GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

OUR LADY of the Assumption PARISH

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First Sunday of Advent – December 2, 2018

Advent Wreath

1st CANDLE – (purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

2nd CANDLE – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

3rd CANDLE – (rose) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

4th CANDLE – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The **angels** announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE – (white) **"CHRIST CANDLE"** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.
-1 Thessalonians 3:12

Que el Señor haga que su amor aumente y se desborde el uno por el otro y por todos los demás, tal como lo hace el nuestro por usted. *-1 Tesalonicenses 3:12*

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Monday - Friday:
6:30 AM, 8:00 AM
5:30 PM (1st Friday)*
Saturday:
8:00 AM, 5:15 PM Vigil
Sunday:
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM
12:30 PM (**Spanish Mass**)
5:15 PM
* Adoration & Benediction following 1st Friday Mass

CONFESSIONS
Monday: 8:30 AM
Wednesday: 5:30 PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM, 4:00 PM

LITURGY OF THE HOURS
Monday - Saturday: - before 8:00 AM Mass

ROSARY
Monday - Friday: 5:45 AM - before 6:30 AM Mass
Monday - Saturday: - after 8:00 AM Mass

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - Sunday: 8:00 AM
In St. Julie's Chapel

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From Our Pastor

Getting Ready for His Arrival

This Season of Advent is one of my favorite times of the year. It is both a season of anticipation but also a season of tension. How do we, as Catholic Christians, participate in a time of waiting for the Lord while at the same time preparing and celebrating the premature arrival of Christmas. By the time December 25th rolls around we are exhausted from the frenzy of commercial advertising, Christmas parties and the events associated with Christmas. Through all this turmoil Advent gets lost. How do we reclaim the season of waiting and watching?

As a faith community, we celebrate the Christmas Season from Christmas Day to Epiphany. The Church celebrates the season in its prayer and liturgy. The four weeks of Advent lead us to the birth of Christ by the gradual process of preparing our lives for a way of living with our eyes on Christ. What more valuable gifts can we receive from the Lord: HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE. There is nothing more precious than offering others these same gifts we have received during Advent. HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE never grow old and never go out of style. These are the gifts that the human heart hungers to receive and others long to experience.

During Advent, take time to indulge in the season of preparing for the Lord. Use the sacred liturgy for your preparation by reading scriptures for the day. Our OLA parish APP offers these and other forms of prayer and meditation. Purchase an Advent Wreath for the home and for your commitment to the four weeks of prayer and feasting with others during the week. Advent calendars offer a special thought and gift for the day. More importantly, be attentive and watchful. By entering into the Season of Advent the Lord may be born anew in us. When this happens, who knows what wonderful gifts the Lord will bring into our lives.

COME LORD JESUS.

May we have a blessed season preparing for new life in the Lord.

Fr. Leon

Preparing for Next Week…

Second Sunday of Advent

Reading I - Baruch 5:1 - 9
Reading II - Philippians 1:4 - 6, 8 - 11
Gospel – Luke 3:1 - 6

Weekly Reflection

Preparing for Jesus' Coming

Today's readings and prayers mark the beginning of the liturgical year. As we prepare to commemorate the first chapter of our salvation story, Jesus reminds us in the Gospel that it is intrinsically woven into the events we celebrated last week – His second coming at the end of time. We are reminded in the first reading that our anticipation of this final triumph begins with God's promise to send a savior. This is the joyful hope that we experience during this Advent season. We return to a focus of anticipation as we prepare our homes, assemble the Advent wreaths, and light the first candles. The reading from Jeremiah records God's words, "I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land." This is where our hearts are…waiting and anticipating the birth of the Savior. The Responsorial Psalm informs that God shows us how to anticipate Christ's coming, "Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths guide me in your truth… for you are God my savior and for you I wait all the day." This preparation period is one that asks us to prayerfully await Christ's coming. This focus runs counter to the frenetic pace of the secular culture. Jesus warns us to "beware that [our] hearts do not become drowsy from carousing, and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day, (His second coming), catch us by surprise like a trap." Jesus encourages us to prepare during the commemoration of His birth so that we will be ready "to stand before the Son of Man" when He comes again.

Our Lady of the Assumption Mission Statement and Welcome

"Our Lady of the Assumption is a welcoming community of disciples of Jesus Christ in the Roman Catholic Church. Through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of Mary, we serve to build the Kingdom of God."

If you are visiting or are joining us for the first time, we are glad you came! All are welcome at OLA. We encourage everyone who wishes to join our parish to complete registration forms. Information is available in the Parish Information Center, on the church website at www.olaventura.com, at the Welcome Table at Friendship Sunday, or call us at (805) 642-7966.

Get the NEW OLA Mobile App!

For iPhone: Text **ParishApp1** to: 555888
For Android: **Text ParishApp2** to: 555888
See our website or the Parish Information Center for more detail.

Our Lady of the Assumption Church Parish Information Center Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Closed from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
For the Christmas holiday the Parish Information Center will CLOSE at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24st and will be CLOSED on December 25th and 26th.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Event	Page
December 2	8:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Blood Drive	3
December 3	6:30 p.m.	OLA Youth Ministry Special Event: OLG Santa Paula	6
December 4	5:30 p.m.	Thomas Fire Memorial Mass and Dinner	3
December 5	7:00 pm.	Advent Penance Service	4
December 6	1:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m.	OLA School Christmas Concert	6
December 7	6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.	First Friday Masses	4
December 7	5:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass: The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary (bilingual)	4
December 8	8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.	The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary	4
December 8	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Women's Ministry Advent Retreat	4
December 12	5:30 a.m.	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Rosary of Hope & Mañanitas	9
December 12	6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Masses (NO CONFESSIONS)	9
December 12	6:30 p.m./7:15 p.m.	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Danzantes followed by Mass (Bilingual) with Mariachi	9
December 18	7:00 p.m.	Simbang Gabi	N/A
December 19-23	TBA	OLA Food Basket Ministry: Volunteers Needed	N/A
Dec 20/21-Jan 7	N/A	OLA School (Dec. 20) & SBHS (Dec. 21) Christmas Break	5

Announcements: bulletin@ola-vta.org
Bulletin: Requests for December 16th bulletin due by 5:00 p.m., December 7th.
Pulpit Announcement: Requests for December 9th Masses due by 9:00 a.m., December 5th.

Parish Life

'Called To Renew'

'Called to Renew' is a capital and endowment campaign raising a goal of $500 million to elevate parishes; strengthen ministerial outreach; support vocations and seminarian education; and provide additional funding for scholarships to Catholic schools, religious education, and college campus ministries across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Fr. Leon Hutton and ambassadors at Our Lady of the Assumption in Ventura have now received 112 gifts totaling $1,866,083 towards our challenge target of $3.2 million. With a very active volunteer committee, who are all still working on personal visits, we are excited to witness the continued success of the parish campaign in the coming weeks. For more information or to make a contribution, please contact Lauren Burns: (805) 642-7966, ext. 101, or Lburns@ola-vta.org.

Thomas Fire Memorial

A Time for Healing, Sharing, and Rebuilding...

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, would like to invite everyone in our community and surrounding communities to please join us on Dec. 4th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. for a Memorial Mass in the church, followed by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. in Mulcahy Center. It will be a time of prayer, support and unity for all to share as a group. Please feel free to invite anyone who may benefit from this memorial. For questions or concerns: Nubia Sanchez, Events Coordinator: events@ola-vta.org, (805) 642-7966, ext. 114. RSVP is Required.

Parish Blood Drive

Sunday, December 2nd, 8:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
Mulcahy Center

You have the power to save up to 3 lives with one donation! Please consider giving the gift of life! **Walk-ins are welcome**. Contact Vitalant at (805) 543-4290, ext. 0 with any questions.

OLA Thomas Fire Victims Fund

As we come closer to marking the one year anniversary of the Thomas Fire and the subsequent devastation it caused, Our Lady of The Assumption Parish would like to take the opportunity to offer sincere gratitude to all those who contributed so generously to the OLA Thomas Fire Victims Fund. Your contributions benefitted fellow parishioners and those in our community who used the funds for basic needs and recovery. The help was received with sincere gratitude and the pain of loss was eased knowing that other members of OLA were pouring out love along with their contributions.

Due to the tremendous outpouring of support, OLA has been able to address the immediate needs of those victims hit hardest. We still have funds and support available for those who continue to be challenged by loss due to Thomas Fire-related damage. Please contact The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul: (805) 642-4104, to schedule a review of your situation and apply for needed support.

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish and Saint Vincent de Paul are committed to assistance. **Bishop Barron has launched an additional fund for the many victims of the current wildfires raging in our county. Information is available on our phone app and website: www.olaventura.org. We appreciate your continued prayers and generosity.**

Parish Life

♥ Happy Anniversary ♥

Andy and Debbie Harvey
31 Years on November 21st

Baptisms

Please pray for the recently baptized as they begin their journey in the Body of Christ.

Yanir Adrian Acevedo
Sebastian Villegas Gutierrez
Ailyn Xitlali Murillo-Zavala

In Remembrance

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

✞ **Douglas Hoxmeier**

Mass Intentions

NOV DEC 3 - DEC 9

Monday, December 3
6:30 AM Ruben Gonzales & † Frances Galvan
8:00 AM Paul Ouellette & † William Ferguson

Tuesday, December 4
6:30 AM † Bill Gundelfinger & Michaelann Martin
8:00 AM † Jesus Mera & Esther Mera

Wednesday, December 5
6:30 AM Thomas Fire Survivors/Victims
8:00 AM † James Diesfeld & † Felice Dawson

Thursday, December 6
6:30 AM † Nattie Vasquez
8:00 AM † Bobby Ouellette

Friday, December 7
6:30 AM † Pat Lyon & Ed Lyon
8:00 AM † Tony Remedios & Elizabeth Trujillo
5:30 PM † Jan Juris (CYau Yurish) & † PJ Manning Lunsford

Saturday, December 8
8:00 AM † Feliza Arcebal & Elizabeth Trujillo
5:15 PM † James Thai Le

Sunday, December 9
8:00 AM † Julia Jesu
9:30 AM Mass for the People
11:00 AM † Joseph C Palmisano Jr & † Pat Lyon
12:30 PM † Celina Navarro Romero & † Armando Molina Guzman
5:15 PM † Charles Svoboda & Clark Family

New OLA Parish Contact Directory

To better serve our parish community, we are in the process of creating a new OLA Contact Directory for staff and ministries. It will include more easily recognized, generic, and secure email and telephone contacts. Look for the new directory in January, 2019. Our existing Parish Directory is available on the OLA website under Quicklinks.

Weekly Offerings

Thank you for your continuing support of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish. For the month of November our parish budget calls for $23,380.33 to be donated weekly at the Sunday collection. The collection for Sunday, November 19, 2018 was $22,202.59. This collection is not only used for operating expenses each week, but also for any ongoing repair work, upgrades, etc. to our parish facility. There are many ways to contribute; credit card and automatic debit are available. Please visit www.olaventura.com.

Advent Penance Service (bilingual)

As we enter into, and journey in, the season of Advent, the Church invites us to reflect on our own relationship with God and to enter deeper in our connection with Him. One of the ways in which we are able to do so is in recognizing where we have fallen away from Him, to confess those sins, and then change our lives. The parish community of OLA invites you to join us at our Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, December 5th, 7:00 p.m. for an evening of reflection, prayer, and confession, as we prepare to receive Christ in His Second Coming, and to commemorate His birth at Christmas.

First Friday Masses: December 7th

➢ **6:30 a.m.** ➢ **8:00 a.m.**

There is a small reception after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Santa Cruz Room.

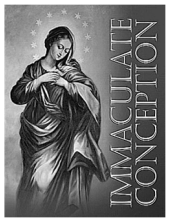
Holy Day Masses

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, December 7th (Vigil): 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 8th:

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.



Women's Ministry

"Preparing Our Hearts For The Father's Greatest Gift" Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 8th, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Mulcahy Center. Guest speaker: Fr. Peter Devereux, LC. Morning hospitality and lunch are included. Raffle gift items will be offered as well. Join us at 8:00 a.m. Mass in the church before the retreat begins. Let us gather together to prepare our hearts for this Advent season while reflecting on the Annunciation of Mary and the Birth of Jesus our Savior. $25 per person. Registration forms are available in the church vestibule and may be dropped off with payment at the Parish Information Center by December 6th. For more info contact Kati Escallier: (805) 642-7966, ext. 142.

Christmas Food Baskets

Non-Persihable food items are currently needed for OLA's Christmas Food Basket Ministry and can be placed in the food box in the church vestibule. When you're doing your shopping please pick-up a few extra items for those in need. This week's featured items are Canned Vegetables. Please check labels for expiration date. If you wish for us to do the shopping, you may make a monetary donation to OLA Food Baskets. Thank you for your support. For more details please contact: Jerry Deal (805) 339-0260.

Kids' Column

Advent: A Time to Prepare

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Safe Environment

Did You Know?

Keep Santa visits safe and secret-free

It's the Christmas season, which means children around the archdiocese will be lining up for a picture with Santa and a chance to tell him what they hope to find under their trees this year. The Santa visit is a fun holiday tradition, but it's not a time when parents can let their guard down. Santa and his helpers are usually volunteers and may not have gone through screenings or tests to ensure your child's safety, so it's up to you. Keep an eye on anything happening while your child visits with Santa. Never step away from the action, even for a moment, and don't allow your children to be led away to another room. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article, "Safety for Children AND Santa's Helpers," visit http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx

December/January 2018 Fingerprint Schedule: Santa Barbara Region

Tuesday, 12/11/18: St. Jude the Apostle School
(Rooms 3 & 4)
32036 W. Lindero Canyon Road, Westlake Village, 91361
For appt. please call (818) 889-0612.

Tuesday, 12/18/18: St. Paschal Baylon (Parish Hall Room 1)
155 East Janss Road Thousand Oaks, 91360
For appt. please call (805) 496-0222.

Thursday, 1/10/19: St. Raphael Church
5444 Hollister Avenue Santa Barbara, 93111
For appt. please call (805) 967-5641 .

For additional info please visit: http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/hr/Pages/fingerprinting.aspx

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VIRTUS® Training

The following upcoming VIRTUS® Sessions have been scheduled for 2018

Protecting God's Children

Tuesday, 12/4, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Church (Thousand Oaks)
Call (805) 496-0222 to reserve a place

Friday, 1/11, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Santa Clara Catholic Church (Oxnard)
Call (805) 483-6935 or (805) 796-1216 to reserve a place.

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Julie's Chapel

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - Sundays 8:00 a.m.

Adorers are always welcome. Would you consider being an occasional substitute adorer? If so, please phone Mary Ann at (805) 644-2160 or Elizabeth at (805) 644-8395.

Christmas Break

Our Lady of the Assumption School: December 20th

St. Bonaventure High School: December 21st

BACK TO SCHOOL JANUARY 7TH

OLA wishes all a safe and happy Christmas Break!

Faith Formation

Our Lady of the Assumption School

- Our Lady of the Assumption students in Grades K - 5 continue to prepare for our Christmas Program, The Mystery of Simon Shepherd, scheduled for Thursday, December 6th, with performances at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The Christmas program will be performed in the Our Lady of the Assumption Church and will also feature a pre-concert by our Preschoolers. Hope we see you there!
- Come to Barnes & Noble on Friday, December 7th and shop for Christmas while you help our school. OLA will have a fundraiser all day and family events in the evening. For customers who make purchases in-store or online using our OLA code (12393039), Barnes & Noble will contribute a percentage of net sales to the school.
- Our Lady of the Assumption School will be on Christmas Recess beginning Thursday, December 20th and returning to class on Monday, January 7th. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!.

Religious Education

Family Faith Formation Day
December 15th, 9:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m.

Fun for the WHOLE family! A great way to prepare ourselves for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of our Lord, the baby Jesus, as a Catholic family! ***Missing this is the equivalent to missing three classes.** See you in Mulcahy Center! For more details, please contact Chrissey Fujii: (805) 642-7966, ext. 125, reled@ola-vta.org.

OLA Youth Ministry

Monday, Dec. 3rd, 6:30 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Santa Paula - Special Event: "Get Your Gear On", a program on sexuality designed to inspire and inform. Speaker Robin Fuller. All youth ages 13-21 are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Transportation will be arranged based on participation. Please contact Gabe Rivera: (805) 642-7966, ext. 121 with RSVP or with any questions.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We extend a warm welcome to anyone interested in participating fully in the Catholic way of life to be part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) experience. RCIA is a one year experience where people gradually learn what it means to be Catholic not just by learning about it, but also experiencing Catholic life and worship as a part of the parish community. RCIA involves preparation of non-baptized adults for sacraments of initiation, as well as adults already baptized who are interested in receiving the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

We gather on Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:45 p.m. in the Santa Cruz Room in the Parish Center. The next two gatherings will cover:

- December 1st: Advent Morning of Recollection 8:00 a.m. - noon
- December 2nd: Rite of Acceptance / 3rd Dismissal, 11:00 a.m. Mass

For the class schedule or more information, please see our website: http://www.olaventura.com/RCIA or contact Deacon Don Huntley: RCIA@ola-vta.org, (805) 642- 7966 , ext.123.

Service and Outreach

Many Meals

College United Methodist Church
4300 Telegraph Road, Ventura

Please stop by Saint Ann's Apparel: Wed, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
All donations are needed. Especially in need: COATS!

We are in need of some new volunteers!!

Many Meals is in need of a few good women and men to work for one hour weekly at Many Meals. We need guest servers and food servers in the kitchen between 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. This is a great way for a family to serve together. Please contact Kevin Klier for details: venturan61418@gmail.com.

Menu: Served 6:00-7:00 p.m.
This Wednesday: Meatloaf and Mashed Potatoes
Thank you to all of our volunteers!

Grief Support Group

Join us to find support and help in working through the grief process and transforming your pain into healing and joy. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the Parish House (21 N. Dunning Street) 6:30-8:00 p.m. Entry is down the driveway, through the gate, in the backdoor and through the kitchen. You may start with the group any time. Next meeting: 12/4/2018. More info: Ken Lynch at (310) 720-9943 or ken-lynch123@aol.com.

Cancer Support Group

Cancer support groups help people cope with the emotional aspects of cancer by providing a safe place to share their feelings and have fellowship with other parishioners who are also on this cancer journey. Cancer studies have shown that individuals attending a support group for 12 weeks or more have improved cancer outcomes by fostering confidence and a positive adjustment to cancer. Group work also reduces depression and aids in the development of a "fighting spirit". By recognizing you are not alone, survivors develop strength, reduce stress, and find joy in living. Our group is therapist-lead with ministerial support for prayer and healing. The meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House. Questions:? Rochida McClure: (805) 746-0727.

Separated and Divorced Support Group

If you are separated or divorced, feeling lost, join a group of others going through the same thing. We'll share fellowship, prayer and hope for getting through this time and emerging from it in a healthier state of mind. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Parish House. Our next meeting is 12/5/2018. For more info, contact Rochida McClure at (805) 746-0727.

Thomas Fire Survivors' Adult & Children's' Support Group

Continues Mondays, 6:00-7:30PM at OLA

Please Join Us for this FREE SUPPORT GROUP! California HOPE of Ventura County is a trained community-based counseling program created to support the community following the Thomas Fire. The team provides specific services aimed at addressing the ongoing behavioral health needs of the community in collaboration with Ventura County Behavioral Health. For more info and to register: (805) 833-9495.

If you or someone you know needs support, contact (805) 833-9495 or hopeventuracounty@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/hopeofvc/

Local Events & Variety

St. Vincent de Paul

After celebrating the most American of all holidays, the Vincentian Volunteers at OLA, YOUR St. Vincent de Paul conference, are filled with gratitude for **YOU** - The OLA Parishioners! **YOU**:

- ♥ are the generous people of God who so consistently donate to help the poor and troubled.
- ♥ are the ones who worked this year to help many, many Thomas Fire Victims!!
- ♥ continued week in and week out to help troubled souls pay their rent when illness struck or pay a utility bill so that they could have safe drinking water or light or heat in their homes.
- ♥ paid medical and prescription bills so that the sick or injured could recover.
- ♥ registered cars so that homeless people could sleep somewhere other than a curb or park bench.
- ♥ are the heroes who helped to find permanent homes for a number of homeless persons.
- ♥ have made possible in 2018 assistance to almost 200 new families, and nearly 3000 since our start in 2005, many of whom still seek YOU out when in a new crisis.

None of this would have been possible without YOU. We rely on your financial support of course, but even more your ongoing prayers. At this critical time in our church, our nation and our county, please keep everyone in your daily prayers, and know that every Vincentian is praying for YOU - our partners!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry welcomes anyone who enjoys knitting or crocheting or wants to learn**!** We meet the 2nd Saturday of the month in the Parish Center. We have supplies! Our next meeting is 12/8. For more info call Jan Parrone at (805) 658-1904 or visit www.shawlministry.com. To request a shawl please call the Parish Information Center at (805) 642-7966.

Altar Pictures from All Souls Day Mass

Photos that were placed on the altar at the All Souls Day Mass are available for pickup in the Parish Information Center during business hours. We have eight photos remaining. Please collect them at your earliest convenience.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

World Wide Marriage Encounter is a marriage enrichment ministry whose goal is to help make "Good Marriages Great". Our ministry holds a monthly Community Sharing Circle for all encountered couples: A time for Fellowship and encouragement. For more information, please contact: Joseph & Diane Domitrovich (805) 263-6453, dompoli4@yahoo.com or: Russ & Jeanine Walker, (805) 648-4244, walkerrjbp@sbcglobal.net.

What am I most thankful for in my marriage this past year? Make the blessing of your spouse come alive in your life by enriching your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Feb 8-10, 2019 in Lancaster and April 26-28, 2019 in Simi Valley. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Ed and Jo Lara: (818) 848-6729, www.twocanlove.org. We help make good marriages better.

Family to Family

Advent Candle & Wreath Sale

Through December 2nd

Family To Family is selling Advent candle packs and wreaths after all masses beginning November 17th in the vestibule of the church and at Friendship Sunday in Mulcahy Center. $6 for candle pack, $12 for wreath or $15 for both. All proceeds will go to purchasing food needed to serve our clients on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. Family to Family is a non-profit, non-sectarian, all volunteer program serving the needy since 1983. We depend solely on gifts of food, time, and monetary contributions from individuals, churches and organizations. For additional information, please contact: Kathy Kinnear - (805) 218-9731 or Barbara Coulson - (805) 340-0938.

OLA Toy Drive

Through December 16th

It's that time of year again... Santa needs your help! Please consider buying a new unwrapped toy (or two) to donate to the annual OLA Toy Drive. The recipients are local families in need of help through St. Vincent de Paul, Many Meals, and other local assistance groups, with children ranging from infants to teens up to 14 years. The toy collection box will be located in the OLA School entry and at Friendship Sunday. (Sunday 5:15 Mass will have a box in the vestibule) starting Thanksgiving weekend until Dec 16th. Vons and Target gift cards are also greatly appreciated and can be purchased and dropped off at the OLA school office. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Defenders of Life preordered and prepaid Poinsettia plants will be available for pickup on Sunday, Dec. 9th in Hurley Hall (after all morning Masses. Please call Carol for further information or assistance. (805) 765-4293, or email: 2018christmascarol@gmail.com.

Armed Forces Support Ministry

All military veterans are now eligible for on-line shopping at the Military Exchange (AAFES BX and PX). Previously, this privilege was available only to active duty and retired military, but now ANY honorably discharged veteran is eligible. The veterans' privilege is on-line only - they are not eligible to shop at Exchange Stores, like the Post Exchange at Naval Base Ventura County. Benefits for veterans shopping on-line include: tax-free shopping, military-exclusive pricing, members-only credit options, free shipping on orders over $49.00 or any amount when you use your MILITARY STAR CARD (an Exchange credit card). Here's how veterans can apply:

1. Go to www.shopmyexchange.com/veterans. Click on "Get Verified".
2. Check eligibility by providing the following information: last four digits of SSN, date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY), last name
3. Click on "Check my eligibility"

When eligibility has been approved, they will provide information on shopping, creating an account, etc. Great for holiday shopping!

Ministerio Hispano

De Nuestro Parroco

Preparándonos para Su Llegada

Para mí, esta Temporada de Adviento es uno de los tiempos favoritos. Es una temporada de anticipación y también una temporada de tensión. De qué manera, nosotros como Católicos Cristianos, participamos en este tiempo de esperar al Señor y al mismo tiempo nos preparamos y celebramos la temprana llegada de Navidad. Cuando llega el 25 de diciembre estamos cansados de todo el frenesí de los anuncios, las fiestas navideñas, y los eventos asociados con la Navidad. En todo esto el Adviento se pierde. ¿De qué manera retomamos esta temporada de espera y observación?

Como comunidad de fe, celebramos la Temporada de Navidad desde el Dia de Navidad hasta la Epifanía. La Iglesia celebra la temporada con la oración y en la liturgia. Las cuatro semanas de Adviento nos guían al nacimiento de Cristo por medio de un proceso gradual de preparar nuestras vidas para vivir con nuestros ojos puestos en Cristo. Que regalos tan valiosos recibimos del Señor: LA ESPERANZA, LA PAZ, EL GOZO y EL AMOR. No hay nada más precioso que ofrecer a los demás estos regalos que nosotros hemos recibido durante el Adviento. LA ESPERANZA, LA PAZ, EL GOZO y EL AMOR nunca pasan de moda. Estos son regalos que desea recibir el corazón humano y que otros desean sentir.

Durante el Adviento, tome tiempo para disfrutar la temporada de prepararnos para el Señor. Use la sagrada liturgia para su preparación leyendo las lecturas del día. El APP de OLA ofrece estas y otras formas de oración y meditación. Compre la Corona de Adviento para su casa y comprométase a orar por cuatro semanas y a festejar con los demás durante estas semanas. Los calendarios de Adviento ofrecen un pensamiento especial y un regalo cada día. Mas que nada, esté atento y vigilante. Dejemos que la Temporada de Adviento del Señor nazca nuevamente en nosotros. Cuando esto sucede, quien sabe que regalos tan maravillosos nos dará el Señor en nuestras vidas.

VEN SEÑOR JESUS

Que tengamos una temporada bendecida preparándonos para una nueva vida en el Señor.

El padre León

Preparándose para la próxima semana …

Segundo domingo de Adviento

Lectura I - Baruc 5: 1 - 9
Lectura II - Filipenses 1: 4 - 6, 8 - 11
Evangelio - Lucas 3: 1 - 6

Reflexión Semanal

Preparándonos para la llegada de Jesús

Las lecturas y oraciones de hoy marcan el comienzo del año litúrgico. Cuando nos preparamos para conmemorar el primer capítulo de nuestra historia de salvación, Jesús nos recuerda en el Evangelio que éste está intrínsecamente relacionado con los eventos que celebramos la semana pasada: su segunda venida al final de los tiempos. En la primera lectura se nos recuerda que nuestra anticipación de este triunfo final comienza con la promesa de Dios de enviar a un salvador; la alegre esperanza que experimentamos durante este tiempo de Adviento. Regresamos a un enfoque de anticipación a medida que preparamos nuestros hogares, arreglamos las coronas de Adviento y encendemos las primeras velas. La lectura de Jeremías nos describe las palabras de Dios: “Se acercan los días, dice el Señor, en que cumpliré la promesa que hice a la casa de Israel y a la casa de Judá. En aquellos días y en aquella hora, yo haré nacer del tronco de David un vástago santo, que ejercerá la justicia y el derecho en la tierra”. Aquí es donde nuestros corazones están... esperando y anticipando el nacimiento del Salvador. El Salmo responsorial nos dice que Dios nos muestra cómo anticipar la venida de Cristo: “Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos, guíanos con la verdad… Tú eres nuestro Dios y salvador y tenemos en ti nuestra esperanza”. Este período de preparación nos pide que esperemos en oración la venida de Cristo; un enfoque que va en contra del ritmo frenético de la cultura secular. Jesús nos advierte que “[Estemos] alerta, para que los vicios, con el libertinaje, la embriaguez y las preocupaciones de esta vida no entorpezcan [nuestra] mente y aquel día [nos] sorprenda desprevenidos; porque caerá de repente como una trampa sobre todos los habitantes de la tierra”. Jesús nos anima a prepararnos durante la conmemoración de su nacimiento y a estar listos “para estar delante del Hijo del Hombre” cuando venga otra vez.

¡BIENVENIDO!

Si nos visita o nos acompaña por primera vez, ¡nos da gusto que este aquí! Todos son bienvenidos a OLA y recibidos con amor. Si está listo para unirse a nuestra parroquia, lo invitamos a completar Formularios de inscripción disponibles en el Centro de información de la parroquia o en el sitio web de la iglesia www.olaventura.com. Si tiene alguna pregunta, visite el Centro de Información Parroquial, la Mesa de Bienvenida en Amistad Domingo, o llámenos al (805) 642-7966.

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Viernes ~ 8:30 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
Sábado ~ 8:30 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.
Domingo ~ 9:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m.

Miércoles cerrado desde el mediodía - 1:00 p.m.
Para las vacaciones de navidad
el centro de información parroquial se cerrará
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Será CERRADO los días 25 y 26 de diciembre.

Ministerio Hispano

Horario para Huellas Digitales Dec 2018 Región de Santa Barbara

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Jueves, 10/1/19: St. Iglesia de Rafael
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Llamada a la renovación

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Llamada a la renovación es una campaña de 5 años para fortalecer cada parroquia y centro católico en la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. La meta para toda la arquidiócesis es de recaudar $500 millones, una meta grande pero que nos da la oportunidad de personalmente invitar a todo católico a que aporte su granito de arena. Contando con las oraciones y el apoyo OLA tiene como meta parroquial recaudar $3.2 millones, necesarios para la actualización de las instalaciones y los ministerios. Cada semana aquí actualizaremos como vamos en nuestra meta. Desde el 13 de noviembre hemos recaudado $1,759,900 gracias a la contribución de 98 familias. Para más información comuníquese con Lauren Burns at (805) 642- 7966 ext. 101 o Lburns@ola-vta.org.

Familia a familia Venta de velas y coronas de adviento

Family to Family

Hasta el 2 de diciembre

Familia a Familia está vendiendo paquetes de velas y coronas de Adviento después de todas las misas hasta el 2 de diciembre. La venta tendrá lugar en el vestíbulo de la iglesia y el Domingo de la Amistad en el Mulcahy Center. $6 por paquete de velas, $12 por corona, o $15 por ambos. Todos los ingresos se destinarán hacia la compra de los alimentos necesarios para servir a nuestros clientes cada 2º y 4º Domingo de cada mes.

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Misas del primer viernes:

7 de diciembre

➢ **6:30 a.m.** ➢ **8:00 a.m.**

Hay una pequeña recepción después de la Misa de las 8:00 a.m. en la Sala Santa Cruz.

¿SABIA USTED?

Mantenga las visitas de Santa seguras y libre de secretos

Es la temporada de Navidad, lo que significa que los niños de la arquidiócesis se prepararán para una foto con Santa y la oportunidad de decirle lo que esperan encontrar debajo de sus árboles este año. Esta es una tradición navideña divertida, pero aun así no es un momento para que los padres de familia bajen la guardia. Santa y sus ayudantes por lo regular son voluntarios, y es posible que no hayan pasado por exámenes de detección o pruebas para garantizar la seguridad de su hijo/a, por lo que ésta depende de usted. Vigile cualquier cosa que suceda mientras su hijo visita a Santa. Nunca se aleje del lugar de la acción, ni siquiera por un momento, y no permita que sus hijos sean llevados a otra habitación solos. Para obtener una copia del artículo completo de VIRTUS®, "Safety for Children AND Santa's Helpers" (Seguridad para los niños y los ayudantes de Santa), visite http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/default.aspx.

Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe! 12 de diciembre

- 5:30 a.m.: Rosario de la Esperanza y Mañanitas en la Iglesia.
- 6:30 a.m.: Misa (bilingüe) seguido por refrescos en el salón Santa Cruz
- 8:00 a.m.: Misa
- 6:30 p.m.: Danzantes seguido por Misa a las 7:15 p.m. (bilingüe) con mariachi. Recepción después de misa en Mulcahy Center con Mariachi y Ballet Folklórico. No confesiones.

Grupo de Oración a la Divina Misericordia

Nos reunimos el primer y tercer lunes de cada mes a las 7:00 p.m. en la Capilla Santa Julia.

Es nuestro deseo que por medio de la oración lleguemos a confiar completamente en Dios y vivir cada día inmersos en su Amor Misericordioso. Esa devoción está basada en los escritos de la Santa María Faustina Kowalska, una monja polaca sin educación básica que, en obediencia a su director espiritual, escribió un diario de alrededor de 600 páginas que relatan las revelaciones que ella recibió sobre la Misericordia de Dios. El mensaje de Misericordia es que Dios nos Ama – a todos- no importa cuán grande sean nuestras faltas. Él quiere que reconozcamos que Su Misericordia es más grande que nuestros pecados, para que nos acerquemos a Él con confianza, para que recibamos su Misericordia y la dejemos derramar sobre otros. De tal manera de que todos participemos de Su Gozo. Tener devoción a la Divina Misericordia requiere de una total entrega a Dios como Misericordia. Es una decisión que comprende en confiar completamente en Él, en aceptar su Misericordia con acción de gracias y de ser misericordioso como Él es Misericordioso. Las prácticas devocionales propuestas en el diario de la Santa Faustina están en completo acuerdo con las enseñanzas de la Iglesia y su raíz están firmemente en los Mensajes de los Evangelios de nuestro Señor Misericordioso. Estos propiamente comprendidos e implementados nos ayudan a crecer como genuinos seguidores de Cristo. (Fuente de información EWTN)

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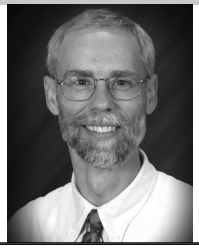
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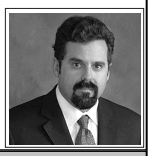

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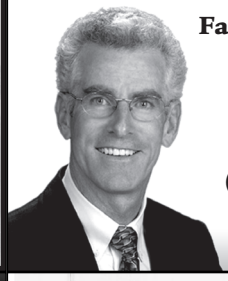

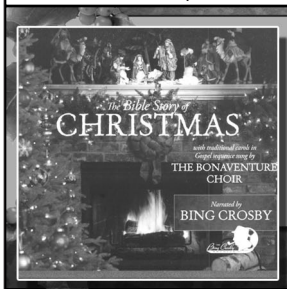

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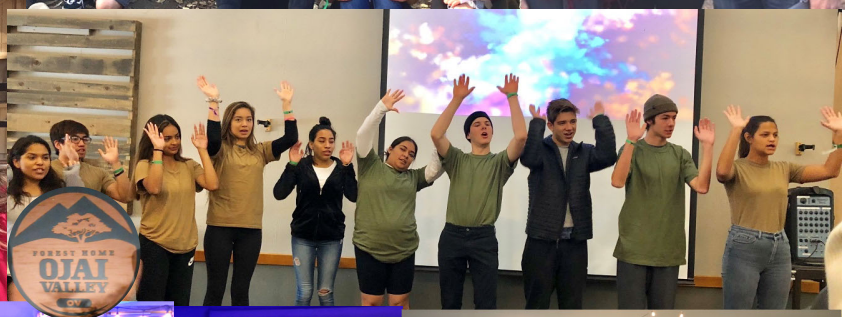

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