

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Community

The kingdom of God

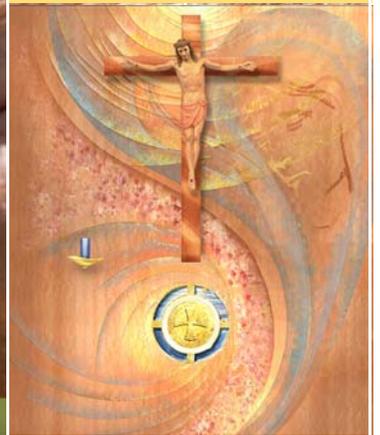
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

is like a mustard seed that is
the smallest of all the seeds.
But once it is sown,
it springs up and becomes
the largest of plants.

Mark 4:31-32



Presentation
about renovation...
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June 17, 2018

2 Artist's vision

The following is the interpretation by Artist Mirko Codenotti of the sacred art found in the reredos which will be the focal point of our new sanctuary:

Art is the encounter between beauty and the Holy Spirit... beauty is one of the ways that God chooses to express himself. We don't see God and we don't see the Holy Spirit; sacred art is a way to be able to see what we cannot otherwise see with our eyes.

When we designed the reredos, we related all the elements to Our Lady of the Assumption and her Son. Mary is represented by her subtle and gentle face on the right which you see and don't see at the same time, as it were an apparition...Mary is also represented by the light blue veil which envelops all the reredos. It is her mantle that embraces all humanity. Mary, through her purity, is the path to reach God, here symbolized by the cascade of flowers which surrounds the tabernacle.

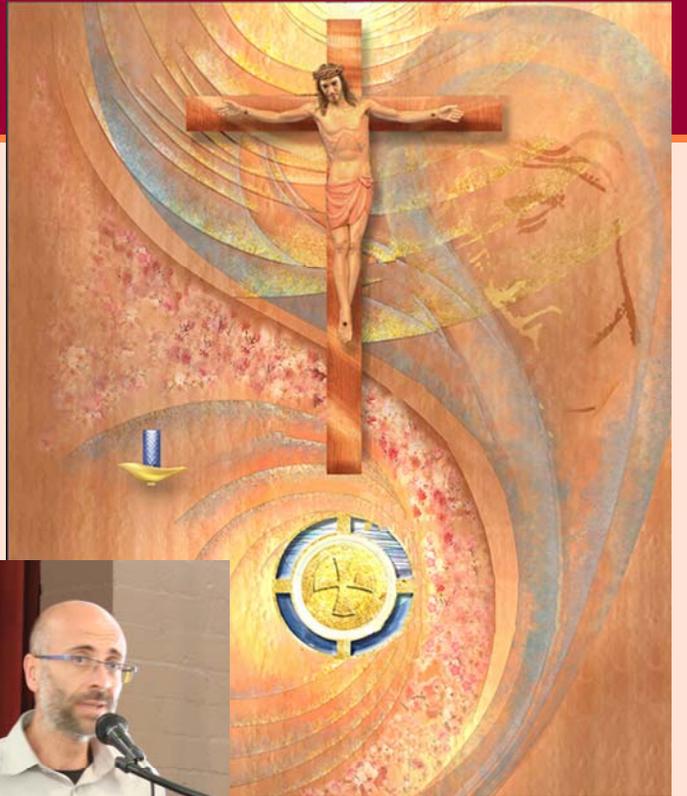
The tabernacle is gold, like the waves of light which descend from the top of the reredos...The tabernacle is surrounded by blue (fused glass) to represent the union of Jesus and his mother who generated the light, shown as a blue flame behind the cross. The travertine stone inlay which surrounds the tabernacle represents the purity of Mary.



The altar is shaped as a chalice to point to the sacrifice of Jesus offered for all humanity. The gold mosaic is shaped as a chalice also. The red cedar of the altar is the same wood as the cross of Jesus in the reredos, representing his sacrifice. All the other liturgical items such as ambo, chairs, processional cross and paschal candle holder echo the shape and materials for a holistic approach.

Designing works of art for a church is not dependent on our humble abilities. I believe that art is an act of God who inspires your mind, your heart and your soul for others. An artist has to think in this way when he creates something for God. He has to think about his mission. I always says to our artists in Peru: "Think about the Virgin Mary you are carving, the tabernacle you are making. Think about how many thousands of people will kneel in front of those to pray. Facing this responsibility, how can you pretend to be the maker of your work? Your hands are an instrument that God needs to touch the heart of other people."

Dear Virgin Mary, use my hands, my heart, my soul for painting your beauty and your purity, May you inspire me how you want to appear to us. Thank you very much to all for this beautiful opportunity to work together for your church. Thanks from all the artists in Peru who will make the works of art. Thanks for opportunities like this which offer good jobs to support their families and their community.



Mirko Codenotti is an Italian architect who volunteered to give drawing lessons at the school in Chacas, Peru, for a few months. He has been the resident designer of sacred art created by Los Artesanos Don Bosco for 13 years now.

See Back Page photos and visit www.olaclaremont.org for video.

Mirko Codenotti

Around OLA³

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Liturgical events

Summer Mission Trip send-off is Saturday, June 23, at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Teens, young adults and chaperones will be commissioned before departing early Sunday for their service mission to Tucson, Arizona, June 24-30. Fundraising for the trip is approaching its conclusion. It's not too late to help!

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Women's room repair in church

Please be advised that the women's restroom in the church is out-of-service due to a broken pipe. This major repair job is expected to conclude June 22. The closest restroom for women is located in the auditorium. Thank you for your extended patience!

community life

Highlights

Job opening at OLA –

We are seeking a Coordinator of Christian Initiation

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Summer Mission Trip will soon depart for service in Arizona. It's not too late to support our team!

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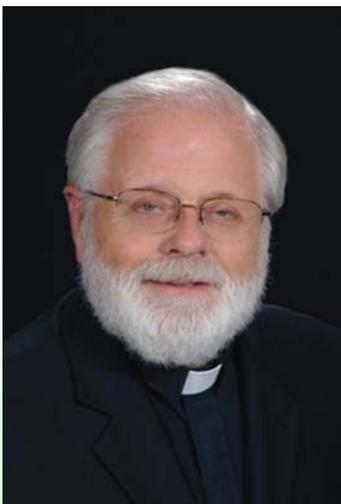
Young women are invited to join a new group associated with Young Adults United.

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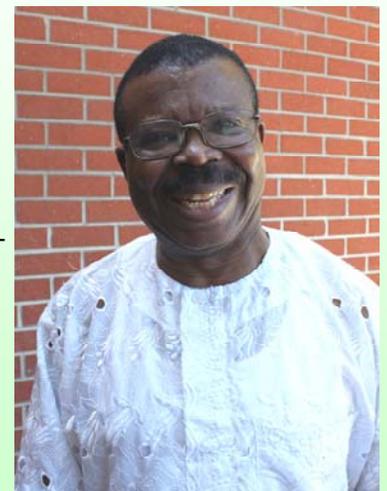
Next USO collection will be the weekend of June 30-July 1 after all Masses to assist military traveling through Ontario Airport.

Celebration of Msgr. Tom Welbers' 50th anniversary



Msgr. Tom Welbers, former pastor of OLA, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination at OLA. The date will probably be in July before our church renovation begins. A planning committee is mobilizing for the event through Jean McKenna at (909) 626-3596.

Father Tom, as he is affectionately known, traveled to the Holy Land and Rome with the OLA Pilgrims in 2016. He is appreciated for his good sermons, his knowledge of Church history, and his love of liturgy which he shepherded to new heights during his pastorate here. He is credited with initiating OLA's leadership councils and creating the strategic plan which led to our capital campaign.



Correct date is July 8 for Fr. Celestine

Friends of Fr. Celestine Mbanu who served at OLA in past years are invited to celebrate his 40th anniversary Sunday, July 8, at 4:40 p.m. at St. John XXIII Parish in Rialto (222 E. Easton St., Rialto, CA 92376). RSVP to him at (909) 509-0984 or mbanucelestine

Fr. Celestine Mbanu is celebrating his 40th anniversary of ordination.

Mass Intentions/Readings
 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Week of June 17, 2018

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worship

MONDAY, June 18

1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7;
 Mt 5:38-42

6:30am

5:30pm †Mary Rios

TUESDAY, June 19

St. Romuald

1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16;
 Mt 5:43-48

6:30am

5:30pm †Eva De Stefano,
 †Paul Natale, †Mary Kisgen

WEDNESDAY, June 20

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24;
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

6:30am

†Antonio Sarmiento
 Arthur Osborne

5:30pm

Fr. Thuan Nguyen Anniv.,
 †Guadalupe Daniel Ayala,
 †Maria del Refugio Elizalde
 Rodriguez

THURSDAY, June 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Summer begins

Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

6:30am †Rosa Layman

5:30pm †Rudy Luepke, Maria Murillo

FRIDAY, June 22

St. Paulinus of Nola,

SS. John Fisher and Thomas More

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14,
 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

6:30am

5:30pm

SATURDAY, June 23

2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34;
 Mt 6:24-34

8:00am

4:00pm Robert Gorman, Robert Taflinger

5:30pm †Anthony Bourdain

†Brandi Brown

SUNDAY, June 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab,
 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts
 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

7:00am For the People of the Parish

9:00am †Marilyn Troli, †Joe Lopez, Jr.

11:00am †Alfonso Gomez Trujillo,

†Lena Chavez, †Donald Caffee

1:00pm Familia Correa Padilla,

Adriel Leonor,

†Juan Rivera y Familia

3:00pm †Vincent Do, †Joseph Nguyen

5:00pm †Aurora Cabrera

7:00pm

†Deceased



It is not too late to invest in our Summer Mission Trip. You may purchase \$25 "shares" at the Parish Office or at the website olaCalremont.org by selecting the "Donate Now" tab. The group departs June 24 for Tucson, Arizona, under the leadership of our new youth minister Jesus Rodriguez (second left).



New for YAU! A group for young women that meets Monday, June 25, at the convent from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

We invite young adult ages 18 to 35 to grow spiritually, form authentic friendships and have fun through our social, educational and prayer nights. Join us 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.

Thursday, July 12 Meet at St. Louise Church in Covina for co-ed field event at 7 p.m. Topic: *Spiritual Direction*

Who me? A catechist?

We welcome individuals to become part of our active ministry of the Word. A catechist is a teacher of religious education, a person who facilitates the process of faith formation. This is done first by echoing the Word of God in his or her own life, and second by helping others to do so. You will become an integral part of the OLA community; dedicated to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in formal and informal settings. In your work with adults, families, adolescents and children, you are passing on a living faith. Contact Victor Hernandez, Director of Faith Formation, for more information at (909) 626-3596,, ext. 4212.

OLA is committed to providing a safe environment for all members of our faith community, especially youth and the vulnerable. In accordance with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, all parish volunteers must be compliant with *Safeguard the Children* before they may participate in parish ministry.

The Master Storyteller

In today's Gospel, Jesus is presented to us as the master storyteller. He loved to use parables as a tool for comparing one thing to something else. In most of his parables, Jesus revealed who God is by comparing God's essence or actions with something familiar to his listeners. In the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus proclaims a marvelous and irrefutable truth. His small band of disciples, as insignificant as they may have felt, would one day produce a mighty kingdom whose growth was initiated by God. The seeds of this kingdom were planted by God and it is God who will harvest the fruit brought forth from those seeds. The extent of the growth of God's kingdom cannot be predicted. We must trust the work of the Master's hand as we, the mustard plant, grow and grow. -J. S. Paluch Co.

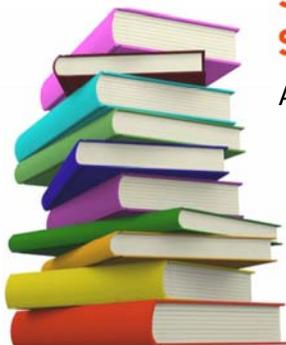
REGISTRATION OPENS

for all fall programs in Faith Formation
at OLA on Monday, June 25.

SUMMER SCHOOL



SUMMER CAMP



Session 1: June 18 - June 29

Session 2: July 2 - 13

Attn: Sandra Columbus

Reading K-7
Writing K-7
Math K-5
Study Skills 4-7
Algebra Review 6-7



June 18 - July 20

Attn: Margie Robinson

Ages 4 - 13
6:30am - 6:00pm
Monday-Friday
Art, Drama, Sports,
Cooking, Gardening,
and MORE!



(909)
626
7135

ENROLLMENT for 2018-19 School Year is OPEN

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Third World Handarts and Homeboy Industries

The annual visit to OLA of Third World Handarts and Homeboy/Homegirl Industries is planned the weekend of June 30-July 1 on the patio after all Masses.

Beneficiaries of the sale of crafts are six Catholic missions serving Hopi and Navajo people in northern Arizona, as well as the nation's second largest center serving homeless veterans in San Diego. Sale of food items will benefit Fr. Greg Boyle's mission in Los Angeles helping former gang members return to the community as productive citizens.

Host families needed

Host families with teens are invited to enjoy a cross-cultural experience with one of nine students arriving from Spain June 28 to July 26. Preferred are families who do not speak Spanish. For details, come to the patio this Sunday after morning Masses and the 5 p.m. Mass. Contact Parishioner Marilyn Blackburn at (951) 741-0537 or visit the website www.uceus.com.

Host a Japanese student

Pitzer College in Claremont is organizing an academic program for students from Kobe Women's University in Japan Aug. 5-21. They will spend evenings and weekends with their host families. Contact Kyla at (909) 621-8308.

Comedy night for veterans

The American Legion Post 790 is hosting a comedy night for the Veteran Advocate Lobby Organization or VALOR-USA Saturday, June 30 at 330 N. Azusa Ave. (two blocks north of the 10 Freeway). Price is only \$15 per person for food, comedy and the Powerhouse band. For tickets contact Vince de Lazzaro of Knights of Columbus at (626) 922-7585

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June 30 - July 1 at OLA

OLA's JustAct Ministry CULTIVATING NON-VIOLENCE MODULE

JustAct Ministry is a group that provides opportunities for education, spiritual growth and action in service to others based on the Church's social teachings. 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. Details are available through Small groups will begin meeting soon.

K of C, Domond Foundation partner to host casino night

Mark your calendar for an enjoyable evening of authentic casino games, appetizers, drinks and entertainment at OLA on Saturday, July 14. Hosts are the Knights of Columbus and the Jeff C. Domond Foundation for Haiti. Proceeds will fund a new medical clinic in rural Haiti which is currently under construction to serve people who have no other access to care.

The OLA auditorium will be transformed into a crowd-friendly casino. Feel free to learn how to play roulette, craps, and other card games without the intimidation of a commercial venue. Guests will also be invited into a drama entitled "Robbery at the Casino."

Tickets at \$40 will be available on the patio after all Masses beginning this weekend (June 16-17). Admission price includes a drink, appetizer, \$100 in play money, prizes for top three chip-holders, entry in a raffle and deejay entertainment. You may also contact Chris Shaner at (714) 299-9939.

Laudato Si

A letter to the world from Pope Francis

Good and gracious God, you provided manna in the desert for your chosen people. May we recognize that our food comes from your bounty, the generosity of our planet, and the strenuous work of many human hands. Teach us to reverence your creation which supplies our food. Show us how to make room at the table for everyone. Amen. (Pope Francis)

Parish Offertory Collection

Weekend June 9-10	\$25,333
Online	\$ 8,071
Total	\$36,505
Budget	\$23,446
Priests' Retirement	\$ 1,836

Administration

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Job Opening: Coordinator of Christian Initiation

Our Lady of the Assumption Church is seeking a **Coordinator of Christian Initiation (RCIA)** to lead an inspirational process for adults, teens and children (age 8 and up) who are seeking to join the Catholic Church and/or celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation. Our year-round program seeks to nurture faith in Jesus Christ and the Gospel message in the context of Catholic teaching. It follows the precepts of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) based on the lectionary for the liturgical year. The coordinator is responsible for supervising and supporting a volunteer team of catechists, sponsors and hospitality ministers.

Candidate should be an active member of a Roman Catholic parish with a willingness to become a member of the OLA community. Candidate must have education and experience necessary to coordinate a Christian Initiation program. In addition to experience in RCIA, a candidate should demonstrate a genuine love for faith formation and liturgy, a gift for leadership of volunteers, and an ability to offer spiritual guidance. Organizational skills for scheduling, record-keeping and budgeting are essential. Coordinator is an integral part of a collaborative pastoral team that develops and implements broad parish goals.

This job entails regular evening and weekend duties to meet the needs of families. Spanish speaking/literate skills are a plus!

Application: <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/hr/Documents/EmploymentApplication.pdf>

For additional information, or to send a resume to Victor Hernandez, Director of Faith Formation at vhernandez@olaclaremont.org or call (909) 626-3596, ext. 4213



Prayer Requests



For our sick and suffering...

Recent: Nancy Boden, Hal Finnigan, Jose de Jesús Cerna Martinez, Maria Luisa Mendez, Elaine Tislea, Leonard Valencia, Marie Vencek, Dorothy Wallace, and Mary Mark Zeyen

Previously: Mary Brunasso, Zenaida Romo Castro, Fr. Larry Dolan, Deacon Don Gath, Charles "Chuck" Giannini, Anna Ruano Gomez, Loretta Guimond, Manuel Hernandez, Trisha Kay Holton, Lucia Mace, Doris Maldonado, Mary Christina Morand-Merlino, Hope Moreno, Anna Orellana, Jose Luis Ortega, Arthur H. Osborne, Rita Perez, Jesús Reyes, Madlyn Richer, Rachel Rodriguez, Belen Sanchez, Soledad Sarmiento, Mark Stagner, Monica Stephenson, Sylvia Stephens, Phyllis Swan, Guy Tarantino, Tess Turla, and Carol Wiese, Wendy Villegas

For our beloved deceased...

Phillip Huitron, husband of Yvonne Huitron; Jacinto Yamzon, uncle of Pinky Reymundo; and for the family and friends who mourn their loss

Las palabras del artista sobre el santuario nuevo



Mirko Codenotti

El artista Mirko Codenotti viajó desde su taller en la comunidad de Chacas, Perú y estuvo con nuestra comunidad de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción el domingo pasado. Después de misa él nos compartió imágenes del nuevo santuario en la iglesia con sus artesanías creadas por los Artesanos de Don Bosco en Perú. En la exhibición se dio a conocer los materiales que serán incorporados para la renovación del interior y del exterior de la iglesia, como los pisos, adoquines, azulejos, madera y unas muestras.

En su interesante presentación Mirko dijo, “Diseñar obras de arte para una iglesia, no depende de nuestras humildes habilidades. Yo creo que el arte es un acto de Dios que inspira tu mente, tu corazón y tu Alma para los demás. Un artista tiene que pensar de esta manera cuando él crea algo para Dios, él tiene que pensar en su misión.

“Yo siempre le digo a mis artesanos en Perú: Piensen en la Virgen María cuando están tallando, el tabernáculo,” también agrego. “Piensen que miles de personas se arrodillarán frente al tabernáculo para orar.” Al final Mirko Codenotti agradeció por la gran oportunidad que Nuestra Señora de la Asunción, les ofrece con buenos trabajos que apoyarán a sus familias y a sus comunidades de Chacas, en Perú.

Para más información favor de checar la página web, www.olaclaremont.org, allí podrán ver fotos y el video que se presentó durante la Misa.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Muchas parejas se casan durante este mes. Las bodas son ritos religiosos y culturales que celebran el inicio de un matrimonio. En 1215 el matrimonio se convirtió en sacramento cristiano. Este sacramento tiene un rito simple por el cual la pareja se casa proclamando en público su mutuo consentimiento. En Latinoamérica varios ritos culturales han sido incorporados al rito cristiano para embellecerlo con simbolismo y folclor.

Uno de estos ritos es el de las arras y es mencionado por Jesús en la parábola de la mujer que encuentra su moneda perdida. Según tradiciones judías y árabes la familia del novio entregaba una cantidad de dinero al padre de la novia. Algunas de estas monedas eran dadas a la novia como recuerdo del día de su boda. Esta costumbre llega a España durante la invasión de los Moros. Pero luego los españoles la trajeron a América.

Arras significan “garantía” y son las primicias del sostenimiento económico que el novio dará a la nueva familia que se establece en el matrimonio de la pareja. Normalmente son 13 monedas representando a Jesús y a los doce apóstoles.

-J. S. Paluch Co.

Conferencia Regional

El Obispo David O’Connell y Louis Velázquez los invitan el 25, 26 y 27 de Junio de 9:30 am a 3:30 pm a la Primera Jornada sobre la Pastoral Urbana donde se hablará de Dios y como hacer pastoral en la ciudad.

La admisión es de \$75 dls. (con comida incluida). La conferencia será en el Centro Católico: Oásis de Misericordia en la ciudad de Los Ángeles.

Para mayor información acerca de la sesión y como registrarse, favor de llamar a la oficina Regional Pastoral de San Gabriel al (626)-960-9344 ó visítelos en Facebook.

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

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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

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.)

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 (May 27 onward)

OLA Catholic School

611 W. Bonita Ave., Claremont, CA 91711

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

Principal Bernadette Boyle

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fridays 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Website: www.ola-ca.org

Parish Staff

Rev. Charles J. Ramirez, Pastor

Rev. Ron Clark, Associate Pastor

Rev. Thuan Nguyen, Associate Pastor

Rev. Chris Troxell, Associate Pastor

Deacon Jim and Karen Allgaier

Deacon Joe and Rita Domond

Deacon Bob and Kathy Steighner

Deacon 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)

Jesus Rodriguez, Youth Ministry Coordinator (x4215)

Mary Muñoz, Coordinator of Music Ministry (x4263)

Kathy Steighner, Christian Initiation Coordinator (x4221)

Jean McKenna, Communications Coordinator (x4217)

Greg Andrews, Communications/Calendar (x4231)

Bing Macavinta, Bookkeeper (x4232)

Katy Salisbury, Administrative Assistant (x4268)

Roberto Roman, Spanish Choir

Dong Le, Vietnamese Choir

In the spotlight...

Artist Mirko Codenotti interacted with parishioners last Sunday about our renovation plans for the church. Below, Mirko poses with Fr. Charles, Mike Boneto of Anthem Sacred Furnishings, Paolo Ghezzi of Artesanos Don Bosco, Neomi Torres and Jose Gutierrez. Also present were Architect Victor Newlove, Project Manager Rick Lopez and Skip Printz, pew company representative.



Visit olaclaremont.org for more



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A new home for a renewed community

We invite you to become a partner in the OLA legacy if you have not already made a pledge to our capital campaign. Construction begins this summer on renovation of our church, beginning with a new roof and expanded vestibule and much needed improvements – a new adoration chapel, baptistery, 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 will be available in the church, the parish office and online at www.olaclaremont.org.