
as they proclaim the Good News.

You call people to the ordained life.

Bless them with faith, integrity, and zeal  
as they proclaim the Good News.

May we accept and acknowledge the dignity of our vocation.  
Guide those discerning your call and give them the support they  
need. Gift us all with open and generous hearts to further your  
reign here on Earth.

With gratitude we offer this prayer through Jesus and the Spirit.

Amen.

This week our Church celebrates National Vocations Awareness Week. Please take time this week to pray with your families for vocations and discuss with your children vocations. It might also be a good time to express your appreciation for our priests in the rectory and our nuns in the convent.

This week and next our parish and school second graders will be doing their First Reconciliation. Please pray for our second graders as they make their first confession and continue to prepare for First Eucharist.

Included in today's bulletin is a flyer on Sac State's Academic Talent Search. This is a great summer enrichment program for students who qualify.

Basketball is well underway, and I'd like to thank all of our coaches and parent volunteers for the opportunities you are giving to our students to enjoy this great sport, develop their athletic talents to their fullest, and learn to balance competition with sportsmanship. Thanks also to Frank and Tracey Huntington and Mike Stroud for coordinating the Little Dribblers Snack Bar this year!

Finally, Open House is on January 25 following the 9:30 Catholic School's Week Liturgy, and we are requesting that parents who attend the 9:30 Liturgy park in the back of the school behind the gates by the Extension building. This will ensure parking for all the people attending the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Because Open House coincides with the 11:00 Mass, many parishioners, including the elderly will be forced to park far away from the church if the Cottage and Walnut lots fill up. We'd like to provide close parking for

them this year. Thank you for your cooperation!

God bless,  
*Robert Love*

**DUE THIS WEEK:**

? OLA Service Hour Timesheet due by Friday, **January 16.**

### This Week at OLA

**Field Trip**

Grade 8—Thursday, **January 15**, Discovery Science & Space Center.

**PTG Full Board Meeting**

The PTG will hold a full board meeting on Thursday, **January 22**, at 7:00 p.m. All board members and room representatives are requested to attend. All interested parents are welcome to attend.

**Reconciliation for Second Grade**

Our second grade class will receive their first reconciliation on **January 15** (last names beginning with the letters A-L), and **January 22** (last names beginning with the letters M-Z) at 7:00 p.m. Please keep them in your prayers.

### Next Week at OLA

**Martin Luther King Holiday**

There is no school on Monday, January 19. Enjoy your holiday!

### Bits & Pieces

**Catholic High School Placement Test for Admission**

The placement test for **all five** Catholic high schools in Sacramento will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009. Registration for the test should be done at the school you would like to attend in the fall. For more information, contact the Admission Office at the school of your choice:

Christian Brothers High School: 733-3690 or [www.cbhs-sacramento.org](http://www.cbhs-sacramento.org)

Cristo Rey High School: 733-2660 or [www.cristoreysacramento.org](http://www.cristoreysacramento.org)

Jesuit High School: 482-6060 x 227 or register on line @ [www.jhssac.org](http://www.jhssac.org)

Loretto High School: 482-7793 x 103 or [www.loretto.net](http://www.loretto.net)

St. Francis High School: 452-3461 x 195 or [www.stfrancishs.org](http://www.stfrancishs.org)

**Parents Growing in Faith**

Discussion groups meet on Mondays at 8:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 1:45 p.m. in St. Paul's Room. You are welcome to attend either day. If you have any questions, please contact Jane at [mommyricci@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mommyricci@sbcglobal.net).

**Missoula Children's Theatre**

Get Ready for theatre week March 2 - 7 this spring. We will be presenting Pinocchio. The Ellison and the Pantis families have graciously offered to host our directors. Audition packages will go home with each child grades 1 - 8 on February 2nd. **IMPORTANT CHANGE THIS YEAR: AUDITION OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE LIMITED TO THE FIRST STUDENTS TO SIGN UP.** We will be accepting only 60 students, divided into three limited age groupings. Please get your permission slips in early to the office. More information will follow. Both performances are on March 7th at 3:00 and 5:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars!

## Bits & Pieces (continued)

### **Book Swap**

The God Squad's annual book swap will be held on Wednesday, February 4. You may bring in your gently used books to the seventh grade classroom before school between January 12 to 30. For each book your child donates, he/she will get to select a different book. Leftover books will be sold for 25¢ each on Thursday, February 5.

### **The Gospel According to John**

"In the beginning was the Word; and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

With these words, actor Leonardo Defilippis begins his compelling one-man dramatization of THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN. This inspiring live professional program will be presented at OLA Gym on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Leonard Defilippis is well-known as the director and star of the feature film "THERESE. His live performance of THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN covers the entire gospel, with a spectacular set, numerous costumes and a moving musical score. This program is suitable for ages 7 and up. Admission is a free will offering. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 481-5115.

### **Re-Membering for Returning Catholics (please note the change in the start date)**

This welcoming process will begin on Tuesday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Paul's room. This is an eight-week program that will meet every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. We will facilitate a comfortable return to the church community with discussion and information sharing geared to help you gain a confident understanding and participation in your faith. Please contact Jane Ricci at 481-5115 if you have any questions.

### **OLA Choir "Heaven Bound Singers"**

The next liturgies are:

Sunday, January 25 at 9:30 a.m. Mass

This is prior to OLA Open House and the kick off for Catholic Schools Week.

Saturday, February 7 at 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Dress: Sunday—full school uniform. Navy shirts.

Saturday—Boys: shirt and tie, if possible. Best pants and shoes (dress shoes if you have them).

Girls: best dress, skirt outfit or pants outfit (no jeans). Best shoes (no flip flops or heels).

### **2009/2010 New OLA Family Applications**

Applications are now available in the school office for new families interested in joining our OLA community. Please let interested families know that applications will be accepted through March 6. New families may be interested in attending our Open House on Sunday, January 25 from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and encourage interested families to attend our OLA Information Night on Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Hall.

### **Cold Day Lunch Volunteers Needed**

Currently four parent volunteers monitor the classrooms while students eat lunch inside on extremely cold days. To help lighten the load, and if you are looking for service hours, please call the school office to be placed on a rotating schedule. The lunch hour is from 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. When the temperature is under 55 degrees it is considered a cold lunch day.

Catholic Schools Week, January 25 - 31, 2009  
Celebrate Service

Sunday	9:30 a.m. Liturgy followed by Open House
Monday	Celebrate Community
Tuesday	Celebrate Family
Wednesday	Celebrate Students / Pajama Day
Thursday	Celebrate Teachers
Friday	Cougar Crew Day / Rally at 2:05 p.m.

**HANDS TO SERVE ~ HEARTS TO LOVE**

The following students received the Hands to Serve-Hearts to Love award for generously giving of themselves to help others. You are a blessing!

- Rose Archer** (Gr. 2) - For appreciating literature and respecting classroom rules. (Mrs. Harvey)  
**Michael Ashen** (Gr. K) - For sitting quietly and listening during circle. (Mrs. Sweeney)  
**Emily Borg** (Gr. 1) - Thank you for being a kind friend to others. (Ms. Yarbrough)  
**Juliet Caspar** (Gr. 1) - Thank you for being a problem solver. (Ms. Yarbrough)  
**Luke Chandler** (Gr. 3) - Luke was very observant to the needs in the classroom and acted upon them with help. (Mrs. Jacobs)  
**Cecilia Crowley** (Gr. 2) - Being kind to the teachers. (Mrs. Harvey)  
**Mia Davis** (Gr. 1) - Thank you for showing God's love to others. (Ms. Yarbrough)  
**Yanni Demas** (Gr. 1) - Thank you for all your hard work! (Ms. Yarbrough)  
**Alex Desmond** (Gr. K) - Working quietly on a day we are all together. (Ms. Lindsay)  
**Brendan Ferry** (Gr. 7) - Always willing to help. (Mrs. Gilmour)  
**Julia Hayes** (Gr. 1) - Julia turned in lost money. She is very honest. (Mr. Love)  
**Brennen Honaker** (Gr. 7) - Helped without being asked. (Mrs. Gilmour)  
**Casey Honacker** (Gr. 3) - Out of the blue Casey asked if I needed any help. Then he helped wipe off table in kindergarten. (Mrs. Sweeney)  
**Eric Jones** (Gr. 7) - Excellent manners. (Mrs. Gilmour)  
**Lauren Lawver** (Gr. 2) - Helps classmates in need. (Mrs. Harvey)  
**Jordan Leslie** (Gr. K) - For reading quietly after library. (Ms. Lindsay)  
**Cassidy Lourim** (Gr. 2) - Appreciating literature and respecting classroom rules. (Mrs. Harvey)  
**Adam Olsen** (Gr. 2) - Kindness to others. (Mrs. Harvey)  
**Reese Richmond** (Gr. 3) - For giving an ornament she made to another student. (Mrs. Leahy)  
**Will Roberts** (Gr. 3) - For being honest. (Mrs. Leahy)  
**Matthew Sweeney and Casey Honaker** (Gr. 3) - For being very helpful during clean-up. (Mrs. Jacobs)  
**Jack Tait** (Gr. K) - Working quietly on a day we were all together. (Ms. Lindsay)