

OCTOBER 1, 2017

Jesus said

*to the chief priests
and elders of the people,
“Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering into the
kingdom of God before you.”*

Matthew 21:31

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Week of Oct. 1, 2017
Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Community**

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Charting the future of OLA

The latest session of our strategic planning process identified five Core Values which declare what matters most, shape the culture at OLA, clarify our expectations and guide our mission.

OLA's Core Values are

- Spirituality
- Integrity
- Discipleship
- Life-long Learning
- Fellowship/Community

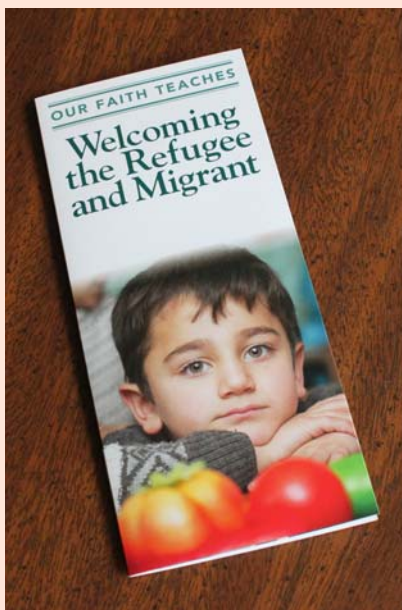
Spirituality places God at the center of our live and celebrates our Catholic identity in a commitment to prayer and communal worship, peace and lovingkindness.

Integrity means being committed to the highest standards of accountability and transparency in our financial administration and leadership development. **Discipleship** is following Jesus in our commitment to the poor, ministry to families, and evangelization to the community through generous giving and a well-mobilized lay leadership. **Life-long Learning** means a commitment to the teaching of Catholic principles to all ages in a way that shapes their values and guides their actions. **Fellowship/Community** is placing a priority on hospitality, a welcoming environment and personal relationships within our culturally-diverse parish and school.

The next session on Oct. 8 will focus on writing a new Parish Mission Statement.

[Pick up the brochure](#)

Respect Life Month: Refugees and Immigrants



Prayer for Our Country

*We know, Lord, that you yourself are a migrant.
You experienced the trials of the refugee, having fled
as a child with your parents, Joseph and Mary, to Egypt.
We know your special love for those with
no other possessions but one another, and you.
Move our hearts, Lord, and the hearts of our leaders
to love them as you do, to love them with your love,
to be your love for migrants at the door of our country.*

Amen.

A new brochure published by Catholic News Service is now available in the church vestibule and the parish office. Pick up your copy today.

You are invited!

Strategic Planning

Sunday, Oct. 8

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Mission Statement"

Hughes Center, Claremont

To attend, contact

Deacon Jim Allgaier

(909) 626-3596, ext.4216

Around OLA³

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Liturgical events

Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi is planned Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 2:15 p.m. with the school community, and again Saturday, Oct. 7, at 10 a.m., both on the parish green. Hosts are the Secular Franciscans of OLA (Holy Spirit Fraternity).

Eucharistic Adoration is open from 7 a.m. on First Friday, Oct. 6, until 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7, in the Reflection Room. All are invited to spend time with the Lord.

Meetings

- **Teens and Young Adults** are invited to dinner and Eucharistic Adoration this Sunday, Oct. 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Knights and Ladies** of Columbus meet Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium, and at 7:30 p.m. in the Sapienza Room, respectively.
- **Stewardship Committee** convenes Thursday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Rectory Dining Room.

community life

Sign up now for Oktoberfest!

It's the time of year for celebrating cooler temperatures, donning our *lederhosen*, raising a *stein*, yodeling our hearts out, digging into sausages and sauerkraut, and dancing it off!

All of this is possible at OLA's *Oktoberfest* planned Saturday, Oct. 21, courtesy of the Ladies of Columbus.

This year a new formula opens the fun to all adults: Bring a salad or dessert to share and the main course (sausage/sauerkraut) will be provided by the Ladies. Beer and wine will be offered at a no-host bar. A raffle of gifts and 50/50 will raise funds for a long list of local charities.

Sign up to attend at the information table on the patio beginning Oct. 1. You won't want to miss the fun!



Highlights

Confirmation Year One:

This Sunday and next are the final dates for registration.

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Walk for the Hungry sign-ups continue this weekend on the patio after all Masses.

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Regional Congress offers valuable learning for teens, young adults and adults.

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Baby shower sponsored by OLA for Life is next Sunday, Oct. 8, on the patio.

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Fall calendar at OLA and
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Our Lady of Rosary

The annual celebration of our Lady of the Rosary by the Vietnamese Community begins at 2:30 p.m. with a procession. Mass at 3 p.m. will be followed by a reception in the auditorium.

All are welcome to join this festive occasion honoring the patroness of the Vietnamese community.

Priest seeks home

Fr. Onwu Akpa, who serves OLA as a presider at weekday and weekend Masses, is seeking a new residence in Claremont or nearby. Needed from January to May 2018 are modest, independent living quarters that include kitchen and laundry facilities. Please reply to (601) 750-3359 (cell).

Mass Intentions/Readings
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Week of Oct. 1, 2017/ Year A

MONDAY, October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;

Mt 18:1-5, 10

6:30am For the Sick, For the Unborn,
✠For Abandoned Souls

5:30pm Elizabeth Preciado

TUESDAY, October 3

Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

6:30am

5:30pm ✠Bess Blazek,
✠Timothy McQuillan

WEDNESDAY, October 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

6:30am For the Sick, ✠For the Unborn,
✠For Abandoned Souls

5:30pm Dr. Terri Escalante

THURSDAY, October 5

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Sukkot

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;

Lk 10:1-12

6:30am ✠Betty Dourley,
✠Veronica Quintero

5:30pm

FRIDAY, October 6

St. Bruno, Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9;

Lk 10:13-16

6:30am For the Sick, For the Unborn,
✠For Abandoned Souls

8:00am

5:30pm ✠Maria Teresa Mendoza

SATURDAY, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37;

Lk 10:17-24

8:00am ✠Huy Luong

4:00pm ✠Merlita Pasia, ✠Richard Wilde
✠Joe O'Toole

5:30pm ✠Mary Ellen Flores, ✠Huy Luong

SUNDAY, October 8

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

7:00am For the Sick, For the Unborn,
✠For Abandoned Souls

9:00am Knights & Ladies of Columbus,
✠Oscar Carlin, Sr., Adeline

11:00am

1:00pm ✠Maria de los Angeles Castillo,
✠Celestino & Rafaela Jimenez,
✠Geronimo Rodriguez

3:00pm ✠Maria Vinh Nguyen Tran,
✠Dominico & Maria,
✠Joana & Phaolo

5:00pm ✠Maricruz Luna,
✠Maria Ngo Thi Mon

7:00pm People of the Parish

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OLA Teen Ministry

Time is running out to register
for Confirmation Year One!

Parent only registration sessions which are one hour in length:

Confirmation Year One Registration

Final dates! Sundays, Oct. 1 and Oct. 8

10:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. in the Youth Room

Parents do not need to bring anything, nor sign up on-the-spot.

Spanish Year One Registration

Sunday, Oct. 1 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Youth Room

Sunday, Oct. 1 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

All high school teens and young adults are invited to join us for dinner and a night of Eucharistic Adoration in the Felician Room.

Every Tuesday

Join the Heights Youth Ministry from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Sanctuary Coffee, 994 W. Foothill Blvd., in Claremont, for *Caffeine and Catholicism*. Join us for your favorite drink and time together as a community.


Teresa Arredondo
Youth Ministry Coordinator
tarredondo@olacclaremont.org
(909) 626-3596, ext. 4215

Young Adult Ministry

We invite each young adult age 18 to 35 to grow spiritually, form authentic friendships and have fun through our social, educational and prayer nights together. We'll be more than happy to see you at our regular weekly meetings from 7 to 9 p.m. NOTE: Convalescent visits are arranged every Sunday as a service project. Join our

Young Adults of OLA Facebook group. Or e-mail us anytime at youngadultsola@gmail.com for details.

Sunday, Oct. 1

OLA Eucharistic Adoration; dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 4

Men/Women sessions at St. Dorothy in Glendora from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 12

Field event at St. Dorothy

Saturday, Oct. 21

Mass on the beach with Bishop O'Connell

Oct. 26-Oct. 31

Haunted House set-up/fundraiser at St Dorothy

faith formation 5

Regional congress is for everyone!

Bishop Amat High School is host to the San Gabriel Regional Congress Saturday, Oct. 28. Theme for the day is *Discipleship: Witness to God's Love*. Ninety sessions in English and Spanish will cover a wide variety of timely, Catholic topics for teens, young adults and adults. A special family track invites parents and children to learn about *Living the Faith at Home*. Featured are morning prayer, Mass, live music, food trucks and more. Young adults are invited to *After Hours*, a special night of witness, encounter and worship until 10 p.m. Booklets are available at the OLA parish office or Faith Formation Center. You may register also online at <http://store.la-archdiocese.org/sgrc2017>.



Blessing of Animals in honor of

St. Francis of Assisi

All are welcome to join the school community on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 2:15 p.m. on the green for the Blessing of the Animals. The blessing is repeated Saturday, Oct. 7, at 10 a.m. Sponsors of this annual event are the Secular Franciscans (Holy Spirit Fraternity) who emulate St. Francis with respect for all God's creation, compassion for the poor, and a simple lifestyle.

Adult Inquiry Series now through Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

This Wednesday series is for adults seeking more information about the Catholic Church. At the end of the series, participants may choose to continue with preparation for Baptism or joining the Catholic Church from another Christian tradition (RCIA).

For information or to arrange a personal interview, contact Kathy Steighner, Coordinator of Christian Initiation at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4221.

Catholic high info night

OLA will host a Catholic high school information night Wednesday, Oct. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m., beginning with an introductory session in church.

Families pick three 25-minute sessions to be offered by the following schools: Alverno, Bishop Amat, Damien, Pomona Catholic, Rosary, Sacred Heart-LA, Servite, St. Lucy's and Villanova (co-ed boarding school).

Refreshments in the auditorium conclude the night. For information, call the school office at (909) 626-7135.

Pomona Catholic casino night

The 19th annual casino night fundraiser for Pomona Catholic High School will be Saturday, Oct. 14, from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Chaffey College Community Center in Chino. The \$40 per person charge includes dinner, a free non-alcoholic drink, \$100 casino chips and a raffle entry. Wear your favorite sports attire. For details, call the school office at (909) 623-5297.

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Walk for the Hungry is coming!

Sign-ups for donors and walkers for the 44th Annual Walk for the Hungry are on the patio this weekend and next after all Masses. Forms are also available at the parish office. OLA fields the largest contingent of walkers each year.

The event on Saturday, Oct. 14, winds through the campus of the Claremont Colleges beginning at 101 S. Mills Ave. (off First Street). The event features farmer's market showcase, a food drive, free popcorn and family fun before the walk starts at 10 a.m.

Mark your calendar and collect donations from family, friends and neighbors on behalf of the poor and hungry. If you cannot walk, sponsor one of our "celebrity walkers" at the table on the patio. Remember that \$1 in donations can be converted into five pounds of nutritious food by Inland Valley Hope Partners, a consortium of local churches and organizations that serves over 5,000 individuals each month at food pantries throughout region. **Not pictured: Avery Villanueva and Elizabeth Preciado*



News from OLA for Life

Asterik Bennet Gutierrez, past co-host of *The Catholic View for Women* on EWTN and director for three pregnancy centers in LA, will speak at a volunteer appreciation luncheon Saturday Oct. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. Invited are those who have supported OLA for Life throughout the year through contributions of either money or baby clothing or prayer at vigils at local abortion facilities. RSVP to Terry Moore of OLA for Life at (909) 297-9302.

In honor of Respect Life Month, a baby shower will be sponsored by OLA for Life on the patio the weekend of Oct. 14-15 after all Masses. Donated baby items will benefit The Women's Resource Pregnancy Centers in Los Angeles under the direction of Mrs. Bennet Gutierrez.

The current Forty Days for Life National Campaign runs through Nov. 5. Participants are encouraged to go to Planned Parenthood (abortion facility) located on Garey Ave. just south of the 10 Fwy and join daily peaceful prayer vigils from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Different OLA ministries are encouraged to set a date and time for their ministry to have a presence at the abortion facility in support for life.

Clockwise, top left: Fr. Ron Clark, Fr. Charles, Avery Villanueva, Bernadette Boyle, Neomi Torres, Victor Hernandez, Pinky Reymundo, and Susan Villanueva



Deacon John & Joyce Tullius

Deacon Jim & Karen Allgaier



Laudato Si

A letter to the world from Pope Francis

"If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven." – Matthew 19:21

Recommendation: Watch *The Story of Stuff* online.

Recycle at the Economy Shop

Claremont's Economy Shop serves the community twice: First by offering residents a means of recycling their usable clothing, books, toys, small household furnishings and decorative items; second, by distributing the proceeds from resale to a wide variety of local service organizations.

The shop is maintained entirely by volunteers, many from the OLA community. Hours are Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 325 W. First Street. Call (909) 626-7334 for details.

Comunidad Habla Hispana

Ultima orientación en Español para primer año de Confirmación

Si tiene a un joven en edad para recibir el Sacramento de Confirmación y desea asistir a la orientación en español, hoy es su ultima oportunidad. La orientación se llevara acabo después de Misa en el salón de los jóvenes al final del estacionamiento. Serán de una hora y solo para los padres.

Equipo Parroquial de Inmigración

La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles tiene una larga historia de empeño por la comunidad inmigrante. La Oficina de Vida, Justicia y Paz trabaja con parroquias y escuelas para educar y abogar por los derechos de los inmigrantes, encuentros con las autoridades de inmigración, y el desarrollo de planes familiares en caso de una deportación.

El Equipo Parroquial de Inmigración de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción se compone de feligreses que han sido preparados en cuestiones de inmigración, para poder educar a las familias respecto a sus derechos y prepararlos para posibles situaciones de inmigración. La meta primaria es ayudar a miembros de nuestra comunidad que puedan tener miedo, estar confusos respecto a la situación actual, o no tener toda la información que necesitan. Si usted está interesado en participar con el equipo parroquial, favor de llamar a Sandra Leonor al (909) 626-3596 ex. 4231 para mas información.



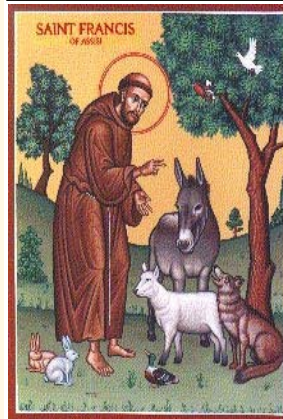
Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos



RICA, es un proceso de preparación para adultos* para recibir sacramentos en la Iglesia Católica. ¡Este año se ofrece un proceso de habla hispana para adultos!

¡REGÍSTRESE EN LA OFICINA DE
FORMACION DE FE!

Comuníquese con Magali Amezcua al
909-626-3596 para más información.



Bendición de Animales

Bendición de los animales en honor a San Francisco de Asís está previsto para el miércoles, 4 de octubre, a las 2:30 p.m. con los estudiantes de la escuela y nuevamente el sábado, 7 de octubre, a las 10 de la mañana, ambos en el verde de la parroquia. Los anfitriones son los Franciscanos Seculares de la parroquia (Fraternidad del Espíritu Santo). Todos están invitados a traer a sus mascotas para recibir una bendición. Los esperamos.

Apoyemos a la Caminata por el Hambre Sábado, 14 de Octubre en Claremont

Apoye a nuestras celebridades que caminaran por el hambre poniendo su nombre en las hojas del patrocinador en el patio que comienza este fin de semana después de las Misad en inglés. Regístrese para caminar y pídele a su familia y amigos que lo apoyen. Entre las comunidades de fe locales, Nuestra parroquia es la que tiene más participantes.

Apunte la fecha del sábado, 14 de octubre, para el 44 Aniversario de la Caminata para el Hambre, organizado por Inland Valley Hope Partners. El evento ha cambiado a un sábado y comienza a las 10 a.m. para reducir los problemas con el clima caliente.

La caminata de este año incluirá una exhibición del mercado de los agricultores, recaudación de comida para los necesitados, palomitas de maíz gratis y diversión familiar. Para más detalles, visite el sitio web inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

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Leadership

Parish Offertory Collection	
Sept. 23-24	\$19,717
Online	\$ 4,252
TOTAL	\$23,969
Budget	\$23,780
Over Budget	\$ 190

The OLA coordinating councils welcomed visitors and nominees to the annual Leadership Night Open House last week. Everyone enjoyed refreshments as Deacon Jim Allgaier gave an explanation of OLA's leadership model for collaborative decision-making. Father Charles congratulated the outgoing council members who have served three-year terms; several agreed to continue serving as a new strategic plan takes shape.

By the end of the evening, a total of 14 new members had been discerned onto the seven coordinating councils. Next month, each council will select co-chairs and representatives to the Pastoral Council. A complete roster of council members will be printed in the bulletin and put on the parish website next month.

Parishioners are encouraged to bring their concerns, ideas and questions to these delegates who represent the many voices of the parish.



Honored for serving a full term on the councils were L-R (top) Jane Siegmund, Jose Cortez, Pinky Reymundo, Richard Hill, Father Charles, and (lower) Mary Vizcaino, Connie Aguilar, Stacey Weiner, Terry Moore and Annemarie Cortez (with Noah)



Prayer Requests



For our sick and suffering...

Recent: Jose Luis Diaz, Manuel Rillera, Shirley Patton, and Matthew Viencek

Previously: Abigail Aguilar, Linda Almaraz, Helena Alvarez, Antonio Anabo, Elena Bass, Michael Berrett, Boyens-Borgstahl Family, Dana Bran, Aby Juanita Duffy, Avery Dunn, Jr., Noah Edgington, Alice Egue, Brian Elwell, Alejandra Escobar, Manuel Espinoza, Paulina Estrada, Julieta Fajardo, George Fitzpatrick, Sylvia Leon Flores, Eusevia "Cheva" Garcia, Martha Ho Thi Giao, Sr. Feliz Gil-Jimenez, Anna Gonzalez, Candida Gonzalez, Manuel Gonzalez, Francis Gorge, Sabina Guadarrama, Dolores Hart, Martha Hiraeta, Rose Ianno, Pauline Johnston, Carol Kelley, Elizabeth Landeros, Kate-Linn McGarry, Sandra Morales, Hope Moreno, Hue Nguyen, Leticia Nimith, Richard Nuñez, Vicente Ortiz, Marguerite O'Tolle-Frontaine, Carmen Pacheco, Theresa Paris, Richard Patterson, Kristyn Phoebe, Elvia Ponce, Michael Portolesi, Pauline Regalado, Mary Lou Roblin, Alberto Rodriguez, Maria Rodriguez, Emma I. Romero, Juan Romero, Maria Salazar, Alicia Sambrano, David Speidel, Monica Stephenson, Sylvia Stephens, Thiem Tran, Gloria Trejo, Vince Ventura, Roberta Vincente and Gary Zarate

For our beloved deceased...

Maria Asuncion Guzman, mother of Sarah Barrera; Maurice Richard Wilde, friend of Gloria Yard; and for the family and friends who mourn their loss

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

435 Berkeley Avenue – Claremont, CA 91711

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Interested in the Catholic Church? We invite you to one of our Inquiry sessions. Call Kathy Steighner at 626-3596, ext. 4221, for more information.

Baptisms Brochures about the Sacrament of Baptism are available at the display case on the patio, or the parish and Faith Formation offices. Please call 4-6 weeks before the date of Baptism. For English Baptisms, please contact the parish office at 626-3596, ext. 0. For Spanish Baptisms, please contact Magali Amezcua at 626-3596, ext. 4211

Weddings Congratulations! Please call the parish office at least six months ahead for preparation, scheduling, and an appointment with a priest. Weddings are scheduled Saturdays at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m. Visit the display case on the patio for more information.

Anointing of the Sick Please call the parish office day or night.

Hospital/Home Visits For distribution of Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

Funeral Arrangements Please contact the parish office for help with services and special needs.

Stephen Ministry This one-on-one care-giving ministry at OLA is available upon request to those seeking emotional and spiritual support through a life challenge such as loss of a job, personal illness, separation or divorce, illness or the death of a loved one. Please call 626-3596, ext. 4332 to leave a confidential message.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Hotline One-time emergency assistance for individuals and families. Call (909) 626-3596, ext. 4333, to leave a message. Your call will be returned by a volunteer case manager.

Sunday Mass Schedule

7:00 a.m. Cantor-led song
9:00 a.m. Contemporary ensemble
11:00 a.m. Contemporary ensemble
1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass
5:00 p.m. Teen/Contemporary
7:00 p.m. Cantor-led song

Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00 p.m. Cantor-led song
5:30 p.m. Contemporary ensemble
or cantor-led song

Weekday Mass Schedule

6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. Friday (School Mass)
5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. Saturday

Saturday Confessions

3:00 – 3:45 p.m. English/Spanish
6:30 p.m. English

How to Reach Us

Parish Office (909) 626-3596

Fax (909) 624-3680

Website: www.olaclaremont.org

email Address: reception@olaclaremont.org

Parish Office Hours

Open 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday,

Open Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Open Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

(Lunch break from 12:30 to 1 p.m.)

Parish Staff

Rev. Charles J. Ramirez, Pastor

Rev. Ron Clark, Associate Pastor

Rev. Thuan Nguyen, Associate Pastor

Rev. Chris Troxell, Associate Pastor

Deacon Jim and Karen Allgaier

Deacon Joe and Rita Domond

Deacon Bob and Kathy Steighner

Deacon John and Joyce Tullius

Deacon Art and Nadine Escovedo, retired

Neomi Torres, Director of Parish Administration (x4203)

Victor Hernandez, Director of Faith Formation (x4213)

Dcn. Bob Steighner, Liturgy Coordinator (x4234)

Dcn. Jim Allgaier, Outreach/Stewardship Coord. (x4216)

Teresa Arredondo, Youth Ministry Coordinator (x4215)

Mary Muñoz, Coordinator of Music Ministry (x4263)

Kathy Steighner, Christian Initiation Coordinator (x4221)

Jean McKenna, Communications Coordinator (x4217)

Bing Macavinta, Bookkeeper (x4232)

Katy Salisbury, Administrative Assistant (x4268)

Sandra Rojas Leonor, Administrative Secretary (x4231)

Roberto Roman, Spanish Choir

Dong Le, Vietnamese Choir

Faith Formation and Religious Education

Faith Formation Center (909) 624-1360

Victor Hernandez, Director of Faith Formation (x4213)

Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sundays 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

OLA Catholic School

611 W. Bonita Ave., Claremont, CA 91711

Tel. (909) 626-7135 Fax (909) 398-1395

Principal Bernadette Boyle

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fridays 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Website: www.ola-ca.org

Bulletin deadline is **Sunday** for the following weekend. Bring copy to the parish office or email bulletin@olaclaremont.org.

OLA Fall Calendar

Sept. 30-Oct. 1	Walk for the Hungry sign-ups continue on the patio (event is Oct. 14)
Sunday, Oct. 1	Sign up for Sunday preschool during the 9 a.m. Mass (See Pg. 5)
Wednesday, Oct. 4	Blessing of the Animals at 2:15 p.m. on the green (Feast of St. Francis)
Saturday, Oct. 7	Blessing of the Animals at 10 a.m. on the green (all are welcome)
Sunday, Oct. 8	Strategic Planning Workshop, 11:30 to 1 p.m. Hughes Center, Claremont
Sunday, Oct. 8	Vietnamese celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary begins at 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 10	Mid-Week Adoration at 7 p.m. in church with confessions available
Wednesday, Oct. 11	Catholic High School Info Night begins at 7 p.m. in church (See Pg. 5)
Saturday, Oct. 14	44th Annual Walk for the Hungry in Claremont begins at 10 a.m. (See Pg. 6)
Saturday, Oct. 21	Annual Chaucer Memorial Mass at 5:30 p.m. with medieval ensemble
Saturday, Oct. 21	Oktoberfest at OLA from 6 to 10 p.m.; sign up starting Oct. 1 (See Pg. 3)
Sunday, Oct. 22	Presentation in the auditorium by the Jeff Domond Foundation (Haiti)
Oct. 28-29	Stewardship Renewal Announcement Weekend
Thursday, Nov. 9	Annual Memorial Mass at 7 p.m. for our beloved deceased
Fri/Sat, Nov. 10 & 11	Festival at Pilgrim Place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., food, crafts, fun for kids
Saturday, Nov. 11	Annual Gala Fundraiser for Domond Foundation in Claremont
Tuesday, Nov. 14	Mid-Week Adoration in the church at 7 p.m., with confession available
Sunday, Nov. 19	32nd Annual Alternative Gift Christmas Market from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 26	OLA Blood Drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the auditorium (Rescheduled)

Events around the area:

Men's Retreat at HNM

Be All That You Can Be is the theme of a retreat for men at Holy Name of Mary Parish on Saturday, Oct. 14, in San Dimas. OLA parishioners are invited to come.

Presenter is Deacon Scott Palmer, assistant to Bishop Ed Clark of the LA Archdiocese.

The event begins with Mass at 8:30 a.m. and includes breakfast, music, and fellowship until 1 p.m. Suggested donation is only \$5 to cover food expense. RSVP to Tom Nolan at (818) 298-1360 or Jerry Stephens at (909) 702-6694

El Camino with Phil

For years, Phil Volker dreamed of walking El Camino de Santiago, but cancer treatments made this impossible. So he built a *camino* in the forest behind his house and walked in his own backyard.

That's how he discovered the healing benefits of walking and meditating. Finally, he walked El Camino in Spain and learned the power of prayer and trust in God.

Come hear his message of hope, acceptance and freedom at Holy Name of Mary Parish on Nov. 1 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. All are invited.

Sacred Heart Fiesta

The annual fiesta for Sacred Heart Church in Pomona is Oct. 6, 7 & 8 at 1215 S. Hamilton Blvd. Proceeds will help make needed repairs to its facilities. Details are available at (909) 622-4553.

Village Venture

OLA school and parish are co-sponsoring a booth at the annual Village Venture in Claremont on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A children's costume parade begins at 9:30 and all OLA families are encouraged to participate. For more information, visit VillageVentureCraftsFaire.org.