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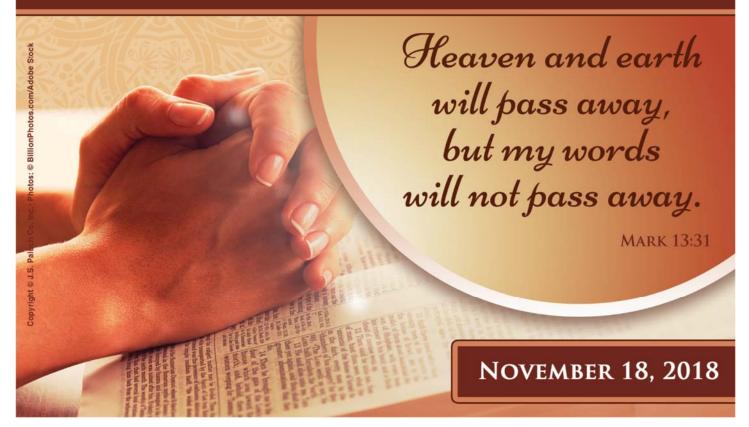


Photo: Nov. 10, 2018 - Our Lady of the Assumption Church



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CLAREMONT, CALIF. – The Catholic faith community initiated the construction phase of a \$5 million renovation of its iconic, red brick church at the corner of Bonita and Berkeley avenues under a clear, blue sky at a ground-breaking ceremony last Saturday, Nov. 10.

Rev. Charles Ramirez, pastor, pronounced a blessing and tossed a symbolic shovelful of dirt into the air as clergy, staff, members of the capital campaign and construction committees, donors, friends and community leaders cheered.



Present were Associate Pastors Ron Clark, Paul Phan and Chris Troxell, as well as Deacon Jim and Karen Allgaier, and Deacon Joe Domond. Director of Parish Administration Neomi Torres was flanked by Capital Campaign Chair Jose Gutierrez and other members of the campaign committee. Architect Victor Newlove and his wife was joined for the festivities by General Contractor Jim VanDyke and his family from VanCrest Construction Co. The assembly was honored by the presence of Claremont City Council Members Corey Calaycay, Larry Schroeder and newly-elected Jennifer Stark. Representing Claremont Heritage Foundation was Chris Oaks.

A reception followed the short ceremony with a round of thanks from Fr. Charles to key leaders who had worked to plan, design and fund the project since the launch of the capital campaign three years ago. The city of Claremont presented a certificate of commendation as well. Guests viewed displays of interior and exterior plans for the renovation, as well as building materials and a sample pew.

Later that same day, parishioners got their first look at the temporary worship place that had been erected and furnished at the north end of the parking lot. The place was recognizable as belonging to OLA with the familiar altar, tabernacle, statues, sanctuary articles and pews transported from the church. Parishioners seemed pleased with the adjacent, outdoor area now designated as an inviting place to gather under a tree and umbrella tables.

Volunteers, staff and ministers had worked day and night to prepare for both the ground-breaking ceremony and the opening Masses in our new worship place on the same weekend – moving, polishing, planting, hanging, arranging, planning, training, practicing, testing.

BELOW: The first Mass in the new place at 4 p.m. on Saturday. More photos on Back Page.



Around OLA³

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community life

Liturgical news

Confessions are offered on Saturdays from 3 to 3:45 p.m. and 6:30 to 7 p.m. in rooms adjacent to the Berkeley Building entrance (near flagpole).

Children's Liturgy continues during the 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday Masses. The children will be taken to a nearby room for the lesson.

Thanksgiving Mass at 9 a.m. is in English; Vietnamese Mass at 10:30 a.m. Only Mass on Friday is at 8 a.m.

Parking lot guide

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

Office holiday

The parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22-23, to observe the Thanksgiving holiday. A priest may always be reached through our exchange at (909) 626-3596.

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OLA Thanksgiving

Turkey and all the trimmings will be served for anyone who is alone or without family to help celebrate Thanksgiving Nov. 22. Since this is an OLA family meal, there will be no cost to guests. Guests are asked to provide their names so that sufficient food may be prepared.

The dinner is hosted at noon in the auditorium by a dedicated cadre of volunteers – you could be one of them! Cooks are invited to prepare turkey or side dishes.

Visit the information table on the patio during November to sign up as a guest, cook, or volunteer. Bill and Judith Mussatto are available at (909) 626-3777 to take names.

Highlights

Alternative Gift Market this Sunday offers Christmas giving options that focus on the true spirit of the season. Booths are open -8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in our gathering place.

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Sign up for Thanksgiving dinner as a guest, cook, or server at OLA this weekend and next after all Masses.

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OLA Blood Drive sign-ups will be taken this Sunday after morning Masses.

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Thanksgiving turkeys for a holiday celebration by local families in need will be purchased by Knights of Columbus with your help.

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Help a victim of the fire in Paradise, Calif.

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WOW! Christmas Dinner Party

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

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

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

Mass Intentions/Readings 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Week of Nov. 18, 2018

MONDAY. November 19

TUESDAY, November 20S

WEDNESDAY, November 21

THURSDAY, November 22

St. Cecilia

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

8:00am English Thanksgiving 10:30am Vietnamese Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, November 23

St. Clement I, St. Columban
Bl. Miguel Pro
Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;
Lk 19:45-48

8:00am Alexa Woodard, &Thomas Tran &Tom & Tommy Gorman &Alfonso Rubio &Jorge & Rigoberto Palafox Carmencita pineda

SATURDAY, November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

8:00am Javi Reyes, Pat Nicholson

 4:00pm
 ** All Souls

 5:30pm
 ** All Souls

SUNDAY, November 25

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

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

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

Follow us on Instagram @theheightsola



NOVEMBER 18

Friendsgiving

DECEMBER 9

XLT

DECEMBER 16

Christmas Social



We invite each young adult age 18 to 35 to grow spiritually, form authentic friendships and have fun through our social, educational and prayer nights together. We'll be more than happy to see you at any of our gatherings. You may email *youngadultsunited01@gmail.com* or call Patrick at (626) 622-5381 for location. Join our Facebook group: *Young A dults of OLA*. View updates on *Instagram @youngadultsunited*.

DLA. View updates on Instagram @youngaduitsunite

THE TEN THINGS

YOU MUST DO

BEFORE YOU DIE

TEN THINGS YOU MUST DO BEFORE YOU DIE

Looking for a special gift to give at Christmas? Fr. Alan Phillip, who led a

retreat at OLA a few years ago, is the author of this new book. You can obtain a printed edition for \$7.95 from Amazon. The eBook edition is only 99¢.



Adoration Holy Hour for Church, Country

The First Friday of December (7th) at 3 p.m. will feature a Holy Hour in the Reflection Room to which everyone is invited to come and pray for the Healing of our Church and our Country. The Secular Franciscans are also proposing a day of fasting (to be broken after 4 p.m.). In addition, this day will be preceded by a novena beginning Nov. 29. (Prayer will be printed in next week's bulletin.)

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Make every day Thanksgiving

At first glance, our Thanksgiving gatherings may seem to be about enjoying a meal together. We may view Thanksgiving as the start of the "holiday season." Many will begin their Christmas shopping just a few hours after the Thanksgiving meal. But Thanksgiving is much more!

Thanksgiving is a time to pause and reflect upon everything we have to be grateful. We see how abundantly blessed we are, even in challenging circumstances, and the meal becomes a true celebration of the gifts of life, relationships and faith that fill our lives with grace and goodness. It is a feast of gratitude.

Likewise, on the surface the Mass is a ritual of song, prayer and gesture. Reflect more deeply, however, and we grasp the greater meaning and impact of the Eucharist. Christ is truly present with and among us; we are fed by word and sacrament; we are drawn into union with Christ and each other. it is about joining together with grateful hearts, and resolving to share Christ's life, love and mercy with others. It is a feast of gratitude.

Gather around the table at home and at Mass. Give thanks. Grow in gratitude. Let your life be changed. Share with others, especially those who are in need. Make every day Thanksgiving. — Catholic Life and Faith

Meditation prayer group meets Nov. 26

A group dedicated to learning and practicing contemplative prayer meets under the direction of Fr. Chris Troxell on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the convent. Next is Nov. 26. No experience is necessary for this introductory class. Questions may be directed to Fr. Chris (909) 626-3596 ext. 4272. Participants are encouraged to acquire the book *Into the Silent Land* by Martin Laird.

A new Alpha begins in January 2019...

Here's how you can help



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

Email inquiries can be sent to alpha@olaclaremont.org.



Prayer Requests



For our sick and suffering...

Recent: Lydia Maldonado-Calzada, Pedro Favian Perez

Previously: Elza V. Barba, Mike Bustamante, Lisa Carranza, Arlene Carrasco, Nazaire, Tierry & Elmire Domond, GuoHua Ghiloni, Billy Hicks, Sr. Feliz Gil-Jimenez, Enrique Juarez, Sue McCoppin, Eugene O'Connor, William Putney, Margaret Ruiz, Fanny Sanchez, Deacon Bob Steighner, Sylvia Stephens and Patricia Wallach

For our beloved deceased...

Isabel Nepomuceno Bereber, cousin of Tessa; Phillip Hee Chung, brother-in-law of Judith (Bill) Mussatto; Ismael M. Gomez, father of Yvonne Fickentsher; Maria Guadalupe Reynoso, mother of Manuel Reynoso; and for the family and friends who mourn their loss

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Alternative Market is open til Dec. 21

The Christ-centered alternative to mall madness is OLA's Alternative Gift Christmas Market. Review the "shopping list" available at the parish office or online olaclaremont.org) and choose gifts to give to the poor at home and around the world. Return your list and donation to the parish office by Dec. 21 and receive beautiful Christmas cards to present to friends and relatives. Most of the helping organizations on our list have a strong OLA connection: Angel Interfaith Network, Jeff C. Domond Foundation (Haiti), St. Camillus Catholic Center, Inland Valley Hope Partners, Hogar de Amistad (Honduras), Habitat for Humanity, Nepal Hospitality Program, Philippine Mission, Salesian Mission (South Sudan), Tijuana Outreach Mission, and Village Network Africa.

OLA Blood Drive is Nov. 25

The OLA Blood Drive returns Sunday, Nov. 25, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please sign-up with Knights of Columbus after all Masses this weekend and next. You can be a "super-hero" during the holiday season by helping to alleviate the typical shortage of blood available for cancer treatment, emergency aid for accident victims, care for those with chronic illnesses such as sickle-cell anemia, or sustaining premature newborn babies. Go to www.olaclaremont.org to sign up online.

TEN TOP REASONS TO DONOATE BLOOD:

- 1. It's easy and convenient. It only takes about an hour.
- 2. You will weigh less one pint less than when you came in!
- 3. It's something you can spare.
- 4. No one can ask you to do heavy lifting the day you donate blood.
- 5. You will walk a little taller for having saved someone's life.
- 6. You will be ensuring that blood is there when it's needed.
- 7. You will give a gift that costs nothing but lasts a lifetime.
- 8. You will be someone's hero.
- 9. It's the right thing to do!

Help needy families at Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is fast approaching, and as we give thanks for what we have, we should also realize there are many families lacking the resources to celebrate and enjoy a typical Thanksgiving dinner.

YOU can make that possible by either:

- Donating check/money (\$25) to a Knights of Columbus collection table on the patio after weekend Masses.
- Purchasing market gift card from OLA School scrip program, card will be given to Knights for distribution.
- Drop donation at church office in envelope for Knights of Columbus.
- The scrip program worked well last year and eliminates the need for storage of collected food and frozen turkeys.
- Partner with the Knights of Columbus to make Thanksgiving 2018 a special holiday.

OLA for Life: Children's book

OLA for Life will again be offering not only one Traveling Storybook, but three new Christmas books which will be available beginning November 26 through December 22nd. To check out one of these books so that it can be taken home for a couple of days of reading enjoyment, call Terry Moore of OLA for Life at 562/469-2366 to reserve the book which will then be left for you to pick-up at the parish office. Return the book after a couple of days so that it may be passed on to the next person awaiting to check out the book. May these books help to bring the True meaning of Christmas into your children's lives. The books available. (Two previous books offered, "Little Star" and A Special Place of Santa) also, "Where Jesus Slept", "The Very Special Baby" and a "An Endless Christmas" (this book is for children of approximately 9 yrs or older). "Merry Jesus' Birthday" to All.!!!

Dial 211 for LA County info

Here is the central source for providing information and referrals for 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.

You may also learn more online at: www.211LACounty.org. Topics include housing, seniors and older adults, food, domestic violence, transportation, health care, mental health, crisis services, income and employment, re-entry services, help for families, youth and veterans.

Parish Offertory Collection

Weekend Nov. 10-11 \$19,831
Online \$ 3,330
Total \$23,162
Budget \$26,320
Under Budget \$ (3,158

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Help fire victim known to OLA

Amid the celebrations this weekend, a reality check came with the news that former OLA staffer and parishioner Keira Troxell (sister of Fr. Chris) had lost everything on her 20-acre ranch to the fire in Northern California (Paradise). She arrived in Claremont the next day with just the clothes on her back. Fortunately, she had been able to rescue her horse and other animals, except for her chickens. But a house, cottage, and barn were gone. Anyone wishing to assist her recovery may make a donation through OLA. Make a check payable to "OLA" with "Keira Troxell" in the memo line (not tax-deductible), or search for her Go-Fund-Me account: Keira039S-new-home.

Grace

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

Gratitude

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

Generosity

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

Stewardship Renewal

Our annual Stewardship Renewal calls forth our unique gifts of time, talent and treasure. This month we will individually and collectively renew our stewardship pledge for 2019. Please spend some time in prayerful reflection before completing the form. Bring your pledge card to the parish office or place it in the offertory basket at Mass.

The process of making a written commitment is a healthy spiritual exercise that reminds us that stewardship is a way of life – at home, in the workplace, in our parish, and in service to those who most need our care. When we unite our efforts in Christ's mission, we can transform the world.

Join us in building a new home at OLA

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

Comunidad de Habla Hispana

Información semanal

No ¡habrá reuniones debido al Día de Acción de Gracias.

Miercoles:

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

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

Jueves:

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

Viernes:

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

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

Encuéntro Matrimonial 7 p.m., el Convento

Coro

7 p.m., el Salón 15

Presentaciones

Primer domingo del mes

Mananitas

Último domingo del mes

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA)

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

Llame a Magali Amezcua al (909) 626-3596, ext. 4211 o visitemos en la Oficina de Formacion de Fe para bodas, quinceañeras y bautizos.

Acción de Gracias

A primera vista, pareciera que nuestras reuniones de Acción de Gracias se trataran de estar juntos y disfrutar de una comida entre nosotros. Podemos ver el Día de Acción de Gracias como el inicio de la "temporada de festividades", y muchos comenzarán sus compras navideñas sólo

unas horas después de la comida del Día de Acción de Gracias, en lo que se conoce como "Viernes Negro". Sin embargo, profundizando un poco más, el Día de

Acción de Gracias se trata de mucho más. Es un momento para hacer una pausa y reflexionar sobre todo lo que tenemos por lo cual estar agradecidos. Veamos cuán abundantemente somos bendecidos, incluso en circunstancias difíciles, y la comida se convertirá en una



Actúa

Da tres regalos este mes antes del Día de Acción de Gracias:

- Un regalo de comida o bienvenida.
- Un regalo de tiempo o amistad.
- Un regalo de una historia.

verdadera celebración de los dones de la vida, las relaciones y la fe que llenan nuestras vidas, mentes y corazones con gracia y bondad. **Es una fiesta de gratitud.**

En la superficie, la misa es un ritual que consta de una serie de canciones, oraciones y gestos. Nos paramos, cantamos, hacemos el signo de la cruz, nos sentamos, escuchamos, nos arrodillamos y oramos. Sin embargo, reflexioneTmos más profundamente y captemos el mayor significado e impacto de la Eucaristía. Cristo está verdaderamente presente con y entre nosotros; somos alimentados por la palabra y el sacramento, y llevados a esa unión con Cristo y con los demás. Se trata de unirnos con corazones agradecidos y decidir compartir la vida, el amor y la misTericordia de Cristo con los demás. El significado mismo de la palabra "eucaristía" es "acción de gracias".

Es una fiesta de gratitud.

Reúnete alrededor de la mesa, en casa y en la celebración de la Eucaristía. Da gracias. Crece en gratitud. Deja que tu vida sea cambiada. Comparte con los demás, especialmente con los necesitados. Sacrifícate. Haz que todos los días sean el Dia de Acción de Gracias.

Bulletin deadline is **Sunday** for the following weekend. Email **bulletin@olaclaremont.org**.

Interested in the Catholic Church? We invite you to one of our Inquiry sessions. Call Michael Ramirez at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4221 for more information.

Baptisms Brochures about the Sacrament of Baptism are available at the display case on the patio, or the parish and Faith Formation offices. <u>Please call 4-6 weeks before the date of Baptism</u>. For English AND Spanish Baptisms, please contact the parish office at (909) 626-3596, ext. 0.

Weddings Congratulations! Please call the parish office at least six months ahead for preparation, scheduling, and an appointment with a priest. Weddings are scheduled Saturdays at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m. Visit the display case on the patio for more information.

Anointing of the Sick Please call the parish office day or night. Hospital/Home Visits For distribution of Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

Funeral Arrangements Please contact the parish office for help with services and special needs.

Stephen Ministry This one-on-one care-giving ministry at OLA is available upon request to those seeking emotional and spiritual support through a life challenge such as loss of a job, personal illness, separation or divorce, illness or the death of a loved one. Please call 626-3596, ext. 4332 to leave a confidential message.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Hotline One-time emergency assistance for individuals and families. Call (909) 626-3596, ext. 4333, to leave a message. Your call will be returned by a volunteer case manager.

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

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

Parish Staff

Rev. Charles J. Ramirez, Pastor

Rev. Ron Clark, Associate Pastor

Rev. Paul Phan, Associate Pastor

Rev. Chris Troxell, Associate Pastor

Deacon Jim and Karen Allgaier Deacon Joe Domond

Deacon Bob and Kathy Steighner

Deacon Art and Nadine Escovedo, retired

Neomi Torres, Director of Parish Administration (x4203)

Victor Hernandez, Director of Faith Formation (x4213)

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

ben. Jim Tinguler, Outreden/Stewardship Coord. (A+210)

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





