

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Community

*O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.*

Psalm 63:2

**OLA's 3rd Annual
Vocations Fair**

2 to 4:30 pm – Auditorium



2017

NOVEMBER

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2 Transition for Deacon John

As I began my journey as your deacon in 2006, I adapted the words of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin to introduce myself to the parish and to make known how I intended to live out my call to be a deacon:

“I hope that before my time of service is up at Our Lady of the Assumption, that you will know well who I am. You will know, because we will work and play together, fast and pray together, mourn and rejoice together, despair and hope together, dispute and reconcile together. You will know me as a friend, a parishioner and a deacon servant. You will also know that I love and pray for you. For I am John, your brother.”

Today my hope is that you *do* know me well. I can tell you without a doubt, that I know *you* well by the love that you have shared with me.

Joyce and I have been invited to serve as a deacon couple at St. Madeleine Church in Pomona. After much prayer and discernment, we have agreed to accept that invitation. Joyce will continue to co-facilitate the Fellowship of Catholic Christian Women, and work with other groups to which she belongs, for the remainder of this program year. Fr. Charles has asked that I continue to participate in preaching on deacon weekend for as long as possible. Otherwise, the transition has already begun, and my role at St. Madeline’s is beginning to take shape. The reason for this change of assignment is because I feel that I am being called to serve God’s people in new and different ways. Hopefully, I am also preparing for retirement when I might serve as a Parish Life Administrator.

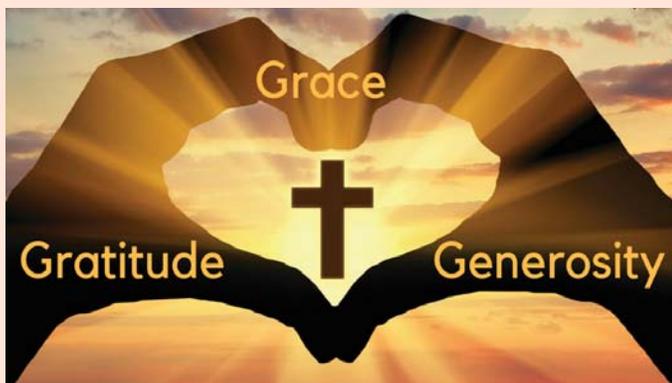
I would like to thank Fr. Charles, and our other priests and deacons, for the years of their support and guidance. I could not have asked for anything more and truly appreciate all that I have been encouraged to do. I would also like to thank each and every one of you, for your love, prayers, acceptance and most of all, your forgiveness when I made mistakes. Know that after 39 years as a parishioner and deacon at OLA, you will always be in my heart and in my prayers.

One of the most awesome privileges of being a deacon, is to be able to give God’s blessing to others. With that in mind, I would like to leave this community with what I think is the greatest blessing that I could give... May God bless you with discomfort with easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships . . . so that you will live deep within your heart. May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people . . . so that you will work for justice, equity and peace. May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war . . . so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain to joy. And may God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world . . . so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.

May all God’s people say, Amen!

Deacon John and Joyce Tullius

Complete your Stewardship Renewal today – Online form is a snap!



One of the expectations of all members of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish is making an annual Stewardship Renewal commitment. We are off to a good start, but we still have a lot of catching up to do! We are depending on you to support our mission and ministries at OLA. Complete a card today or go to our website at www.olaclaremont.org... so easy it only takes five minutes! “As Christian stewards, we receive God’s gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.” – U.S. Catholic Bishops

Around OLA³

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Liturgical events

Mid-Week Adoration will be Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. The opportunity for private confession will be offered. Come for worship, thanksgiving, forgiveness, refreshment and the reassurance of God's love in your life.

Last call for Advent retreat with Msgr. Tom Welbers next Saturday, Nov. 18, in Culver City. –

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Now is the time to reserve your place at the Advent workshop, *Encountering God's Healing Love*, coming to OLA Dec. 2.

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Meeting

Leadership Night begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium, followed by a meeting of the OLA Pastoral Council.

Thanksgiving boxes

Knights of Columbus are seeking donations of grocery gift cards, cash or checks to purchase food for 100 Thanksgiving boxes for the poor. Come to the table on the patio after all Masses this weekend, or bring your gift to the parish office. Donations in excess of \$2,500 will be reserved for Christmas.

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Highlights

USO collection – You can observe Veterans' Day this weekend with a gift to current military personnel traveling through Ontario Airport during the holiday season – on the patio after all Masses.

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Thanksgiving Dinner at OLA provides a place to celebrate with your OLA family if you would otherwise be alone. Sign up as a guest or volunteer on the patio after all Masses. (See article below.)

Annual Vocation Fair from 2 to 4:30 p.m. is in the auditorium this Sunday representing 24 groups of men and women.

OLA Blood Drive is Nov. 26. Sign up on the patio today!

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OLA Seasonal Calendar and Prayer Requests may be found on Page 7.

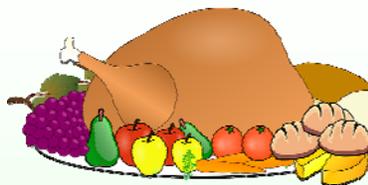
community life

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Turkey and all the trimmings will be served for anyone who is alone or without family to help celebrate Thanksgiving Nov. 23. Since this is an OLA family meal, there will be no cost to guests. All that is asked is that guests provide their names so that sufficient food may be prepared.

The dinner will be hosted at noon in the auditorium by a dedicated cadre of volunteers – you could be one of them! Cooks are invited to prepare turkey or side dishes.

Visit the information table on the patio during November to sign up as a guest, cook, or volunteer. Bill and Judith Mussatto are available at (909) 626-3777 to take names.



WOW dinner out

OLA's Widows Or Widowers and other singles will meet for dinner Thursday, Nov. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at Black Angus Steakhouse, 9415 Monte Vista Ave. at Montclair Plaza.

Enjoy friendly company and a delicious meal (on your own). Bring a friend! All are welcome!

NOTE: Restaurant requires a reservation; please call Jo Pearing at (909) 626-0489 or Jean O'Donnell at (909) 624-3392 by Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Mass Intentions/Readings
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Week of Nov. 12, 2017

MONDAY, November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

6:30am †All Souls

†Nguyen-Bui Family Souls

5:30pm †Terry Blozis

†Travis Eschardies

†Geoff Abevsinhe

TUESDAY, November 14

Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19;

Lk 17:7-10

6:30am

5:30pm Alvaro & Karina Sandoval

WEDNESDAY, November 15

St. Albert the Great

Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

6:30am

5:30pm †Giuse Trieu Toan Son

†Teresa Trieu Phuong Lan

THURSDAY, November 16

St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude

Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175;

Lk 17:20-25

6:30am

5:30pm †Isare Nguyen Xuan

FRIDAY, November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

6:30am †Giuse Mai Van Dang

†Abandoned Souls

†Ancestors

8:00am †Souls in the Purgatory,

Pedro Lopez

Michael and Erin McKenna

5:30pm Dick Lakofka

†Gioa Kim, †Elizabeth

SATURDAY, November 18

The Dedication of the Basilicas

of SS. Peter and Paul,

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,

42-43; Lk 18:1-8 or (for the memorial of
the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16,

30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

8:00am Susan Hamm, Isabella Perez,

†Ricardo Bautista

4:00pm All Souls

5:30pm All Souls

SUNDAY, November 19

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5;

1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

7:00am All Souls

9:00am All Souls

11:00am All Souls

1:00pm All Souls

3:00pm All Souls

5:00pm All Souls

7:00pm All Souls

†Deceased

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worship

OLA Teen Ministry

Sunday, Nov. 12 – 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Fourth Annual Vocation Fair in the auditorium – All are welcome!

Sunday Nov. 12 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Dinner and a special night with representatives from the Vocations Fair who will offer a personal look at discernment

Sunday, Nov. 19 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Final Night of *Ex Tenebris Lux* about Scripture.

Every Tuesday – 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Join the Heights Youth Ministry at Sanctuary Coffee, 994 W. Foothill Blvd., in Claremont, for *Caffeine and Catholicism*. Join us for a FREE drink and time together as a community.

OLA's 3rd Annual
Vocations Fair

2 to 4:30 pm – Auditorium



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

Junior High Youth Group   **EDGE**

WEDNESDAYS
4:15-5:30PM

REGISTER NOW!

PARENTS CAN REGISTER PRIOR TO YOUTH GROUP ON WEDNESDAYS IN THE YOUTH ROOM. FEE IS ONLY \$10

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.

Thursday, Nov. 9

Field event on the OLA green

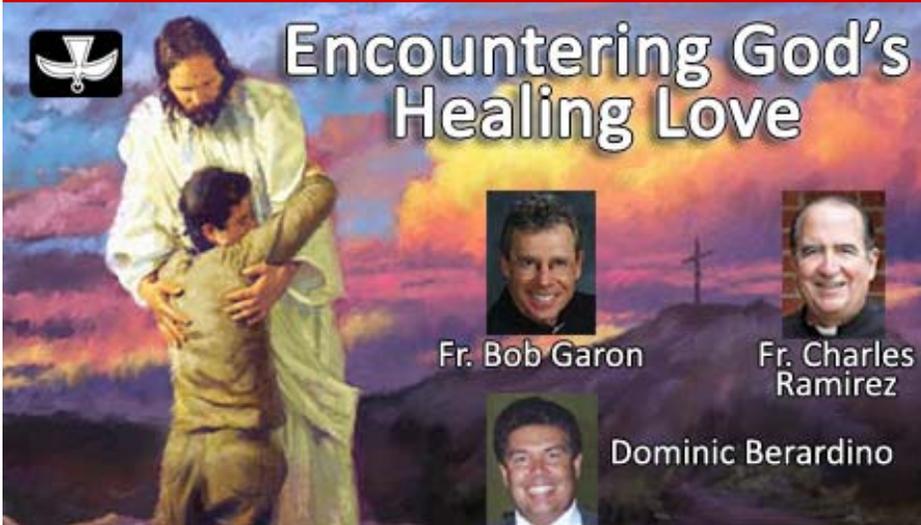
Sunday, Nov. 12

Vocation Fair at OLA, 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Looking ahead...

Sunday, Dec. 3

Eucharistic Adoration in the auditorium at 7 p.m.



All altar servers (current and prospective)

There will be a meeting in the church for all current and prospective altar servers Monday, Nov. 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Parents are asked to attend with their sons and daughters. Looking forward to seeing all of you...

Father Ron Clark

Hot tip!

Fr. Tom Welbers, former pastor at OLA, leads an Advent retreat Saturday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pauline Books & Media, 3908 Sepulveda Blvd. in Culver City. Contact him by email at

thomas.welbers@gmail.com

You may find his brochures in the display case on the OLA patio.

OLA Prayer Warriors will host a workshop by Southern California Renewal Communities (SCRC) Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the auditorium.

Fr. Charles will preside at a Mass with healing service as part of the day's program. Other speakers are Fr. Bob Garon, pastor of St. Didacus Parish in Sylmar, and Dominic Berardino, president of SCRC. Topic is *Encountering God's Healing Love*.

Reservation forms are available at the parish office and online at www.scrc.org. Cost is \$20 by Nov. 27 (including lunch) or \$25 at the door.

Prayer Warriors gather every Tuesday from 6:45 to 9 p.m. in church. for prayer, praise and petition. All are welcome to join them.



Benefit

Mobile app helps school

There's an easy way to support our Lady of the Assumption School by simply downloading the **Benefit** Mobile App. You then select "Our Lady of the Assumption School Claremont" as the beneficiary.

Gift "cards" will be delivered instantly to your mobile app for immediate redemption in the store!

OLA School receives a percentage of the purchase price to be used to offer financial aid to families and acquire resources for our classrooms.

Also, **scrip gift cards** are available now for the holiday season at the school office. It's one-stop shopping convenience for you!



Children's choir – 7 to 12

Do you know a child who loves to sing or has always wanted to try? Our OLA Parish Children's Choir is the perfect place for children to grow in their love for music and their love for God. Children ages 7-12 are welcome to join and need not have any prior musical experience. Children who play instruments are also welcome to participate as part of the accompaniment for the choir. The choir's next Mass will be on Christmas Eve at 4 p.m. in the church. We would love to fill the altar with a choir of angels! Please contact the Children's Choir leader and Music Ministry coordinator, Mary Muñoz, for more information at 626-3596, ext. 4263 or mmunoz@olacclaremont.org.



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Blood drive is Nov. 26

Sign-ups for the next OLA Blood Drive beginning this weekend after all Masses. You can also sign up online at the parish website, www.olaclaremont.org and complete a pre-donation reading and health history to save time on donation day.

K of C Thanksgiving

While making plans for your Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday meals, please consider reaching out and helping those in need. With your generosity, we can make a difference and share with them the message of Christ during these two very important holidays. Perishable foods including turkey, ham or chicken are best provided using a gift card from the grocery store (Vons, Albertsons, Stater Bros etc.). With a \$25 gift card families can purchase the meat of their choice including trimmings.

Here's how the Program works:

1. We will accept any donation in the form of gift cards, scrip coupons, cash or checks.
2. The goal for Thanksgiving is to collect enough funds for 100 families or about \$2,500.
3. Anything collected over \$2,500 will be used towards the special Christmas Dinner for families in need Dec. 16 to be held in the auditorium. The goal of the Christmas Dinner is to invite enough families up to the capacity of the auditorium.
4. This year, special recognition will be given to donors who donate \$25 or more. For every \$25 donation (in whatever form), we will include the donor's name in a certificate to be included in the gift card given to each recipient.

USO collection

The monthly USO collection will remember Veterans Day with a special appeal this weekend on the patio after all Masses. You can assist military personnel traveling through Ontario Airport with your donation of cash or items to sustain them.

- Water bottles or brand sodas
- Paper goods
- Individual size snacks
- Chewing gum or mints
- Disposable razors
- Toothbrushes
- Lotions or shampoo
- Disinfectant wipes
- New books or magazines
- Travel games
- Costco gift cards

NOTE: Excluded are homemade items, hotel toiletries, used books or food past its expiration date.

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).

*A letter to the world from
Pope Francis*

Laudato Si

I point to the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet, the conviction that everything in the world is connected... the call to seek other ways of understanding the economy and progress, the value proper to each creature, the human meaning of ecology, the need for forthright and honest debate, the serious responsibility of international and local policy, the throwaway culture and the proposal of a new lifestyle.

Pope Francis

Foster homes for children

Every day children are removed from their homes in our community through no fault of their own. More than 20,000 children are in foster care in Los Angeles County alone. Become a foster or adoptive parent and give hope, comfort and love to a child in need!

The Archdiocese recommends families connect with FosterAll to help them navigate the foster care system, connect them to the appropriate agency and provide ongoing support.

Take the first step by visiting with FosterAll's team on Dec. 2-3 after all Masses on the patio. For more information, visit www.fosterall.org.

What's happening at OLA

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Happy birthday Fr. Charles!

The social hosted by PFA provided the perfect occasion to celebrate Father Charles' birthday. Here he poses with a happy bunch: L-R Sister Rochele and husband Frank, sister Yolanda, brother-Ron and his wife Malia, and twin sister, Cindy.

Sunday, Nov. 12	Vocation Fair in the auditorium from 2 to 4:30 p.m.
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.
Thursday, Nov. 23	Annual Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by Secular Franciscans (See Pg. 3)
Sunday, Nov. 26	OLA Blood Drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the auditorium; sign up today!
Saturday, Dec. 2	<i>Encountering God's Healing Love</i> , SCRC workshop, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Pg. 5)
Sat/Sun, Dec. 2-3	FosterAll comes to the OLA patio after all Masses
Friday, Dec. 15	Christmas concert at 7 p.m. in the auditorium by <i>The Messengers</i> (See Pg. 5)
Dec. 18 & 20	<i>Mark's Gospel Live</i> , solo performances for Advent at OLA (See Pg. 5)



Prayer Requests



For our sick and suffering...

Recent: Apolonio Arroyo, Dominico Catalda, Fred Dietzold, Barbara Rodriguez and Dolores Vasquez

Previously: Abigail Aguilar, Linda Almaraz, Helena Alvarez, Antonio Anabo, Elena Bass, Michael Berrett, Boyens-Borgstahl Family, Dana Bran, Mia Camacho, Neva Cutri, Maria Guadalupe Carrillo, 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, Charles Genres, Martha Ho Thi Giao, Sr. Feliz Gil-Jimenez, Anna Gonzalez, Manuel Gonzalez, Maria Cristina Gonzalez, Sabina Guadarrama, Dolores Hart, Martha Hiraeta, Rose Ianno, Pauline Johnston, Carol Kelley, Elizabeth Landeros, Kate-Linn McGarry, Dolores Mendez, Sandra Morales, Leticia Nimith, 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, Emma I. Romero, Juan Romero, George B. Ruelas, Maria Salazar, Alicia Sambrano, David Speidel, Monica Stephenson, Sylvia Stephens, Thiem Tran, Gloria Trejo, Vince Ventura, Marie Vencek, Roberta Vincente, and Gary Zarate

For our beloved deceased... Julia Gonzales, mother of Henry Gonzales; Connie M. Lopez, mother-in-law of Sal Burgos; Antonio Knapp Timbol, uncle of Pinky Reymundo and Tessa Reyes; and for the family and friends who mourn their loss

8 Comunidad Habla Hispana

Esta semana

Miércoles, 15 de Nov.

Grupo de Dios (Oración)

4 p.m. en el Salón Reflexión

Grupo de Oración Reunión de Coro y Líderes

6pm en el Salón 11

Jueves, 16 de Nov.

Cristo Vive (Oración)

7p.m. en el iglesia

Viernes, 17 de Nov.

Hola Ángeles (Jóvenes)

7 p.m. en el Salón de Jóvenes (Junction)

Encuentro Matrimonial

7 p.m. en el convento

Coro

7 p.m. en el Salón Felician (Biblioteca)

Mañanitas

Ultimo domingo del mes

Bodas

Se requiere un mínimo de seis meses de anticipación. Favor de comunicarse a la oficina parroquial.

Quinceañeras

Celebraciones comunitarias cada segundo sábado del mes a las 12 p.m. o una bendición durante la Misa dominical. Favor de comunicarse a la oficina parroquial con un mínimo de tres meses de anticipación.

Bautizos

Cada segundo sábado del mes a las 10 a.m. Se requiere una orientación y una clase de preparación. Favor de comunicarse a la oficina parroquial.

Llene su tarjeta de compromiso de renovación hoy mismo. ¡El formulario en línea es muy fácil!

Una de las expectativas de todos los miembros de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción es hacer un compromiso anual de Renovación de la Corresponsabilidad ¡Hemos tenido un buen comienzo, pero aún nos queda mucho por hacer! Dependemos de usted para apoyar nuestra misión y nuestros ministerios. Llene una tarjeta hoy o visite nuestro sitio web www.olaclaremont.org. ¡así de fácil, solo le tomará cinco minutos!

Aquí hay un extracto de la Carta Pastoral de los Obispos de los Estados Unidos sobre la corresponsabilidad:

¿Qué identifica a un corresponsal? Proteger el material y los recursos humanos y usarlos de manera responsable son una respuesta; también lo es el generoso don de tiempo, talento y tesoro. Pero ser un corresponsal cristiano significa más. Como administradores cristianos, recibimos los dones de Dios con gratitud, los cultivamos de manera responsable, los compartimos amorosamente en justicia con los demás y los devolvemos con mayor entrega al Señor. (Agradecimiento, Gratitud y Generosidad)



Danza de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Las practicas para la danza de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe empezaran el viernes, 17 de noviembre de 6-8pm en el salón 18.

Cena Anual de Acción de Gracias

Pavo y todos los platos acompañantes serán servidos para cualquier persona que esté sola o sin familia para ayudar celebrar el Día de Acción de Gracias, 23 de noviembre. Aunque es una comida familiar de la parroquia, no habrá costo para los invitados. Todo lo que se pide es que los invitados proporcionen sus nombres para que se prepare suficiente alimento.

La cena se llevará a cabo al mediodía en el auditorio por un grupo de voluntarios dedicados: ¡usted podría ser uno de ellos! Los cocineros están invitados a preparar pavos o platillos acompañantes Visite la mesa de información en el patio durante noviembre después de las Misas en ingles para inscribirse como invitado, cocinero o voluntario. Bill y Judith Mussatto están disponibles en el (909) 626-3777 para tomar los nombres.



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.)

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

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

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



In the spotlight...

Teach your children about the true spirit of Christmas!

Alternative Gift Christmas Market celebrates 32 years next Sunday

The Christ-centered alternative to mall madness is OLA's Alternative Gift Christmas Market. Review the "shopping list" inserted in this bulletin and choose gifts to give to the poor at home and around the world.

Bring it next Sunday, Nov. 19, to the auditorium from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and receive beautiful Christmas cards to present to friends and relatives. Meet people with first-hand knowledge of local and international programs, and hear their amazing stories.

It's not too late to make a one-time commitment to help at the market with set-up next Saturday afternoon, or as a cashier, greeter, or table monitor on Sunday. Contact Monica Awad at 467-6469 and discover the true spirit of Christmas!



ALTERNATIVE MARKET PARTICIPATING PARTNERS

- Alternative Gifts International
- Angel Interfaith Network
- Jeff Domond Foundation, Haiti
- St. Camillus Catholic Center
- Inland Valley Hope Partners
- Hogar de Amistad, Honduras
- Habitat for Humanity
- Nepal Hospitality Program
- Philippine Mission (C.C.S.S.)
- Salesian Mission, South Sudan
- Tijuana Mission Outreach
- Village Network Africa

Like the Christmas story itself, one of the "greatest stories ever told" is that of the Alternative Gift Christmas Market celebrating its 32nd year. The hero of our story is the legendary George Gould, a self-effacing but ardent champion of social justice at OLA. In 1985, he picked up on the "alternative gift" concept first advocated by Harriet Prichard of Pasadena Presbyterian Church who demonstrated both passion for the poor and prudence in administering funds. She would go on to found Alternative Gifts International or AGI, a sponsor for some of the programs available at OLA's market.

The committee soon turned to local organizations with a connection to OLA to populate their shopping list, in addition to AGI. They found Habitat for Humanity in Pomona and Inland Valley Council of Churches (now Hope Partners). But the most compelling stories came from parishioners who have traveled to distant lands and returned to OLA to advocate for people whose need they have experienced firsthand.

These include Joe Domond who leads a medical mission to Haiti, Mike Donahue who is helping the people of Nepal recover from a devastating earthquake, Anita Boling who works with tribes in Tanzania to bring better health, the Lynch-Maldonado Family which represents Hogar de Amistad orphanage, the Philippine Mission advocated by Jose and Meg Gutierrez, the Salesian and Tijuana missions brought by Don and Lena Kho whose son served in those programs, and St. Camillus Center pastored by Fr. Chris Ponnet., formerly of OLA.

Come meet them in person and hear their great stories!