



# ANNUAL

State of the Parish

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# REPORT

2023-24

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION  
Catholic Church



## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I am excited to share the 2023-24 Annual Report with you! As I reflect on the past year, I am reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul: "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ." OLA has truly come together as one in the body in Christ to further His mission, and I feel that we have finally left behind the shadow of Covid and that we are becoming a better OLA.

Last October 2023, we paid off the Parish debt for the Church, Rectory, Moylan Hall, and Preschool. Six months ago, we upgraded our Columbarium with wrought iron gates and added the statues of Our Lady along with two Angels. We also repaired bricks and crumbling walls at the entrance, giving the Columbarium not only a new look but, more importantly, a more prayerful setting.

I am also happy to report – or more excited about – our new pipe organ and risers that will be installed, I hope, by Christmas! Parts have been delayed so I ask for your prayers. "It's in God's hands."

Our attendance at Mass (in all three languages) has returned to pre-COVID levels—thanks be to God – and you! We've added 113 new households including strong growth in our Latino community. I would like to thank Fr. Robert Perez, Enrique Lopez, and Deacon Ed Patterson for leading this community. Additionally, the Indonesian community is growing with the guidance of our new permanent priest, Peter Pitol, with assistance from Robert Susanto, along with Deacon Antonius Anugerah. They are looking forward to celebrating their 25th anniversary at OLA next spring.

Our Preschool, under the new leadership of Kathleen Jackowski, is thriving with 94 students from 71 families. Mrs. Jackowski is grateful for the new sidewalk installed near the playground this summer, providing a safer environment for our little ones.

OLA School, under the leadership of Mrs. Mandy Crock, has an enrollment of 585 students from 381 families. We are proud to be the largest elementary school in the Archdiocese, which is a testament to the excellent education provided by our faculty and administration.

I encourage you to continue supporting our ministries in Worship, Education, and Service by attending church, joining a ministry, and participating in our Faith Formation and Adult Education programs.

Our finances are in good shape, but like you, we are facing inflationary pressures that have increased our expenses. I'm happy to share that last year we saw an 11% increase in our Offertory. THANK YOU! And thank you in advance for your continued generosity through the 10% biblical tithing scale: 5% to the Offertory Collection, 1% to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, and 4% to other charities. Our parish has come a long way over the past 24 years, and I am grateful for your ongoing commitment to OLA in Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Let us look ahead to a future filled with hope and trust in God's continued guidance.

*Fr. James D. Duffy, S.M.*  
**FATHER JIM DUFFY, S.M.**  
 Pastor

# OLA AT A GLANCE

1710

Registered Households

1287

Total Contributing Households

113

Newly Registered Households

75.3%

Percentage of total Households Contributing

Over 300 adults & children participated in the inaugural Run to Church 5K/Fun Run & Ministry Fair



Thanks to the generosity of the Indonesian Community, Mary's Grotto was created.



Over 100 adults and children shared a meal followed by worship at the inaugural *Night of Praise*.



Over 100 adults and children celebrated the Assumption with a tri-lingual rosary and fiesta!

# SACRAMENTS & LITURGY

The Sacraments & Liturgy dispose a soul to receive the abundant graces of God necessary to grow in holiness. Through worship we nurture our personal relationship with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Prayer increases our yearning to receive the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith, together at Mass. Nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist, we are strengthened as a stewardship parish as we strive to live the disciple's response:  
*go and serve.*

174

Baptisms (infants, children, & adults)

140

First Communions (children & adults)

112

Confirmations (teens, & adults)

14

Weddings

40

Children's Choir Members

25

Adult Choir Members, Cantors, & Musicians

59

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

41

Lectors

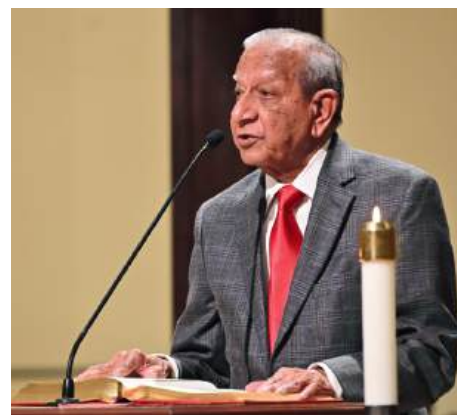
25

Greeters & Ushers

36

Altar Servers

*Sacramental records include our English Speaking, Indonesian, and Latino Communities.*





# FAITH FORMATION & SPIRITUAL LIFE

Inherent within each individual is the need to grow closer to Christ - a life-long journey of conversion. OLA accompanies its members in their conversion and, in the process, the formation of the individual helps form the parish community. As one grows more deeply in this formation, the more deeply one loves as God loves us.

94

OLA Preschool Students from 71 Families

585

OLA School Students from 381 Families

120

Children Enrolled in **Families Forming Disciples/English**

81

Children Enrolled in **Families Forming Disciples/Spanish**

31

Kids in **Kids Club** (3rd-5th Youth Group)

40

Youth in **Edge** (Middle School Youth Group)

58

Teens in **Life Teen** (High School Youth Group)

20+

Adults Participated in 14 **Adult Faith Formation** Programs

16

Women Participated in the Inaugural Year of the **Walking with Purpose** Bible Study

39

**Christ Renews His Parish XLVII** Participants, Led by 45 Team Members

125

Women Involved in 11 **Small Faith Groups**

70

Hours the 30 members of the **Saturday Morning Men's Discipleship Group** Spent in Reflection & Service

# CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Members of our parish readily minister to the varied needs of their own parish family, the Church, and wider community. Just as members of a family come together to help one of their own, members of the parish family serve those who are hurting or in need, doubting or seeking salvation. They also gather together to celebrate, thank and to return God's gifts.

**221**

Meals Delivered to Parishioners by the **Loaves & Fishes Ministry**

**240**

Volunteer Hours Served at the Bashor Men's Night Shelter by our **Night Shelter Ministry**

**17**

**Stephen Ministry** Care Receivers Were Aided

**\$18,802.52**

Raised for the Pregnancy Aid Clinic through the Baby Bottle Boomerang Sponsored by our **Pro-Life Ministry**. *(This includes a generous matching donation from a parish family.)*

**4500**

Meal Kits for the Homeless were made by our **Mercy Care Ministry**. **115** couples, families, and individuals were adopted at Christmas and **24** Welcome Baskets donated.

**1760**

Meals were prepared for the Bashor Men's Night Shelter by the **Soupremies Ministry**. 80 men were served each week for 22 weeks.

**25+**

People Attended the Inaugural St. Francis Day Celebration and Blessing of Animals Hosted by the **Care for Creation Ministry**

**1200**

Neighbors in Need were assisted by our **St. Vincent de Paul Council**

**\$7623**

Raised by our **Justice & Peace Ministry's** Ethical Trade Sales for Housing for the Poor.





# PARISH LIFE

"When I was a stranger, you welcomed me."  
(Matthew 25:35) Jesus Christ teaches that whenever we welcome one of the least of our sisters and brothers, we welcome Jesus Himself. When parishioners experience a warm and sincere welcome, they in turn become open to giving themselves to others. This desire to welcome others is yet another gift of God. The most vibrant parishes are those in which parishioners know they are welcomed, fostering a sense of ownership and personal involvement in lived stewardship to the parish family.

1000+

Meals served by our **Fish Fry Ministry**

500

Children went Trunk-or-Treating thanks to the **Parish Life Group** and 70 Ministries/Individuals who hosted trunks

68

**Women Circle** Members Met Monthly for Fellowship, Education, and Service

100+

Parishioners of all Ages participated in the **OLA One Ministry's** 2nd Annual Tree lighting and sang carols in English, Indonsian, and Spanish.

12

Books were read by the **Book Club**

20+

**Prime Timers (65+)** Enjoyed Monthly Lunches and Other Adventuress

121

**Girl Scouts** Met Monthly Thanks to 32 Parent Volunteers

774

Children and Youth from 550 families participated in Parish **Athletics** including Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Cheerleading, and Cross Country.

134

Adult Volunteers served our **Parish Athletics** Programs.

# INDONESIAN COMMUNITY

Established in 2000, Komunitas Katolik Indonesia (KKI-Atlanta) serves Indonesian Catholics from around the metropolitan Atlanta area. This active OLA community provides Mass in Indonesian and a variety of religious, social, and service programs for children and adults.

While preserving the Indonesian culture of their members, they continue to integrate into their local community as they grow in faith and understanding of American culture. They also come together to pray the rosary, pray the Station of the Cross as they hike up Stone Mountain, host an annual community picnic and sporting events, and more!

## After 23+ Years

Welcomed a Permanent Indonesian Priest,  
**Father Peter Pitol, CS**

## After 5+ Years of Fundraising

Created **Mary's Grotto**, a Place of Prayer  
for All to Enjoy

4

**Ushers** Serve Weekly Mass

16

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
distribute the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass

12

**Lectors** Proclaim the Salvation History at Mass

14

Persons Involved in **Music Ministry**

180+

Attended the Annual **Lunar New Year  
Celebration**, Including Bishop Tran!

**\$29,756**

Donated through **Offertory** collection



# LATINO COMMUNITY

Established in 2017, OLA's Latino Community welcomes over 200 Spanish Speaking parishioners at Mass each Sunday

They are led in worship by Father Robert Perez, ofm cap and an army of volunteers.

Along with Mass the community provides spiritual, sacramental, and social activities.

36

**Ushers** Greet Parishioners and Assist During Mass

27

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** Distribute the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass

20

**Lectors** Proclaim the Readings and Prayers at Mass

34

Persons involved in **Music Ministry**

81

Children and Teens are Enrolled in **Families Forming Disciples**

600+

Attended the Annual Celebration in Honor of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

\$58,868

Donated through **Offertory** collection



# PARISH FINANCIALS

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

| REVENUE                  | 2024             | 2023             |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Offertory*               | \$2,456,860      | \$2,200,111      |
| Bequests                 | 0                | 60,510           |
| Debt Reduction           | 27,669           | 73,398           |
| Pipe Organ Fund          | 15,156           | 1,305            |
| Columbarium/Bricks       | 115,474          | 89,320           |
| Rectory Capital Campaign | 0                | 52,323           |
| Preschool                | 646,346          | 652,090          |
| Other Income             | 420,987          | 335,888          |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>     | <b>3,682,493</b> | <b>3,464,945</b> |

| EXPENSES                            | YTD ACTUAL       | LAST YEAR<br>YTD ACTUAL |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Preschool                           | 545,059          | 570,400                 |
| Religious Education/Faith Formation | 354,416          | 331,162                 |
| Music                               | 203,932          | 183,804                 |
| Other Ministries                    | 147,434          | 104,712                 |
| Administrative & General**          | 882,692          | 789,214                 |
| Facilities                          | 685,798          | 583,107                 |
| Archdiocesan Assessments            | 424,738          | 375,748                 |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                | <b>3,244,070</b> | <b>2,938,147</b>        |
| <b>NET EARNINGS</b>                 | <b>\$438,423</b> | <b>\$526,798</b>        |

\* Includes Holy Days & Donations (#igiveCatholic)

\*\* Includes Administration, Rectory, and Loan Interest Expenses

|                                                 |                  |                    |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Loan Draws on Line of Credit                    | 200,000          | 0                  |
| Principal Payments on Church/Rectory Loans      | (99,261)         | (439,112)          |
| Pipe Organ Payments                             | (389,555)        | (418,500)          |
| Other Working Capital Changes                   | (31,122)         | (2,609)            |
| <b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Balances</b> | <b>\$118,485</b> | <b>\$(328,205)</b> |

## OUTSTANDING DEBT (AS OF JUNE 30TH)

|                               |                  |                 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Church                        | \$0              | \$99,261        |
| Rectory                       | 0                | 0               |
| Pipe Organ                    | 188,685          | 0               |
| <b>Total Outstanding Debt</b> | <b>\$188,685</b> | <b>\$99,261</b> |

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For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

## SECOND COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS

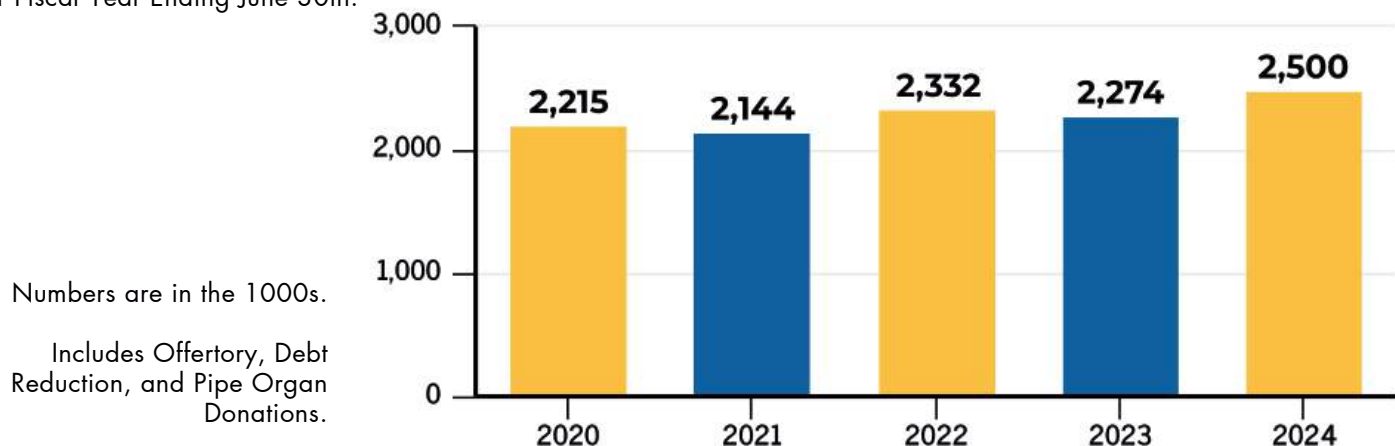
|                                              | 2024             | 2023             |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| St. Vincent de Paul (OLA Conference)         | \$256,537        | \$230,840        |
| Peter's Pence                                | 1,549            | 1,911            |
| Mission Cooperative                          | 1,996            | 1,517            |
| Archdiocese of Military Services             | 0                | 1,869            |
| Catholic University of America               | 1,408            | 1,294            |
| Archdiocesan St. Vincent de Paul             | 2,878            | 3,205            |
| World Missions                               | 2,172            | 1,525            |
| Campaign for Human Development               | 1,622            | 2,130            |
| Retirement Fund for the Religious            | 5,214            | 5,444            |
| Catholic Charities                           | 6,524            | 8,825            |
| Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministries             | 2,358            | 2,083            |
| Black & Indian Missions                      | 2,728            | 2,338            |
| Catholic Relief Services                     | 3,620            | 3,040            |
| Holy Land                                    | 4,206            | 2,570            |
| Archdiocesan Seminarians                     | 5,011            | 5,273            |
| Catholic Home Missions                       | 2,546            | 2,238            |
| Catholic Communications                      | 1,759            | 1,147            |
| <b>Total Second Collection Contributions</b> | <b>\$302,128</b> | <b>\$277,249</b> |

## MAJOR EXPENDITURES 2024

|                                         |          |                                            |        |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------|--------|
| Preschool Playground Turfing (Phase II) | \$32,000 | Light Board - Church                       | 48,741 |
| HVAC Replacements                       | 9,500    | Roof Repairs - Church                      | 7,410  |
| HVAC Service/Repairs                    | 31,673   | New Sidewalk Railings - Offices            | 13,962 |
| Lighting Replacements/Service           | 12,504   | New Steps Railings - Church                | 4,500  |
| Acoustical Tiles Moylan Hall (Phase 1)  | 14,757   | Statues - Mary's Grotto/Garden of Memories | 8,681  |
| Columbarium Gates                       | 22,071   | New Sidewalk - Preschool                   | 24,500 |
| Brick Repairs - Garden of Memories      | 25,350   | Window Replacement - Bride's Room          | 2,300  |
| New Sidewalk - Gym                      | 3,855    |                                            |        |

## ANNUAL GIVING SUMMARY

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30th.





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