

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear OLA family,

When I met with Fr. Jim Duffy, S.M., for the first time after learning I would be the next pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, he told me, "You're getting a gem of a parish!" In the little over three months I have been here, I've learned firsthand how right he was.

The pages that follow in this year's Annual Report make evident what a tremendously engaged, generous and growing community of faith we have here at OLA. Among other noteworthy highlights contained in this report, families and children represent a large part of our parish community, a great sign of present vitality and hope for our future. Parishioner involvement in outreach programs such as the Bashor Men's Night Shelter, Pregnancy Aid Clinic and Mercy Care reveal a parish eagerly responding to Jesus' call to be salt and light in the world. And our parish's strong financial position underscores your generous dedication to supporting all the endeavors of this faith community and your readiness to "honor the Lord with your wealth." (Proverbs 3:9) Please take a few minutes to review this year's Annual Report and see if you don't agree with Fr. Jim's glowing praise of this exceptional parish.

On behalf of Fr. Nick, Msgr. Lopez and Fr. Robbie, I thank you for the warm welcome you have given us and for all you do for Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church. We look forward with excitement to what the Lord will do in the years ahead.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Ketter".

FATHER DANIEL P. KETTER

Pastor

OLA AT A GLANCE

1836

Registered Households
as of June 30, 2025

1383

Total Contributing Households

149

Newly Registered
Households

75.3%

Percentage of total
Households Contributing

After almost 60 years of faithful service to the OLA Family, the Society of Mary (Marists) announced that they would return pastoral care of our community to the Archdiocese of Atlanta on July 1, 2025.



In June 2025, our Indonesian Community celebrated its 25th Anniversary at OLA.



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*.

126

Baptisms (infants, children, and adults)

124

Children Received First Communion

110

Confirmations (teens and adults)

13

Weddings

22

Funerals

55

Children's Choir Members

25

Adult Choir Members, Cantors, & Musicians

75

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
(teens and adults)

57

Lectors (teens and adults)

26

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.

95

OLA Preschool Students from 76 Families

583

OLA School Students from 381 Families

94

Children from 54 families Enrolled in
Families Forming Disciples/English

80

Children from 55 families Enrolled in
Families Forming Disciples/Spanish

81

Children participated in the inaugural
Vacation Bible School led by 27 youth
volunteers and 22 adult volunteers.

16

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

35

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

25

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

20 to 25

Adults Participated in 20
Adult Faith Formation Programs

15

Women Participated in the **Walking with
Purpose** Keeping in Balance Bible Study

40

Christ Renews His Parish XLVIII Participants,
Led by 50 Team Members

12

Men participated in the new Evening Men's Group

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.

290

Volunteer Hours Served at the Bashor Men's Night Shelter by our **Night Shelter Ministry** including 5 nights with youth ministry volunteers serving dinner.

25

Stephen Ministry Care Receivers Were Aided

\$9,984

Raised for the Pregnancy Aid Clinic through the Baby Bottle Boomerang Sponsored by our **Pro-Life Ministry**.

5250

Meal Kits for the Homeless were made by our **Mercy Care Ministry**. **115** couples, families, and individuals were adopted at Christmas and **50** purses filled with pampering items were donated for a Women's Health Event.

85

People Attended the Second Annual St. Francis Day Celebration and Blessing of Animals Hosted by the **Care for Creation Ministry**. At the Marist Celebration the ministry diverted 109 pounds of waste from the landfill to be composted or recycled.

1410

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

\$1979

Raised by our **Justice & Peace Ministry's** for Housing for the Poor from \$7790 in Ethical Trade sales and donations.

19

Ministers of Care took the Eucharist to 6 rehabilitation and long term care facilities along with several homebound parishioners weekly.





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.

600+

Meals served by our **Fish Fry Ministry**

500+

Children and Parents participated in Trunk-or-Treat hosted by the **Parish Life Group** with the assistance of dozens of Ministries and Individuals who hosted trunks

105

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

100+

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

129

Girl Scouts Met Monthly Thanks to 25 Parent Volunteers

772

Children and Youth from 552 families participated in Parish **Athletics** including Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Cheerleading, and Cross Country.

165

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

300+

Children, Teens, and Adults ran in the **2nd Annual Run to Church**

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 Stations of the Cross as they hike up Stone Mountain, host an annual community picnic and sporting events, and more!

In June 2025 the Indonesian Community celebrated their 25th Anniversary at OLA!

325+

Participated in the **25th Anniversary Celebrations**

5

Ushers Serve Weekly Mass

12

Youth served as **Altar Servers**

14

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

12

Lectors proclaim the readings at Mass

20

Persons are Involved in **Music Ministry**

150+

Attended the Annual **Lunar New Year Celebration**

\$40,955

Donated through **Offertory** collection





LATINO COMMUNITY

Established in 2017, OLA's Latino Community welcomes over 300 Spanish speaking parishioners at Mass each Sunday

They were led in worship by Father Robert Perez and an army of volunteers.

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

38

Ushers greeted parishioners and assisted during Mass

27

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

19

Lectors proclaimed the readings and prayers at Mass

16

Youth served as **Altar Servers**

30

Adults involved in **Music Ministry**

13

Children involved in the newly formed **Children's Choir**

6

Teens involved in the newly formed **Teen Choir**

80

Children and teens attended **Families Forming Disciples** faith formation.

365

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

\$71,610

Donated through **Offertory** collection

PARISH FINANCIALS

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

REVENUE	2025	2024
Offertory*	\$2,713,221	\$2,456,860
Bequests	0	0
Debt Reduction	0	27,669
Pipe Organ Fund	57,775	15,156
Columbarium/Bricks	52,430	115,474
Preschool	718,407	646,346
Other Income	639,883	420,987
Total Revenue	4,181,716	3,682,492

EXPENSES	YTD ACTUAL	LAST YEAR YTD ACTUAL
Preschool	637,671	545,059
Religious Education/Faith Formation	372,806	354,416
Music	239,299	203,932
Other Ministries	177,010	147,434
Administrative & General**	821,985	882,692
Facilities	604,602	685,798
Archdiocesan Assessments	442,966	424,738
Total Revenue	3,296,339	3,244,069

NET EARNINGS	\$885,377	\$438,423
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Loan Draws on Line of Credit	0	0
Principal Payments on Church/Rectory Loans	0	(99,261)
Pipe Organ Payments	(31,380)	(389,555)
Principal Payments on Pipe Organ Loans	(188,685)	0
Other Working Capital Changes	72,444	(31,122)

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH BALANCES	(\$737,755)	(\$118,485)
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OUTSTANDING DEBT (AS OF JUNE 30TH)

Church	\$0	\$0
Rectory	0	0
Pipe Organ	0	188,685
Total Outstanding Debt	\$0	\$188,685

* Includes Holy Days & Donations (#igiveCatholic)

** Includes Administration, Rectory, and Loan Interest Expenses

PARISH FINANCIALS

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

SECOND COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS

	2025	2024
St. Vincent de Paul (OLA Conference)	\$370,703	\$256,537
Marist Seminarians/Society of Mary	5,294	6,204
Marist Retirement Fund	32,637	0
Peter's Pence	2,173	1,549
Mission Cooperative/Catholic Mission Outreach	1,992	1,996
Archdiocese of Military Services	3,242	0
Catholic University of America	1,920	1,408
Archdiocesan St. Vincent de Paul	3,751	2,878
World Missions	2,468	2,172
Campaign for Human Development	2,698	1,622
Retirement Fund for the Religious	5,011	5,214
Catholic Charities	24,580	15,144
Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministries	2,379	2,358
Black & Indian Missions	2,428	2,728
Catholic Relief Services	3,826	3,620
Holy Land	3,565	4,206
Archdiocesan Seminarians	6,505	5,011
Catholic Home Missions	2,317	2,546
Catholic Communications	2,260	1,759
Interfaith Outreach Home	22,640	19,462
Total Second Collection Contributions	\$502,389	\$336,414

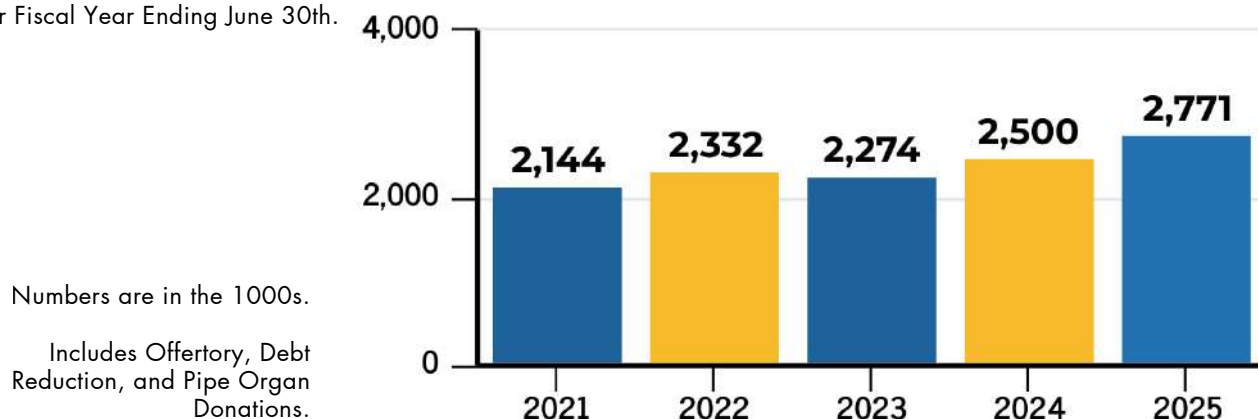
MAJOR EXPENDITURES 2024

Preschool Awning	\$74,795	Youth Room Wall/Exterior Door Replacement	11,696
HVAC Replacements	0	Church Stained Glass Window (Downpayment)	6,850
HVAC Service/Repairs	22,545	Assisted Listening System - Church	4,398
Lighting Upgrades/Replacements/Service*	29,542	Tree Removals/Pruning	10,200
Acoustical Tiles Moylan Hall (Phase 2)	14,757		

*Includes lighting for the Stations of the Cross, narthex, and path from the parish office to the church.

ANNUAL GIVING SUMMARY

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30th.





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