

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

The
kingdom
of
heaven

is like a merchant
searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a
pearl of great price,
he goes and sells all
that he has and buys it.

Matthew 13:45-46



**Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

July 30, 2017

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Introducing Fr. Ron Clark

What a humbling experience it is, that while reflecting upon the parable of the treasure in the field, we recognize that as individuals we are each that treasure for which God has given His all so that we may reside together with Him. My name is Fr. Ron Clark and I can't wait to meet all of God's treasures here at OLA!

Although I was born and raised Catholic, it took me some time to recognize that I too am God's treasure. I grew up locally with my parents and five siblings, three brothers and two sisters, where I attended both St. Frances of Rome School in Azusa and Damien High School in La Verne. God has also blessed me with a son who now has two children of his own. So, yes that makes me a priest and a grandpa. It was my son who led me back to God, allowing me to rediscover my vocation to the priesthood.

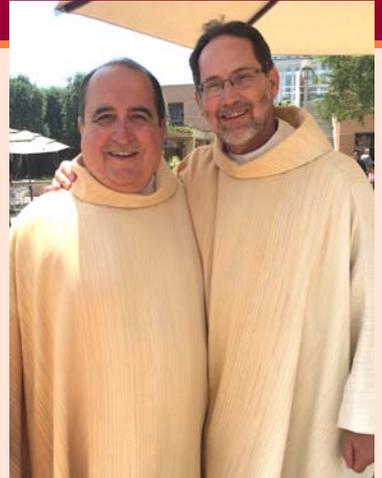
Anyone who knows me will tell you that I also enjoy genealogy and studying my family history. This has given me a greater understanding of the many walks of life we all experience, filled with both the joys and struggles of life. What a joy it brings me as it connects me closer to the communion of saints and all of God's people who have traveled this path before me.

Prior to entering the seminary, I was a foreman and superintendent of a construction company, a private investigator and a youth director at Immaculate Conception Parish with Fr. Charles. Since I drifted from my path as a young teen, God has placed a great love in my heart for young people along with all those who struggle in their faith.

It may take me a bit to connect all the new names and faces, so please be patient with me as I try to get to know everyone here at OLA. Please come up and say hello as I look forward to meeting you all. Rest assured that you are in my daily prayers, and have been since even before my ordination, as I awaited the news of my new assignment.

May the peace of Christ remain with you.

Fr. Ron



Greetings from Sr. Feliz Gil-Jimenez

Sister Feliz, now retired with the Felician Sisters at Rio Rancho, New Mexico, served the communities of OLA, Pomona Catholic and St. George as teacher and principal for 50 years. A scholarship has been set up in her name at OLA School for a graduate planning to attend Pomona Catholic High School.



Dear Friends!

I am so grateful to God for the love and prayers of my friends at OLA, Pomona Catholic and St. George. This month my doctor declared that I have made remarkable progress in my recovery from illness. I look and feel so much better than when I left you all in December. Thank you for supporting me in prayer!

I want to show my appreciation in the form of prayers for *your* intentions. Please feel free at any time to email me with your prayer requests, and I will remember you in prayer daily. My email is felizgiljimenez@feliciansisters.org. All my love!

Sr. Feliz Gil-Jimenez

Parishioner Chris Shaner with Sr. Feliz in July

Around OLA³

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Liturgical events

Associate Pastor Fr. Ron Clark arrives on the OLA scene this Saturday at the 5:30 p.m. Mass, followed by a welcome reception in the auditorium.

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Eucharistic Adoration takes place in the Reflection Room from 7 a.m. First Friday, Aug. 4, to 8 a.m. Saturday.

Rosary for Life will be led by the Knights of Columbus and OLA for Life after the 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, Aug. 5.

Summer campus

The parish office closes one hour earlier on the weekend. New hours are Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Summer weekday office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. until Aug. 18.

During this week's facilities clean-up, the following rooms will not be available for meetings:

Rooms 5, 7, 9, 17 and Day Care

The annual campus shut down for maintenance will be July 31 to Aug. 18. Groups may use the auditorium and convent on weekends.

Highlights

Faith Formation Director Victor Hernandez introduces himself to the parish.
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The Heights Youth Ministry is seeking adults to join its core team to help our young people learn and grow in their faith.
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Join our strategic planning process at the next session on Aug. 13. Read about why we are doing this.
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community life

OLA Picnic and Expo

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, Aug. 26

Mass at 5:30 pm in church
Barbecue & fun outdoors!

The annual parish picnic and ministry expo will be better than ever this year, with fun for all ages. Come meet Fr. Ron Clark! Your picnic supper will be provided – everyone is asked to bring a dessert to share, along with their picnic chairs and blankets. All parish ministries are invited to staff an information table from 6 to 8 p.m. Contact Jean McKenna at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4217, to participate as a ministry or email jmckenna@olaclaremont.org.

Parish Survey results are in

The results of our recent parish survey have been received from the Gallup consulting service. A total of 1,172 surveys were returned from OLA parishioners, from teens to retirees.

Deacon Jim Allgaier is heading the core team of parish leaders who will examine survey results in detail and publish a report to the parish soon.

This parishioner input on what is working well at OLA and what needs improvement will be incorporated into a new strategic plan for the next three years. You are invited to join the process.

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MONDAY, July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23;

Mt 13:31-35

6:30am †Souls & Ancestors, †Maria,
†Nguyen Van Duc &
Tran Thi La

5:30pm †Martin Carrillo, †Vincente

TUESDAY, August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13;

Mt 13:36-43

6:30am †Souls & Ancestors

WEDNESDAY, August 2

St. Eusebius of Vercelli

St. Peter Julian Eymard

Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27

Or Lk 10:38-42

6:30am †Helen Laing, †Virginia Lodwig,
†Andre Ngo Thanh Tuyen
†Robert Boyens

5:30pm †Vincente,
†Joseph & Ann Dang

THURSDAY, August 3

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11;

Mt 13:47-53

6:30am †Maria Lam Thi Nu,
†For Ancestors

FRIDAY, August 4

St. John Vianney

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;

Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

8:15am

5:30pm †Captain Gerald Lesperance,
Randy Rohrer
†Joseph & An Dang

SATURDAY, August 5

The Dedication of the Basilica of St.
Mary Major

Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

8:15am †Maruja Vicense Maya

4:00pm †Anna Battista, †Tom Battista,
†Theresa Bennett

5:30pm †Merlita Pasia, Martha Kraus

SUNDAY, August 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;

2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

7:00am

9:00am Italian Catholic Federation,
†Manuel Pichardo, †Merlita
Pasia

11:00am †Guadalupe Diaz, †Mario Uy

1:00pm For the People of the Parish

3:00pm †Maria Vinh Nguyen Tran,
†Giuse Mai Van Dang,
In Thanksgiving

5:00pm †Melvin Ybanez

7:00pm †Kenneth Kuchar,
†Brian Bueno

†Deceased

Young
Adult
Ministry

We invite
each young
adult age 18
to 35 to
grow spiritu-
ally, form

authentic friendships and have fun
through our social, educational and
prayer nights together. Will you rest
your heart in Him? We'll be more
than happy to see you at regular meetings Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m.
in the convent. Join our *Young Adults of OLA* Facebook group. Or you
may e-mail us anytime at youngadultsola@gmail.com for details.



Thursday, Aug. 3 Eucharistic Adoration at 7 p.m. with OLA teens

OLA Teen Ministry

The Heights Youth Ministry has been beyond blessed by the teens in our community and the way Jesus is leading them closer to Himself. We have so many incredible things planned for the 2017-2018 school year, with the most important being the development of our Adult Core Team. Are you being called to join our team? Come and see! Please join us at our Open House Monday, Aug. 14, at 7 pm. in the youth Room. Contact Teresa for more information. See advertisement on Page 5.

Friday, July 28 to Sunday, July 30

Please keep all 23 of our teens and chaperones in your prayers as they journey through the Steubenville San Diego Conference.

Sunday, July 30: No Heights meeting

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 Catechism*. Join us for your favorite drink and time together as a community.

Thursday, Aug. 3

Teen and Young Adult Adoration, 7-8:30 p.m.

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

The Heights Youth Ministry

Core Team

Are you an adult looking for a way to give back?
Do you want to grow in your own Catholic Faith?

Are you inspired by young people?

Is God calling you to serve?

Come and See!



Join us for an open house...
Monday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m.
in the Youth Room

Contact Teresa for more information at
TArredondo@olaclaremont.org

Daily Gospel reflections from Bishop Robert Barron



You are invited to sign up for the daily Gospel reflection by Bishop Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of the Santa Barbara Pastoral Region in our Archdiocese, founder of *Word on Fire Ministry*, and producer of the popular video series, *Catholicism*. Participants in the Fellowship of Catholic Christian Women (FCCW)® are encouraged to sign up. See **Back Page for more on FCCW**.

STEP 1: Sign up FREE at DailyCatholicGospel.com

STEP 2: Make sure you receive the introductory email in your Inbox. If it's not there, check your spam or junk folders.

STEP 3: You'll receive a brief email each morning. Each email will contain a link to that day's Gospel passage, so you can read the Scripture yourself. Then that will be followed by a short reflection on the passage from Bishop Barron.

OLA School

Applications for new students are now being accepted at OLA School for the academic year 2017-2018. The school office is closed this week. If you are interested in registration or have a question, you may email the Vice-Principal, Cindy Corrales, at mrs.corrales@ola-ca.org

Virtus training

The 3-hour training required for school and parish volunteers/ministers called *Safeguard the Children* is offered Thursday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. in Room 15. Please come early to complete paperwork.

For more information, contact Magali Amezcua at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4211.

Family comedy for the family

Holy Name of Mary Church is the venue for *Catholic Laughs*, billed as a "guilt-free comedy for the entire family."

**Friday, Aug. 4,
7 p.m.**
**724 E. Bonita
San Dimas.**



The Sacred Hearts Secular Branch is hosting the event as a fundraiser. Suggested donation is \$20 per person. For more information, contact Stephanie Reh at steph.reh@gmail.com.

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Outreach

'Stop Poverty' visits OLA patio

An enthusiastic group of volunteers was on the patio last weekend representing the Stop Poverty Foundation with information about its *Love and Peace Awakening* inspirational concert Saturday, Sept. 16, at 5 p.m. The venue is the California Educational Performing Arts Center, 11255 Central Ave., Ontario. Its goal is to reach at least \$30,000 from the sale of tickets at \$25 and \$50 (VIP seats) and sponsorships from businesses and private donors who will be listed in its printed program.

You can support this network that provides financial aid to deserving students, funding to start a small business, grants to improve housing and living conditions, as well as mass feeding and basic relief to the homeless, low-income families, abandoned and neglected elders and families affected by disaster.

Although this organization started with a Catholic prayer group, it now encompasses a variety of organizations concentrated in Southern California. For more information, visit www.stoppovertyfoundation.org.

Special needs Mass

A Catholic liturgy for persons with physical or intellectual disabilities, their families and caregivers is offered weekly – Sundays at 10 a.m.

Hosts are the Knights of Columbus and the location is their Father Maguire Council Hall at 4315 N. Vincent Ave., Covina.

For more information, please contact Elizabeth at ebinerfamily@gmail.com.

Help CHAP and change lives

Claremont Homeless Advocacy Program (CHAP), part of Inland Valley Hope Partners, provides overnight accommodations at the Friends Meeting House on Harrison Avenue for our homeless neighbors. Our participants are offered meals, showers, a safe place to sleep and the support of a dedicated Advocate as they work towards more sustainable living situations. Since CHAP was established four years ago, our volunteers have helped 15 of persons move from the street to employment and sustainable housing. CHAP currently needs help for the following assignments:

Opening Hosts – On duty from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM to welcome participants as they check in for the night.
Overnight Hosts – on duty from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM to ensure a safe and quiet night at the Meeting House.
Closing Hosts – on duty from 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM to supervise breakfast activities and to ensure that the Meeting House is in good order by the 8:00 AM departure deadline.

Laundry Volunteers – to launder towels one day each week to provide bath linens to help keep our participants clean and healthy.

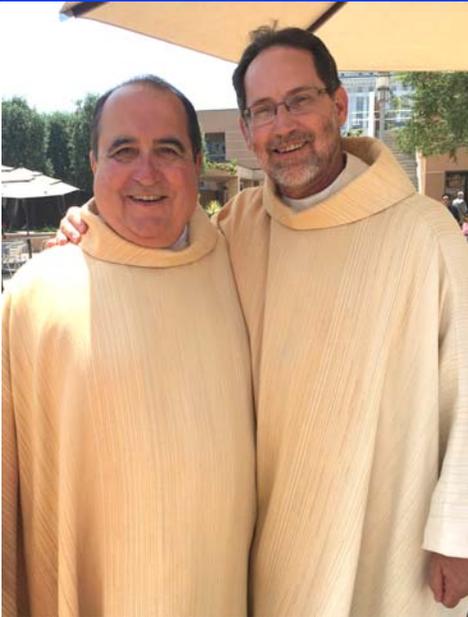
If you're interested in joining us, please call or text Bruce Dane at (423)754-0135, bruce-dane16@gmail.com or call Pati Weaver at (909)946-5447. Thank you!

Laudato Si

*A letter to the world from
Pope Francis*

“We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it.”

During the summer, poverty in our community is disguised as a child at the playground all day because there is no food at home. Without the assistance of the free lunch program at school, many children go hungry. Their families must make the painful choice between paying rent, buying a bus ticket to work, or putting food on the table. Inland Valley Hope Partners is seeking generous partners to help these families through the summer and beyond. Learn more about programs that address hunger in our local area at www.InlandValleyHopePartners.org.



¡ Bienvenido,
Padre Ron Clark!

Esta semana

Debido a la limpieza de los salones, les pedimos hablar a la oficina parroquial para saber en que salón se llevaran acabo las reuniones.

Mañanitas

Ultimo domingo del mes

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.

Nuestro proceso de la planificación estratégica

Para cumplir nuestra misión de edificar la Iglesia de Dios y nuestra comunidad de fe, debemos evaluar continuamente nuestro enfoque actual para asegurar que estamos progresando hacia nuestros objetivos. El último proceso de planificación estratégica de la parroquia tuvo lugar en el 2012. El plazo de cinco años de este plan ha concluido. Como resultado de este proceso, la parroquia creó un diseño para actualizar nuestra iglesia, lanzó una campaña de capital exitosa, inició un nuevo programa de formación de fe basada en la familia, contrató a un nuevo coordinador, se expandió nuestros ministerios de adolescentes y jóvenes adultos, hubo mas participación en el ministerio de ayuda al prójimo, y se fortaleció nuestro consejo de liderazgo. Queremos agradecer a todos aquellos cuya contribución de tiempo y talento ayudó a nuestra parroquia a establecer y alcanzar metas que de otra manera no serían posibles.

Nuestro proceso de planificación estratégica del 2018 se inició recientemente con un grupo considerable de feligreses y personal dirigido por el Diácono Jim Allgaier y un equipo de cinco voluntarios parroquiales competentes en el proceso de planificación estratégica: Margaret Atwood, Chris y Lucia Robles, Maggie Grosjean y Estella Villegas. Se pidió a los participantes que identificaran las Fortalezas, Debilidades, Oportunidades y Amenazas de la parroquia. Este análisis junto con los resultados de la encuesta Gallup, proporcionará una instantánea de lo que está funcionando en nuestra parroquia y donde podemos mejorar.

¿Suena interesante? No es demasiado tarde para unirse y contribuir con su perspectiva. Nuestra próxima reunión es el domingo, 13 de agosto, de 11:30 a.m. a 1 p.m. En el Centro Comunitario Alexander Hughes. Para reservar su lugar, favor de comunicarse con Sandra Leonor al (909) 626-3596, ext. 4231.



La oficina parroquial cierra una hora antes el fin de semana que comienza este mes. Las horas de verano son el sábado y el domingo de 8:30 am a 3 p.m. Lunes a viernes 8:30 am a 5:30 p.m. Hasta el 18 de agosto.

Limpieza de Verano Parroquial



El cierre anual de las instalaciones para limpieza y mantenimiento será del 31 de julio al 18 de agosto. Los grupos pueden usar el auditorio y el convento los fines de semana solamente.

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Administration

Coming soon
Survey results

Our strategic planning process

The last parish-wide strategic planning took place in 2012. This plan's five-year timeline concludes in 2017. As a result of this process, the parish created a design for updating our church, launched a successful capital campaign, initiated a new program of family-based faith formation, hired a new outreach coordinator, expanded our teen and young adult ministries, grew participation in outreach ministries, and strengthened our leadership councils. We want to thank everyone whose contribution of time and talent helped our parish establish and achieve goals not otherwise possible.

Our 2018 strategic planning process has begun with a sizeable group of parishioners and staff led by Deacon Jim Allgaier and a team of five parish volunteers with expertise in this arena: Margaret Atwood, Chris and Lucia Robles, Maggie Grosjean and Estella Villegas. Participants were asked to identify parish Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. This SWOT analysis, along with the Gallup survey results, will provide a snapshot of what's working in our parish and where we can make improvements.



You are invited!

Our summary of OLA's parish survey will be available soon. Please consider joining our planning process:

Sunday, Aug. 13
11:30 to 1 p.m.
Hughes Center

RSVP to Deacon
Jim Allgaier
(909) 626-3596
Ext. 4216



Prayer Requests



For our sick and suffering...

Recent: Woodrow Beckley, Donald Morrison, Vu Thi Quyen, Daniel Ramirez, Gregorio Ruelas, Christine Salisbury, Zerefino Troncoso, and Ann Verret

Previously: Daniel Acevedo, Abigail Aguilar, Esther Aguirre, Maria Alcalá, Linda Almaraz, Helena Alvarez, Antonio Anabo, Elena Bass, Michael Berrett, Dana Bran, Marcia Brunner, Alex Caballero, Oscar Carlin, Aby Juanita Duffy, Avery Dunn, Jr., Noah Edgington, Alice Egue, Brian Elwell, Alejandra Escobar, Manuel Espinoza, Paulina Estrada, Julieta Fajardo, Daiken Fiore, George Fitzpatrick, Sylvia Leon Flores, Martha Ho Thi Giao, Sr. Feliz Gil-Jimenez, Manuel Gonzalez, Anna Gonzalez, Francis Gorge, Sabina Guadarrama, Dolores Hart, Juan Manuel Hernandez, Martha Hiraeta, Rose Ianno, Pauline Johnston, Carol Kelley, Gregorio Maravilla, Kate-Linn McGarry, Sandra Morales, Hope Moreno, Leticia Nimith, Richard Nuñez, Vicente Ortiz, Marguerite O'Tolle-Frontaine, Carmen Pacheco, Theresa Paris, Richard Patterson, Sophie Peltz, Kristyn Phoebe, Michael Portolesi, Maryann Rambo, Pauline Regalado, Lupe Reynoso, Alberto Rodriguez, Emma I. Romero, Juan Romero, Maria Salazar, Alicia Sambrano, Rudy Sandoval, David Speidel, Monica Stephenson, Sylvia Stephens, Thang Truong, Marie Vancek, Woodrow Veckle, and Corrine Ybarra

For our beloved deceased... Jesse Bustamante, brother-in-law of Lynda (Richard) Cisneros; Paul & Marge Clark, friends of Barbara Samuel; Yasuyuki Morishita, father of Teresa Morishita; Mario Uy, cousin of Mr. & Mrs. David Lim; Corinne Ybarra, sister of Debbie Marquez; and for the family and friends who mourn their loss

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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 Thursday
8:15 a.m. Weekly on Fridays only, and
First Saturday following First Friday
5:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday

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 (temporary leave)

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.

OLA Catholic School

611 W. Bonita Ave., Claremont, CA 91711

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

Principal Bernadette Boyle

Office re-opens Aug. 1 Mon-Thurs 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fridays 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (See Page 5.)

Website: www.ola-ca.org

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

In the spotlight...

Our incoming FF Director is a familiar face at OLA

It is my pleasure to introduce myself. I am Victor Hernandez, and I eagerly look forward to serving at OLA as Director of Faith Formation. I bring over 30 years of parish and Catholic School experience. I have laid strong roots in the Claremont area since I came to OLA School where I have taught for the past five years. Previously I was a teacher and vice-principal at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Montclair.

Before beginning my teaching career, I was a religious brother in the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit where I worked in evangelization in the United States, Mexico, Canada, Ireland and Zimbabwe. I earned my B.A. in Philosophy and Pastoral Studies and did my graduate studies at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo. I look forward to exploring ways to know, love and share our Catholic Faith. I believe the synthesis of my experiences expresses my deep desire and commitment to serving God's people. I am thrilled to be part of this faith community at OLA.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I joyfully look forward to getting to know and serve you!

Victor Hernandez



Women! Is the FCCW study year for you?

Every study year, the Fellowship of Catholic Christian Women® (FCCW) focuses on a new topic. This coming study year, which will start Aug. 29, will focus on *The Holy Spirit: How to Receive Everything the Holy Spirit Wants to Give You*. All women are invited to be a participant in this new FCCW study. The sign-up opportunity, to be an FCCW participant, will take place on the patio following English-speaking weekend Masses Aug. 12-13. All women are welcome. Come and meet other women who also want to grow closer to Christ Jesus.

Has the Holy Spirit been nudging you to take steps to grow closer to Christ Jesus? Reading Scripture each day opens the door of our heart to bring us in closer relationship with Jesus. Bishop Robert Barron's reflection on our Church's daily Scripture readings (the same readings proclaimed in Mass each day) is a beautiful and free resource to help us grow in understanding and awareness of our faith.

"Seek first the Kingdom of God, and everything else will be given to you."

Matthew 6:33

As you review priorities for the program year this fall, consider joining FCCW. It's a way to draw on the support of a community of women to follow through with your desire to grow spiritually.

Registration opens on the patio these weekends:

**Aug. 12-13 (English only)
Aug. 19-20 (All Masses)**