



*First Sunday of*  
**Advent**

December 2, 2018

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength  
to escape the tribulations that are imminent  
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

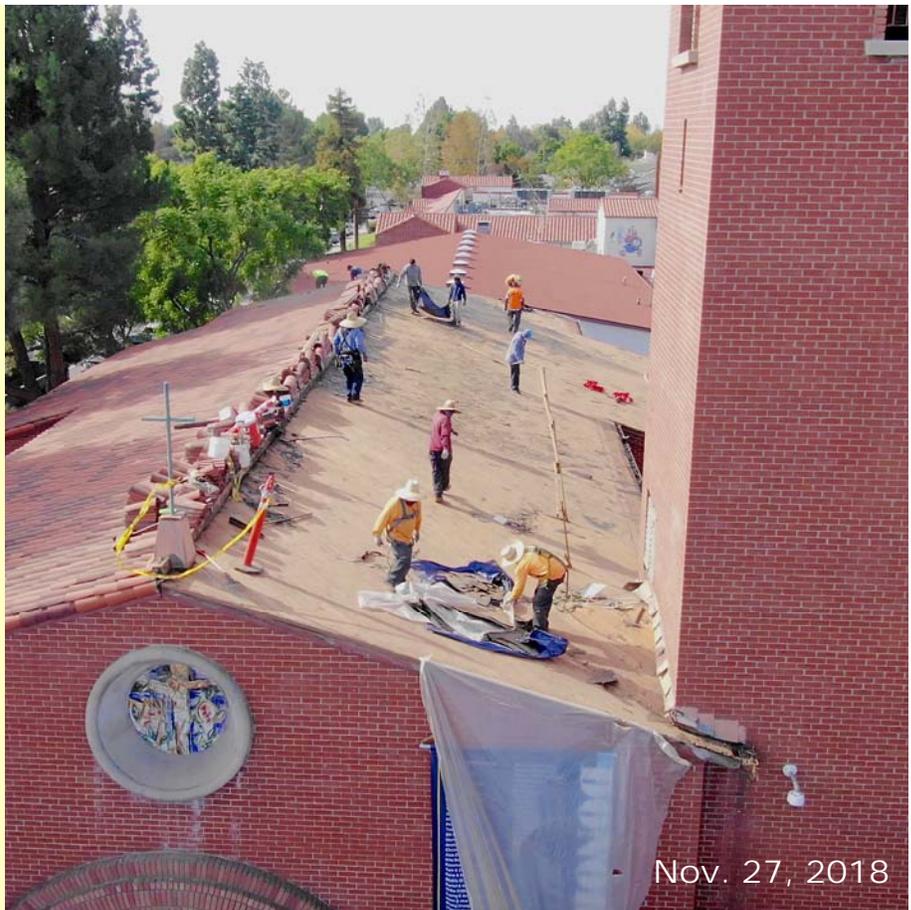
Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Community



**View from the air**

*Drone photos by Stephen McKenna*

Our renovation project is moving quickly, after a period of abatement in the interior, demolition of the front walkway, and removal of roof tiles. Now we see restoration of the roof just in time for the (much needed) possibility of rain. Please pray for the continued success of our plans.



Nov. 27, 2018

# 2 Where do you see the face of God?

Many will look back on 2018 and see sorrow, loss, and grief. Some will, from this moment on, mark time as “pre-disaster-tragedy / post-disaster-tragedy.” Alongside the moments of loss have been signs of new life – babies have been born, couples have gotten engaged or married, hearts have been moved by the service, care, and compassion of others.

Through it all, we are assured that God is with us, in every moment of every day, in times of tragedy and loss, and those that shine with a glimmer of possibility and hope.

This is the point of Advent: We have reason to hope because God wants to be with us, and wants us to be with him. In Advent, we watch for signs of God’s love, especially when the demands of daily life are great. We watch, too, attentive to those who do not know the depths of God’s love, and for the ways we may bring Christ’s presence to them. In Advent, we prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts and minds. We wait, not only for Christmas, but for the full expression of God’s kingdom on earth in the future. Like those who precede us in faith and those who will follow, we long for the peace, consolation, encouragement, and mercy that only God can give. We turn toward God in trust, and grow to rely on his constant presence with us, at all times, in all seasons.

What about your own personal year in review? What were your greatest moments of joy, peace, and hope? In what times did you experience loss, grief, and disappointment? When you look back at the year that is ending, where do you see the face of God? – ©Catholic Life and Faith



## Complete your pledge before year's end

### **Grace**

Good stewardship begins with our loving God. Everything that we have is a gift from God – our life and natural talents, our health and energy, our emotions and ability to reason, our family and relationships, and our material goods.

### **Gratitude**

We are good stewards when we praise and thank the Lord for the many gifts we have been given. What a blessing it is when a gift is received in gratitude and used to the fullest!

### **Generosity**

Scripture encourages us to trust in God’s providence and be assured that our own needs will be met if we are generous. In fact, we have been promised blessings of every kind – the “hundredfold” of the Gospel.

## Stewardship Renewal

Our 2019 Stewardship Renewal is off to a great start, thanks to everyone who has made a pledge. A letter is on its way to all parishioners asking for their continued support of Our Lady of the Assumption Church. If you have not done so already, please complete the mailed form, or go to the website for online renewal: [olaclaremont.org](http://olaclaremont.org).

The process of making a written commitment is a healthy spiritual exercise reminding us that stewardship is a way of life – at home, in the workplace, in our parish, and in service to those in need. It also helps us in planning how to accomplish our parish mission most effectively in the coming year.

We receive God’s blessings gratefully, cultivate them responsibly and share them lovingly in service. This is how good stewards return their gifts with increase to the Lord.

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## Liturgical news

**Immaculate Conception – A Holy Day of Obligation:** Vigil Masses Friday, Dec. 7, at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. (trilingual). Only Mass on holy day, Dec. 8, is at 8 a.m. Saturday evening Masses are not for the holy day.

**Confessions** are Saturdays from 3 to 3:45 p.m. and 6:30 to 7 p.m. in the Parish Office.

**Holy Hour** of prayer for Our Church and Our Country is First Friday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m.

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## Parking lot guide

**NOTE: Our parking lot gates will be locked each night at 9:45 p.m.** Please drive carefully through the parking lot before and after Masses. Cars should enter at Harrison Ave. and exit at either Berkeley or Bonita. Handicapped parking is now located directly across from the worship space.

## Renew Stewardship

Please renew your stewardship pledge for 2019 by filling out a card at the parish office or renewing online.

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## community life

### Knights of Columbus

Our active council of Knights of Columbus is offering convenient sales of Advent wreaths, religious Christmas cards, and other items after Sunday morning Masses until Dec. 9.

You may also want to contribute Christmas decorations, ornaments and lights to adorn the trees to be provided to needy families by the Knights this year. They are also seeking children's riding toys and bicycles. Please contact Ramon Ayala at (909) 268-6197.



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## WOW! Christmas Dinner Party

OLA's Widows Or Widowers and Other singles group will celebrate their Christmas Dinner Party on Thursday, December 13 at 6:15 PM in the OLA Convent.

Enjoy entrée, sides, dessert, beverages, and holiday cheer for only \$10! Don't miss out on the friendly company, a delicious meal, holiday music, and some lively game play. (Bring \$2 in quarters if you wish to play.)

**Very Important! For this special event, reservations are requested no later than Wednesday, December 12.** Please make a reservation with Jo Pearring at (909) 626-0489 or Jean O'Donnell (909) 624-3392.

## Highlights

**Angel Tree** is back! Pick up your tag with the name of a child who needs your love this Christmas.

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**Adopt-A-Family** returns to OLA offering several ways you can make the holidays brighter for families in need.

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**Alternative After-Market** will be outside after all Masses this Sunday, Dec. 2. Catch up on your shopping for everyone on your list.

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**Year-end donations** can be advantageous for those who are 70-1/2 years and older..

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**Tax savings** are available to seniors over 70½ before year's end.

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Mass Intentions/Readings

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Week of Dec 2, 2018**

**MONDAY, December 3**

St. Francis Xavier, Hanukkah begins

*Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11*

6:30am †Carmen Olmedo Reyes

†Mark Bortscheller

†Souls of It's Members

5:30pm †Robert Armendaraz,

†Joseph Chieu, †Anna Ho

**TUESDAY, December 4**

St. John Damascene

*Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24*

6:30am Pinky Reymundo, †Peter Ho

†Joseph Nguyen

5:30pm †Joseph Dinh, †Joseph Chieu

†John the Baptist Di Em

**WEDNESDAY, December 5**

*Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37*

6:30am Gomez Family, †Anne & Peter

†Hieronymus & Agnes

5:30pm †Cecilia, Trinidad Ruelas

Tsieu Nguyen

**THURSDAY, December 6**

St. Nicholas

*Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27*

6:30am John Paul Clark

†Ancestors (†=Deceased)

†Mary Tu & Mary Do

5:30pm †Dominic Bao, †Mary

†Joseph Dang

**FRIDAY, December 7**

St. Ambrose, Pearl Harbor Day

*Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31*

6:30am †Thomas Tran, †Thi Eulo

Pinky Reymundo

Immaculate Conception of the BVM

*Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38*

5:30pm †Rosita Lacson, †Mary

Pinky Reymundo

7:30pm People of the Parish

**SATURDAY, December 8**

8:00am †Peter Nang, †Vincent

†Ancestors

Second Sunday of Advent Masses

*Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6*

4:00pm †Mary, †Joachim

In Thanksgiving

5:30pm †Paul & Francis Karukstis

†Peter Tieu, †Martha

**SUNDAY, December 9**

7:00am †Peter, †Mary Chu

†There Phuong

9:00am Knights & Ladies of Columbus

†Daniel Davis

†Richard Torres, Sr.

11:00am People of the Parish

1:00pm Guadalupe Padilla

Francisca Martinez de Barba

3:00pm †Joseph Son & Therese Lan

†Joseph Mai Dang, †Mary Madelene

5:00pm †Carmen Cortez Morales

†Dominic & Mary

†Francis & Mary

7:00pm †Ancestors †Abandoned Souls  
In thanksgiving to BVM

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worship &



**Please pray for our Confirmation teens on retreat this weekend!**

The goal of this retreat is to invite teens into a relationship with God and encourage them to allow Him to transform their chaos into a life grafted into Him. This is because God has a history of making order out of chaos. In the beginning, He formed all of creation out of a dark void. In the Psalms, He makes wars cease, and there is stillness and peace in Him. In the Gospels, Jesus calmed the wild seas when the disciples were caught and afraid for their lives in a storm. Jesus' very mission on this earth was to bring the order of redemption out of the chaos of the fall.

Jesus also took breaks from chaos. "Early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up and slipped out to a solitary place to pray." After a day of preaching to the crowds, Jesus tells His disciples to go ahead of Him and goes up a mountain by Himself to pray. Jesus "frequently withdrew to the wilderness to pray." A retreat is a break from the norm, an act of withdrawing. This retreat leads teens out of chaos and distractions of daily life and into a relationship with God who can transform their chaos into something beautiful.

**The Heights is open to all high school teens and takes place in the Youth Room after the 5 pm Teen Mass**

**Jesus Rodriguez,  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
909-626-3596 ext. 4215**



Follow us on Instagram @theheightsola

**Dec 9 – XLT**

**Dec 16 – Christmas Social**

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 any of our gatherings. You may email [youngadultsunited01@gmail.com](mailto:youngadultsunited01@gmail.com) or call Patrick at (626) 622-5381 for location. Join our Facebook group: *Young Adults of OLA*. Also, view updates on Instagram @youngadultsunited.



**Dec. 5** – Street evangelization at the Claremont Colleges at 6:30 p.m.  
**Dec. 10**, at 7 p.m. – Small group journeys (call for location)

# faith formation 5

A new Alpha begins in January 2019...

Here's how you can help



## Holy Hour for Our Church & Our Country

Everyone is invited to come and pray for the Healing of our Church and our Country on First Friday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m. The Holy Hour will take place in the Reflection Room (enter off Berkeley at flagpole).

The Secular Franciscans, sponsors of the Holy Hour, are proposing also a day of fasting (to be broken after 4 p.m.). In addition, this day will be preceded by a novena.

### NOVENA PRAYER

O my Jesus,

I beg You on behalf of Our Country to grant our political leaders Your Wisdom, Love and the light of Your Spirit. May all hearts return to You, O Lord.

Lord, I beg You on behalf of Our Church to give us holy priests; maintain them in holiness. May the power of Your Mercy accompany them everywhere and shatter all that might tarnish the sanctity of the priesthood. Amen

- Prayer. We need people praying for the success of OLA's Alpha program and also praying for those who are attending Alpha - that they find community, comfort and most importantly, Jesus!
- Table Hosts who are friendly, outgoing people to host a small group (8-10 people) for meals and to facilitate discussions.
- Food preparation, serving and cleanup. Volunteers will be there from approximately 6 to 9 p.m.
- Childcare. We need volunteers to carry out fun activities with the children of attendees during the sessions under supervision.

## Fingerprinting at OLA

If you have received the VIRTUS training for adults as an OLA volunteer or minister, you are required, in addition, to be fingerprinted and security-screened. OLA is offering this service Wednesday, Dec. 5, from noon to 6:30 p.m. Please call the parish office for an appointment. at (909) 626-3596.



Email inquiries can be sent to [alpha@olaclaremont.org](mailto:alpha@olaclaremont.org).



## Prayer Requests



### ***For our sick and suffering...***

**Recent:** Steven Michal Acosta, Ordolina Aparacio, Betty Arcide, Alexandra Badea, Kattie Briones, Raul Garcia, Sandy Morales and Mary Perini

**Previously:** Elza V. Barba, Mike Bustamante, Lydia Maldonado-Calzada, Lisa Carranza, Nazaire, Thierry & Elmire Domond, Billy Hicks, Sr. Feliz Gil-Jimenez, Enrique Juarez, Sue McCoppin, Pedro Favian Perez, , Juan A. Ruiz, Fanny Sanchez, Deacon Bob Steighner, Sylvia Stephens

### ***For our beloved deceased...***

James Coppola, husband of Jo Ann Coppola; Therese Pham Thi Le, wife of Nguyen Manh Hung; Amelia Paleo, mother of Margarita Galinzoga; and for the family and friends who mourn their loss

# 6 outreach

## Alternative Market is open til Dec. 21

The Christ-centered alternative to mall madness is OLA's Alternative Gift Christmas Market. Review the "shopping list" available at the parish office or online ([olaclaremont.org](http://olaclaremont.org)) and choose gifts to give to the poor at home and around the world. Return your list and donation to the parish office by Dec. 21 and receive beautiful Christmas cards to present to friends and relatives. Most of the helping organizations on our list have a strong OLA connection:

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



## Help for marriages

**Retrouaille** (REH-tro-v-eye) is a Catholic, non-profit program for stressed, or seemingly broken marriages. Married couples of any faith, even couples who are separated or divorced, are welcome. Its name simply means "rediscovery." The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship. This program has helped thousands of married couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in marriage. The next local weekend is Dec. 7-9. For questions or registration, make a confidential call to (909) 900-5465 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).



## OLA for Life: Children's book

OLA for Life will again be offering not only one Traveling Storybook, but three new Christmas books which will be available beginning Nov. 26 through Dec. 22.

To check out one of these books so that it can be taken home for a couple of days of reading enjoyment, contact Terry Moore of OLA for Life at (562) 469-2366 to reserve the book which will then be left for you to pick-up at the parish office. Return the book after a couple of days so that it may be passed on to the next person awaiting to check out the book.

May these books help to bring the true meaning of Christmas into your children's lives. The books available are *Little Star* and *A Special Place of Santa*, as well as , *Where Jesus Slept*. Other titles from previous years are *The Very Special Baby* and a *An Endless Christmas* (for children approx. nine years or older).

## 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

## OneLifeLA

Save the date of Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019, 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. The Requiem Mass for the Unborn will be offered at 5 p.m. at the Cathedral. Register for free at [www.OneLifeLA.org](http://www.OneLifeLA.org).

### Parish Offertory Collection

Weekend Nov. 24-25	\$16,431
Online	\$ 3,840
Total	\$20,271
Budget	\$26,320
Under Budget	\$ (6,049)

# Administration 7

**G**race  
gratitude  
generosity

*In today's Second Reading, St. Paul says: "May the Lord make you increase in and abound in love for one another and for all." When good stewards receive God's gifts gratefully, they are able to return them in service to others and witness how the Lord multiplies their effect.*

Thank you to the many parishioners who helped the Thanksgiving Dinner from Holy Spirit Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order. Because of your generous gifts of time, talent and treasure, the fraternity was again able to coordinate the meal on at OLA: – Forty parishioners cooked turkeys, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes and green beans; another fifteen donated 30 pies, and twenty-five made monetary donations. Forty-five volunteered to set up the auditorium and kitchen on Wednesday, serve the meal on Thursday, wash dishes and clean up the auditorium at the end of the meal. In total, 300 meals including 100 take-home boxes were served on Thanksgiving Day.

– Judith Mussatto



## Join us in building a new home at OLA

We invite you to become a partner in the OLA legacy if you have not already made a pledge to our capital campaign. Construction has begun on renovation of our church, beginning with a new roof and expanded vestibule and much needed improvements – a new adoration chapel, baptistry, accessible restrooms, appropriate space for musicians, and the addition of sacred art. Other features include improvements in the safety and efficiency of the building, and new walkways and landscaping. It's a very exciting time at OLA as we anticipate a new home for a renewed community! Pledge forms are available at the parish office and online at [www.olaclaremont.org](http://www.olaclaremont.org).

## Charitable tax savings for seniors over 70½

Beginning in 2018 the IRS standard deduction has been doubled which is the good news. But the bad news is that for many, the benefit of the Charitable Tax Deduction will be lost.

But there is a solution. Instead of writing a check to a charity, such as OLA, instruct your IRA custodian to transfer part of your annual required minimum distribution (RMD) directly to the charity. Using this method will preserve your tax savings. Ask your tax professional how using this method could be to your benefit. The tax savings can be significant.

## Información semanal

### Miercoles:

Grupo de Dios (Oración )  
4 p.m., el Salon de Feflexión

Grupo de Oración  
Reunión de Coro y Lideres,  
7 p.m. el Salón 11

### Jueves:

Cristo Vive (Grupo de Oración)  
7 p.m., el auditorio

### Viernes:

Angeles de Fe (Jóvenes)  
7 p.m., el Salón de Jovenes

Camino de Fe (Jóvenes  
Adultos) 7 p.m., el Salón  
Felician (Biblioteca)

Encuentro Matrimonial  
7 p.m., el Convento

Coro  
7 p.m., el Salón 15

### Presentaciones

Primer domingo del mes

### Mananitas

Último domingo del mes

### Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA)

RICA es una jornada de preparación sacramental para todos los adultos que necesitan bautismo, primera comunión o confirmación.

**Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial** al (909) 626-3596 ,ext. 0, o visitenos para más información para bodas, quiceañeras y bautizos.

## ¿Donde vez la cara de Cristo?

**Busca a Cristo** donde hay amor. En el cuidado de los miembros de la familia del uno hacia el otro; entre amigos; cuando te ves obligado a saludar a un extraño o cuidar a alguien que lo necesita; en palabra y sacramento en la Misa; en la sanación de la Reconciliación.



**Busca a Cristo** en la quietud. Cuando tu corazón está lleno de paz, especialmente cuando nada puede explicar la calma que sientes. Cuando encuentras resolución a un conflicto; curación de cuerpo, mente y espíritu.

**Busca a Cristo** durante la dificultad. Cuando las cosas simples son difíciles; cuando la vida parece insuperable; cuando tu corazón duele. Busca a Cristo en los demás. Aquellos que necesitan atención y aquellos que la brindan. A los ojos de un amigo que está sufriendo. En el vecino solitario; la persona sin hogar en la calle; los enfermos y moribundos.

— Catholic life and Faith.

## Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

5:00 a.m. Mañanitas (*Mariachi*)

5:30 a.m. Misa (*Mariachi*)  
Seguido por una recepción en el Auditorio

6:30 p.m. Procesión en el patio de la Iglesia

7:00 p.m. Misa (*Mariachi /Coro*)  
Seguido por una recepción en el Auditorio

### Invitación – Martes, el 12 de diciembre

Empezaremos en la tarde, del 12 de diciembre a las 6:30 p.m., en el patio al lado de la Iglesia (Carpa). Haremos una corta procesión al frente de la Iglesia donde cantaremos las mañanitas se entrara en procesión. También se les invita a los niños que deseen participar en la procesión al empezar la Misa, llegar a las 6:45 p.m. Se les invita vestir un atuendo apropiado para la celebración.

# Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

435 Berkeley Avenue – Claremont, CA 91711

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**Bulletin deadline is Sunday for the following weekend. Email [bulletin@olaclaremont.org](mailto:bulletin@olaclaremont.org).**

Interested in the Catholic Church? We invite you to one of our Inquiry sessions. Call Michael Ramirez at (909) 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 AND Spanish Baptisms, please contact the parish office at (909) 626-3596, ext. 0.

**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

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](http://www.olaclaremont.org)

email Address: [reception@olaclaremont.org](mailto:reception@olaclaremont.org)

## Parish Office Hours

Open 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday

Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6 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.

No Sunday hours during the summer

## OLA Catholic School

611 W. Bonita Ave., Claremont, CA 91711

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

Office hours: Mon-Thurs 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fridays 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Principal Bernadette Boyle

Website: [www.ola-ca.org](http://www.ola-ca.org)

## Parish Staff

Rev. Charles J. Ramirez, Pastor

Rev. Ron Clark, Associate Pastor

Rev. Paul Phan, Associate Pastor

Rev. Chris Troxell, Associate Pastor

Deacon Jim and Karen Allgaier

Deacon Joe Domond

Deacon Bob and Kathy Steighner

Deacon Art and Nadine Escovedo, retired

Neomi Torres, Director of Parish Administration (x4203)

Victor Hernandez, Director of Faith Formation (x4213)

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

Michael Ramirez, Adult Formation Coordinator (x4221)

Jesus Rodriguez, Youth Ministry Coordinator (x4215)

Mary Muñoz, Coordinator of Music Ministry (x4263)

Jean McKenna, Communications Coordinator (x4217)

Bing Macavinta, Bookkeeper (x4232)

Katy Salisbury, Administrative Assistant (x4268)

Karina Pardo, Laura Aguilera, Melly Grigolla and

Elizabeth Preciado, Receptionists (x0)

Roberto Roman, Spanish Choir

Tinh Nguyen, Vietnamese Choir



**In the spotlight...**

# Christmas Giving Programs

## Adopt-A-Family

Sign-up on the patio!

For almost 40 years, OLA Adopt-A-Family 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 this week and next, or contact Elizabeth Preciado at (909) 625-2248 and [e.preciado@uncommongood.org](mailto:e.preciado@uncommongood.org).

## Angel Tree

OLA is seeking 249 “angels” to donate a wrapped gift to a child whose parent is in prison. The program sponsored by JustAct Ministry was so popular last year, we increased our commitment!

Parishioners are invited to pick up a Christmas tag with the name, age and needs of a child. They may return wrapped gifts to the patio after Mass Dec. 8-9 and Dec. 15-16 or to the parish office by Dec. 17 – Attn: Deacon Jim Allgaier.

Become an Angel Tree® church partner this year, and share the real meaning of Christmas with a prisoner’s child!



Alternative Gift After-Market  
Sunday, Dec. 2, on the patio  
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Annual collection of socks and  
underwear for the homeless  
will be January 5-6, 2019.

# OLA Seasonal Calendar

Sat/Sun, Dec. 1-2	Adopt-A-Family comes to the OLA patio after all Masses (three weekends)
Sat/Sun, Dec. 1-2	Angel Tree distribution of tags on the patio after all Masses (three weekends)
First Friday, Dec. 7	Holy Hour of prayer for Our Church and Our Country at 3 p.m. (Page 5)
Friday, Dec. 7	Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. Trilingual Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception at 7:30 p.m. Only Mass for Holy Day, Saturday, Dec. 8, is at 8 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe : Mañanitas at 5 a.m. w/Spanish Mass and reception; English Masses at 5:30 p.m., Spanish Mass at 7 p.m. w/reception
Thursday, Dec. 13	Vietnamese Advent Reconciliation Service at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 18	Bilingual (Eng/Span) Advent Reconciliation Service at 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 21	Singalong Christmas concert at 7 p.m. in the auditorium by <i>The Messengers</i>
Monday, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Masses at 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. (Vietnamese)
Tuesday, Dec. 25	Christmas Masses at Midnight, 7, 9, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Spanish)