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OUR LADY of the Assumption PARISH

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First Sunday of Lent - February 18, 2018

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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, 9:30, 11:00 AM
12:30 (**Spanish Mass**)
5:15 PM

- Adoration & Benediction for 1hr 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 8AM Mass

ROSARY:
Monday - Saturday after 8AM Mass

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:
TUESDAY 9AM - 5PM
WEDNESDAY 9AM UNTIL SUNDAY 8AM IN ST. JULIE'S CHAPEL

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Weekly Reflection

The First Sunday of Lent

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. Ash Wednesday reminded us that: God made us from the dust and to dust we will return; and, we are to repent and believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ. Lent is the 40 day period beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending with the commencement of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. It is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and the doing of good works in preparation for Easter. There are two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent — the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it; and, penance.

In our first reading, the cleansing flood waters have subsided. Wickedness and evil have been washed away. God promises that the earth will never again be devastated by water, and provides the rainbow as a sign. In the second reading we are reminded that the flood waters prefigure our baptismal rights. Just as the flood waters made all things clean; our baptisms make all things clean by washing away our sins and through reconciliation we are absolved.

Today's Gospel reading picks up right after Jesus' baptism. The Holy Spirit drove Jesus into the desert to be tempted for 40 days. Unlike us, because he was free of sin, Jesus didn't need to be baptized. However, in all humility, as our teacher and guide, he leads us to baptism for the love of us. In the desert, Jesus prepared for his messianic public ministry. Being fully man and fully God, Jesus' could not be tempted. We, however, are constantly challenged by temptation and sometimes we succumb. Jesus calls us to have a transformative change of heart in our relationship with God; repent of sin and believe in the good news: God's kingdom is here.

Reflexión semanal

Hoy es el primer domingo de Cuaresma

El pasado Miércoles de Ceniza nos recordó que Dios nos hizo de polvo y al polvo volveremos; por lo cual debemos arrepentirnos y creer en las Buena Nueva de Jesucristo. La Cuaresma es el período de 40 días que comienza el Miércoles de Ceniza y termina con el comienzo de la misa de la Cena del Señor el Jueves Santo. Es un tiempo especial de oración, penitencia, sacrificio y de realización de buenas obras en preparación para la Pascua. Hay dos elementos que son especialmente característicos de la Cuaresma: uno es el llamado del bautismo o la preparación para ello y el otro, la penitencia.

En nuestra primera lectura de hoy, las aguas limpias del diluvio habían disminuido. La maldad y el mal habían sido lavados. Dios promete que la tierra nunca más será devastada por el agua y proporciona el arco iris como señal. En la segunda lectura, se nos recuerda que las aguas del diluvio prefiguran nuestros derechos bautismales. Así como las aguas de la inundación lo limpiaron todo, nuestros bautismos han lavado y absuelto nuestros pecados por la reconciliación.

Por otro lado, la lectura del Evangelio comienza justo después del bautismo de Jesús. El Espíritu Santo condujo a Jesús al desierto para ser tentado por 40 días. Jesús, a diferencia nuestra, no necesitaba estar bautizado porque estaba libre de pecado. Sin embargo, con toda humildad y como maestro y guía, nos guió al bautismo por amor. Estando en el desierto, Jesús se preparó para su ministerio público mesiánico. Siendo completamente hombre y completamente Dios, Jesús no podía ser tentado. Nosotros sin embargo, somos constantemente desafiados por la tentación y algunas veces sucumbimos a ella. Jesús nos llama a un cambio transformador de corazón en nuestra relación con Dios; arrepintiéndonos de nuestros pecados y creyendo en la Buena Nueva: el Reino de Dios está aquí.

Parish Life

WELCOME!

If you are visiting or are joining us for the first time, we are glad you came! All are welcome at OLA and received with love. If you are ready to join our parish, we encourage you to fill out the Registration Form and bring it to the Parish Office. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office or on the church website www.olaventura.com If you have any questions, please come by the Parish Office, the Welcome Table at Friendship Sunday, or call us at 642-7966.

Our Lady of the Assumption Church Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 8:30am to 7:00pm
Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm,
Saturday 8:30am to 12:00pm
Sunday 9:00am to 2:00pm

Wednesdays & Fridays closed from noon - 1pm
Office will be closed on February 19 in observance of President's Day

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 desea ser parte de nuestra parroquia, le recomendamos que llene el Formulario de Registración y lo traiga a la Oficina Parroquial. Los formularios están disponibles en la Oficina Parroquial o en la página web de la parroquia, www.olaventura.com Para cualquier pregunta por favor pase por la Oficina Parroquial o llámenos al 642-7966.

Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción Horario de la Oficina Parroquial

Lunes a Jueves ~ 8:30am. a 7:00pm
Viernes ~ 8:30am a 5:00pm
Sábado ~ 8:30am a 12:00pm
Domingo ~ 9:00am a 2:00pm

Miércoles y viernes cerrado desde el mediodía - 1pm
La oficina estará cerrada el 19 de febrero en observancia del Día del Presidente

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Event	See Page
February 19	The University Series at Sacred Heart - "Finding God in Sickness—Are You Serious?"	6
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February 20	The University Series at OLA - 3 W's of the Reformation	3
February 23	Soup Supper sponsored by Confirmation Class	3
February 23	Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition & Benediction	3
February 24	Luminous Images Prayer Service	3
February 28	Bilingual Penance Service	3

Announcements

Bulletin Deadline March 4th bulletin-due by 5pm February 23rd. Pulpit Announcement –February 25th Masses-Due by February 21st at 9am. Please see directory on pg 9 for where to send information.

Parish Life

Lenten Weekday Schedule

Mondays - Mass: 6:30 am, 8:00 am, Confession: 8:30 am
Tuesdays - Mass: 6:30 am, 8:00 am
Wednesdays - Mass: 6:30 am, 8:00 am, Confession: 5:30 pm
Thursdays - Mass: 6:30 am, 8:00 am
Fridays - Mass: 6:30 am, 8:00 am, 5:30 pm
Soup Suppers at 6:00 pm followed by
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm
(English in Church, Spanish in St. Julie's Chapel)
Exposition & Benediction following Stations
March 23 - **LIVING** Stations of the Cross by the youth
In the church at 7:00 pm

Soup Suppers

Please join us in Mulcahy Center after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Fridays during Lent for a simple supper and good company. The dates are listed below along the hosting ministry and their menu:

Feb. 23 – Confirmation Class
Mar. 2 – Men's Ministry - Mild Veggie or Clam Chowder & salad
Mar. 9 – Many Meals Cooks - Tomato or Vegetable & grilled cheese
Mar. 16 - Hosting Ministry needed!!
Mar. 23 – Respect Life

President's Day
Monday, February 19th

Presidents' Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. ... While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present.(Excerpt taken from History.com) The parish office will be closed. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. No confessions that day.

Lenten Season Happenings at OLA

A Lenten Journey Discovering Christ
Have recent events challenged your faith? Are you seeking new direction or new meaning in your life? Do you feel anxious and concerned about the future? If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, then Lenten Journey Discovering Christ is for you. This experience involves meeting for eight mornings from 8:45-11:00 a.m. 3/19-3/28 (excludes Saturday and Sunday) This experience is an invitation to hear the Good News in a new way through a personal encounter with Jesus via a small community faith experience. To register contact Terri Rojo at trojo@ola-vta.org or 805-368-5136.

The Luminous Images Prayer Service
Saturday, February 24,
to begin at the conclusion of the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
A guided scriptural reflection on the meaning of our Salvation history as depicted through the images, signs and symbols of our church's beautiful stained glass windows.

Bilingual Penance Service
Wednesday, February 28, 2018
at 7:00 pm In the church

Mass with Blessing of the Sick
Sponsored by the OLA Cancer Support Group
Saturday, March 10, 5:15
Sunday, March 11 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm & 5:15 pm

The Meaning of the Triduum
English - Tuesday, March 20 - 7pm in the church
Spanish - Thursday, March 22 - 7pm
in the Santa Cruz Room

Thomas Fire Dinners

As we continue to support you, our parishioners and community affected by the Thomas Fire, please join us or extend an invitation for the following dinners: Feb. 24th, April 28th, May 26th, June 23rd after the 5:15pm Masses. Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Mulcahy Center. Please RSVP: Andrea Rooney (805) 642-7966 Ext. 129. Or email to ARooney@ola-vta.org.

Happy Anniversary

Eugene & Johanna Aviles
65 Years on February 28

Victor & Barbara Philipps
63 Years on February 12

Baptisms

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

Leonardo Valadez Jr.
Kai Fletcher Donate

In Remembrance

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions for FEB 19 - FEB 25

Monday, February 19
6:30 AM NO MASS
8:00 AM NO MASS 9:00 AM† Democrito Sagrado & † Fr. Charles Miller

Tuesday, February 20
6:30 AM Mini Chavez
8:00 AM † Sue Wedemeyer

Wednesday, February 21
6:30 AM Mass for the People
8:00 AM † Rick Horvet

Thursday, February 22
6:30 AM Jose & Sue Chavez
8:00 AM † Lilie Isidoro

Friday, February 23
6:30 AM † George & Adele Lang & † Tony & Ruth Garcia
8:00 AM † Louise Ouellette & Jenny Medina & Michelle Soriano

Saturday, February 24
8:00 AM † Opal Root
5:15 PM † Betty Edwards & † Frances & Gloria D. Chapman

Sunday, February 25
8:00 AM † Joseph McGrath
9:30 AM Mass for the People
11:00 AM Carol Barone
12:30 PM † Reinaldo Hernandez & Juana Soto & Adrian Mercado
5:15 PM Fr. Leon Hutton & Fr. Joe Choi

Lent: Season of Sacrificial Love

The Season of Lent has begun. As Catholic Christians, this time of special preparation of our heart, mind, and body through prayer, fasting, and works of mercy began and will end with mixed emotions. Ash Wednesday coincided with Valentine's Day which is traditionally observed with special treats and cards that speak of our love and joy and not ashes on our foreheads and penance. But then, what greater expression of love can we offer than sacrifice and self-denial out of love for God, others, and one self? Then, when Easter arrives as we renew our Baptismal commitment in the Lord the secular world recalls "All Fools Day". Traditionally, the cross and resurrection is considered the "sign of contradiction" and an attraction for fools and dreamers. But maybe these two intersections of the sacred and the secular are more in keeping with the truth of who we are called to be.

A greater sign for us on Ash Wednesday is the sign of the cross born on our foreheads in ashes. We heard these or similar words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return". A stark reminder of this time set aside for reform and renewal of our life. Without serious consideration and prayer, this Lenten season may go unnoticed. Or it might be an experience of true Transformation. Maybe it is time to make those adjustments in our lives that lead to conversion and change. Without the realization that Prayer, Fasting, and Works of Mercy are transformative, how can the Spirit make a difference?

The life of Brother Charles de Foucauld (1858-1916) may offer us hope. Charles had a difficult life and as a young man questioned his faith. After a brief military career, where an injury forced him to be hospitalized, he longed to find meaning in his life. Inspired by the faith-filled Muslims with whom he encountered, he asked, "My God, if you exist, let me come to know you." Slowly, he rediscovered his Catholic Faith and was compelled to give his life over to the Lord. He became a missionary hermit and lived among the Tuareg tribe in the Sahara desert, as a Christian witness. He died in the desert, revered by the tribe as a holy presence, but without gaining one convert. In what could be viewed as a failure, in time, his witness has inspired thousands to live simply, in service to God and love of neighbor. Charles lived in "Jesu Caritas"- Love of Jesus.

The legacy of Charles de Foucauld continues to inspire and offer hope in a world that measures success by power, pleasure, success, and possessions. Note, his symbol is the joining of a cross and heart. For Charles, Sacrifice and Love are intimately joined because they both begin in God. May your Lenten journey break much fruit and joy, in Jesu Caritas.

Father, I abandon myself into your hands;
do with me what you will.
Whatever you may do, I thank you:
I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me,
and in all your creatures -
I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul:
I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,
for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,
to surrender myself into your hands without
reserve, and with boundless confidence,
for you are my Father.

Charles de Foucauld

Parish Life

Town Hall Meeting

Our Lady of Ventura Parish thrives because of the leadership and investment of our faith community. To continue to best serve parishioners and our local community, we invite you to attend a town hall meeting on February 27 at 7:00 pm in Mulcahy Center. At this meeting, we will review the results of the in pew survey which will be held this weekend and request your feedback and counsel as we think about the future of our parish.

Date: February 27, 2018
Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Location: Mulcahy Center
Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to Lauren Burns at 805-642-7966 ext. 101. We will hold an additional Town Hall on Saturday, April 28th at 9:00 a.m. in Mulcahy Center for those who can't attend on February 27th.

Together in Mission – Let Us Love

This year, our parish has been asked to raise 2018 PARISH GOAL $121,992. If you and your family have not had the opportunity to make your pledge, I ask that you complete a pledge card found in the pews, or make your pledge online by visiting archla.org/give. Your gifts to Together in Mission ensure that every Catholic living in the Archdiocese has a parish to celebrate their faith and access to a Catholic school education. You are living your faith through your actions when you support Together in Mission. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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OLA Marriage Preparation

Here at OLA Parish our goal is to provide engaged couples and those married by way of a civil ceremony with the knowledge, skills, and formation they need to live a happy, holy and lifelong sacramental marriage.
We are pleased to announce that our brand new Marriage Preparation Program will officially begin with the new year! This experience is comprised of six sessions – each offering an engaging encounter with important aspects of the sacramental gift of matrimony, while providing an experience of community and ongoing support resources for couples to faithfully live their sacrament. If you or someone you know is interested in preparing for the sacrament of marriage, please have them contact: Andrea Rooney at (805) 642-7966 ext. 129, or ARooney@ola-vta.org. Our new brochure is available in the vestibule or the rectory office.

Weekly Offerings

Thank you for your continuing support of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish. For the month of February 2018 our parish budget calls for $22,356.00 to be donated weekly at the Sunday collection. The collection for Sunday, February 4, 2018 was $20,945.40. 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.

Religious Education

Our Lady of the Assumption School

Our Lady of the Assumption School students and staff celebrated Catholic Schools Week last week and were reminded of how fortunate we all are for our faith and Catholic education. Students celebrated with a school mass and a walk-a-thon among other events. We are now preparing for the Lenten season and Easter. A time to reflect on the sacrifice Jesus made for all of us. Preschool is accepting applications for the current school year and for the 2018-2019 school year. Apply online at www.olaventura.org. Check out our preschool Facebook page, Our Lady of the Assumption Preschool in Ventura. Call to schedule a tour. Grades K-8 are also accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. For admissions information or to learn more about the school, visit the website at www.olaventura.org or contact the OLA school office at (805)642-7198.

2017/2018 R.E.

Elementary, Grades 1-5 Tuesday/ Wednesday 4-5:30pm
For more info please call Mari Joerger, Parish Catechetical Leader at 642-7966 ext. 125

Be a Vacation Bible Camp Volunteer!

Do you like to have fun in the summer? Want to be a part of one of the most exciting weeks for the children of our parish? Well then we have the perfect opportunity for you! Our Lady of the Assumption Church invites you to help put smiles on children's faces and God in their hearts though this year's Vacation Bible Camp (VBC). We are looking for individuals of all ages, who may be available to share their gifts at this year's VBC. Interested? Contact Richelle Bart at rfullilove6@aol.com or (805) 701-7193

Youth Ministry

Important Confirmation Dates:
Year 1 - meets 2/25 & Year 2 meets 3/4

EDGE Wednesday 2/21- Meet in Mulcahy Hall

Please contact Gabe Rivera at 642-7966 ext 121 or grivera@ola-vta.org for more info.

Trinity / Creed / The Lord's Prayer RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

While we continue to prepare catechumens and candidates for receiving/living the sacraments of initiation, the RCIA team extends an invitation to parishioners interested our gatherings to deepen and grow in their faith. The focus for our next gatherings are . **Our next sessions are as follows: 2/20 - No Greater Love: Stations of the Cross & Benediction & 2/27 - Trinity / Creed / The Lord's Prayer.** For more info please contact Deacon Don at RCIA@ola-vta.org or by phone at (805) 642- 7966 x123. The door is open, welcome home.

Safe Environment

Did you Know?

Establishing boundaries

Helping children understand that they have the right to establish boundaries if anyone tries to hurt them or touch them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable is an important, but sometimes difficult, task. Establishing boundaries around touch is integral to keeping kids safe. Having regular, open conversations about safety is one of the best ways to help keep kids safe. Remind children that their bodies are their own, encourage them to talk about their concerns and listen respectfully when they do. For more information from kidsmartz.org visit, http://www.kidsmartz.org/~/media/KidSmartz/ResourceDocuments/KidSmartz_Setting_Physical_Boundaries.pdf.

February 2018 Fingerprint Schedule Santa Barbara Region

Saturday, 3/3/2018
ST. JULIE BILLIART CHURCH (Parish Hall Library)
475 Borchard Road, Newbury Park 91320
For appt. pls. call (805-498-3602 ext100)

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

VIRTUS Training

The following VIRTUS Sessions have been scheduled for January/February 2018

Protecting God's Children
Saturday, 2/24/2018 9am
Old Mission Santa Ines (Solvang)
Call 805-688-4815 to reserve a place.

Keeping the Promise Alive -(VIRTUS recertification)
Saturday, 3/3 - 9:30am
St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church (Newbury Park)
Please call 805-498-3602 ext 103 to reserve a place.

. to register for a session or for questions, call Dea Boehme at (805) 390-1260. Participants must be on time in order to be admitted to a session.

Adult Ministry

OLA Women's Ministry Presents - "Seek and You Shall Find"… Discovering God's Will In Your Life

Come on the OLA Women's Retreat at Forest Home Retreat Center, in Oakview, March 24 - 25, 2018! Popular Catholic speaker and author Christine Watkins, trained in Ignatian Spirituality and discernment, leads our retreat, together with acclaimed singer, songwriter Donna Lee! Registration is $175 per person. Registration forms are available in the church vestibule, the parish office or register online at the parish website - "what's new at OLA - upcoming events". For questions and information please contact Kati Escallier at 805-642-7966 ext. 142, or email Kescallier@ola-vta.org.

Adult Ministry

The University Series In Ventura This Week

All Classes 7:30 – 9:00P.M. unless noted otherwise.
Friday Food for Thought classes are 12:15 - 1:45 P.M.

Monday 2/19 - Finding God...In Sickness. Are you serious?
Fr. John Love Sacred Heart Parish

Tuesday 2/20 - 500 Years After Luther: The 3 W's of the Reformation Fr. Leon Htutton
Out Lady of the Assumption Parish

Thursday 2/22 - El Apocolipsis, ¿Historia de Terror O Carta de Amor y Esperanza - IDcn Memo Rodriguez
San Buenaventura Mission Parish

40 Years of Shroud Science:
A Personal Perspective.
Barrie Schwortz Sacred Heart Parish

For more information visit www.the universityseries.org

Men's Ministry - Winter Session of O' Dark Thirty

Calling all men of the parish to the Men's Ministry Wednesday morning program O'Dark Thirty. We will be gathering at 5:45 AM on Wednesday in Mulcahy Center throughout the fall. Breakfast will be served, followed by a video presentation and fellowship in small groups. Wake up early on Wednesday! One may start attending on any Wednesday. For more information call Ken Lynch at (310) 720-9943.

Spirituality & Fellowship

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 a good supply of donated yarn waiting to be made into items which bring comfort & joy to anyone desiring them. Our next meeting is 3/10. For more info call Jan Parrone at 658-1904 or visit www.shawlministry.com. To request a shawl please call the parish office at 642-7966.

Small Faith Group

A small faith group of 5 ladies are interested in others joining our weekly meetings. We meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. and use a reflection booklet in which we read the coming Sunday Gospel and discuss how it relates to our lives. We enjoy each other's company and look forward to each session. If you are interested, please call Marilyn Scott, a parishioner at (805) 642-5488.

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Julie's Chapel

Adoration Hours in St. Julies Chapel are **Tuesdays 9am—5pm** & Wednesdays 9am - Sundays 8am. Adorers are always welcome. Would you consider being an occasional substitute adorer? If so, please phone Mary Ann at 644-2160 or Elizabeth at 644-8395.

Service & Outreach

Many Meals

We are in DESPERATE NEED of jackets and coats in extra large and XXL sizes for both men and women. So if you have family or friends that are XL, XXL, XXXL please tell them anything they would be willing to donate would be wonderful and greatly appreciated. Jackets and blankets are really needed now that the cold weather is upon us. We have been very fortunate to be able to assist many folks with clothing. We had 160 very happy guests this past week, and with the announcement that every 1st Wednesday of the month is "meatloaf night", our guests were extremely happy!! A very big thank you to all who dedicate their time & efforts into making this all run so smoothly. Bless you all for all you do.

"As missionary disciples, the Many Meals Ministry provides a weekly meal and fosters fellowship to the people in our community."

Grief Support Group

The Grief Support group is open to any adult who has lost a loved one through death. Join us to find support and help in working through the grief process & transforming your pain into healing & joy. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the Parish House (21 N, Dunning St.) from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Entry is down the driveway, through the gate, in the backdoor and through the kitchen. You can start with the group any time. **Our next meeting is 2/20/2018**. For more info please call Ken at 310 720 9943 or send an email to kenlynch123@aol.com.

Easter Holiday Food Baskets

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD items are currently needed for our parish's Easter food basket ministry. Food items can be placed in the food box in the church vestibule. While you are doing your shopping please pick-up some extra items for the food baskets. All non-perishable food items are always accepted, but this week's featured items are Peanut Butter and Jelly. 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 you can contact: Jerry Deal 339-0260.

Catholic Cancer Support Group

Religious activity has been shown to improve health outcomes. Come, commune with other Catholics who are also managing their cancer journeys. Cancer affects you, your caregivers, your family, and your church. Let us support you through this. We meet in the San Miguel Room by the Chapel. Morning meetings are at 10 am on the 2nd Thursday(3/8), of each month. Evening meetings are at 6 pm on the 4th Thursday (2/22). Please contact Rochida McClure @ (805) 746-0727 to learn more.

Single Again Support Group

A group for Separated and Divorced Parishioners meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Our next meeting is 2/21. Location: Parish House - Kitchen Area (21 N. Dunning Street, Ventura). Join us, it is a healing. For more info contact Rochida McClure at (805) 746-0727 cell/text.

In the Community

Men's Spiritual Retreat - Serra Retreat Ctr in Malibu Friday, 4/27—Sunday, 4/29/2018

Since 1954, Knights from our Ventura Councils have motored to the Franciscan retreat center in Malibu for the annual weekend retreat. They reflect on the multifold blessings God has bestowed on them. For more info visit www.serratreat.com or call (310)456-6613

Hope for Troubled Marriages

Retrouvaille (REH-tro-v-eye) is a peer marriage ministry program that has helped thousands of married couples who are experiencing disillusion or misery in their marriage, even separated or divorced, rediscover a loving marriage relationship. The program begins with a weekend stay followed by a series of post-weekend sessions. For information, including cost, or to register for the next LA program beginning with a weekend on 3/9-11/18 please call 909-900-5465 or e-mail: 6006@retrouvaille.org. For more information, visit HelpOurMarriage.com.

Dad & Kid Game Night

Kids bring your dad to "Dad & Kid Game Night" hosted by the American Heritage Girls. Saturday March 3rd from 5-8 PM in Mulcahy Center. FREE event just bring a dish to share...potluck:) Hot dogs will be provided. All ages welcomed. For more info or to RSVP please call Lauren at (805)665-8665

Cub Scouts Religious Emblem Awards

Congratulations to the Cub Scouts from Our Lady of the Assumption Parish who earned their Religious Emblem awards. The Light of Christ award was received by Evan Barker, Corbyn Clark, Lukas Devericks, Henry McClester & Gregory Simson. The Parvuli Dei award was received by Matthew Cagle and Luke Sassen. OLA Cub Scout Pack #3192 has been awarded the Pope Paul the VI Quality Unit Award by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. This is the 16th year we have earned the award.

Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women

Our next gathering is Wednesday, 2/21/18 at Mission San Buenaventura, 211 East Main Street and the cost is $12. Includes speaker, Rev. Pasquale Vuoso on his journey in to the Priesthood, followed by mass & lunch. For reservations please contact Theresa Sullivan at (805)340-9494 and for more info contact Rose Palazuelos at (805)512-0040

Hermits of The Holy Cross

The Hermits of the Holy Cross is a Contemplative Association for those who are permanently physically disabled and have become "homebound" . If you are homebound and would like to assist the parish as a Hermit of the Holy Cross, please call Mark Dextraze at 647-9089 or email him at: dextraze13@yahoo.com.

Ministerio Hispano

Cuaresma: Temporada de Amor y Sacrificio

Ha iniciado la temporada de Cuaresma, el tiempo de preparar nuestro corazón, nuestra mente y nuestro cuerpo por medio de la oración, el ayuno y las obras de misericordia. Este año, el Miércoles de Ceniza coincidió con el día de san Valentín. Dia en que tradicionalmente se regalan dulces y tarjetas como expresión de amor y gozo y no un día de ceniza y penitencia. Pero ¿hay expresión más grande que el sacrificio por amor a Dios, a los demás y a uno mismo? La Pascua llegará en el día de los inocentes (all fools day). La cruz y la resurrección son "signos de contradicción" y en ocasiones considerados una atracción para los tontos y los soñadores. La cruz en la frente con ceniza y las palabras, "arrepiéntete y cree en el Evangelio" o "recuerda que polvo eres y polvo te convertirás" nos llaman a reformar y renovar nuestra vida. Solo con la meditación y la oración llegaremos a una verdadera Transformación. La Oración, el Ayuno, y las Obras de Misericordia nos transforman solo por medio del Espíritu. La vida del hermano Charles de Foucauld (1858-1916) nos puede dar esperanza. Chales tuvo una vida muy difícil, y de joven cuestionaba su fe. Después de una breve carrera militar, fue hospitalizado y deseaba encontrarle significado a su vida. Inspirado por la fe de los musulmanes que conoció, oraba, "Dios mío, si existes, permíteme conocerte." Lentamente, volvió a descubrir su fe católica y sintió el llamado de entregarle su vida al Señor. Fue un ermitaño misionero y vivía entre la tribu Tuareg en el desierto Sahara. Murió en el desierto, reverenciado por la tribu, pero sin lograr la conversión de ninguno. Lo que parecía un fracaso con el tiempo inspiró a miles a vivir una vida simple, sirviendo a Dios y amando al prójimo. Charles vivió "Jesu Caritas"-amor a Jesús. El legado de Charles continúa inspirando y ofreciendo esperanza en un mundo que mide el triunfo por el poder, el placer, los logros y las posesiones. Su símbolo es una cruz y un corazón, el sacrificio y el amor están íntimamente unidos porque los dos inician con Dios. Oremos con Chales:

"Padre mío, me abandono a Ti.
Haz de mí lo que quieras.
Lo que hagas de mí te lo agradezco, estoy dispuesto a todo,
lo acepto todo.

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Pongo mi vida en Tus manos.
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y porque para mí amarte es darme,
entregarme en Tus manos sin medida,
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P. Leon

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- Marzo 11 – Misa y Unción de los Enfermos – 12:30 p.m. (español)
- **21 de marzo en la iglesia (español) – Taller de la Universidad, "Lo Personajes de la Crucifixión"** Vía Crucis Viviente para niños. Costo $8 por persona, un invitado gratis.
- Marzo 22 (jueves) – Taller, "El significado del Triduo Pascual" – 7pm en el salón Santa Cruz

El horario completo de Cuaresma está disponible en el vestíbulo.

Bendición para los recién bautizados y sus familias

Como parroquia queremos continuar apoyándolos en su compromiso de que su hijo/hija conozca su fe como miembro de la familia de Dios, acompáñenos el domingo 18 de febrero en las misas de 9:30 am, 11:00 am o 12:30 pm (español) para recibir una bendición especial.

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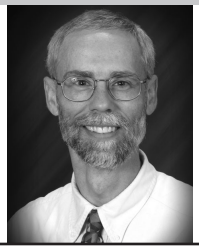
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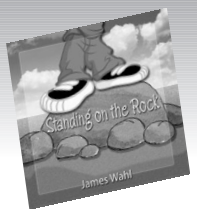

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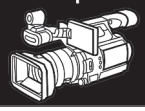

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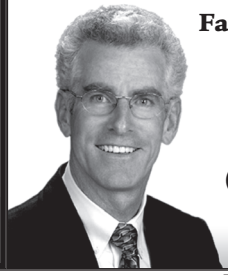

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