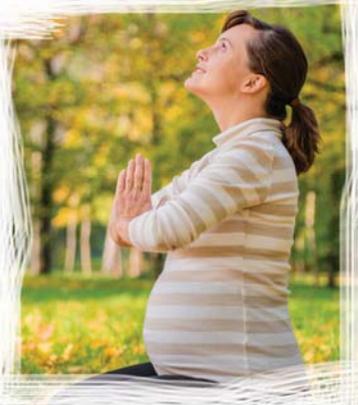


**Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Community
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Week of Oct. 7, 2018**



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October: Respect life and pray

Pope Francis gave a beautiful address on the eve of World Youth Day in Poland urging leaders to support the family as the “primary and fundamental cell of society.” Specifically, he urged them to welcome and protect human life in all its stages: “Life must always be welcomed and protected. These two things go together – welcome and protection, from conception to natural death.”

All of us are called to respect life and care for it. On the other hand, it is the responsibility of the State, the Church and Society to accompany and concretely help all those who find themselves in serious difficulty, so that a child will never be seen as a burden but as a gift, and those who are most vulnerable and poor will not be abandoned.

In *Living the Gospel of Life* (1998) the U.S. bishops issued a similar “welcome and protect” challenge to ordinary citizens and high-powered leaders alike. Its insights remain fresh and relevant today.

Our bishops proposed the beautiful image of the human person as the “living house of God” and taught that the right to life is the foundation on which that house stands, with all other human dignity issues serving as the house’s protective walls and crossbeams.

From a Catholic perspective, life issues need not be in competition, but must be held in proper relation to each other for promotion of the common good. “Opposition to abortion and euthanasia does not excuse indifference to those who suffer from poverty, violence and injustice... Catholics should eagerly involve themselves as advocates for the weak and marginalized in all these areas,” the bishops explain.

So the bishops give us a constructive model for thinking about vital social and political concerns. Before voting this coming November, consider reading the entire statement along with the more recent *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* to enrich your conversations with friends, family members, and colleagues on these critical issues.

Visit USCCB.org and See Page 6 “OLA for Life”

October is also the month of the Rosary

Archbishop Jose Gomez is calling on Catholics in Los Angeles to take up Pope Francis’ call to pray the Rosary for the protection of the Church throughout the Marian month of October. He also recommended adding the following:

1. *We fly to Thy protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen. (Called Sub Tuum Praesidium)*

2. *Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*



PROTECT/WELCOME –

- Marriage and families
- Unborn babies
- The young and the aged
- Persons with disabilities
- Those who are terminally ill
- The homeless, refugees
- Prisoners on Death Row
- Victims of violence/abuse
- Human/workers’ rights
- The poor, the defenseless
- All God’s Creation

OPPOSE –

- Abortion
- Drug Abuse
- Euthanasia/assisted suicide
- Unjust prison terms
- Death Penalty
- Civilian harm/death in war
- Human trafficking
- Domestic violence
- Unsafe working conditions
- Marginalization of the poor
- Environmental destruction

PRAY THE ROSARY AT OLA

The annual Public Square Rosary Crusade will gather Saturday, Oct. 13, at noon in front of the school at 611 W. Bonita for the Rosary.

Around OLA³

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Looking ahead... Ladies of Columbus

New meditation prayer group will gather for the first time Monday, Oct. 22.

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San Gabriel Region Congress is an opportunity to grow in your knowledge of the Catholic Faith, enrich your spirituality, and build skills in teaching, ministry and leadership. Date is next Saturday, Oct. 13.

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The hosts of Coffee and Donuts this Sunday are the versatile Ladies of Columbus, a social and service group which welcomes new members 18 and over. Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month. The Ladies support a wide variety of local charities including Crossroads, Shoes That Fit, and House of Ruth, in addition to OLA ministries. They host a very popular annual tea in spring. For details, contact Rita Ruiz at (626) 536-6628.

Highlights

Trunk or Treat is coming!

Get ready for family fun on Friday, Oct. 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. at OLA

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Young adults will find a range of activities this month.

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Christian Initiation process offers a path to the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

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Serve the homeless in a partnership with OLA and the Volunteers of America.

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community life

WOW in October

Newcomers are always welcome at OLA's **Widows Or Widowers** and other singles gatherings.

This casual social and support group meets Thursday, Oct. 25, at 6:15 p.m. in the OLA convent for dinner and optional game play for those who enjoy a little competition. (Bring \$2 in quarters if you wish to play.)

All are welcome; bring a friend!

October offers a menu of roasted chicken, potato salad, rice, beans, green salad, beverages, and dessert – all for only \$10. For questions and to **RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 24**, call Jo Pearring at (909) 626-0489 or Jean O'Donnell (909) 624-3392.

STEAK FRY IS BACK

ENJOY THE FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, DRINKS & MUSIC

OCTOBER 13 DONATION PRICE

TIME 5:00PM - 8:00PM **\$15**

WHERE OLA AUDITORIUM Includes 2 Sides (sides may vary)

STEAK COOKED TO ORDER

Mass Intentions/Readings
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Week of October 7, 2018

MONDAY, October 8

Columbus Day

*Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c;
Lk 10:25-37*

6:30am

5:30pm

TUESDAY, October 9

St. Denis and Companions

*Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15;
Lk 10:38-42*

6:30am †Stephen & Elizabeth Dourley
Ivie Tokunboh

5:30pm †Deacon Dick Shok

WEDNESDAY, October 10

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

6:30am

5:30pm †Eduardo & Rosita Lacson, Sr.
†Lupe de Robles

THURSDAY, October 11

St. John XXIII

Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

6:30am †John Dourley

5:30pm †Robert Boyens, Jr.
†Esther Arcenas

FRIDAY, October 12

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, First Friday

Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

6:30am †Roberto Maya

5:30pm †Pilar Felix
†Robert Boyens, Jr.

SATURDAY, October 13

Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

8:00am †

4:00pm †Robert Boyens, Jr.
†Frank O'Leary
†Elaine Tinsley

5:30pm †Joseph Troli
†Robert Boyens

SUNDAY, October 14

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk
10:17-30 [17-27]*

7:00am †Jesus Reyes, Jr.

†Anna Nguyen, †Joseph Troli

9:00am Knights & Ladies of Columbus
†Concetta Esposito
†Natividad Roan

11:00am Lisandra Solis
†Richard Torres, Sr.

1:00pm Teresa Quezada
†Guillermina Bautista

†Maria de los Angeles Castillo

3:00pm People of the Parish

5:00pm †Manuel Mancilla

7:00pm †Bruno R. Castelazo

†Deceased

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worship &

For information please contact
Jesus Rodriguez,
Coordinator of Youth Ministry
909-626-3596 ext. 4215
jrodriguez@olaclaremont.org

Follow us on Instagram
[@theheightsola](https://www.instagram.com/theheightsola)



October Calendar

Oct. 8 – Year 1 Confirmation Parent & Teen Session
@ Auditorium 7:00pm

Oct. 14 – The Heights Fall Kick Off! @ Field 6:30pm

Oct 21 – The Heights @ Youth Room 6:30pm

Oct 22-24 – Year 2 Confirmation Sessions Begin
@ Host Homes 7:00pm

Oct. 28 – The Heights @ Youth Room 6:30pm

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. Join our Facebook group: *Young Adults of OLA*. View updates on Instagram @youngadultsunit-ed01@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

Book Club is Wednesdays, Oct. 3 and 17 at 7 p.m.

Workout Group is Saturdays, Oct. 13 and 27. Start a healthy lifestyle!

Creative Group is Monday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m.

Women's Group is Monday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.

faith formation 5

Contemplative prayer group to begin

A group dedicated to learning and practicing contemplative prayer will meet under the direction of Fr. Chris Troxell beginning Monday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the convent. Anyone interested in any type of contemplative prayer (Centering Prayer, Silent Prayer, etc.) is invited to join members of the Stephen Ministry in initiating this group which will meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Participants are encouraged to acquire the book *Into the Silent Land* by Martin Laird. No experience is necessary for this introductory class. Questions may be directed to Fr. Chris (909) 626-3596 ext. 4272.



Protecting God's Children

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

Initial three-hour training required of all volunteers and ministers. Contact Magali Amezcua at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4211.



ROARING 20'S

pfa social

October 20, 2018

6:00-11:00 PM

The Avalon - Fairplex

Support technology at OLA School. For \$60 per person enjoy an evening of dinner, dancing, live auction and silent auction: House of Blues, Disney Hall, Rose Parade, UCLA games, Sea World, golf packages, photography, family fun and more! Get your tickets at the school office.

Rite of Christian Initiation

For Adults

RCIA is a journey of faith. It is a time of sacramental preparation for adults in need of Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation.

**JESUS IS CALLING YOU
CLOSER TO HIS HEART!**
Come and visit us in the Faith Formation Center

Our new Coordinator is Michael Ramirez. Call or email for more information at (909) 626-3596 ext. 4221 or mramirez@olaclaremont.org

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outreach

Crossroads fundraiser

Crossroads, Inc., the local non-profit that supports women transitioning from prison, is having a fundraiser Saturday, October 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mudd Theater of Claremont School of Theology. Director and writer Lisa Cohen will present excerpts from her documentary *Serving Life*. She has 30 years in news journalism covering critical social justice issues for programs on ABC News, 60 Minutes, and others.

General admission is \$35 or discounted \$20 for those formerly incarcerated. Tickets are available at www.crossroadsinc.eventbrite.com. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Help Alternative Market

Volunteers looking for a brief commitment that offers a world of caring may join the team that prepares our Alternative Gift Christmas Market. The market celebrates its 33rd anniversary this year all day Sunday, Nov. 18, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Volunteers stuff bulletins with the “shopping list” on Saturday, Nov. 10. They help set up the market on Nov. 17 at noon. The day of the event needs cashiers, greeters, refreshment hosts, or table assistants. To find the true spirit of Christmas, you may volunteer through Monica Awad at monica.awad@sbcglobal.net.

40 Days for Life

The prayerful presence of persons in front of any abortion clinic is a witness for the saving of the lives of the unborn and for helping those entering these facilities to recognize the dignity of every human life. Although, there will not be an official registration for *40 Days for Life* at the Pomona Planned Parenthood, unofficially we may participate in prayer vigils during this time. This does not guarantee that there will be a person praying in front of the facility during the usual hours of the campaign, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. There are some of our OLA parishioners who plan to go out and pray whenever possible during this campaign and would encourage others to do so also. For details, contact Terry Moore at (562)469-2366.

You can serve the homeless

OLA has supported two monthly Sunday community meals through volunteer efforts. The first is Our House Shelter in Pomona. A second program is being dropped from our schedule (Sumner Elementary School in Claremont). As a replacement possibility, OLA has been asked to support a meal through the Volunteers of America (VOA). Their meal takes place at the Armory in Pomona and would require us to prepare one main dish for 150 guests every third Sunday of the month.

Before we can commit to fully support this endeavor, I will need to find out how many volunteers would be interested in supporting this meal on a regular basis. Here are the specifics:

- We will need 15 OLA volunteers to prepare for 10 people each
- We will all prepare the same dish monthly (lasagna, chicken, etc.)
- We would need at least five of the volunteers to help serve the main dish
- Due to health concerns, it is recommended that children under 12 not attend

With your response, I can provide an answer to VOA. Thank you, *Tony Soto at (408) 497-1221*

40th reunion for high schools

The 40-year reunion for the Class of 1978 at St. Lucy's, Damien and Pomona Catholic high schools will be Saturday, Nov. 3, at Espiau's Restaurant in the Claremont Village. Alumni are invited from 3 to 9 p.m.

Spread the word to family and friends. Sign up on Eventbrite.com or contact Mike Escalante at Michael.Escalante25@gmail.com.

Dial 211 for LA County info

Here is the central source for information and referrals for all health and human services in LA County. The 2-1-1 phone line is open 24 hours, 7 days a week, with trained Community Resource Advisors prepared to offer help with any situation, any time. The community services go far beyond phone referrals – visit the website www.211LACounty.org.

Capital campaign update

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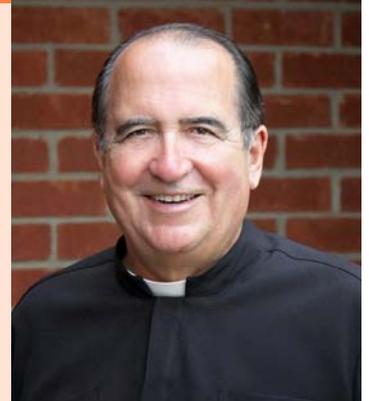
Re-printed from last week's bulletin:

There is wisdom in the old saying, "Good things come to those who wait." Even better is the Christian virtue of patience which is trusting God to keep his promises in his perfect timing. Yes, we have been waiting patiently!

Our plans to begin construction on the renovation of the church have been deferred about six weeks as we negotiate and hammer out the most cost-effective contract on behalf of our parishioners. The bids we received from three contractors came in 50% higher than the original estimate, an additional \$1.5 million! Although we had anticipated an increase, we could not have anticipated such a dramatic rise in costs due to the current conditions for materials and labor, including new tariffs. Consider our need for structural steel, roofing, plumbing, electrical systems, lighting, audio-visual systems, and fire sprinklers (not in the original estimate but required now) – all rising 40-60%.

The good news is that we have been able to negotiate a \$500,000 reduction in the bid with the help of the Archdiocese, our architect, our project manager and the general contractor we have chosen. Our next steps are finalizing the scope of work with the contractor, processing the contract through the Archdiocese, and coordinating the installation of our temporary worship space (climate-controlled tent).

By the grace of God and your generosity we have collected \$3.2 million in the capital campaign, and we are on track to raise the \$5.1 million that has been pledged. The Lord will see us through this project, as we not only provide a more structurally sound church but a more glorious worship space to honor our God for generations to come. We will be a better community for our patience and the sacrifices we have made for the future.



Fr. Charles Ramirez, Pastor



Prayer Requests



For our sick and suffering...

Recent: Jesse Barajas, Elza V. Barba, Mike Bustamante, Lisa Carranza, Rita, Nazaire, Thierry and Elmire Dond, and Sue McCoppin

Previously: Aaron Acosta, Kitty Briones, Mary Brunasso, Amelia Chacon, Susan Curry, Jenny Franco, Deacon Don Gath, Charles "Chuck" Giannini, Roberta Gorman, Margaret Goulding, Enrique Juarez, Israel Lopez, Doris Maldonado, Mary Christina Morand-Merlino, Emmanuel Moreno, Cecelia Muñoz, Toan V. Nguyen, Jose Luis Ortega, Arthur H. Osborne, Esperanza Paz, Lupe Reynoso, Bob Richards, Madlyn Richer, Elisco Rivera, Barbara Rodriguez, Myra Salcedo, Soledad Sarmiento, Mark Stagner, Monica Stephenson, Sylvia Stephens, Lauren Taflinger, Lubelia Teixeira, Tess Turla, Guillermo Valdovinos, Delores Vasquez, Joseph & Marie Vencek

For our beloved deceased...

Michaela Dianne Cook, mother of Scott Higuera; Edith Scruggs, mother of Ivonne Sansone; ; and for the family and friends who mourn their loss

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Comunidad de Habla Hispana

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe – El Rosario

Un viejo chiste relata que una ancianita por más que se apresuraba a llegar al templo, siempre llegaba tarde al rosario. Un día decidió adelantarse para ver por qué duraba tan poco tiempo el rezo del rosario. A la hora establecida salió un ministro de la sacristía y velozmente recitó “Cruz, Bola, bolita, bolita, bolita, Bola . . .”.

Esta es una exageración del hecho que muchos rezan el rosario como si fuera una serie de fórmulas que se repiten sin pensar. Esta devoción mariana debe meditarse con tranquilidad y en silencio. El enfoque del rezo del rosario son los misterios de la vida de Jesús. Los “Padrenuestros” y las “Ave Marías” nos ayudan a entrar en esa meditación en una forma mas profunda. Esas oraciones deben ayudarnos a penetrar el misterio de un acontecimiento gozoso, luminoso, doloroso, o glorioso de la vida de Jesucristo. Pero, una vez que estamos en presencia del misterio, debemos enfocarnos y contemplar a Dios. Esto no significa que el rosario no deba nunca rezarse en voz alta y en grupo. El rosario también tiene su dimensión comunitaria, pero ésta necesita fundarse en una verdadera meditación. En varias culturas latinoamericanas aún se canta el rosario. Ya sea a solas o en comunidad, rezado o cantado, el rosario es un tesoro de nuestra fe que nos puede facilitar la contemplación del salvador. – J. S. Paluch Co.

DIOS TE ESTA LLAMANDO MAS PROFUNDAMENTE A SU CORAZON!

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana Para Adultos

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

El Coordinador Michael Ramírez.
LLame a Magali Amezcua al
(909) 626- 3596 ext. 4211
para más información.

Ven a visitarnos en la Oficina de Formación de Fe!

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 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

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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

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Deacon Art and Nadine Escovedo, retired

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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...

San Gabriel

Regional Congress

Saturday, Oct. 13

Bishop Amat Campus

This is an annual, one-day event that offers attendees the opportunity to grow in their knowledge of the Catholic Faith, to deepen their spirituality, to increase their catechetical, liturgical, and leadership skills, and to be challenged by a variety of current topics. There is something for everyone!

Choose the Family Track, called *Living the Faith at Home*, which includes sessions for parents and activities for children (4-13). Or select from three adult sessions. Runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Young adults will enjoy *After Hours* from 3:30 to 10 p.m.

Find registration and details online by searching "San Gabriel Regional Congress."



Family Fun at OLA!



TRUNK OR TREAT

JOIN US!

FRI : OCT : 26
6 to 9 PM

Save the date and prepare your costumes for Halloween fun at OLA from 6 to 9 pm. Watch the bulletin for details or visit olaclaremont.org.



Try our new ParishSOFT Giving program



We are pleased to announce that OLA is offering a new version of ParishSOFT Giving. It is our intention to provide the best available service for convenience, efficiency and safety for those who prefer to manage payments online. ParishSOFT Giving offers the opportunity to make automatic contributions from your bank or credit/debit card anytime from any device connected to the Internet. Here is a way to use technology to spread God's Word and support our mission and ministries through consistent stewardship.



Visit olaclaremont.org to cancel/renew.

Download our new App for your mobile device –

NOTE:

Current online givers must sign up with the new ParishSOFT program and cancel their old transactions with the existing program by the end of the month.



Search "91711" to find OLA

