

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Community

*I am the living bread
that came down
from heaven;
whoever eats
this bread will
live forever.*

John 6:51

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Parish Feast Day is Aug. 15, for
Our Lady of the Assumption.
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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OLA tradition of leadership

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of Councils

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

**Do you ever wonder how OLA does so much?
Come and see at our Leadership Open House!**

**You are invited to attend our
Annual Leadership Open House
Thursday, August 16, at 7 p.m.
in the auditorium.**

Come and learn about how our parish Leadership Model works, and meet the people involved. Explore the possibility of becoming a member of one of our coordinating councils. All parishioners are welcome to come and see our councils in action. If you cannot attend, but are interested in serving the OLA community on a coordinating council (see Page 7), email Deacon Jim Allgaier at jallgaier@olaclaremont.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Find nomination forms at the parish office
and at entrances to the church.**

[Complete a nomination form online at olaclaremont.org](http://olaclaremont.org)

Is membership on a council right for you?



Qualities of a council member include...

- An excitement about the parish
- A willingness to listen
- A desire for spiritual growth
- An openness to study and reflection
- An eagerness to see a vision or direction
- An ease in working with groups
- An ability to animate others' gifts
- A freedom to delegate responsibilities
- A resolve to make needed decisions
- A willingness to be a liaison to a given group



OLA 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.

Around OLA³

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OLA Feast Day

Solemnity of Our Lady of the Assumption, our patron, will be celebrated Wednesday, August 15 –

Vigil Mass

Tuesday, Aug. 14, at 5:30 p.m.

Mass at 6:30 a.m.

(No 5:30 p.m. Mass)

Gather on the parish green at 7 p.m. for procession and tri-lingual Mass

Return to regular office hours

As we prepare for a busy fall schedule, the parish office returns to regular hours:

Monday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Break from 12:30 to 1 p.m.)

Highlights

Annual call to leadership councils is an invitation to the open house set for Thursday, Aug. 16. All are welcome to see our councils in action!

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community life



Enjoy dinner with Knights & Ladies at El Ranchero

Calling all parishioners! Our Knights of Columbus are hosting a fundraiser in conjunction with El Ranchero Restaurant on Friday, Aug. 17, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Dine in or order carry-out.

No advance ticket purchase is needed – just give a voucher to your server when ordering. Vouchers are available on the display case outside of the auditorium, at the parish office, or from a Knight during the event.

Funds raised will be used for approved Columbian Charities.

WOW! Dinner Out

OLA's **Widows Or Widowers** and other singles will gather for dinner Thursday, Aug. 23, at 5 p.m. at Olive Garden, 9251 Monte Vista (Montclair Place).

Beat the heat and treat yourself to an evening out. Enjoy friendly company and a delicious meal (on your own). Bring a friend! All are welcome!

Olive Garden 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 Wednesday, August 22.

Mark your calendar! OLA parish-school picnic is Sept. 8

Jean McKenna and Cindy Corrales are staff liaisons for Community Life Council, and can answer questions through the parish office at (909) 626-3596.

Ice cream party

The Italian Catholic Federation invites you to join them for an ice cream party at their regular meeting Friday, Aug. 24, in the auditorium (East side).

ICF is an active social and service organization that celebrates a diversity of cultures, Catholic traditions and family values. you do not have to be Italian to join the group that has enriched OLA for over 40 years.

Mass Intentions/Readings
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Week of August 12, 2018

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worship

MONDAY, August 13

SS. Pontian and Hippolytus

*Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Mt 17:22-27*

6:30am †Mary Boyens,
†William Cordero

5:30pm †Norma Schnabel, †Ma. de
Lourdes Ramirez de Pardo,
Minerva Jimenez

TUESDAY, August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe

*Ez 2:8 - 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103,
111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14*

6:30am †Richard Slobig,
Charles Magistrado Menon

5:30pm †Emma Erickson

WEDNESDAY, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy day of Obligation

*Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2;
Ps 132; 1 Cor 15:54-57; Lk 11:27-28*

*Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Ps 45; Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56*

6:30am Parish Feast Day

7:00pm Parish Feast Day

THURSDAY, August 16

St. Stephen of Hungary

*Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62;
Mt 18:21 - 19:1*

6:30am †Rita Love & James McMulan
†Raymond Nagar Abella

5:30pm †Joselito Ciocon
†Juanita Chacon

FRIDAY, August 17

*Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63;
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12*

6:30am Clara & Sharkey and Family,
Drew Supina

5:30pm †Consuelo Nogales

SATURDAY, August 18

*Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15,
18-19; Mt 19:13-15*

8:00am

4:00pm Nick & Gladys's Mosaquites
45th Anniv., †Robert Eagleton
Victor O'Brian

5:30pm All Priests

SUNDAY, August 19

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20;
Jn 6:51-58*

7:00am Miguel Maya

9:00am

11:00am In Thanksgiving for Maria
Christina Morand-Merlino, In Thanks-
giving for Amelia, †Gloria Coe

1:00pm †For the People of the Parish

3:00pm

5:00pm

7:00pm

†Deceased



**Coordinator
Jesus R. with
teens at the
City of Saints
conference**

This past weekend 10 teens from our parish attended the City of Saints Teen Conference at UCLA. It was a fun weekend filled with great speakers like Katie Prejean, Mike Patin and Fr. Agustino Torres, to name a few. The teens enjoyed hanging out in sacred space to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, as well as spending time in the plaza to relax and unwind after a long day. Many of our teens also enjoyed the worship music which was led by Ike Ndolo.

The teens got to see a lot of our shepherd as our Masses were celebrated by Archbishop Jose Gomez and clergy from across the Archdiocese. Two of our teens even had the opportunity to sit down with Archbishop Gomez and share with him the things they would like Pope Francis to know, in preparation for the special synod on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment.

Overall, our hope going into the weekend was for every teen to encounter Christ through the speakers, their fellow teens, Mass, Adoration, or some other way in which only God knows how to speak to us. I believe the weekend really did allow the young people the opportunity to encounter Christ and to learn what it means for them to be a Saint! To see more photos from the weekend follow us on Instagram [@theheightsola](#). – Jesus

August Calendar

Aug 14 - Caffeine & Catholicism @ Sanctuary Coffee 3:30pm

Aug 19 – Missionary Reunion @ Aud 6:30pm

Aug 21 - Caffeine & Catholicism @ Sanctuary Coffee 3:30pm

Aug 26 – Shareholder's Dinner @ Aud 6:30pm

Aug 28 - Caffeine & Catholicism @ Sanctuary Coffee 3:30pm

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

Office for Worship presents liturgy day

Rooted in Diversity, We Grow in Unity is the theme of the day of reflection for liturgical ministers and other parish leaders Saturday, Aug. 25, at American Martyrs Church in Manhattan Beach.

The Archdiocesan Office for Worship will host Carmen Florez-Mansi, vocal artist, choral director and liturgy specialist. She will examine the challenges of ministry and the ways we can unite our communities in worship while honoring the diversity among us.

Register online at

<http://archla.org/ofw/lyurgyday>

Register by Aug. 15 for \$25; the group rate is \$20 per person for five or more registered at the same time.

Time of the event is 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION OPEN

for all fall programs in
Faith Formation

Register online at

www.olaclaremont.org

or come to the

Faith Formation Center
(See Page 9 for hours)

FALL PROGRAMS OPEN FOR...

Sunday Preschool

(Age 3 to K)

First Communion I and II

(Grades 1 and 2)

Post-Communion (Grades 3 to 5)

Middle School (Grades 6 to 8)

PLUS other options!

Calling all women to FCCW

Do you have a yearning to encounter God through Scripture? If you have a desire to join a women's Bible study group, now is the time! Stop at the FCCW information table on the patio to learn more about the Fellowship of Catholic Christian Women® and its upcoming study year.

The Acts of the Apostles will be the biblical focus, illuminated by two study books: *The "Acts of the Apostles: Good News for All People"* by Fr. William Anderson and *"The Apostles and Their Times"* by Mike Aquilina.

Women may join either the evening fellowship which meets on the second and fourth Tuesday (7 to 9 p.m. in the auditorium), or the morning fellowship which meets on the second and fourth Wednesday (9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the convent). The evening study begins Aug. 28 and the morning study begins Aug. 29.

There is no better time to listen to your yearning to grow closer to Christ Jesus and act on the prompting of the Spirit. (The Acts of the Apostles is sometimes called the Gospel of the Holy Spirit.) Find a way, make adjustments in your schedule, and carve out time to invest in your own spiritual growth and relationship with the Lord. All are welcome!

If you wish to be a participant in this year's Bible study, please sign up soon on the patio so that the FCCW team can be fully prepared to make this program worthwhile for you.

Virtus adult awareness training

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

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

Thursday, August 23, at 7 p.m. in Room 15

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

Thursday, August 30, at 7 p.m. in Room 15

JustAct Ministry

JustAct is a ministry that provides opportunities for education, spiritual growth and action in service to others based on the Church's social teachings. An information table will be set up on the patio beginning the weekend of Aug. 18-19. for fall programs. Details are also available through Chris Shaner at (714) 299-9939.

WHAT IS GOOD NEWS PEOPLE?

This program is a dynamic, parish-wide, faith formation program for adults. It offers an introduction to Catholic Social Teaching in a shorter format: 7 weeks in fall and 7 weeks in spring. The goals of Good News People are to explore the call to discipleship and the power of community through prayer, reflection, and action, and find renewed hope in living the Gospel and putting faith into action;

WHAT IS JUSTFAITH?

JustFaith is an extended justice education process that meets weekly, employing books, videos, guest speakers, discussion, prayer, retreats and hands-on experiences. This is a 30-week formation process. There are two retreats – one to open and one to close the program. Four dates are dedicated to group projects.

WHAT IS ENGAGING SPIRITUALITY?

Engaging Spirituality is the next step for those who have completed JustFaith. It focuses on the practical challenges of following Jesus into the broken heart of our world, inspired by the urgency and spirit of the Gospel message to our lives, to our relationships, and to our times. Participants practice "the undivided life" of Christian discipleship—engaging in contemplation while immersing ourselves in the heart of our fragmented world. This is a 20-week program.

Marriage Encounter

On a Marriage Encounter weekend, couples learn five tools for better communication. The next weekend date is Aug. 24-26. Call now to reserve your spot through Mike & Veronica Sasaki at (626) 765-4305

School supplies collection

About 100 students from kindergarten to eighth grade at OLA School and Uncommon Good are in need of school supplies this month.

Pick up a list of school supplies on the patio at the JustAct table, or at the parish office. Return supplies to the parish office or JustAct table on the patio. You may make a donation toward the purchase of backpacks. For details, contact Deacon Jim Allgaier at (909) 626-3596.

The OLA students are recipients of a scholarship provided by the Archdiocese to families in the greatest financial need. The students at Uncommon Good are part of a program that supplies mentors, tutors and support for success in school for at-risk youth.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Do you have a heart for the poor among us? Are you a good listener? Are you interested in a ministry offering flexible hours? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul may be right for you! This group collects donations from our parishioners once a month at the church doors and allocates the funds according to need. It's members seek out those who are impoverished, materially and spiritually, and help where they can. No need is too great or too small. Messages may be left for the St. Vincent de Paul Society at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4333.

Fiesta for Crossroads

Crossroads, Inc., the program for women in transition from prison, will celebrate a graduation for its residents Saturday, Aug. 18, with a taco truck, sundae bar and refreshments.

All are invited to join in celebrating the success of the Crossroads women from 1 to 4 p.m. at 1269 Harvard Ave., Claremont. To RSVP or for details, you may email vicki@crossroadswomen.org.

Healing of loss due to suicide

A program for families who have lost a loved one to suicide is offered twice a year at Holy Name of Mary Parish in San Dimas. The program, called The Journey, is offered weekly for ten weeks beginning Wednesday, Aug. 22. Additional information will be printed next week; or you may contact Brenda McAllaster at HNM, at (909) 599-1243 or brenda@hnmeparish.org.

OLA Coordinating Councils 7

Administration Council: Members bring to the table an understanding of organization, management, finance, and communications. They are dedicated to the support of parish ministries through responsible stewardship. A current goal is modernizing the OLA campus.

Community Life Council: Members help build a deeper sense of Christian community for all ages and interest groups in our parish through parish events, hospitality and the stewardship of time and talent. A current goal is promoting events for families with young children.

Faith Formation Council: Members promote faith, spirituality, and family life at OLA through multi-generational formation programs. These include Religious Education, Adult Formation, Sacramental Preparation, Christian Initiation, and OLA School.

Outreach Council: Members have compassion for those in need along with a passion for justice and peace. Outreach includes areas of pastoral care to the sick and homebound; services to the handicapped, bereaved and imprisoned; emergency assistance programs for the poor and homeless; programs that promote respect for life; as well as programs for justice and peace.

Worship Council: Members are charged with fostering the spiritual growth of all parishioners and providing opportunities for personal and communal prayer, in addition to our Eucharistic celebrations. Worship Council also coordinates the work of all liturgical ministries and prayer groups.

Spanish Speaking Council: Discerns the needs of the Spanish-Speaking Community, planning, coordinating and evaluating its programs and events. This includes the full range of parish life - spiritual and liturgical ministries, social and cultural enrichment, educational and sacramental preparation, and outreach services. Also meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Vietnamese Council: Discerns the needs of the Vietnamese-Speaking Community, planning, coordinating and evaluating its programs and events. This includes the full range of parish life - spiritual and liturgical ministries, social and cultural enrichment, educational and sacramental preparation, and outreach services.



Prayer Requests



For our sick and suffering...

Recent: Anita Boling, Hal & Ruth Finnigan, Gerald Grilliot, and Julia Orozco

Previously: Aaron Acosta, Mary Adams, Aguela Anaya, Kitty Briones, Mary Brunasso, Maria Elena Cardena, Amelia Chacon, Deacon Don Gath, Charles "Chuck" Giannini, Anna Ruano Gomez, Angelyn Gustasson, Madge Elizabeth Hammond, Enrique Juarez, Doris Maldonado, Margarita Lopez, Mary Christina Morand-Merlino, Manuel Muinos, Cecilia Munoz, Victor O'Brien, Jose Luis Ortega, Arthur H. Osborne, Esperanza Paz, William Putney, Madlyn Richer, Barbara Rodriguez, Maria Rodriguez, Zenaida Romo, Soledad Sarmiento, Jox Sox, Mark Stagner, Monica Stephenson, Sylvia Stephens, Tess Turla, Mihael Uribe, Carol Wiese, and Hector Zamora

For our beloved deceased...

Emily Bonk, mother of Teresa Tapaya; Emerenciana Orozco, mother of Mary Chico; Ilda Vega, sister of Martha Manjarrez; and the for the family and friends who mourn their loss

Oficina de Liturgia: Un día de liturgia

El tema del día de reflexión es “Arrraigados en la diversidad, Creemos Juntos”, para los ministros litúrgicos y otros líderes de la parroquia, será el 25 de agosto en la Iglesia de los Mártires Estadounidenses en Manhattan Beach.

La Oficina Arquidiocesana de Adoración será la anfitriona de Carmen Floréz-Mansi, vocalista, directora de coro y especialista en liturgia. Ella examinará de los desafíos del ministerio y explicará las formas en que podemos unir a nuestras comunidades en el culto mientras honramos la diversidad entre nosotros.

Favor de registrarte en línea:

<http://archla.org/ofwliturgyday>

Inscríbese antes del sábado, 25 de Agosto por \$25 dls.; la tarifa de grupo es de \$20 dls. Para cinco o más personas registradas de la misma parroquia. La hora del evento es de 8 a.m. a 1:30 p.m.

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

FORTALECIDOS POR EL PAN DE VIDA

Hoy retomamos el discurso sobre el “Pan de Vida” del Evangelio según san Juan que comenzó hace dos semanas. Juan alude a los ancestros de los judíos que comieron el maná en el desierto. Hoy pensaríamos sobre todo en el pueblo de Israel caminando por el desierto, pero los judíos fieles también conocían el relato de Elías que escuchamos hoy. Elías comió y bebió en el desierto, y con la fuerza de aquel alimento, el ángel del Señor lo envió en su viaje de cuarenta días y cuarenta noches (la cifra bíblica que simboliza un tiempo de preparación). De la misma manera que el alimento que recibió Elías en el desierto, Jesús le dice a su público que él es pan para la vida del mundo. Es muy importante que sigamos escuchando a Jesús después de su promesa de vida eterna, sin duda es una promesa maravillosa, pero esta “recompensa” no es la única razón para darnos un festín con el Pan de Vida. También vamos a la mesa con el fin de recibir fuerzas para el camino de la misión, de manera que el mundo entero pueda tener vida en la plenitud de Cristo. Si hemos comido el pan de vida, estamos obligados a servir a todos. – J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En 1973 Juan Espinosa escribió la canción *Santa María del Camino* con la cual invita a la Madre de Dios a caminar con sus hermanos y hermanas en la fe. La canción reta al creyente a caminar a pesar de lo difícil que puede ser y a luchar por los cambios que sólo el Reino de Dios puede realizar. En todo esto María es invitada a caminar con el creyente. En esta semana recordamos la Asunción de María al cielo, y lo hacemos reconociendo que además de ser Madre de Dios y madre nuestra, ella también es nuestra hermana y compañera en el camino de la fe. Ella ha llegado a la meta de nuestra peregrinación y lo ha hecho en cuerpo y alma por un privilegio singular. Nosotros también lo haremos en los últimos días cuando nuestro cuerpo resucite para unirse con nuestra alma. Es en vista de los últimos tiempos que invitamos a María a descender de sus altares, regresando del cielo una y otra vez para caminar con sus hermanas y hermanos, en la fe, que tanto necesitan su ejemplo y apoyo.

– J. S. Paluch Co.

¡Atención!

Clase con
el Sr. Victor Escalante
el Domingo, 19 de Agosto
2:30 p.m. a 4:30 p.m.
en el Salón 16

*Si les interesa asistir favor
de comunicarte con Georgina
Sarmiento (909) 450-3000.*

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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.)

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)

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

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

In the spotlight...

National Diaconate Conference:

Deacon Jim Allgaier and his wife, Karen, recently attended the 2018 National Diaconate Congress in New Orleans. It celebrated the 50th anniversary of the reestablishment of the Permanent Diaconate during Vatican II in 1968. There were more than 1,300 deacons attending the conference. The official nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, opened the conference by declaring that the core vocational work of permanent deacons is to evangelize and care for others. He also noted that St. John Paul II had declared that the “service of diaconal ministry finds its identity in evangelization.”

Archbishop Pierre lauded the permanent deacons for their humble service of charity, proclaiming the Word and leading the faith community in prayer. He echoed Pope Francis’ remarks that defined permanent deacons as “pioneers of the new civilization of love.”

Deacon Jim, Karen, and Diaconate Couple, Frank & Marsha Gonzales.



“This is Christ’s call, isn’t it?” he asked. “Don’t forget, the job is Jesus’. It is one thing to serve at the altar. It is another to be an evangelizing force in the world.”

Archbishop Pierre offered the personal greetings of Pope Francis and said the permanent diaconate has “flourished” in the last half-century, “particularly here in the United States, where nearly 18,500 permanent deacons carry out their duty of word, charity and liturgy.”

He asked the deacons and their wives to reflect on the words of dismissal at Mass, often spoken by the deacon – “Share the peace of Christ with all those you meet – your family first, your friends and even your enemies. Be instruments of the gift of peace.”

New Orleans Archbishop Gregory Aymond stressed the deacon’s role as “conscience” of the Church in matters of service to the poor and disenfranchised.

Farewell to Father Onwu

Now that he has accomplished his educational goal, a doctorate in Economics, Fr. Onwu Akpa is leaving OLA to return to the Norbertine Priory in Mississippi.

“It has been a privilege to be part of the academic community in Claremont, and the faith community of OLA,” he says. “I have enjoyed every bit, its friendly environment. I will always feel a special connection to this place.” In Claremont since 2013, Fr. Onwu resided at OLA since 2015 and presided at Mass frequently.

Fr. Onwu’s study at Claremont Graduate University was economics as it relates to psychology, neuroscience, politics, and culture. His dissertation was *The Neuroeconomics of Corruption*. He says he took a different, more positive approach that assumes the basic goodness of people and avoids judgement. He will apply this understanding to teaching and advocacy in the future.

**Fr.
Onwu
Akpa**

