



May your Christmas celebration be filled with wonderful memories, new traditions,  
a huge dose of joy and God's peace in your hearts.



He was born in an obscure village.  
He worked in a carpenter shop  
until he was thirty.  
He then became an itinerant preacher.  
He never held an office.  
He never had a family  
or owned a house.  
He didn't go to college.  
He had no credential but himself.

Twenty centuries have come and gone  
And today he is the central figure  
of the human race.  
All the armies that ever marched,  
and all the navies that ever sailed,  
all the parliaments that ever sat,  
and all the kings that ever reigned  
have not affected the life of humankind  
on this earth as much as that...

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

Dear OLG Families,

Today during our Advent Reconciliation Prayer Service, I was so touched to see each and every one of the third through eighth graders so focused and intent. There was a time for silent reflection and I do believe each of them was truly in touch with their God who has come into the world to show us how to be Light in the darkness. I've invited the children to

- ♥ consider the gift they most want Jesus to give them for Christmas so that they could make the world a better place;
- ♥ and to write a letter to God, thanking Him for being a friend and asking God to bless their family and friends. I asked them to tell God something they will do to be the best person they can be, to be the Light in the darkness.

COVID-19 has turned our lives inside out and upside down. COVID-19 has enabled so many of us to learn new skills, be more creative and take more time to listen to our God within. As we celebrate Emmanuel, God-with-us, know that your Dominican Sisters pray for you daily and will hold you in special prayer on Christmas Day.

May we enter into 2021, stronger, more patient, more creative and more in touch with our God.

In God's PEACE,  
S. Janice Therese, O.P.



More Christmas to celebrate:

When we shared out the Christmas Collection, the piano pieces recorded by Tia Fernandes, Class of 2021, did not come through well. Tia re-recorded them for us. Enjoy! Thank you, Tia!

<https://youtu.be/UPMn9XfJEIq> - Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

<https://youtu.be/e1OSIkvd3FI> - Mary Did You Know

<https://youtu.be/wLW8q9ytck4> - Feliz Navidad

[https://youtu.be/th\\_EaZ\\_nQdI](https://youtu.be/th_EaZ_nQdI) - Silent Night

<https://youtu.be/ShSqPSfM-Zc> - Joy to the World

<https://youtu.be/KfKppI4Owhc> - Hark the Herald Angels Sing

<https://youtu.be/uoHK7tNCKaY> - O Come O Come Emmanuel

(this was used in our Advent Reconciliation Prayer Service today)

Here's some more Christmas trivia:

<https://parade.com/943457/parade/christmas-trivia/>

## CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

THU	Dec 17	10am – 10pm PANDA EXPRESS Fundraiser See the flyer in this bulletin.	
FRI	Dec 18	<b>Noon Dismissal</b> for grades K – 8	
SUN	Dec 20	The 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - Love	
DEC 21 – JAN 4		Christmas Holidays	
TUE	JAN 5	School Resumes	

### Calendar Adjustments:

School will resume after the Christmas holidays on Tuesday, January 5 instead of Monday, January 4. The teachers will be participating in professional development that day. As so many of you have noted, our teachers have done a valiant job in teaching during these uncertain days, weeks, months. This day will offer them the opportunity to gear up and continue fine tuning their teaching as we enter 2021.

Please also note that **Monday, April 26, 2021** will be an in-service/student holiday.

### *Let us Pray....*



That the Prince of Peace, who came to bring glad tidings to the poor, to release prisoners and to heal the broken hearted, may instruct the hearts of the world leaders in His ways.



That we may be given the grace to rejoice always, bring light to others with a compassionate heart and accept the gift of salvation.



That we may heed the words of St. Paul and retain what is good and refrain from every kind of evil as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



That those in need of healing receive generously from the community in prayer and thoughtful service and that our beloved departed find joy in the Lord's heavenly kingdom.



## The Year of St. Joseph

December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

### Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil, Amen.

**Advent Reflections**  
2020  
by  
Rev. Joy Kumarthusseril, MF

**DECEMBER 14-18**

*Immediately after the 9 am live-streamed Mass, Monday to Thursday. The presentation will be 30 minutes and will conclude on Friday with the 9am live-streamed Mass*

 Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

## What To Give to Christ on His Birthday?

- excerpt from A Pastor's Message, 12/13/20 OLG Parish bulletin

Let's make sure that on Christmas we don't come to Christ empty-handed. He is our King and our Lord, our Creator and our Savior, and Christmas is his birthday. What gift would please him most?

- A new commitment to prayer or service?
- Having broken, with his help, a selfish, sinful habit?
- Having reconciled a relationship?
- Having shared the faith with someone new?
- Saying yes to that thing he has been asking me for so long that I keep saying no to?



In the remaining days of Advent, let's talk to Jesus and Mary about what Christ wants this year for his birthday. Focusing on him more than us will help make sure that wrong expectations do not cut us off from the flow of his grace.



The **PANDA EXPRESS** "Dinner In" fundraiser event is scheduled for **December 17th** from 10am to 10pm.

Panda Express is located at 39429 Fremont Blvd. (Fremont and Walnut). Order in store or online. See flyer below for additional information. Enjoy!

 **DON'T FORGET THE FUNDRAISER EVENT**

Help Us Raise Money For: Our Lady of Guadalupe School

When	Where	How
Thursday, December 17, 2020 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM	Panda Express located at: FREMONT & WALNUT PX 39429 Fremont Boulevard Fremont, CA 94538 5106597917	In-Store: Show paper or digital version of flyer Online: Enter 316545 in the promo code box during online checkout at <a href="http://order.pandaexpress.com">order.pandaexpress.com</a> . Orders must be placed on the event day

20% of event sales will be donated to: Our Lady of Guadalupe School

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Recaude Fondos Para: Our Lady of Guadalupe School

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Hello all!

Even though everything is different this year, the opportunity to practice gratitude abounds. With Christmas right around the corner, I want to offer some tips to connect and focus on what matters during this time:

**Practice listening** -- As parents it is natural to have solutions and share opinions, but taking a moment to listen to your child without question, teaching or inquiring can let them know that you are present and able to tune in.

*Parenting Tip: Talk Less*

It's true you have amazing solutions. I know you are wise and have so much to share. You see things rationally and logically. Unfortunately, your kids may not be hearing you. In fact, I'm guessing they're missing a lot of your well-intentioned teaching and guidance because (most of us) talk too much.

*Here are some things to try instead:*

Allow silence. Use this time to be honest and share. You could let them know that you are trying to listen more and tune in to being present. If you find yourself lecturing, take a deep breath and prioritize listening over being heard.

Use small words to keep the conversation going. Things like, "tell me more" or "Oh!" or "hmmm." Be empathetic and use short phrases/emotions. "That sounds interesting," "that sounds like it could be frustrating," "that feels like it could be lonely." Don't add, "...but," logic, or reasoning.

**Conversation** -- Use small words to keep the conversation going while practicing empathy and using short phrases/emotions. Focus on non-verbal's and body language. Children often reflect adult's moods and tones back as they receive them.

What are some ways that you can create the connection this Christmas? Maybe it's spending 10 minutes playing a game. Easy games like tic tac toe, hide and seek, making funny faces, or learning a new dance! Some kids like to share about their virtual games, this increases connection because you are interested. Click the link below for some other ideas for activities to provide an opportunity for quality bonding:

[9 Crafty and Unique Holiday DIY Gifts For Children](#)

Lastly before we go off to break, I just want to remind you that self-care is essential. Give yourself permission to simplify and to not do it all. If there were ever a time to be easier on yourself, the time is now.

As always, please reach out to me through email if you have any questions or you would like extra support for your child and/or your family.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year. Be well and stay healthy!

Your School Counselor,

Danielle Bell



## Advent Family Prayer

During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but we also check in to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again. Talk to your family about how you are doing in attending to your spiritual life as a family. Recommit yourselves to praying daily, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again.

God of Love,  
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.  
He is a sign of your love.  
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,  
As we wait and prepare for his coming.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.  
Amen.



For inspiration, prayers and activities during Advent, visit

## Time for Reflection

Let's all take time to reflect in silence on how we can open ourselves up to the light of Christ this Advent and Christmas season and on how we can bring that light to others.



What gift do I most want from Jesus for Christmas so that I could make the world a better place?

Lord, help me to share what I have with others during this holy season. May I keep my mind and heart on the coming of your kingdom now and always.  
I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen