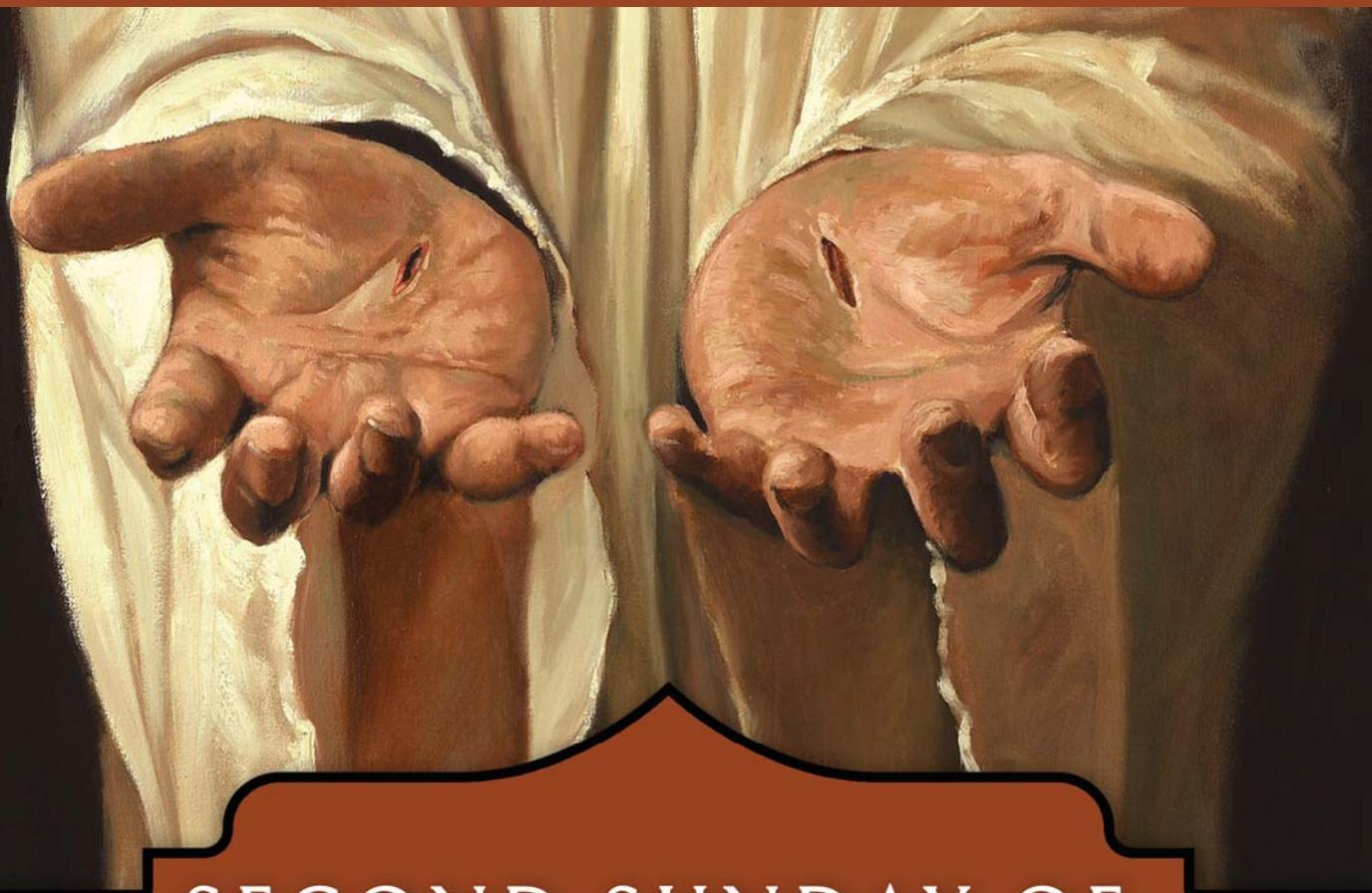


Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Community



SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 8, 2018



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Jesus said to Thomas,
“Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

John 20:29

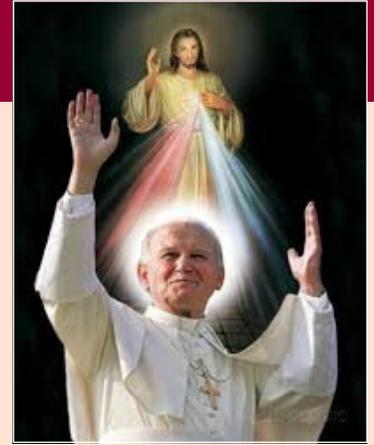
2 Divine Mercy Sunday

I will pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy.

Jesus' words to St. Faustina

Each year on the Sunday after Easter, we celebrate the fruit of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection – Divine Mercy. This feast was declared by Pope St. John Paul II who was especially devoted to the Polish saint who revealed the depths of Divine Mercy in her diary, St. Faustina. The best way to observe this feast is to

1. Attend Mass on Sunday and receive Communion.
2. Sincerely repent of our sins and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Easter season (now through Pentecost Sunday).
3. Place our complete trust in Jesus through prayer.
4. Venerate the image of Divine Mercy (found in church near the tabernacle).
5. Be merciful to others through our words, actions and prayers.



OLA Mission Statement

Our Lady of the Assumption welcomes all people to grow in the Catholic faith as we celebrate our diverse community, nurture the Gospel message, and exemplify our love of Christ by serving others.

What is Alpha?

Alpha is ten interactive sessions that explore the Christian faith. Sessions will be held on Wednesday nights beginning April 11 – an information table will be set up Easter Sunday and the following Sunday.

This practical introduction to Christian faith offers adults an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, stress-free setting. Each session includes a meal, a short talk and discussion in a small group from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at OLA. Child care will be available.

Who is Alpha for?

- Those who have given up on church
- Those wanting to investigate Christianity
- Those who are new to the Christian faith
- Those wanting to grow in understanding and faith

Register today!

Come to the patio Sunday, April 8, or visit the website at www.olaclaremont.org/alpha. NOTE: You must be registered before the series begins on April 11, or wait for the next series scheduled later.

Prayer
for
Alpha



Jesus, you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. May we be your faithful disciples and put our faith into action with love. Continue to guide the parishioners of OLA, especially those who are preparing the Alpha course that begins after Easter. We pray for those who are searching for meaning in their lives and may be drawn to participate in Alpha. May each of us persevere in growing closer to you and deepening our love for you. Send us the gifts of the Holy Spirit to awaken the fire of faith in our hearts, drawing us closer to each other and to our Heavenly Father. Amen.

Around OLA³

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Liturgical events

Prayer for the success of Alpha – The entire faith community at OLA is asked to pray for those who may be considering the Alpha program.

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Coming next week!

The story of *Artesanos Don Bosco* in Peru, and their contribution to the artwork and furniture that will grace our new sanctuary soon, may be found in the bulletin of April 15. Don't miss it!

Meetings

- **Knights and Ladies** of Columbus convene Tuesday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively.
- **Stewardship Committee** convenes Thursday April 12, at 7 p.m. in the rectory.
- **WOW!** gathers Wednesday, April 25, at 6:15 p.m. in the convent. RSVP to Jo Pearing at (909) 626-0489.

Highlights

Our Holy Week celebration

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Learn more about exercise class offered weekly, at the patio information table.

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Next Early Bird Drawing for Fiesta raffle ticket returns is Sunday, April 14.

The call for Pastoral Care Ministers has gone out to bring the love of Christ and the love of our community to those who are sick or shut-in.

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A job is open at OLA for our next youth minister.

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community life

Are you new at OLA?

We have an invitation for you! A new priority at OLA is enhancing the welcome we extend to new families in the parish, beginning with our first newcomers' event Saturday April 21. New families are invited to attend the 5:30 p.m. Mass to worship with the community and receive a special blessing.

After Mass about 6:30 p.m., families will move into the auditorium for *A Taste of OLA* dinner and introduction to our clergy, staff and parish leaders. The program will include activities to help newcomers get acquainted with each other and learn more about opportunities to grow in their faith and become more engaged in parish life.

All families who registered in 2017 and 2018 should receive an invitation in the mail and a phone call from the organizing committee. An invitation is extended also to families not yet registered at OLA, or anyone who might appreciate this introduction to the OLA community. Please contact the parish office for details.

WELCOME



Casino turnaround with the I.C.F.

Join the fun-loving members of the Italian Catholic Federation on Monday, April 9, for their annual "turn-around" trip to San Manuel Casino. Cost is \$25, including free food and games on the bus. Sign up on the patio April 8 or leave a phone message for Inez at (909) 593-1510. The bus will depart from OLA at 10 a.m., returning at 4:30 p.m. Seating is limited!

Mass Intentions/Readings

Second Sunday of Easter

Week of April 8, 2018

MONDAY, April 9

Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

6:30am †Helen McGee

†Ernest & Margarete Kolle

5:30pm †Merlita Pasia, Jose diaz

†Maria T. Santos

TUESDAY, April 10

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

6:30am

5:30pm †Giuse Trieu Toan Son

†Teresa Trieu Phuong Lan

Clare Troxell

WEDNESDAY, April 11

St. Stanislaus

Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

6:30am †Jaime & Juliana Tiano

5:30pm †Helen McGee

†William John Bramwell, Jr.

†Trinidad Armendarez Del Fin

THURSDAY, April 12

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

6:30am †Peter Khan & Cecilia Tran

†Helen McGee

5:30pm †Julio Pardo Villanueva

†Peggy Wegman

FRIDAY, April 13

St. Martin I

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

6:30am

5:30pm Patricia & Walter Rohrer

SATURDAY, April 14

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

8:00am †Eileen Ryan

4:00pm †Jean & Pauline Boyens

Meg Hicks, †Helen McGee

5:30pm

SUNDAY, April 15

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

7:00am †Souls in Purgatory

Garry & Susan Forney

†Joseph Troli

9:00am †Matt McDonagh, Jana Spruce

11:00am †Jimmy Schneider

Pat & Jim Schneider

†George & William Shearer

1:00pm †Jose Correa

†Valentin & Maria Elena Lua

†Josefina Ortiz Galarza

3:00pm †Yen Nguyen, †Anton Tran An

†Maria Dinh Kinh

5:00pm Deacon Bob & Kathy Steighner

50th Wedding Anniversary

7:00pm People of the Parish

†Deceased

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It is not too late to invest in our 2018 Mission Trip! You may purchase \$25 "shares" at the Parish Office or at the website olaclaremont.org by selecting the "Donate Now" tab.

OLA Teen Ministry

Sunday, April 8 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

All high school teens and young adults are invited to join us for dinner at 6:30 and our monthly Eucharistic Adoration at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

Tuesday, April 10 – Summer Mission Information Night

This is the FINAL Summer Mission Trip information night. Please join us if your teen is interested in joining our mission team on our trip to Tucson, Arizona in June.

Sunday, April 15 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Dinner and #Catholic night which focuses on things trending on social media in light of our Catholic faith.

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.

Teresa Arredondo, Youth Ministry Coordinator
tarredondo@olaclaremont.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 weekly meetings from 7 to 9 p.m. NOTE: Convalescent home visits are

arranged every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as a service project. Join our *Young Adults of OLA* Facebook group. Or e-mail youngadultsola@gmail.com.

Sunday, April 8

Eucharistic Adoration with OLA teens

Thursday, April 12

Field event at 7 p.m. at Holy Name of Mary

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Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. We are proud of the progress that OLA has made in protecting our children. Since 2001, the Safeguard the Children Committee has been working on a comprehensive program for promoting a safe environment for children, youth and vulnerable adults. Current members are Patty Amato, Magali Amezcua, Teresa Arredondo, Bernadette Boyle, Cindy Corrales, Marlene García, Lan Nguyen, Neomi Torres and Stacey Weiner.



Since 2013, the number of adults who have completed the Virtus training program is 1,200, with the help of nine facilitators. The number of adults who were added to the official fingerprint record is 423. Over 1,000 children have been educated in *Teaching Touching Safety*.

The National Catholic Risk Retention Group provides parents with a free handbook to help them focus on practical steps to protect children from sexual abuse. View/Print it from the OLA website at www.olaclaremont.org.

Fingerprinting for adult volunteers

Fingerprinting for adult volunteers and staff at OLA will be available **Wednesday, April 25**, from noon to 7:20 p.m. Please call the parish office to make an appointment at (909) 626-3596. Contact Magali Amezcua at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4211, for more information about VIRTUS.

Women's retreat at Sacred Heart Center

Blessed, Beautiful, and Authentically Free: The Catholic Woman of Today is the topic for a retreat Sunday, May 6, at Sacred Heart Retreat House.

Bishop David O'Connell will celebrate Mass for the assembly, assisted by Connie Salazar, music minister.

Cost of the conference from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. is \$50. Host is the Women of Hope Apostolate. To register, contact Yolanda at (626) 899-5401, or email yolanda@womenofhopeapostolate.com.

Retreat center is located at 507 N. Granada Ave., Alhambra, CA 91801.

Marriage Encounter

Easter Season is like a World-wide Marriage Encounter Weekend: full of fresh love, rebirth and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together! Reserve your spot for the April 20-22 weekend through Mike & Veronica Sasaki at (626) 765-4305.



Prayer Requests



For our sick and suffering...

Recent: Elba Allaysa, Lilian & Rudy Barcelo, Clarissa & Salvador Briones, Susana Duran, Clarence Markham, Wendy Villegas

Previously: Berta Barrera, Cas & Emily Bonk, Vincent Glenn Chapman, Anna Ruano Gomez, Ismael Gomez, Margaret Ann Goodrich, Thomas Hernandez Doris Maldonado, Jose Luis Ortega, Arthur H. Osborne, Soledad Sarmiento, Marge Serpa, Mark Stagner, Monica Stephenson, Sylvia Stephens, Phyllis Swan, Tess Turla, and Carol Wiese

For our beloved deceased...

Anne Consentino, mother of Ana Raynor; Mary Rose Jackson, mother of Philip Jackson; Sarah Leonard, mother of Patrick Leonard; Consuelo Nogales, mother of Ana (Mike) Nogales-Till; Pete Solis, father of Patrick Solis; and for the family and friends who mourn their loss

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outreach

Bring the love of Christ and our community to parishioners who are sick or home-bound

The concern that Christ showed for the bodily and spiritual welfare of those who are ill is continued by the Church in its ministry to the sick.



OLA's Pastoral Care Ministry to the Sick and Home-bound serves the faithful who are unable to attend Mass and are deprived of their place in the Eucharistic community. On behalf of the whole Church, the Pastoral Care Ministers bring the Word, the Eucharist, and Christ's loving embrace to the homebound and to those in local care facilities.

Pastoral Care Ministers are asked to serve on a team once each month. They must be baptized and confirmed active members of the worshipping community. They must be willing to attend periodic Pastoral Care team meetings as well as occasional Archdiocesan workshops. Training includes the opportunity to "ride-along" with an experienced minister.

If you feel called to this ministry, or if you simply want to learn more, please visit the information table on the patio after Masses on April 14-15 and April 21-22. An information night is planned for Thursday, May 10. Coordinators for the care center ministry are Josette Siqueros and Kathie Glover; for private home ministry, Joyce Sokolowski and Bruce Dane. Messages may be left for them at the parish office at (909) 626-3596.

Free legal aid at local college

Receive free one-on-one legal consultation with good lawyers through the business department at Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga. "Legal Night" is Wednesday, April 25 from 6 to 10 p.m. in Room BE-105.

Registration is required through the school's website at www.chaffey.edu (follow the link to Legal Night).

Areas of law covered by free advice include: Worker's Compensation, DUI, general criminal law, criminal record expungement, estate planning, probate, information, personal injury, family law, disability law, special education, immigration law, contract disputes and more.

OLA's JustAct Ministry to be first 'showcase'

A regular Ministry Showcase is the new goal at OLA, beginning with the April 22 presentation of JustAct Ministries in the auditorium after all Masses. JustAct Ministries is a group that provides opportunities for education, spiritual growth and action in service to God's people.

The next "module" of eight weeks will study *Cultivating Non-Violence, Harvesting Peace* which helps participants to develop a personal response inspired by their Christian beliefs. The sessions bring together Scripture, history and theology, and suggests ways to take action.

Information will also be offered about the *JustFaith* study, *Engaging Spirituality*, and *Good News People*.

Feed the Hungry Poor

OLA's Outreach Ministry supports two monthly meals for needy families in the Claremont and Pomona area. These are Sunday afternoon meals provided along with fellowship time with the guests. If you would like to receive alerts, send an email to Tony Soto at tonysotosales@gmail.com. See photo at left.

Tai Chi exercise

Spring has sprung and it's time to enjoy the beautiful weather and spring into action! Sign up on the patio after Sunday morning Masses for 12-15 weeks of free adult exercise and *Tai Chi* classes on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. the emphasis is on gentle relaxation suitable for any age participant.

Location is Larkin Park (corner of Harrison and Mountain) in Claremont. Instructor is OLA Parishioner Sal Robles who may be reached at (909) 260-0622.

Easter Sunday Collection

Total online & plate	\$46,960
Budget	\$42,204
Over budget	\$ 4,756
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$ 3,777

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Job opening at OLA

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church is seeking a Coordinator of Youth Ministry responsible for the development and implementation of a comprehensive model for Youth Ministry, including the Confirmation Preparation Program. The ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic dedicated to building a faith community among youth. Commitment to continuing education in Youth Ministry is required (such as the Certificate in Youth ministry Basic or the Mater Catechist formation). A bachelor's degree, familiarity with the Life Teen Program and two years of youth ministry experience are preferred. Good communications skills, both verbal and written, are essential. A bilingual candidate fluent in both English and Spanish is also preferred, while a command of the Vietnamese language is a plus.

A cover letter and resume may be submitted to Director of Faith Formation Victor Hernandez, at vhernandez@olaclaremont.org.

Insider's tip to save money!

Discount sales of Fiesta ride tickets begin Sunday, April 22, on the patio after all Masses and continue April 29 and May 6. Weekdays sales are set up in the parking lot before and after school and at the parish office until noon on May 11.

Don't miss this opportunity to purchase pre-sale ride tickets at a discount – \$20 for a sheet of 40 tickets and a wristband for \$20 for all-day use on Sunday, May 13. Prices go up on Fiesta weekend! Shop early and find your size in Fiesta tee-shirts, too: Youth and Adult (S-XL) \$10; long-sleeve \$15; larger add \$2.

How YOU can help

Help make our Fiesta the best ever!

- Volunteer to work a booth, or set up Thursday, May 10, at 2 p.m. or Friday, May 11, beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- Donate gift cards, 16-oz. bottled water, name-brand soda, or cakes.
- Become a Fiesta sponsor.

Visit our website at olaclaremont.org or call (909) 626-3596, ext. 4319.

Grace
gratitude
generosity

“There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property would... bring the proceeds of the sale and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.”

Second reading for Sunday, April 8

Thanks for your support of Palm Sunday Sale

The Secular Franciscans reported a wonderful \$2,000 in proceeds for their annual Palm Sunday Sale featuring Easter-themed baked goods, crafts, jewelry, plants and pottery, all home-made or home-grown. OLA's Holy Spirit Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans are a lay order dedicated to simple living and serving the poor. Their sale supports the Amazon Water Project, Get On The Bus, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Hope Partners, OLA School scholarships, OLA youth field trips, seminarians, victims of human trafficking and Adopt-A-Family. It was a way to celebrate the great feast while doing good, a very “Franciscan” approach to life!

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

¿Podemos “entender” un misterio? Dada la imposibilidad de llegar jamás a entender del todo la Resurrección, lo más acertado es imaginarnos que extendemos nuestros brazos y abrazamos este gran misterio, o mejor aún, imaginarnos a Cristo resucitado abrazándonos y así acercarnos más a este misterio.

Esto nos lleva a Tomás, que fue la primera persona que trató de entender a Cristo resucitado, insistiendo que si sus amigos que estaban reunidos en esa casa querían que creyera en lo que él sólo podía concebir como una sandez, tenía que tocar las heridas del Señor resucitado. Tal parece que a Jesús eso no le pareció un problema.

Nunca hemos sabido si Tomás llegó a tocar las heridas de Jesús, pero en cada Segundo Domingo de Pascua se nos relata esta historia acerca de Tomás y el Señor resucitado, que nos da ánimo para valorar más el misterio de nuestra fe y aprender a profundizarlo al confesar que Jesús es Señor y Dios, y que esto que creemos se refleje en todas nuestras actividades diarias sobre todo en nuestro trato con los demás.

¿No crees que cuando Tomás salió de esa casa aquel día sabía que la Resurrección era algo que él no podía callar, y también que todo su ser se llenó de ardor y luz absorto por haber estado en la presencia del Señor resucitado? ¿Será posible que esto mismo nos suceda a nosotros? – J.S. Paluch Co.



¡Gracias!

¡Les damos las gracias a todos los músicos y ministros que asistieron a las misas de Semana Santa y de Resurrección!



Encuentro Matrimonial

Dense el regalo de vivir el fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial. Para más información favor de comunicarse con Armando y Lucrecia López al (909) 236-8606.

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

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. Traditional 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
5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. Saturday

Saturday Confessions

9:00 – 10 a.m. English/Spanish
3:00 – 3:45 p.m. English/Spanish
6:30 – 7:30 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)

Greg Andrews, Communications (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



In the spotlight...



Holy Week Easter 2018

Our Easter Masses were full of people celebrating this great feast day in the true spirit of the Resurrection. What a joy-filled experience of God's love and our faith in the promise of new life!

We share the happiness of the eight Elect who were baptized and confirmed at the Easter Vigil. May the light of Christ shine brightly in their lives. May we be models of the Christian life for them, and for the world, during this Easter season.

Fr. Charles Ramirez