

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Community



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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 2, 2018



Religion that is pure and
undefiled before God
the Father is this:
**to care for orphans
and widows in
their affliction.**

James 1:27

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WASHINGTON – Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, President of the *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)* has issued the following statement.

In communion with the Holy Father, I join the Executive Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in taking upon ourselves his exhortation: “This open wound [of abuse] challenges us to be firm and decisive in the pursuit of truth and justice.”

On August 1st, I promised that USCCB would exercise the full extent of its authority, and would advocate before those with greater authority, to pursue the many questions surrounding Archbishop McCarrick. On August 16th, I called for an Apostolic Visitation, working in concert with a national lay commission granted independent authority, to seek the truth. Yesterday, I convened our Executive Committee once again, and it reaffirmed the call for a prompt and thorough examination into how the grave moral failings of a brother bishop could have been tolerated for so long and proven no impediment to his advancement.

The recent letter of Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò brings particular focus and urgency to this examination. The questions raised deserve answers that are conclusive and based on evidence. Without those answers, innocent men may be tainted by false accusation and the guilty may be left to repeat sins of the past.

I am eager for an audience with the Holy Father to earn his support for our plan of action. That plan includes more detailed proposals to: seek out these answers, make reporting of abuse and misconduct by bishops easier, and improve procedures for resolving complaints against bishops. Inspired by his recent letter to the people of God, and his *motu proprio* of two years ago – *As a Loving Mother*, I am confident Pope Francis shares our desire for greater effectiveness and transparency in the matter of disciplining bishops. We renew our fraternal affection for the Holy Father in these difficult days.

To the survivors of abuse and the families who have lost a loved one to abuse, I am sorry. You are no longer alone. Since 2002, hundreds of professionally trained staff across the country have been working with the Church to support survivors and prevent future abuse. Nationwide, the Church has a zero-tolerance policy toward priests and deacons who abuse, safe environment training, background checks for those working around children, victim assistance coordinators, prompt reporting to civil authorities, and lay review boards in dioceses.

In other ways, we have failed you. This is especially true for adults being sexually harassed by those in positions of power, and for any abuse or harassment perpetrated by a bishop. We will do better. The more she is buffeted by storms, the more I am reminded that the Church's firm foundation is Jesus Christ. The failures of men cannot diminish the light of the Gospel. Lord, by the help of your mercy, show us the way to salvation.

Prayer for Healing

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just;
You gave your only Son to save us
by the blood of his cross

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind and spirit
by those who betrayed
the trust placed in them.

Hear our cries as we
agonize over the harm done
to our brothers and sisters
Breathe wisdom into our prayers,
soothe restless hearts with hope,
steady shaken spirits with faith:
show us the way to justice
and wholeness, enlightened by
truth and enfolded in your mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform our brokenness,
Grant us courage and wisdom,
humility and grace,
so that we may act with justice
and find peace in you.
We ask this through
Christ, our Lord. Amen

Around OLA³

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Faith Formation

Register online at
www.olaclaremont.org
at the Faith formation Center

Registration open for...

Sunday Preschool – Kinder

First Communion I and II
(Grades 1 and 2)

Post-Communion (Grades 3 to 5)

Junior High (Grades 6 to 8)

High School Confirmation

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Coming event: Spaghetti Dinner

You won't find a spaghetti dinner better than that served by the Italian Catholic Federation Sunday, Sept. 23, in the auditorium from noon to 5 p.m.

Adult price is \$12 and kids meal (ages 5 to 10) is only \$6; under 5 is free!

Event includes the sale of fresh cannoli, the raffle of a \$500 gift basket, and famous \$50 money hat. All proceeds go to ICF charities such as Catholic school scholarships.

Patio promos

Purchase tickets for the upcoming spaghetti dinner by our very own Italian Catholic Federation.

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Sign up for the fabulous parish-school picnic.

Walk for the Hungry sign-ups begin this weekend.

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Bring school supplies for needy students to the patio or to the parish office.

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community life

Parish & School Picnic

Date: September 8th

Time: 5:30 PM Mass Followed by Picnic on the Green

Food: Provided

Drinks: Lemonade & Water

Don't forget your blankets and chairs!



Sign up
on patio
or online

Don't miss the fun at our annual picnic...

FREE barbecue meal courtesy of Knights, parish and school

FREE deejay – YAP! – entertainment and dancing

FREE jumpers for kids – preschool, 6-12, 12 and over

Mass Intentions/Readings
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Week of September 2, 2018

MONDAY, September 3

St. Gregory the Great, Labor Day
1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

6:30am Labor Day
8:00am Only Mass Today
5:30pm Labor Day

TUESDAY, September 4

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

6:30am Anne Moore
5:30pm

WEDNESDAY, September 5

1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

6:30am Fr. Charles Ramirez
✠Hogan Family
✠Christopher Dourley
5:30pm Fr. Chuck Ramirez Anniversary

THURSDAY, September 6

1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

6:30am ✠Ascencion Preciado
5:30pm ✠Ray Stella,
✠Ascencion Preciado
✠Jeff Cherubin

FRIDAY, September 7

1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

6:30am Enrique Lopez Cortes
8:00am School Mass
5:30pm ✠Rosita Lacson

SATURDAY, September 8

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

8:00am
4:00pm
5:30pm

SUNDAY, September 9

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Grandparents Day
Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

7:00am ✠Yasuyuki Morishita,
✠Tom Vento
9:00am Knights & Ladies of Columbus
11:00am Julio Pardo, ✠Fr. Frank Leon Gelskey, Joshua & Stacy Villanueva
1:00pm Alma, sister of Anabella Maria Hernandez, Anne E. Rivera
3:00pm
5:00pm
7:00pm ✠For the People of the Parish
✠Deceased

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For information contact
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Thank you from the teens returning from Summer Mission Trip...

"Let me begin by thanking you for your investment into the mission trip. Your much-appreciated investment allowed for me to experience another life-changing trip and was the highlight of my summer. I was able to be a living image of Christ in my actions and words while on this trip, and was able to truly find out more about myself than I could have ever anticipated."
(One of several notes written by participating teens)

More on the Back Page.

We invite each young adult age 18 to 35 to grow spiritually, form authentic friendships and have fun through our social, educational and prayer nights together. We'll be more than happy to see you at our weekly meetings from 7 to 9 p.m. Join our *Young Adults of OLA* Facebook group. See updates on *Instagram @youngadultsunited*. You may also email youngadultsunited01@gmail.com or call Patrick at (626) 622 5381 for location.

**YOUNG
ADULTS
UNITED**

Convalescent Home Visits Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
at Mesa Glen in Glendora

Creative Group Monday, Sept. 3 at 7 p.m.

Young Adult 8:15 a.m. Mass at St. Dorothy's followed by coffee and ultimate frisbee play on the field Saturday, Sept. 22.

Children's choir begins fall rehearsals

Do you know a child who loves to sing? Our OLA Parish Children's Choir is the perfect place for children to grow in their love for music and their love for God. All children ages 7-12 are welcome to join; no prior musical experience is needed. The choir will be preparing to lead music for two Masses this month: Saturday, Sept. 8, at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 30, at 11am. Rehearsals are Thursdays Sept. 6, 13 and 27 from 7-8 p.m. in Room 17. Contact the Choir Director Mary Muñoz for details at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4263 or mmunoz@olaclaremont.org

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Faith Formation Fall Programs

The Faith Formation Center is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. You may also fill out a registration form online at www.olaclaremont.org.

Preschool - Kinder

Sunday Preschool for age 3 years to kindergarten every Sunday during the 9 a.m. Mass; \$80 fee includes t-shirt

Elementary (Grades 1 to 5 - English & Spanish)

- Year One 1st Communion, monthly Mon/Wed w/parent (\$80)
- Year Two 1st Communion, every Wednesday afternoon (\$110)
- Post-Communion classes Wednesday afternoon (\$80)

Junior High (Grades 6 to 8)

- The Edge Junior High Ministry every Wednesday (\$20)

High School (Grades 9 to 12)

- Two-year Confirmation preparation; bi-weekly (\$200/\$150)
- Free Sunday gathering of *The Heights* at 6:30 p.m. where teens support each other and learn to apply Catholic values

Adults (No fees)

- Adult Confirmation • Christian Initiation • Alpha Program



Bible study options

- **Thursday AM Bible Study** for adults at OLA weekly at 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Sapienza Room. Course on *The Gospel of John* begins Sept. 12. Line-by-line study is by Dr. Scott Hahn. Bring a bible – Revised Standard Version is recommended.
- **Sundays at 2 p.m.** a DVD study at St. Madeleine's Church, 931 E. Kingsley Ave., Pomona. Twice monthly course is free; workbook is \$20 and a Catholic bible and *Catechism of the Catholic Church* are used. Call (909) 629-9495 for details.

OLA Retreats

Psalm 46:10 invites us to "Be still and know that I am God." As the rush of the fall season fills our lives with school, work, football, worldly affairs and preparations for the holiday season, why not take a weekend to "steal away" with our Lord?

Annual women's retreat

OLA women's annual retreat with the Carmelite Sisters will be Oct. 5-7. Those who have made this retreat in past years already know the many graces of spending time with Jesus in a beautiful setting. Wonderful blessings are in store for those coming for the first time. (Patio Sept. 9)

Mass of Healing Wednesday, Sept. 12 is for everyone affected by scandal

Fr. Charles has announced a Mass of Healing to be offered Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. for all those affected by recent revelations of abuse in the Church – the People of God – victims and their families, faithful Catholics and clergy, pastors and bishops responsible for leading the Church to truth and justice.

Blue Mass honors first responders Sept. 7 at 8 am

The annual Mass honoring first responders – police officers, firefighters, military personnel, and other emergency professionals – is scheduled in the week commemorating those who sacrificed their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, in three locations. This includes Lieutenant Colonel Stephen "Neil" Hyland, Jr., OLA Class of 1969.

If you would like to make reservations, or perhaps just want to know more, leave a message for Cathy Crayton at (909) 621 1727 or you may email Maggie Felix at felixmeowdancing@aol.com.

Annual men's retreat

The annual retreat for men of OLA is planned Sept. 28-30 at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre.

Join fellow parishioners for a weekend of spiritual enrichment and growth. The Passionist retreat team offers inspirational talks on *Living in the Peace of Christ*. Included are Mass and Confession, meals, quiet prayer and Stations of the Cross. For details, contact Ed Ochoa at (909) 624-6727.

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Walk for the Hungry is early: Sept. 22

Sign-ups for donors and walkers for the 45th Annual Walk for the Hungry are on the patio after all Masses for three weekends before the event. Forms are also available at the parish office. OLA fields the largest contingent of walkers each year.

The event on Saturday, Sept. 22 winds through the campus of the Claremont Colleges beginning at 101 S. Mills Ave. (off First Street). The event features farmer's market showcase, a food drive, free popcorn and family fun before the walk starts at 9 a.m.

Mark your calendar and collect donations from family, friends and neighbors on behalf of the poor and hungry. If you cannot walk, sponsor one of our "celebrity walkers" at the table on the patio. Remember that \$1 in donations can be converted into five pounds of nutritious food by Inland Valley Hope Partners, a consortium of local churches and organizations that serves over 5,000 individuals each month at food pantries throughout region.

This year, Hope Partners is celebrating its 50th anniversary in service to our local communities.

Donate to new partner for StVdP

St. Vincent de Paul Society has a new partnership with ACTS Thrift Shop at 232 E. Foothill Blvd. in Pomona. OLA parishioners can donate household goods, furniture, small appliances, etc. to ACTS and OLA's own StVdP will receive credit toward vouchers that can be distributed to the poor who come to our door in need of clothing or household items. The store may be reached at (833) 577-4477 if you have any questions or desire a pick up.



Many thanks to the generous donors of school supplies for the families of Uncommon Good and OLA School who struggle to cover the basics such as food and rent. (Photo: Deacon Jim assists Chris of Uncommon Good.)



Prayer Requests



For our sick and suffering...

Recent: Alexandra, Linda Angelo, Mike Cancellia, Carmen Lopez, Merle Maine, Frances Nicholson and Alice Guerrero **Previously:** Aaron Acosta, Arminda & Lucila Acuna, Jennifer M. Duarte Acuna, Anita Boling, Kitty Briones, Mary Brunasso, Amelia Chacon, Jerry Dahl, Hal & Ruth Finnigan, Deacon Don Gath, Berta Gaydon, Charles "Chuck" Giannini, Gerald Grilliot, Enrique Juarez, Doris Maldonado, Richard Marget, Mary Christina Morand-Merlino, Julia Orozco, Jose Luis Ortega, Arthur H. Osborne, Arturo A. Orozco, Antonio Palifox, Esperanza Paz, Linda Perez, Madlyn Richer, Chrystal Robles, Paul Roche, Barbara Rodriguez, Soledad Sarmiento, Edith Scruggs, Mark Stagner, Monica Stephenson, Sylvia Stephens, Tess Turla, Delores Vasquez, Marie Vencek & Joseph, Wendy Villegas, Dorothy Wallace

For our beloved deceased...

Mary Brunasso Smith, sister of Mike (Susan) Brunasso; Christopher Lee Wright, son of La Fonda Lara; and the for the family and friends who mourn their loss

Parish Offertory Collection	
Weekend Aug.25-26	\$20,180
Online	\$ 2,985
Total	\$23,165
Budget	\$22,650
Over Budget	\$ 515

Administration

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What the councils want the parish to know this month

The **OLA Pastoral Council** hosted the annual Leadership Open House in August. Candidates interested in joining the seven coordinating councils were welcomed, given an explanation of “the way it works” at OLA, and then sent into sessions with individual councils (see below). Those who were unable to attend this event, but are interested in exploring membership in our leadership structure, may contact Deacon Jim Allgaier at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4216. Our councils replace one-third of their membership each year in an effort to keep the conversation fresh; members serve three-year terms. Coordinating councils are responsible for planning, decision-making and evaluation in all the areas of parish life, in collaboration with the pastor and staff. It’s a great place for good ideas to be considered and implemented through shared wisdom.

Administration

This council is advising on next steps in the capital campaign and the upcoming renovation of the church. Summer work on campus included tree-trimming, refreshing rectory offices with new paint and carpet, and the annual cleaning.

Community Life

This council is coordinating the picnic for parish and school communities Saturday, Sept. 8. It is also offering suggestions about after-Mass activities when our assembly moves to a temporary structure for worship Oct. 1.

Formation

This council is welcoming the new Coordinator of Adult Formation, Michael Ramirez, and the new Co-

ordinator of Youth Ministry, Jesus Rodriguez, into its ranks. Registration for all Faith Formation classes for youth is now underway. The council is excited about the next Alpha series beginning soon. The next event for families with small children is “Trunk or Treat” (Halloween-theme) coming Saturday, Oct. 26 from 5 to 9 p.m. Save the date!

Outreach

The report on the summer module on non-violence was very positive; As a follow-up, a 40-hour training for mediation in the criminal justice system will be offered soon. JustAct Ministries is promoting a fall season of courses in social justice that include prayer, study, small group discussion, and field trips. (See Page 6.)

Spanish-Speaking

This council is anticipating the annual Independence Day celebration Sunday, Sept. 16, after the 1 p.m. Mass. All are welcome! Council leadership has been attending regular enrichment classes to better serve the community.

Vietnamese

Members of this council did not meet in August.

Worship

Staff liaisons for this council are now Fr. Ron Clark and Mary Munoz with the retirement of Deacon Bob Steighner. The parish feast day celebrating Our Lady of the Assumption was a wonderful model of unity among our diverse language communities.

Adult awareness training at OLA (VIRTUS)

These programs are required of all parish ministers, volunteers and staff. For details, contact Magali Amezua at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4211.



Protecting God’s Children (Initial training – 3 hours)

Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m. in Room 15

Saturday, Oct. 13, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 15

Keeping the Promise Alive (Re-certification – 1-1/2 hours)

Saturday, Sept. 8, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 15

WASHINGTON – *El Cardenal Daniel N. DiNardo, de Galveston-Houston, Presidente de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos emitió el siguiente comunicado.*

En comunión con el Santo Padre, me uno al Comité Ejecutivo de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB) al asumir su exhortación, “esta herida abierta (de abuso) nos desafía a ser firmes y decisivos en la búsqueda de la verdad y la justicia”.

El 1ro. de agosto, prometí que la USCCB ejercería toda su autoridad y abogaría ante aquellos con mayor autoridad para abordar las muchas interrogantes que rodean al Arzobispo McCarrick. El 16 de agosto, llamé a una Visita Apostólica trabajando en conjunto con una comisión nacional laica con autoridad independiente para buscar la verdad.

Ayer, convoqué a nuestro Comité Ejecutivo una vez más, y éste reafirmó el llamado a un examen rápido y exhaustivo de cómo las graves fallas morales de un hermano obispo pudieron haber sido toleradas por tanto tiempo y no fueron un impedimento para su avance.

La carta reciente del Arzobispo Carlo Maria Viganò trae un enfoque particular y urgencia a este examen. Las preguntas planteadas merecen respuestas que sean concluyentes y basadas en evidencias. Sin esas respuestas, los hombres inocentes pueden estar manchados por acusaciones falsas y los culpables podrían reincidir en los pecados del pasado.

Estoy ansioso por una audiencia con el Santo Padre para sumar su apoyo a nuestro plan de acción. Ese plan incluye propuestas más detalladas para: buscar estas respuestas, facilitar el reporte de abuso y mala conducta por parte de los obispos y mejorar los procedimientos para resolver las quejas contra los obispos. Inspirado por su reciente 'Carta a la Gente de Dios', y su 'Motu Proprio' de hace dos años, 'Como Madre Amorosa', confío en que el Papa Francisco comparte nuestro deseo de mayor efectividad y transparencia en el tema de la disciplina de los obispos. Renovamos nuestro afecto fraterno por el Santo Padre en estos días difíciles.

Lo siento por los sobrevivientes de abuso y por las familias que han perdido a un ser querido por abusos. Ya no están solos. Desde el 2002, cientos de personas capacitadas profesionalmente en todo el país han estado trabajando con la Iglesia para apoyar a los sobrevivientes y evitar futuros abusos. A nivel nacional, la Iglesia tiene una política de cero tolerancia hacia los sacerdotes y diáconos que abusan; capacitación en ambiente seguro, verificación de antecedentes para las personas que trabajan con niños, coordinadores de asistencia a las víctimas, informes inmediatos a las autoridades civiles y juntas de revisión de laicos en las diócesis.

De otras maneras, nosotros les hemos fallado. Esto es especialmente cierto para los adultos acosados sexualmente por aquellos en posiciones de poder, y para cualquier abuso o acoso perpetrado por un obispo. Nosotros lo haremos mejor. Cuanto más se ve sacudida por las tormentas, más me recuerda que el firme fundamento de la Iglesia es Jesucristo. Los fracasos de los hombres no pueden disminuir la luz del Evangelio. Señor, con la ayuda de tu misericordia, muéstranos el camino hacia la salvación”.

Palabras clave: Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos, USCCB, Cardenal Daniel N. DiNardo, Papa Francisco, Comité Ejecutivo, Arzobispo McCarrick, Arzobispo Carlo Maria Viganò, Visita Apostólica, comisión nacional laica, autoridad independiente, motu proprio, Como Madre Amorosa, abuso sexual, sobrevivientes, cero tolerancia, ambiente seguro, víctimas, coordinadores de asistencia, autoridades civiles, verdad, justicia.

**La venta de burritos y
celebración de la Día
de Independencia
el 16 de Septiembre
en el Auditorio**

La venta de burritos será de 8 – 1pm y nuestra celebración será de 2:30 p.m. a 5:00 p.m. Habrá venta de comida y música con el *Mariachi Los Pasajeros*. Los esperamos a todos.

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435 Berkeley Avenue – Claremont, CA 91711

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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 Victor Hernandez at 626-3596, ext. 4213, 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 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

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 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. 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...

Adult Formation has a new coordinator



Dear Family of God at OLA,

Grace and peace! It is great to begin this new journey with you!

In times such as these, with so much pain and confusion, we must all the more come together to cultivate the Kingdom of Heaven through a culture of encounter with one another and our Lord Jesus Christ. A culture of life, love and joy in the Holy Spirit!

In 2010, the Good Shepherd came after me (a sheep gone astray), brought me into His redeeming embrace, and set my heart on fire with His love. The following year I began serving in Adult Confirmation, RCIA, in-home Bible studies, Knights of Columbus, Divine Mercy Promoters, and Youth Ministry at St. Denis Parish in Diamond Bar.

On the Feast of the Sacred Heart in 2014, I was hired as the Young Adult Ministry Coordinator. Within the past four years, I have also had the privilege of serving in many different roles within both the Parish and our San Gabriel Pastoral Region. I am excited to become a part of the OLA family and to walk with you on this path of discipleship that we share as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you for the opportunity to join your beautiful community. I look forward to meeting all of you. Please feel welcome to contact me in the Faith Formation Center or email me.

In Christ Crucified and Risen,

Michael Ramirez, Coordinator of Adult Formation, mramirez@olaclaremont.org

Shareholders delighted with teen mission report

Parishioners who invested in June's Summer Mission Trip could not have asked for more in its outcome. They were called "shareholders" because of their interest in building up the Church by encouraging young people to learn first-hand about the true meaning of discipleship and community.

They were rewarded with a glowing report of the experience of 21 teens who helped prepare an old hotel for renovation as a homeless shelter in Tucson, Arizona. The group worked with other teens from across the country, made new friends, met some of the future residents, and completed their assignment.

"Throughout the week, there was an evident hunger for love, not only among those we served, but also among the teens. OLA teens revealed how present God's love is, something I will truly never forget," one teen wrote.



Teens shared their mission experience in small groups with those who invested in the trip to Tucson. P.S. The dinner was delicious!