

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Community
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 6, 2019



*They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11

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Alpha jump-starts the New Year



Mission Statement

Our Lady of the Assumption welcomes all people to grow in the Catholic faith as we celebrate our diverse community, nurture the Gospel message, and exemplify our love of Christ by serving others.

What is Alpha?

Alpha is TWELVE interactive sessions that explore the Christian faith. Sessions will be held on Wednesday nights beginning January 9, 2019. This practical introduction to Christian faith offers adults an opportunity to consider the meaning of life in a relaxed, stress-free setting. Each session includes a meal, a short talk and discussion in a small group from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at OLA. Child care will be available.

Who is Alpha for?

- Those who have given up on church
- Those wanting to investigate Christianity
- Those who are new to the Christian faith
- Those who want to grow in understanding their faith

Register today!

Info table on the patio Dec. 29-30
Website: olaclaremont.org/alpha
Email: alpha@olaclaremont.org
Register now for the series beginning Jan. 9 to help us prepare the best possible experience.

Patricia H. (shown here with Ariel) was an enthusiastic participant in Alpha this spring. She had been searching for a way to re-connect with the Church and truly follow Christ. "I learned a lot and Alpha kept me moving forward in faith. Now I can say hi to people at Mass and be more engaged in the community."



This beginning experience helps seekers of truth find their way through Christ.

Come to the patio table this weekend to learn more.



Around OLA³

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Christmas season

The Church calendar extends the Christmas season from the Nativity of the Lord, through the Epiphany to the Baptism of the Lord (Jan. 13). That means that it is entirely appropriate to keep your tree up, light candles around your Nativity set, and sing carols! What we are celebrating are the early manifestations of Christ where “the Word is made flesh and dwells among us.” Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. Amen!

Parking lot protocol

Be advised that our parking lot gates are locked each night at 9:45 p.m.

Please drive carefully through the parking lot before and after Masses. Cars should **enter** at Harrison Ave. and **exit** at Berkeley Ave. Thank you for your cooperation!

The OLA School community returns to our campus on Monday, Jan. 7. Daily carpool times in the parking lot are 7:30 to 8 a.m. and 2:45 to 3:15 p.m.

Highlights

Bring new underwear, socks for the homeless Jan. 5-6.
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Alpha begins Jan. 9, 2019. Do you know someone who would like to join this conversation about life and faith?
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OLA School is preparing for its annual open house during Catholic Schools Week in January.
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The Domond Foundation has announced its fundraiser.
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A call for photos of the Christmas season at OLA accompanies our photo album.
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community life



We salute the **Family of the Quarter** recently honored by Knights of Columbus. Familiar faces around OLA are Alicia and Enrique Cerrillos, our 2019 Fiesta Chairs, shown here with their daughter Victoria. They are united in their commitment to support the parish mission in a multitude of ways.

Next gathering for WOW!

OLA's **Widows Or Widowers** and other singles will meet for dinner on Thursday, Jan. 24, at 5 p.m. at Mr. D's Diner, 401 E. Foothill Blvd., Pomona (between Towne and Garey).

Treat yourself to an evening out. Enjoy friendly company and a delicious meal on your own. Bring a friend... all are welcome!

The restaurant has requested a reservation to better serve the group. For questions or to reserve a seat, please call Jo Pearring at (909) 626-0489 or Jean O'Donnell (909) 624-3392 by

MONDAY, January 7

St. Raymond of Penyafort

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

6:30am †Ceilia Cuc Tran

5:30pm Morshita & Lum Family

TUESDAY, January 8

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;

Lk 2:16-21

6:30am

5:30pm †William Fred Humphreys

WEDNESDAY, January 9

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

6:30am

5:30pm †Rita Palafox

†Luigi Francisco

in Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, January 10

1 Jn 2:29 -3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

6:30am

5:30pm †William Fred Humphreys

FRIDAY, January 11

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

6:30am †Dolores Butler

†Mary & Keneth Plomer

5:30pm Erika Mendoza

Richard Mendoza

SATURDAY, January 12

1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

8:00am †Phong Bui, †Dorothy Exner

4:00pm Mayela Guilar

5:30pm †

SUNDAY, January 13

Baptism of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

7:00am People of the Parish

9:00am Knights & Ladies of Columbus

11:00am †Barney Dugan, †Lisa Kuhns

1:00pm

3:00pm †Mary

5:00pm

7:00pm

†Deceased

The Faith Formation Center

has resumed regular hours

Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Preschool resumes Sunday, Jan. 6 during the 9 a.m. Mass.

Spanish Year One resumes Sunday, Jan. 6 (parents and children)

Monday Track One resumes Jan. 7 (parents and children)

Wednesday program resumes Jan. 9, 4:15-5:30 p.m. (children)

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

Happy New Year from The Heights!



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 Adults of OLA*. Also, view updates on Instagram @youngadultsunited.

**YOUNG
ADULTS
UNITED**

Ongoing – Communion service and prayer with patients at a convalescent home every Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

January 9 College evangelization. Join us as we venture out into the community to pray and meet with people. Our goal will be to encourage people to be apart of the Church. It will start at 7 p.m. Email for more information.

January 23 Journey with us in small groups as we share a potluck dinner. from 7 to 9 p.m. at 4261 Guava Street in La Verne (91750).

January 31 Young Adult Info and Faith Night. Not Catholic? Not Christian? Not sure? Great! All are invited to join us for our meeting at Holy Name of Mary in San Dimas from 7 to 8 p.m. followed by a community dinner at Red Robin.

worship

Sacramental preparation

For those who are interested in learning more about Jesus, returning home to their Catholic faith, completing their sacraments, or beginning the journey toward full membership in the Church, we offer a variety of pathways tailored to your individual needs. Please call the Faith Formation Center at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4212. All are welcome!

Contemplative Prayer Group

The contemplative prayer group led by Fr. Chris Troxell will not meet Dec. 24, Its next meeting will be Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 18. Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays.

No experience is required for this introduction to a variety of meditative prayer styles.

Our Lady of the Assumption School

Serving Junior Kindergarten - 8th Grade

OPEN HOUSE



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Sunday, January 27th 10:00am - 1:00pm www.ola-ca.org



Join Us

- 10:00 AM** Classrooms Open
- 11:00 AM** School-Led Mass
- 12:00 PM** Classrooms Open
- Music
- Hot Dogs
- Games on the Green
- See our Campus
- Get OLA Spirit Gear



Special Thanks to the, Knights of Columbus for providing the Hot Dogs!

Religious Ed Congress

The 61st annual Religious Education Congress in Anaheim is set for March 22-24, 2018. Youth Day is March 21. The theme is Trust! God's Got You! To register for \$75, visit www.RECongress.org by early deadline of Feb. 22.

Admission includes your choice of 300 workshops on a variety of topics of interest to all Catholics; exhibits by Catholic vendors; Masses in a variety of cultures/languages/styles; exhibits by local artists; and free concerts by popular Catholic performers.

Bishop Amat High

Bishop Amat High invites prospective students and their parents to an Open House Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Learn more about academic, athletic and extra curricular programs. Application deadline is Jan. 12. For more information, visit the website www.bishopamat.org or call (626) 962-2495.



St. Lucy's High School

St. Lucy's Priory High School offers a student "shadow" visit from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on its application deadline date which is Tuesday, Jan. 15. To make arrangements, call (626) 253-9388.

Pomona Catholic High

The application deadline for Pomona Catholic High School is Jan. 25.

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One Life LA

Save the date of Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019, for the Annual OneLifeLA event, celebrating the beauty and dignity of every human life. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Participants, the walk begins at noon from La Placita Olvera to the Los Angeles State Historic Park. The park will feature entertainment, speakers, food and information booths until 4 p.m. The Requiem Mass for the Unborn will be offered at 5 p.m. at the Cathedral. Register for free at www.OneLifeLA.org.

'Undees Sunday' for the homeless

Our annual collection of new socks and underwear for homeless men and women will be Jan. 5-6, 2019. Take advantage of holiday sales and stock up. Your donation will help restore the dignity of those who rarely own anything new.

Donations will be given to Volunteers of America (VOA) which has just opened a year-round shelter in Pomona. The VOA team provides comprehensive services for those who are experiencing homelessness, including street outreach, case management services, and referrals to needed services. Clients are helped to identify and overcome barriers to stable housing. See also Page 7.

Domond Foundation gala supports medical needs in Haiti

A wonderful evening of dining, auctions and dancing in an elegant setting will also celebrate the 11th anniversary of the Jeff C. Domond Foundation Saturday, Jan. 26 in Claremont. The evening will also include testimony from doctors and dentists who have gone with Deacon Joe Domond to Haiti on an annual medical mission. At this time, Deacon Joe is raising funds to build a permanent medical clinic to provide year-round care to the rural community near Maribel.

The foundation also provides clean water systems for homes, schooling for children, and a residence for orphans. Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world, suffering from chronic poverty and natural disasters. In 2019, the foundation will send a team of doctors, dentists, physical therapists, ophthalmologists and others to treat people who rarely receive professional care.

For more information, and to RSVP for the gala, visit www.jeffdomondfoundation.org or contact Chris Shaner, (909) 621-2014, who hosts the gala in her home in the Claremont hills at .



A letter to the world from Pope Francis

Laudato Si

"We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth... our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters." – Pope Francis

Protecting creation

God's wondrous creation includes the oceans, rivers, lakes and streams. While there may be a lot of water, only 1% is available for human consumption. Water is essential for life and, as such, is a basic human right. We must learn to protect water and use it carefully. At home we have many opportunities to reduce our water "footprint." Less obvious steps are stopping our bottled water habit, using less packaging, and eating less meat.

Grace
Gratitude
Generosity

**Christmas
Outreach
Thank-You**

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.

Dear Deacon Jim,

I wanted to considerately express our utmost and sincere thanks for all the timely charitable donations to Volunteers of America Pomona from your parishioners.

You folks over at OLA really show the true spirit of giving throughout the year. VOA is touched beyond words. The thoughtfulness of OLA's congregation means a lot and is treasured in the eyes of man, but mostly in the eyes of God.

Keep up the awesome work for the Great Counselor!

Blessings, strength and hope,

Rolando L. Lumbsden
Life Skills Coordinator
Volunteers of America
Office: (909) 593-4796

Editor's note: VOA Pomona is the local agency operating the new year-round shelter for homeless people in our area.



Prayer Requests



For our sick and suffering...

Recent: Theresa Chase, Dorothy McMillen and Baltazat Solis-Anaya

Previously: Stanley Ackerson, Steven Michal Acosta, Ordelina Aparacio, Betty Arcide, Dcn. Gustavo Arellana, Estella Arellano, Alexandra Badea, Elza V. Barba, Kattie Briones, Mike Bustamante, Lisa Carranza, Amelia Chacon, Marie Chavez, Thierry & Elmiro Domond, Hal Finnegan, Raul Garcia, Alethea Guthormsen, Tess Henry, Alfred Hernandez, Billy Hicks, Sr. Feliz Gil-Jimenez, Enrique Juarez, Gertrude Kleekamp, Jesse Lopez, Sue McCoppin, Sandy Morales, Mary Perini, Carmen Ramon, Daniel Ramos, Juan A. Ruiz, Fanny Sanchez, Deacon Bob Steighner, and Sylvia Stephens, Josef & Marie Vencek, Amelia Villanueva and Wendy Villegas

For our beloved deceased...

Ligorio Calaycay, husband of Joan Calaycay, father of Corey Calacay; Fernando Guevara, husband of Consuela Guevara; Theresa Kolodge, mother of John Kolodge; and for the family and friends who mourn their loss

Note: See next bulletin for names submitted after Dec. 30.early deadline.

¡VENGAN A UN RETIRO DE INICIACIÓN PRESENTADA POR EL GRUPO DE ORACIÓN CRISTO VIVE! ES GRATIS! QUE VIVAN UNA NUEVA VIDA EN CRISTO!

El retiro comenzara el viernes, 11 de enero, a las 7 p.m. y seguirá el sábado el 12 de enero de las 8 a.m. a las 5 p.m. El retiro será en el auditorio y habrá comida gratis y cuidado de niños gratis.

Los temas del viernes van a ser El Amor de Dios y El Pecado.

Los temas del sábado serán La Salvación en Jesús, La Fe y La Conversión, El Señorío de Jesús, Los Dones de El Espíritu Santo y La Promesa del Padre.

Habrà temas de seguimiento por muchas semanas después del retiro en las juntas del grupo de oración. – **Padre Chris Troxell**

Tradiciones

Es tiempo de añadir los reyes magos al pesebre. En 1448 llegaron los pesebres italianos a las iglesias españolas, pero no fue hasta que el Rey Carlos III le regaló un pesebre a su hijo en el siglo XVIII que el uso de pesebres se expandió en los hogares. Desde entonces, el uso de nacimientos llega al continente americano en donde se convierte en la decoración principal para las fiestas navideñas.

Así como en todo país latinoamericano el montaje del Belén es una tradición, lo es también en Venezuela. Con el pesebre venezolano llegan también aguinaldos, parrandas, Misas y patines. ¡Sí! ¡Patines!

Desde la mitad del siglo pasado los venezolanos celebran la época navideña con “patinadas”. Estas “patinadas” normalmente se hacen por las mañanas y muchas calles están cerradas a los autos hasta las 8 a.m. para que niños y jóvenes puedan disfrutar de los patines, bicicletas y otros juguetes que les regala el niño Dios. Por eso, muchos niños duermen con un “cordoncito” atado al dedo gordo de los pies, que cuelgan por la ventana para que los despierten los que pasan patinado.

– J. S. Paluch Company

Encuentro con Dios

Los espléndidos Reyes Magos –destellantes, majestuoso y solemnes–, salen hoy de las páginas de Mateo y van rumbo a nuestra iglesia. Solamente Mateo nos habla de esta grande e interesante historia para que podamos ver la luz y saber que el niño que visitaron los Reyes Magos era el cumplimiento de la profecía, el rey cuyo mensaje llega hasta la tierra natal de estos magos y mucho más allá, hasta nuestra época.

Nosotros también nuevamente podemos ver y entender. Al igual que estos magos, nuestros santos patrones en este día, vemos en el niño recién nacido al rey del universo y la luz del mundo. Como los Reyes Magos, encontramos dentro de nosotros una nueva fe y una nueva vida. Como ellos, regresamos a casa por una nueva ruta.

Se nos pide terminemos esta temporada festiva renovados y consientes de la presencia de Dios entre nosotros. Se nos pide encontrar a Dios donde se le puede encontrar, que estemos atentos y listos para, con asombro, inclinarnos en adoración y ofrecer nuestras ofrendas.

– J. S. Paluch Company



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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. Please call 4-6 weeks before the date of Baptism. 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.

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.

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

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)

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...

Christmas Album 2018

Everybody loves a photo, but we have too few of them! This is the extent of our photo collection for Christmas 2018. (Our photographer was home with the flu and missed Christmas Masses and other holiday events around the parish.)

If you have any photographs of your family, your ministry or your parish organization, please help us fill out our archive for Advent and Christmas 2018. We would especially appreciate photographs taken in our temporary worship space.

See you in 2019...

Jean McKenna at bulletin@olaclaremont.org



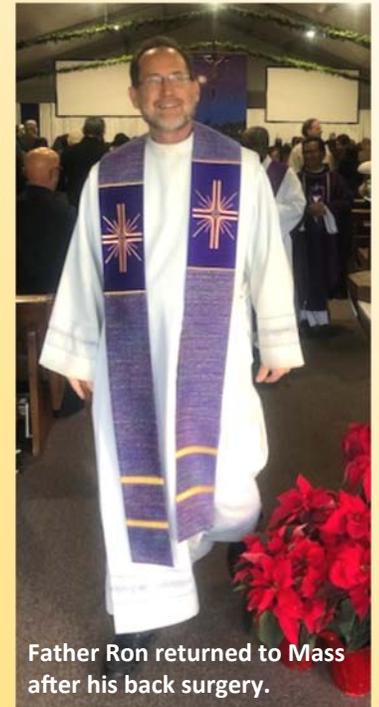
Angel Tree made several trips to carry all the gifts to children with a parent in prison.



Knights of Columbus supported Adopt-a-Family.



The Messengers put their heart and soul into the Christmas concert.



Father Ron returned to Mass after his back surgery.



Parish and school staff had fun at a photo booth at their annual Christmas party. Guess who's Santa?



Art & Environment Team relaxes after working on the auditorium décor.;