

# Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Community

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018  
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Behold,  
the wages  
you withheld from  
the workers  
who harvested  
your fields  
are crying aloud;  
and the cries of  
the harvesters have  
reached the ears  
of the  
Lord of hosts.

~ JAMES 5:4

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## All in the Lord's good timing

Dear Faithful Parishioners,

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.

*Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for Him to act.*

– Psalm 37:7a

*Fr. Charles Ramirez, Pastor*

### Parish is converting to 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.

ParishSOFT also puts all contributions at your fingertips to print receipts and to track pledges. It costs you nothing and provides many advantages to you and to the parish, including sustainable income for our mission and ministries.

#### **NOTE:**

**Current online givers must sign up with the new ParishSOFT Giving program and cancel their old transactions with the existing program by Oct. 1.**

Visit [olaclaremont.org](http://olaclaremont.org) to cancel/renew.

Download our new App...



for your mobile device –  
Search "91711" to find OLA.

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## Looking ahead...

**H. S. Information Night** for local Catholic institutions is set for Thursday, Oct. 4, beginning at 7 p.m.

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

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**Eucharistic Adoration** begins at 9 a.m. in the Reflection Room on First Friday, Oct. 5.

## Meetings

- **Knights of Columbus** convene Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.
- **Ladies of Columbus** gather Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 18.
- **Stewardship Committee** assembles Thursday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. in the Rectory Dining Room.

## Highlights

You can dial 2-1-1 for information about all the services available through LA County. Trained advisors are available to help 24/7 anytime, with any situation.

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**Try Marriage Encounter** to enliven your relationship.

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## community life



## Blessing of Animals

OLA will celebrate its annual Blessing of the Animals on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Thursday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m. Come to the parish green accompanied by your well-behaved pets with leashes, crates and boxes. All are God's creatures!

The presider will be assisted by members of the Secular Franciscans who are devoted to a life that models the simplicity of St. Francis and his care for creation.

# STEAK FRY IS BACK

ENJOY THE FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, DRINKS & MUSIC

## OCTOBER 13

DONATION  
PRICE

TIME  
5:00PM - 8:00PM

WHERE  
OLA AUDITORIUM



# \$15

Includes 2 Sides  
sides may vary

## STEAK COOKED TO ORDER

## MONDAY, October 1

St. Therese of Lisieux

*Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50*

6:30am †Diane Hydorm

5:30pm Margarita Padilla, Deborah Assman, †Fredy Prieto

## TUESDAY, October 2

Guardian Angels

*Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8;*

*Mt 18:1-5, 10*

6:30am

5:30pm Elizabeth Preciado,

†Maggie Mercado, Roberta Gorman

## WEDNESDAY, October 3

*Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15;*

*Lk 9:57-62*

6:30am

5:30pm Fr. Michael Anthony, Ann Lollie Gorman

## THURSDAY, October 4

St. Francis of Assisi

*Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14;*

*Lk 10:1-12*

6:30am Juan C. & Anita Muñoz

5:30pm

## FRIDAY, October 5

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, First Friday

*Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16*

6:30am †Veronica Quintero

5:30pm †Rosita Lacson, †Maria Cecilia Paredes de Trujillo

## SATURDAY, October 6

St. Bruno, B. Marie Rose Durocher

*Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24*

8:00am †Phong Bui

4:00pm †Joseph Labarrere, †Merlita Pasia, †Tim McQuillan

5:30pm †Maria Theresa Mendoza

## SUNDAY, October 7

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday

*Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11;*

*Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]*

7:00am

9:00am Italian Catholic Federation,

†Rocky D'Souza

11:00am

1:00pm People of the Parish

3:00pm †Mary Mon Thi Ngo, †Joseph Dang, †Peter & Mary

5:00pm

7:00pm

†Deceased

For information please contact  
**Jesus Rodriguez,**  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
909-626-3596 ext. 4215  
[jrodriguez@olaclaremont.org](mailto:jrodriguez@olaclaremont.org)

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## 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

**Young Adult Mass at OLA 8:00 a.m.** followed by a pool party on Saturday, Oct. 6. We will carpool to party at a private home.

**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

## Catholic H.S. Info Night

OLA School will host a Catholic high school information night Thursday, Oct. 4, from 7 to 9 p.m., beginning with an introductory session in church.

Families pick three 25-minute sessions to be offered by the following schools:

Alverno (Sierra Madre)  
Bishop Amat (La Puente)  
Damien (La Verne)  
Pomona Catholic (Pomona)  
Rosary (Fullerton)  
Sacred Heart-(Los Angeles)  
Servite (Santa Ana)  
St. Lucy's (Glendora)  
Villanova (Ojai boarding)

Refreshments in the auditorium conclude the night. For information, call the school office at (909) 626-7135. All are welcome.



### Keeping the Promise Alive

**Saturday, Oct. 6 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 15**

Re-certification course required of all parish volunteers and staff whose last class was over three years ago.

### Protecting God's Children

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

Initial three-hour training. For details, contact Magali Amezcua at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4211.

## 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.



## Marriage Encounter

Married Couples! Enrich your relationships and your family life.

Go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. This experience is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus on each other.

If you'd like greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can make.

Our next Weekend dates are Oct 19-21, and Nov. 30 to Dec. 2, 2018. To reserve your spot, contact Mike & Veronica Sasaki at (626) 765-4305.

## Men's retreat at HNM

Holy Name of Mary Parish in San Dimas invites its neighbors to a half-day retreat for men on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Admission is only \$5 for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and a program entitled *Live Your Story, Be Part of the Word*.

For reservations, contact Tom Nolan at (818) 298-1360.

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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](http://www.crossroadsinc.eventbrite.com). Refreshments will be served following the program.

## New Americans Campaign

Claremont United Methodist Church will host a free immigration and citizenship assistance workshop Saturday, Nov. 17, from 10 a.m. to noon at 211 W. Foothill Blvd.

Advance registration is required. Please call (424) 888-0642 or [email calpac.nic1@gmail.com](mailto:calpac.nic1@gmail.com).

Please bring legal Permanent Resident “green” card, state identification or driver’s license, Social Security card and passport; address; job history for past five years; marriage and divorce certificates;

certificates of disposition for arrests; and record of travel outside the US in the past five years.

## Dial 211 for LA County info

Here is the central source for providing 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 – you may also explore this website to learn more: [www.211LACounty.org](http://www.211LACounty.org).

If you are calling from outside Los Angeles County or cannot directly dial 2-1-1, call (800) 339-6993.

Topics include housing, seniors and older adults, food, domestic violence, transportation, health care, mental health, crisis services, income and employment, re-entry services, as well as help for families, youth and veterans.

## 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.



## Prayer Requests



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

**Recent:** Susan Curry, Jenny Franco, Roberta Gorman, Margaret Goulding, Israel Lopez, Toan V. Nguyen, Lupe Reynoso

**Previously:** Aaron Acosta, Alexandra, Linda Angelo, Mike Cancelli, Kitty Briones, Mary Brunasso, Amelia Chacon, Deacon Don Gath, Charles “Chuck” Giannini, Alice Guerrero, Enrique Juarez, Carmen Lopez, Merle Maine, Doris Maldonado, Mary Christina Morand-Merlino, Emmanuel Moreno, Cecelia Muñoz, Frances Nicholson, Jose Luis Ortega, Arthur H. Osborne, Esperanza Paz, 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...**

Florentina Pleydle mother of Mary Pleydle and for the family and friends who mourn her loss

# Monthly Council Reports

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## Kudos

About a dozen council members celebrated the completion of their three year term with the gift of a bottle of wine and congratulations from Father Charles. Pictured are Jose Luis Mendez, Alicia Cerrillos, Rocio Mendez, Jose Luis Guzman, Richard Hill, Maggie Felix, Diana Mendez, Bill Mussatto, Monica Awad, Arline Bustamante and Pinky Reymundo.



## What the councils want the parish to know this month

### Administration

This council is advising on next steps in the capital campaign and the upcoming renovation of the church. It was reported that the parish ended the fiscal year (6/30) in the black. Campus safety is also the concern of this council.

### Community Life

This council evaluated the recent picnic for parish and school families and made recommendations for next year. It is beginning plans for a newcomers' dinner in 2019.

### Formation

This council welcomed the new Coordinator of Adult Formation, Michael Ramirez, and the new Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Jesus Rodriguez into its ranks. The next event for families with small

children will be "Trunk or Treat" with a Halloween-theme coming Saturday, Oct. 26 from 5 to 9 p.m. The council is excited about the next Alpha series beginning in January.

### Outreach

The collection of back-to-school supplies was deemed successful. Outreach ministries at OLA are planning to partner with Volunteers of America in Pomona, a shelter and clearinghouse for services to the homeless. OLA's street evangelization has been at the LA County Fair. Crossroads, Inc., is hosting an Oct. 13 screening of *Serving Life* as a fundraiser.

### Spanish-Speaking

This council is anticipating another burrito sale on Oct. 21 to raise funds for its ministries.

An important goal is supporting citizenship workshops hosted at local churches.

### Vietnamese

A goal of this council is to increase the number of Vietnamese families from 142 to 200 in the next three years. Fr. Paul Phan and parish leaders are visiting every Vietnamese family in the parish to promote engagement and evangelization. this community celebrates the feast of our Lady of the rosary Oct. 7.

### Worship

This council is looking for creative ideas to remind parishioners of the unique and special qualities of the season of Advent. In the meantime, the council is getting ready to implement a plan to provide activity bags for children at Mass. the bags will relate to religious education.

## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En 1648 el franciscano Matías Abad llegó a la selva chocona en la costa pacífica de Colombia. Allí, a pesar de los ataques indígenas en contra de los misioneros, pudo celebrar la fiesta de san Francisco (4 de octubre). Al pasar de los años la devoción a san Francisco en Chocó se convirtió en una mezcla de la fe católica, las religiones africanas y la brujería. Este sincretismo es una forma de superstición que busca utilizar al santo en lugar de imitarlo.



Esta confianza en imágenes y estatuas es común y hasta peligrosa entre los latinoamericanos. Las hazañas de ciertas imágenes milagrosas llegan a proporciones exageradas. Por ejemplo, la imagen de “san Pachito”, como lo llaman los choconos, se le atribuye haber apagado un incendio que amenazaba la población. La pusieron delante de las llamas y las apagó con su propio sudor.

Hay que tener cuidado con la importancia de las imágenes sagradas de nuestras tradiciones. En un descuido pueden convertirse en ídolos o amuletos en lugar del recuerdo de la presencia divina y el desafío de vivir en santidad. – J. S. Paluch Co.



### **CLASES PARA ADULTOS**

INICIACION CRISTIANA  
PARA ADULTOS (RICA)  
BAUTISMO, COMUNION,  
Y CONFIRMACIO

Hay mas información en la  
página posterior.

Llame a Magali Amezcua  
al (909) 626-3596

## Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

### **¿QUIÉN ESTÁ A NUESTRO FAVOR?**

Jesús, como Moisés que estuvo antes que él, corrige los malentendidos de los discípulos sobre el don del Espíritu. Vieron a personas, que no eran parte de su grupo, echar demonios y hacer otros milagros como Jesús había hecho. Jesús señala que nadie que hace milagros en su nombre puede luego hablar mal de él. Luego señala la importancia de la “gente sencilla”: los pobres, las personas sencillas, los niños, los humildes que no son importantes en el mundo. Es a ellos a quienes fue enviado, no a los ricos ni a los farisaicos. Jesús hace hincapié en la importancia de las pequeñas obras hechas con fe, de la misma manera que las grandes obras como echar a los demonios. “Todo aquél que les dé a beber un vaso de agua...por el hecho de que son de Cristo...les aseguro que no se quedará sin recompensa” (Marcos 9:41). Dios construye el Reino por venir poco a poco con nuestras acciones, sin importar que sean pequeñas o sencillas, si se las hace por amor a Dios y al prójimo.

*J.S. Paluch Co.*

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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](mailto: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](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 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

DIOS TE ESTA LLAMANDO MAS PROFUNDAMENTE A SU CORAZON!

# Rito de Iniciacion 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!

# 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 Coodinator is Michael Ramirez. Call or email for more information at (909) 626-3596 ext. 4221 or [mramirez@olaclaremont.org](mailto:mramirez@olaclaremont.org)