



November 19, 2017

*Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

*Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.*

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Vocations are for people



The Third Annual Vocations Fair was a wonderful day of lively interaction between our Confirmation teens and 25 groups of religious and lay orders for men and women. We thank our guests (and OLA clergy) for their willingness to “go the extra mile” to meet young people –

- Augustinian Community
- Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians
- Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose
- Eucharistic Franciscan Missionary Sisters
- Felician Sisters of North America
- Fr. Kolbe Missionaries of the Immaculate
- Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the I.C.
- Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate
- Jesuit Fathers
- Little Sister of the Poor
- Marianists
- Marriage Encounter
- Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic
- Missionaries of Charity
- Missionaries of the Holy Spirit
- OLA Priests and Deacons
- Passionist Brothers
- Salesians of Don Bosco
- Secular Carmelites
- Sister Disciples of the Master
- Sisters of Social Service
- Sisters of the Sacred Heart
- The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter
- Secular Franciscans



Pray for vocations

Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or the consecrated life, there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community... This is why Jesus said: “Pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38).

– Pope Francis

Marriage Encounter

The holiday season will soon be upon us. How about putting your marriage relationship on that gift-giving list? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend teaches a technique of communication that encourages exploration of important areas of your life together in a positive spirit. The next weekend is Dec. 1-3. Contact Mike and Veronica Sasaki, at (626) 765-4305.

Around OLA³

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Liturgical events

Interfaith Thanksgiving service will be Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. at Temple Beth Israel. This is an annual event drawing together families of faith to express their thanks for the freedom to worship. Prayer, music and testimony from many traditions are featured. All are welcome!

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

Altar servers (current and prospective) will gather for pizza and an important information/ training session Monday, Nov. 20.

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Thanksgiving Day

The parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23-24 for Thanksgiving. The only Mass that day will be at 9 a.m. – bring bread and wine to be blessed. Our OLA Thanksgiving Dinner begins at noon (see below).

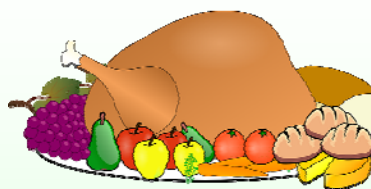
community life

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 after evening Masses or in the auditorium Sunday to sign up as a guest, cook, or volunteer. Or call Bill Mussatto at (909) 626-3777.



Join ICF pilgrimage

Parishioners are invited to join the annual pilgrimage to the shrine dedicated to Mother Cabrini (an Italian-American saint) on Sunday, Dec. 3. This year is the 100th anniversary of her death.

The Italian Catholic Federation will carpool from OLA before noon to arrive for a procession, Eucharistic Adoration and an outdoor Mass at 12:30. The group will also visit the library and chapel honoring the saint.

Deadline for the event is Sunday, Nov. 26. Please contact Andrea Linn for details and reservations (\$17) at (909) 762-1392.

Highlights

32nd Annual Alternative Gift Christmas Market is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. this Sunday in the auditorium. You will find the true spirit of Christmas here.

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Thanksgiving Dinner sign-ups are on the patio after evening Masses this weekend, and in the auditorium after Sunday morning Masses.

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OLA Blood Drive is Nov. 26. Sign up on the patio after evening Masses this weekend, and in the auditorium after Sunday morning Masses.

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Upcoming liturgical events include a workshop, concert and dramatic performance.

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MONDAY, November 20

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

6:30am Thanksgiving to God

- ✠Phero Nguyen Duc Tieu
- ✠Enriqueta Vendivel Diego

5:30pm ✠Guadalupe Daniel Ayala

- ✠Richard Granillo, Nichole Clark

TUESDAY, November 21

Presentation of the BVM

2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

6:30am ✠Giuse Trieu Toan Son

- ✠Teresa Trieu Phuong Lan
- Susan Hamm

5:30pm ✠Giuse Mai Van Dang

- ✠Joseph Mai Van Dang
- ✠Maria

WEDNESDAY, November 22

St. Cecilia

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

6:30am Alexa Woodard, Javi Reyes

- ✠Tom & Tommy Gorman

5:30pm ✠Giuse Trieu Toan Son

- ✠Teresa Trieu Phuong Lan
- ✠Francisco Jose Sanchez

THURSDAY, November 23

St. Clement I, St. Columban

Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Thanksgiving Day

1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44 Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

9:00am Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

6:30am ✠Mary Martz

5:30pm ✠Rogelio Abrenica

- ✠Maureen Neary, Brendan, Marcelo

SATURDAY, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria

1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

8:00am ✠David Grijalva

- Isabelle Perez & Family
- ✠Ricardo Bautista

4:00pm ✠All Souls

5:30pm ✠All Souls

SUNDAY, November 26

Christ the King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

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

OLA Teen Ministry

Attention teens! This Sunday, Nov. 19, is the final day to register for our Youth Ministry trip to Disneyland on Saturday, Dec. 2. Pick up a flyer and permission form from the parish office or the Youth Room.

Sunday, Nov. 19 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

All high school teens are invited to dinner and the final night in our *Ex Tenebris Lux* series on Scripture.

Sunday, Nov. 26 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Annual Friendsgiving Dinner in the Youth Room

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

OLA
Junior High Youth Group
WEDNESDAYS
4:15-5:30PM
EDGE
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.

Looking ahead...

- Sunday, Dec. 3** OLA Eucharistic Adoration and dinner at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 6** Ladies' and men's session (check location)
- Thursday, Dec. 14** Field event at St. Dorothy's in Glendora

Advent workshop for healing

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.

Tomorrow for all altar servers (current and prospective)

All current and prospective altar servers will gather for pizza in the auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20. An important information/training session will follow in the church until 8:30. Parents are asked to attend with their sons and daughters. Looking forward to seeing all of you...

Father Ron Clark

Advent concert is Dec. 15

The Messengers, our 5:30 p.m. Saturday ensemble, have graciously agreed to give an Advent concert Friday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Your freewill donation for the concert will be donated to the Angel Tree Program (see back page).

Refreshments will be served and Deacon Jim will say a few words about "The Meaning of Christmas" during intermission.



Save the date

This Advent season, an extraordinary experience awaits you at **Mark's Gospel Live!** – a solo dramatic reading of Mark's Gospel from beginning to end by Fr. Joseph Morris. This Advent program comes to OLA Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 20 at 9 a.m.

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 you may email her at mmunoz@olaclaremont.org.

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Blood drive is Nov. 26

Sign-ups for the next OLA Blood Drive beginning this weekend after all Masses (patio or auditorium). 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. Bring your donation to the K of C table this weekend (patio or auditorium), or to the parish office.
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.
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.

OLA for Life traveling storybook: *The Cripple Lamb*

This story of the Nativity is told through a lonesome lamb, Joshua, crippled so the other animals leave him behind in the stable. This timeless best-seller has inspired and encouraged thousands of children who have special needs or who have felt left out.

To reserve the book so that it may be taken home for a couple of days, call Terry Moore of OLA for Life at (909) 297-9302, and the book will be left at the OLA parish office for you. When you have finished the book (two days requested), return it to the parish office so that it may be passed on to the next family waiting to take it home. Other books available are *Horton Hears a Who*, *Little Star*, and *A Special Place for Santa*.

*A letter to the world from
Pope Francis*

Laudato Si

"If an appreciation of the value of the human person and of human life is lacking, we will also lose interest in others and in the earth itself" (13).

Pope Francis

Fosterall

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 Los Angeles 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.

OneLifeLA

Save the date of Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, for the Fourth Annual OneLifeLA event, celebrating the beauty and dignity of every human life. It is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Participants will walk at noon from La Placita Olvera to the Los Angeles State Historic Park. The park will feature entertainment, speakers, food and information booths until 4 p.m. OLA's group will be organized by OLA for Life, Deacon Jim Allgaier and OLA Teen Ministry. Register for free at www.OneLifeLA.org.

Stewardship Renewal

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Complete your renewal today

One of the expectations of all members of Our Lady of the Assumption is renewing their Stewardship 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

Begin, end in Thanksgiving

Our national celebration of Thanksgiving provides a reason to reflect on all for which we have to be grateful. Gratitude is not only for Thanksgiving day. In reality, beginning each day by stepping back to reflect on our many blessings will have lasting impact on each of us and all whom we touch at home, work or school, and in service. When we begin with gratitude, we recognize God's grace in our midst.

Begin each day with a brief moment of gratitude. Express thanksgiving at meals. End the day by noticing the many times you were blessed. At first, this may seem awkward or forced. Stay with it! You'll soon recognize God's abundant grace beyond what you are able to comprehend. Ask God to guide your heart and life, so that your daily comings and goings may be reflections of gratitude for all you are and have. Such a grateful life does take practice. It is sure to have lasting impact, bringing faith to life in wonderful ways!

— Catholic Life and Faith



Prayer Requests



For our sick and suffering...

Recent:

Deborah Assman, Monika Hosltsbaum, Kelly Mischel, Mario Navarro, Anthony Vizcaino, Diane Rodriguez

Previously: Abigail Aguilar, Linda Almaraz, Helena Alvarez, Antonio Anabo, Apolonio Arroyo, Elena Bass, Boyens-Borgstahl Family, Dana Bran, Mia Camacho, Dominico Catalda, Neva Cutri, Maria Guadalupe Carrillo, Fred Dietzold, 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, 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-Fontaine, Carmen Pacheco, Theresa Paris, Richard Patterson, Kristyn Phoebe, Elvia Ponce, Michael Portolesi, Pauline Regalado, Mary Lou Roblin, Alberto Rodriguez, Barbara Rodriguez, Emma I. Romero, Juan Romero, George B. Ruelas, Alicia Sambrano, David Speidel, Monica Stephenson, Sylvia, Stephens, Thiem Tran, Gloria Trejo, Dolores Vasquez, Vince Ventura, Marie Vencek, Roberta Vincente, and Gary Zarate

For our beloved deceased... Enriqueta Vendivel Diego, mother of Lyn Diego; Francisco Jose Sanchez, nephew of Patricia de la Rosa; Norma Schnabel, aunt of Frank Delaney; Rose Marie Shunkwiler, mother of Roseann Bates; Isabel Valdivia, grandmother of Kristina Gonzalez; and for the family and friends who mourn their loss

8 Comunidad Habla Hispana

Esta semana

Miércoles, de Nov.

Grupo de Dios (Oración)

No se reunirá

Grupo de Oración Reunión de Coro y Lideres

No se reunirá

Jueves, 16 de Nov.

Cristo Vive (Oración)

No se reunirá

Viernes, 17 de Nov.

Hola Ángeles (Jóvenes)

No se reunirá

Encuentro Matrimonial

No se reunirá

Coro

No se reunirá

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 hoy

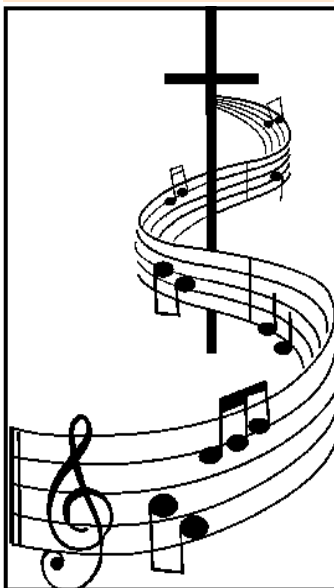
Una de las expectativas de todos los miembros de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción es renovar su compromiso de corresponsabilidad. Hemos tenido un buen comienzo, pero aún nos queda mucho por hacer. Dependemos de usted para apoyar nuestra misión y nuestros ministerios. Llene una tarjeta hoy o visite nuestro sitio web al www.olaclaremont.org ... ¡así de fácil, solo le tomará cinco minutos! "Como corresponsales cristianos, recibimos los dones de Dios con gratitud, los cultivamos de manera responsable, los compartimos amorosamente en justicia con los demás y los devolvemos crecientemente al Señor". - Obispos Católicos de EE. UU.

Día de Acción de Gracias

Habrà Misa el Día de Acción de Gracias a las 9 am. Se les invita a traer su pan y vino que usaran en su cena para recibir una bendición.

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada cerrara el jueves, 23 y viernes, 24 de noviembre en celebración del día de acción de gracias.

¡Nuestros mejores deseos a todos ustedes y que Dios los bendiga!



Coro de jóvenes

¡Dios te está llamando!

¿Sabes que tenemos un grupo de música para los jóvenes? Estamos buscando más jóvenes que puedan cantar, tocar instrumentos, o ayudar con el proyector durante la Misa el tercer domingo del mes. Si tienes 13-19 años y estás interesado en participar en el grupo, o padres de hijos que están interesados, favor de llamar a nuestra coordinadora de música: Mary Muñoz al (909) 626-3596 x4263 o enviar un mensaje al mmunoz@olaclaremont.org

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.



Season of giving begins at OLA

Alternative Gift Christmas Market this Sunday

The Christ-centered antidote to mall madness is OLA’s Alternative Gift Christmas Market, celebrating 32 years this Sunday. The market is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Review a “shopping list” and choose gifts to give to the poor at home and around the world. 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. This is a great way to teach your children about the true spirit of Christmas.

An “after market” table will be on the patio Sunday, Dec. 3, after morning Masses. you may also return the “shopping list” and donation to the parish office until Monday, Dec. 18.

Adopt-A-Family launches its program Nov. 25-26

For almost 40 years, OLA Adopt-A-Family Program has made it possible for struggling families with children in the Pomona Valley to have a magical Christmas and experience the gift of Christ. The program assists families nominated by Uncommon Good, St. Vincent de Paul Society and the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center. Parishioners provide gift cards for the families to shop themselves, or donate a wrapped gift for each family member and food for Christmas dinner. Donations may be brought to OLA, to the Uncommon Good offices, or directly to the adopted family. Register after all Masses beginning next weekend, Nov. 25-26, or contact Carlos D. Carrillo at (909) 625-2248 or ccarrillo@uncommongood.org.

Angel Tree Gifts for Children with a Parent in Prison

This popular program for children with a parent in prison is returning to OLA through JustAct prison ministry. The weekend of Dec. 2-3, parishioners are invited to pick up a Christmas tag with the name, age and needs of a child. The two following weekends they may return wrapped gifts to the patio or to the parish office on weekdays – Attn: Deacon Jim.

OLA Seasonal Calendar

This week	Bring donations of gift cards for K of C Thanksgiving boxes (See Page 6)
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 Page 3)
Sunday, Nov. 26	OLA Blood Drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the auditorium; sign up today!
Sunday, Nov. 26	Village Network Africa handmade crafts on the patio after morning Masses
Sat/Sun, Nov. 25-26	Adopt-A-Family comes to the OLA patio after all Masses
Saturday, Dec. 2	Encountering God’s Healing Love, SCRC workshop, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Page 5)
Sat/Sun, Dec. 2-3	FosterAll comes to the OLA patio after all Masses (See Page 6)
Sat/Sun, Dec. 2-3	Angel Tree pick up of name tags by donors (return Dec. 9-10 and Dec. 16-17)
Friday, Dec. 15	Advent concert at 7 p.m. in the auditorium by <i>The Messengers</i> (See Pg. 5)
Dec. 18 & 20	Mark’s Gospel Live, solo performances for Advent at OLA (See Page 5)