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# OUR LADY of the Assumption

PARISH  
VENTURA

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 12, 2019



“MY SHEEP hear my voice;  
I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME...”  
JOHN 10:27

“MIS OVEJAS escuchan mi voz;  
YO LAS CONOZCO Y ELLAS ME SIGUEN...”  
JUAN 10:27

### PASTOR

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### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday - Friday:

6:30 AM, 8:00 AM

5:30 PM (1<sup>st</sup> 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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - Sunday: 8:00 AM

### OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

#### PARISH SCHOOL (PRE K-8TH GRADE)

3169 Telegraph Road

Mrs. Patricia Groff, Principal

School Office: (805) 642-7198

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## From Our Pastor

### Following Christ: Walking Along the Way

Jesus offered his disciples this message of hope before His ascension: "Follow Me!" However, as we Christians attempt to do this, we find ourselves at a loss as to how to follow the Lord. The spiritual life is often compared to a journey. It's a time of wandering in awe and wonder about life itself. It takes a reflective life, that is, a posture of openness to Mystery.

There has been a rediscovery of walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain. The movie, "The Way," starring Martin Sheen and his son Emilio Estevez, has inspired many to make this spiritual trek. The idea of pilgrimage is an ancient tradition of setting out to find a spiritual insight or be healed from one's demons. Walking on "The Way", offers a pilgrim the means to separate from the ordinary comforts and distractions of life. By achieving this "purgatory" it is the desire and prayer of the pilgrim to hear the purpose of life and clarify one's direction in life. Many a pilgrim has walked "the way" and found something very different from what they initially desired. Providentially, it is what they most needed to find; the Truth!



Easter is a time of entering more intimately in the pilgrim spirit. It is a season of allowing the new life of Christ to take hold of our lives. The Easter Season is itself a pilgrimage that invites us to see and hear the daily invitation of the Lord to fullness of life. It is a time to walk with those who are sharing in the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. It's the season for young children to receive

their First Communion. In their innocence and wonder they show us the simple gift that Jesus offers us as: "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." We are fed by the "Bread of Life" who is light and life for others. In a similar way, those receiving their Confirmation, draw our attention to the gifts of the Holy Spirit that abound in our midst. Without eyes of faith, we fail to see or understand the importance of these gifts for the Church and the world.

Easter is a season of being pilgrims on a journey of discovering the power and presence of the Lord. We, Christians, are always on the road searching for the Risen Christ and living lives attentive to the great mystery of "God with us". Pray for the eyes to see and the ears to hear.

*Fr. Leon*

### Preparing for Next Week...

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading I - Acts 14:21 - 27

Reading II - Revelation 21:1 - 5a

Gospel: - John 13:31 - 33a, 34 - 35

## Weekly Reflection

To whom is the Word of God directed? To all! But not everyone listens or understands. Our first reading relates the efforts of Paul and Barnabas to speak the good news of Jesus to the Jews who were the first chosen of God's people. However, God gives us free will to hear His Word and incorporate it into our lives or reject it. When Paul and Barnabas spoke to the Jews in Antioch, their message about the truth of Jesus Christ was rejected. However, in contrast, the Gentiles were responsive and came to believe.

In our Second Reading, we hear, in apocryphal words, about those who have accepted Jesus. We are told that by accepting Jesus they have been able to survive a time of great distress. This is one of the things Jesus gives to us: the strength to endure the trials and tribulations we face in our everyday lives. Why? Because His Word is Truth and we are never alone because He is with us to the end of the age.

In our Gospel Reading, Jesus takes on the role of the good shepherd. In our modern and secular world, we don't know much about shepherds. My grandfather pioneered sheep ranching in the north end of the Sacramento Valley. I remember his stories of being on the range with them. He knew the practical reality of being a shepherd: some were lost or injured and beyond recovery. Jesus is a different kind of shepherd. He searches for all of us, including those that are lost or injured. He came to lead us into new pastures and new ways of living. Importantly, I know He will lead me to springs of life giving water and I will rest with Him, eternally. Jesus, I hear your voice, I will follow.



## 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](http://www.olaventura.com), at the Welcome Table at Friendship Sunday, or call us at (805) 642-7966.



## 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.**



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
May 11 - 12	All Masses	'Get on the Bus' Speaker and Second Collection
May 11 - 12	All Masses	Mother's Day Corsage Sale
May 12	8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)	First Holy Communion
May 12	All Masses	Mother's Day
May 17	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	OLA School "Boots and Bows" Dance
May 21/23	4:00 p.m.	Last Day of Religious Education/Scavenger Hunt!
May 27	9:00 a.m. (No 6:30 a.m. or 8:30 a.m.)	Memorial Day Mass
May 27	All Day	Parish Information Center Closed
May 31	12:00 p.m.	SBHS Graduation & Mass
May 31	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
June 2	9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 12:30 p.m.	Liturgical Blessing for Expectant Families
June 7	6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.	First Friday Masses

**Announcement Requests: [bulletin@ola-vta.org](mailto:bulletin@ola-vta.org)**

**Bulletin: Requests for May 26<sup>th</sup> bulletin due by 5:00 p.m., May 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Pulpit Announcement: Requests for May 19<sup>th</sup> Masses due by 9:00 a.m., May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## Parish Life



### Get on the Bus (GOTB)

Get on the Bus (GOTB) a non-profit program that unites children and parents who are incarcerated for Father's and Mother's Day celebrations, will have a speaker at

our masses this weekend and we will have a second collection on their behalf.

In 1998, when Sister Suzanne Jabro, CSJ and friends learned that some incarcerated women hadn't seen their children in many years, they immediately decided to act and help. The movement has grown to more than 50 buses, going to 13 California prisons with 1,110 children and their caregivers in 2018. Almost everyone involved in GOTB is a volunteer. We ask for your help in funding this mission of mercy to reweave vital relationships. Reach us at (818) 980-7714 or [www.crjw.org](http://www.crjw.org)

**Ministry Leaders' Meeting**  
Thursday, May 23rd, 6:00 p.m.  
Mulcahy Center

Please mark your calendars! OLA requests that ALL ministries have a primary and/or secondary representative attend this **important** communications meeting. Information and training will be provided for our NEW Ministries Directory,, ministries contact methods, and much more. Please RSVP with the name of your ministry and person(s) attending to the Parish Information Center at (805) 642-7966 at your earliest convenience.

SAVE  
the  
DATE

**Mother's Day Corsage Sale**  
May 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

in the Church vestibule or Mulcahy Center



Donation: \$5. Give to your favorite lady or someone in a Rest Home of your choice! They can be worn or used as decor in a dish! Proceeds to benefit Life Centers of Ventura County.

### American Cancer Society

Approximately 30 OLA parishioners, their families and friends joined 3000 other walkers on April 27<sup>th</sup> for the American Cancer Society's 2019 Relay for Life event at Buena High School. The Relay signifies that cancer never sleeps; it continues to effect the lives of the cancer patient, their families and their loved ones. For this reason, every year OLA collects donations for the American Cancer Society to help further cancer research and provide respite and services for families dealing with this illness. This year we are asking for \$5.00 from each parish family who is able donate. You can drop off your donation at the Parish Information Center, with any cancer support group member or donate online to the OLA Church team at: [RelayForLife.org/VenturaCA](http://RelayForLife.org/VenturaCA). Please contact Rochida McClure, LMFT, OLA Cancer Support Group Facilitator, at (805) 746-0727 for more information.



**BUNDLE SUNDAY**

**May 19th: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

For FREE pick up of large items call  
(323) 224-6280 or (800) 974-3571.

**St. Vincent de Paul**  
OLA Conference



The St. Vincent de Paul Los Angeles Thrift Store truck is coming to OLA on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars!. Please bring gently used clothes, small appliances, linens, books and household items to donate to the Los Angeles Thrift Store. PLEASE NO FURNITURE ITEMS. Your donations assist families in need. Thank you.

# Parish Life

## ♥ Happy Anniversary ♥

**Daniel and Bernadette Uhlar**  
39 Years on May 17<sup>th</sup>



**Joseph and Diane Domitrovich**  
10 Years on May 16<sup>th</sup>



**Nicole and Frank Corral**  
6 Years on May 4<sup>th</sup>



## 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.

✠ Fr. Rock John Janowski

## Baptisms

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



## Mass Intentions

MAY 13 - MAY 19

### Monday, May 13

6:30 AM † Richard Klock  
8:00 AM † Beatrice Hidalgo

### Tuesday, May 14

6:30 AM † Manuel, Maria & Minerva  
8:00 AM † Paul Worthington

### Wednesday, May 15

6:30 AM † Pat Lyon  
8:00 AM † Felimon Taleon Sr. & † Elizabeth "Bibi" Frunz

### Thursday, May 16

6:30 AM † Michael Malloy  
8:00 AM † Beatrice Hidalgo

### Friday, May 17

6:30 AM Claire Froehlich  
8:00 AM † Maureen Hart

### Saturday, May 18

8:00 AM † Marie Koppes  
5:15 PM † Michael Ewens & Emily Lyon

### Sunday, May 19

8:00 AM Theresa Dunckel  
9:30 AM Mass for the People  
11:00 AM Barbara Alphilbert & † Beatrice Hidalgo  
12:30 PM † Miguel Morales & Patricia y Antonia Hernandez Cruz  
5:15 PM † Tom Meichtry

## 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.

## Weekly Offerings

Thank you for your continuing support of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish. For the month of April 2019 our parish budget calls for \$22,317.83 to be donated weekly at the Sunday collection. The collection for Sunday, April 28, 2019 was \$20,030.46. 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](http://www.olaventura.com).



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## Together in Mission Our Story is Hope

Thank you to all those who have already contributed to this year's campaign. If you have not had the opportunity, please pick up a pledge card from the vestibule today and help us reach our parish goal.

Parish Goal: \$125,200.00

Amount Pledged: \$74,470.00 (as of 4/30/19)

Amount Paid: \$56,809.00

Difference Over/(Under) Goal vs. Paid: (\$68,391.00)

## Liturgical Blessing for Expectant Families

Our Lady of the Assumption Celebrates Expectant Families! As the parish shares in your anticipation of bringing a new child into your lives, parents-to-be are invited to a special Mass where we will pray for the health and well being of your growing child within.



Please join us: Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 12:30 p.m. (Spanish) Mass for a special blessing.

## Men's Ministry



The last Men's Ministry meeting for the Spring 2019 Semester is May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will pick up again with Bishop Barron during our Fall Semester starting in September after our Summer break. We are also offering the Summer Book Club hosted by Ed Lyon and Bob Ryan. The book for this summer is C. S. Lewis' 'The Screwtape Letters.' A book and a study guide are available for purchase. We will be meeting Wednesday mornings after the 6:30 a.m. Mass in the Rectory Garden, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - August. 28<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Please contact Dn. Dan Bojorquez: (805) 642-7966, ext. 146 or Ken Lynch: (310) 720-9943.

## OLA Book Discussion Group



The Book Discussion Group of OLA meets the second Monday of the month in the Santa Cruz Room, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Our next discussion will be May 13<sup>th</sup>, and center on the book 'What the Mystics Know' by Richard Rohr. Participants may obtain the book from their favorite book store or the library. Books are chosen by the participants. The next books will be chosen at the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Look for future bulletin announcements to see what we're reading in the coming months. Further information: Mary Ann Bognar (805) 647-0462 or [mbognar880@aol.com](mailto:mbognar880@aol.com). All are welcome.



# Guaranteed Forever

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. John 10:28

Q V S Y H W L V O I C E P O S  
 F W Q M O U T F P S I B B V F  
 V K U L S Q L A F H O A T U O  
 L W L C R H Z T J E S S U S I  
 T O C G O K B H O E L O G L U  
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 W T L A S X S K E R B I Y F E  
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HAND	LISTEN	FOLLOW	FATHER
STEAL	LIFE	GREATER	VOICE
ETERNAL	SHEEP	PERISH	NEVER

"My sheep hear my voice;  
 I know them and they follow me."



## Did You Know?

What risks are worth it for children?

In today's society, parents are often torn between protecting their children, and letting them experience life and even make mistakes. Safety is vitally important, but there is value in learning from experience and from mistakes, too. There may be times when parents wonder if they have gone too far in their efforts to safeguard children, perhaps inadvertently rendering them children less prepared to handle real-life situations. For help in discerning when learning from experience may be appropriate see the VIRTUS® article "Safety vs. Resilience in Childhood." For more information, visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

### Fingerprint Schedule Santa Barbara Region



**Tuesday, 5/28/19:** ST. PASCHAL BAYLON (Hall Room 1)  
 155 East Janss Road THOUSAND OAKS 91360  
 For appt. please sign up on website [www.stpaschal.org/safeguard-thechildren](http://www.stpaschal.org/safeguard-thechildren)

**Tuesday, 7/23/19:** ST. PASCHAL BAYLON (Hall Room 1)  
 155 East Janss Road THOUSAND OAKS 91360  
 For appt. please sign up on website [www.stpaschal.org/safeguard-thechildren](http://www.stpaschal.org/safeguard-thechildren)  
 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 2019

### Protecting God's Children

**Saturday, 5/25, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**  
 St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church (Newbury Park)  
 Call (805) 498-3602 ext. 100 to reserve a place.

**Wednesday, 5/29, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**  
 St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Church (Thousand Oaks)  
 Email [www.stpaschal.org/safeguard-the-children](http://www.stpaschal.org/safeguard-the-children) to reserve a place.

### Keeping the Promise Alive: Recertification Training

**Monday, 5/20, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**  
 St. Jude Catholic Church (Westlake Village)  
 Call (818) 889-0612 to reserve a place.

**Saturday, 6/8, 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.**  
 St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church (Newbury Park)  
 Call (805) 498-3602 to reserve a place.

### "Mission: Possible"

**Vacation Bible Camp 2019**  
 June 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
 Sacred Heart Church



Mission: Possible is all about encouraging children to see that they can be part of God's mission to love people and tell them all about His love. Using stories from the past and the present, Mission: Possible helps children to see the importance of making God's mission known. **Youth and adult volunteers needed!** Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to teach children what faith is and how to put their faith in God! We are looking for individuals of all ages, including middle school and high school students, who may be available to share their gifts in support of this year's VBC! We need you! Interested? Not sure what the commitment level is? Want to find out what positions are available before you decide? Please contact Richelle Bart: [rfulllove6@aol.com](mailto:rfulllove6@aol.com) or (805) 701-7193.

## Faith Formation

## Service and Outreach



### Our Lady of the Assumption School

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion this month.

- All dads and daughters are invited to attend the school's annual Father-Daughter Dance, "Boots & Bows", on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Mulcahy Center. For more information: (805) 642-7198.
- OLA School is still accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. To apply and for school info: [www.olaventura.org](http://www.olaventura.org).

### Religious Education



This weekend we have 111 students receiving their very first Holy Communion. These wonderful children are from OLA Elementary School as well as our local elementary schools. These students and their families have been preparing with the help from our OLA Catechists for this sacrament. First Holy Communion is a two year program that also includes the sacrament of First Reconciliation, which the children received earlier this year. Please pray with me: Dear God, please continue to guide these children and their families towards you and your plan. Thank you for the blessing of your children Lord, these growing hearts and minds. May the light inside of them grow big and bright. In your precious name we pray. Amen!

Upcoming dates to know:

- 5/11: First Holy Communion - 1:00 p.m.
  - 5/12: First Holy Communion - 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)
  - 5/14 or 5/16: End of year Mass/May Crowning. Students please bring one flower.
  - 5/21 or 5/23: Last day of Religious Education. Scavenger Hunt!
- For more information: Chrissey Fujii (805) 642-7966 ext. 125 or [reled@ola-vta.org](mailto:reled@ola-vta.org).

### OLA Youth Ministry



2019 City of Saints Teen Conference - August 2 - 4, 2019 on UCLA Campus: Catholic teen conference hosted by Archbishop Jose Gomez and the Youth Ministry Division of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This 3 day event is a wonderful and local opportunity for young people to deepen their relationship with Jesus. The conference features dynamic speakers, diverse liturgical experiences, music, interactive exhibits, opportunities to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and penance, and more. Information and sign-up on our website at <http://www.olaventura.com/youth-ministry>. Contact Gabe Rivera: (805) 642-7966, ext. 121.

### 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:

- May 14<sup>th</sup>: 3rd Mystagogia: Full, Active Participation - Liturgical Ministries
- May 21<sup>st</sup>: 4th Mystagogia: Faith Formation / Prayer / Outreach

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](mailto:RCIA@ola-vta.org), (805) 642- 7966 , ext.123.

### 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 1 1/2 hours weekly at Many Meals. We need guest servers and food servers in the kitchen between 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. This is a great way for a family to serve together. Please contact Kevin Klier for details: [manymeals@ola-vta.org](mailto:manymeals@ola-vta.org).

Menu: Served 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**This Wednesday: Salisbury Steak 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 & transforming your pain into healing & joy. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the Parish House (21 N. Dunning Street) 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 5/21/2019. For more info please contact Ken at (310) 720 9943 or email [kenlynch123@aol.com](mailto:kenlynch123@aol.com).

### Single Again Support Group



Don't try to go through separation or divorce alone; come be with friendly, caring people who understand and will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Join fellow parishioners for prayer, ministerial support, and life tools to help you continue to build the right foundation for yourself and your family. Support group meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Parish House. For more information, call or text Rochida McClure at (805) 746-0727. Next meeting: May 15<sup>th</sup>.



### Cancer Support Group

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 22, 2019. If you, a loved one, or a friend have cancer then this ministry is for you. The Cancer Support Group provides spiritual as well as educational support for cancer survivors and their loved ones. Prayer is a key component of this ministry. Join us if you want a community of others who understand the physical and emotional toll that cancer can take. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month in the Parish House. For more information, call or text Rochida McClure at (805) 746-0727.

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



Continues Mondays, 6:00-7:30 p.m. 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](mailto:hopeventuracounty@gmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/hopeofvc/](http://www.facebook.com/hopeofvc/)

# Parish Life



## Bible Study Class Tuesdays: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

This course introduces the participants to the study of The Acts of the Apostles. We will look at the world within which the Acts originated, developed, and took on its present form, while focusing on the recognition and appreciation of its distinct literacy and theological profile. This class is taught by Deacon Ed and will run from January 15<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>. Classes are free, with no sign-up required. For further information: contact Deacon Ed: (805) 642-7966, ext. 152.

## Rosary Makers

Would you like to learn how to make a rosary? Our Lady of the Assumption Rosary Makers will be meeting Wednesday 6/12 at the Parish House, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Also have you broken your chain rosary and would like to have it fixed? Call Aurora Gonzales at (805) 654-0316 for more information.



## OLA Phone Pals

Phone Pals is a convenient, flexible, and rewarding ministry that provides a great way to stay socially connected to our larger community via telephone for adults who find it challenging to leave home. Phone Pals matches adults who enjoy talking with other adults and are comfortable talking on the phone, a remote connection to each other and an opportunity to grow wonderful relationships in the process! This opportunity can be fulfilled from the comfort of your home and requires a weekly time commitment of 20-60 minutes. Calling times will be arranged between the person requesting a call and the person calling. If you would like to participate or volunteer to be a caller, contact Kate Mills: (805) 642-7966, ext. 112 or [faithinaction@ola-vta.org](mailto:faithinaction@ola-vta.org).

## 'Drivers to Mass' Ministry



We are looking for drivers to participate in our 'Drivers to Mass Ministry' for all OLA Masses, especially Saturdays. Must be a minimum of 18 years of age. Please contact: John Stebbins: (805) 644-4674 for further details and requirements. We hope that you'll consider aiding those in need of transportation to celebrate Mass at OLA.



## Defenders of Life Meeting Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. Parish House

Defenders of Life will meet on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish House at Our Lady of the Assumption. We are an active Catholic Action Group. Now more than ever Catholics need to be clear: The qualities of a civilization can be measured by the respect it has for the weakest members of society, the unborn infant, the aged, and the poor. Please come to hear and participate in the discussions. Don't miss this opportunity.

## Eucharist for Parishioners Who Are Homebound



If you or someone you know are unable to attend Mass on a regular basis due to health or age related issues, the OLA Homebound Eucharistic Ministry will arrange to visit each week and bring the Eucharist to your home. For more information, please call John Ridout at (805) 340-6382.

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## MOM's Group

Toddler & Pre K Playgroup  
Third Wednesday of each month  
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.



We will continue to meet on the Third Wednesday of each month for a monthly playgroup for moms & little ones, with Bible-related stories, songs, crafts, and free play. Babies and older children welcome, too! Location: Emily Yazawa's home near Kimball & Telegraph. Directions provided with RSVP: Please text or call Jeanine Walker at (805) 407-0668.

## COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY



## OLA Library Ministry

Open Sunday, Monday & Tuesday:  
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Check out a book about Our Blessed Mother, Mary.

The OLA Library can always use additional volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jeanine Walker at (805) 407-0668.

## OLA Parish seeks youth choir members!



Our kids LOVE leading music in mass on the first Sunday of every month (9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) Rehearsals are every Thursday: 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. (for 5th grade and younger) and 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (for 6th grade and older) in the Youth Room. From gospel study and song selection, to singing and learning an instrument, we delight in the spiritual fruits that come from making 'a joyful noise unto the Lord!' All are welcome and it is always a great time to join.

For more information, please contact Cheryl Kewley, OLA Youth Music Coordinator, at [Ckewley@ola-vta.org](mailto:Ckewley@ola-vta.org)



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

WorldWide 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. **Our next meeting is on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the OLA Parish House.** Childcare will be provided. For more information, please contact: Joseph & Diane Domitrovich: (805) 263-6453, [dompoli4@yahoo.com](mailto:dompoli4@yahoo.com) or: Russ & Jeanine Walker, (805) 648-4244, [walkerrjbp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:walkerrjbp@sbcglobal.net).

Celebrate the love of God for us and for each other by strengthening, renewing and rekindling your marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: June 28 - 30 in Tujunga. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Ed and Jo Lara at (818) 848-6729 or online at [www.twocanlove.org](http://www.twocanlove.org). We help make good marriages better.

## 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 6/8. For more info call Jan Parrone at (805) 658-1904 or visit [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com). To request a shawl please call the

## De Nuestro Párroco

Seguir a Cristo: Recorrer el Camino

Antes de su Ascensión Jesús les ofreció a sus discípulos este mensaje de esperanza, "¡Síguenme!" Como cristianos, al intentarlo, nos encontramos perdidos de como seguirlo al Señor. La vida espiritual es comparada con una jornada. Un tiempo de caminar en el asombro y la maravilla de la vida. Requiere una vida de reflexión, es decir, una postura de abrimos al Misterio.

La película, "The Way (El Camino)," protagonizada por Martin Sheen y su hijo Emilio Estevez, ha inspirado a que muchos emprendan el recorrido espiritual del Camino de Santiago en España. La idea del peregrinaje es una tradición Antigua de salir a encontrar el entendimiento espiritual o la sanación de lo que nos atormenta. El caminar le ofrece al peregrino la manera de separarse de las comodidades y las distracciones de la vida. Este "purgatorio" es el deseo y la oración del peregrino para descubrir el propósito y la dirección clara de su vida. Muchos peregrinos han caminado este "camino" y providencialmente encuentran lo que más necesitan, ¡la verdad!



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La Pascua es el tiempo de entrar más íntimamente en el espíritu del peregrinaje. Es la temporada de permitir que la nueva vida de Cristo guie nuestras vidas. La Temporada de pascua es en si el peregrinaje que nos invita a ver y oír la invitación diaria del Señor a la plenitud de la vida. Es el tiempo de caminar con los que comparten los sacramentos Pascuales del Bautismo, la Confirmación, y la Eucaristía. Es la temporada donde los niños/niñas reciben su Primera Comunión. En su inocencia y maravilla nos enseñan el regalo simple que Jesús nos ofrece, "El Cordero de Dios que quita el pecado del mundo." Somos alimentados por el "Pan de Vida" que es luz y vida para otros. De la misma manera, los que reciben su Confirmación, enfocan nuestra atención a los dones del Espíritu Santo que esta entre nosotros. Sin los ojos de la fe, no podremos ver ni entender la importancia de estos dones para la Iglesia y el mundo.

La Pascua es la temporada de ser peregrinos en una jornada para descubrir el poder y la presencia del Señor. Nosotros, los cristianos, siempre vamos por el camino buscando al Cristo Resucitado y viviendo vidas atentas al gran misterio de "Dios entre nosotros." Oremos para tener ojos que ven y oídos que oyen.

*El padre León*

## Reflexión Semanal

¿A quién está dirigida la Palabra de Dios? ¡A todos! Pero no todos la escuchan o la entienden. En la Primera Lectura se relata el esfuerzo de Pablo y Bernabé por llevar las buenas nuevas de Jesús a los judíos; quienes fueron los primeros en el pueblo elegido de Dios. Sin embargo, Dios nos da el libre albedrío para escuchar su Palabra e incorporarla en nuestras vidas o rechazarla. Cuando Pablo y Bernabé hablaron a los judíos en Antioquía, su mensaje sobre la verdad de Jesucristo fue rechazado. Sin embargo, por el contrario, los gentiles respondieron y creyeron.

En la Segunda Lectura escuchamos, en palabras apócrifas, acerca de aquellos que habían aceptado a Jesús. Se nos dice que cuando aceptaron a Jesús, pudieron sobrevivir un momento de gran angustia. Esta es una de las cosas que Jesús nos da: la fuerza para soportar las pruebas y las tribulaciones que enfrentamos en nuestra vida cotidiana. ¿Por qué? Porque Su Palabra es Verdad y nunca estamos solos porque Él está con nosotros hasta el final de los tiempos.

En la lectura del Evangelio, Jesús asume el rol del buen pastor. En el mundo moderno y secular, no sabemos mucho acerca de los pastores. Recuerdo las historias de mi abuelo cuando era pionero en la cría de ovejas en el extremo norte del Valle de Sacramento. Conocía la realidad práctica de estar con las ovejas: algunas estaban perdidas o heridas y no podían recuperarse. Jesús es un pastor diferente. Él nos busca a todos, incluidos los que están perdidos o heridos. Él vino a guiarnos a nuevos pastos y nuevas formas de vivir. Y lo que es más importante, sé que Él me guiará a mí a fuentes de agua viva y que descansaré con Él eternamente. Jesús, oigo tu voz, te seguiré.



## Nuestra Señora de la Asunción Declaración de Misión y Bienvenida

"La Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción es una comunidad de discípulos de Jesucristo dentro de la Iglesia Católica Romana. Por medio de los Dones del Espíritu Santo y la intercesión de María, somos servidores dedicados a construir el Reino de Dios."

¡Si nos está visitando o nos acompaña por primera vez, nos da gusto que nos acompañe! Todos son bienvenidos en OLA. Si desea ser parte de nuestra parroquia lo invitamos a que llene el formulario de registración. Para más información puede pasar al Centro de Información Parroquial, visitar nuestra página web de [www.olaventura.com](http://www.olaventura.com), pasar por la Mesa de Bienvenida de Domingo de Amistad o llamando al (805) 642-7966.



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Domingo ~ 9:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m.





## Ofrenda Semanal

Gracias por su continuo apoyo a la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción. Para el mes de abril de 2019, nuestro presupuesto parroquial exige \$22,317.83 para ser donados semanalmente en la colecta del domingo. La colección del domingo 28 de abril de 2019 fue de \$20,030.46. Esta colección no solo se usa para gastos operativos cada semana, sino también para cualquier trabajo de reparación en curso, mejoras, etc. a nuestra instalación parroquial. Hay varias maneras de contribuir; tarjeta de crédito y débito automático están disponibles. Por favor visite [www.olaventura.com](http://www.olaventura.com).

## Unidos en Misión

### Nuestra Historia es Esperanza



Gracias a los que ya han contribuido a la campaña de este año. Si aun no ha tenido la oportunidad, por favor tome una tarjeta de compromiso del vestíbulo y ayúdenos a lograr la meta de nuestra parroquia.

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## 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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## ¿SABIA USTED?

¿Qué riesgos valen la pena para los niños?

En la sociedad actual, los padres de familia a menudo tienen que decidir entre proteger a sus hijos y dejar que ellos experimenten la vida e incluso cometan errores. La seguridad es de vital importancia, pero también es valioso aprender de la experiencia y de los errores. Pueden existir ocasiones en que los padres de familia se pregunten si han ido demasiado lejos en sus esfuerzos de proteger a los niños, seguramente sin desear que sus hijos estén menos preparados para manejar situaciones de la vida real. Para obtener ayuda para discernir cuándo puede ser apropiado aprender de la experiencia, consulte el artículo VIRTUS® "Safety vs. Resilience in Childhood" (Seguridad versus resiliencia en la infancia). Para obtener más información, visite <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

## Preparándose para la próxima semana ...

Quinto domingo de pascua

Lectura I - Hechos 14:21 - 27

Lectura II - Revelación 21: 1 - 5a

Evangelio - Juan 13:31 - 33a, 34 - 35



## Educación Religiosa

Este fin de semana 111 estudiantes recibirán su Primera Comunión. Estos maravillosos niños y niñas son de la Escuela Primaria OLA y de las escuelas primarias locales. Estos estudiantes y sus familias se han estado preparando con la ayuda de nuestros catequistas de OLA para este sacramento. La Primera Comunión es un programa de dos años que también incluye el sacramento de la Primera Reconciliación, que los niños recibieron a principios de este año. Por favor, oren conmigo: Dios mío, continúa guiando a estos niños y sus familias hacia ti y tú plan. Gracias por la bendición de estos hijos tuyos Señor, estos corazones y mentes en crecimiento. Que la luz dentro de ellos crezca grande y brillante. En tu precioso nombre oramos. ¡Amén!

Próximas fechas para recordar:

5/11: primera comunión - 1:00 p.m.

5/12: primera comunión-8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (español)

5/14 o 5/16: fin del año Misa/mayo coronación. Estudiantes por favor traigan una flor.

5/21 o 5/23: último día de educación religiosa. Búsqueda del tesoro!  
Para obtener más información: Chrissey Fujii al (805) 642-7966.

## Ministerio de Jóvenes OLA

Conferencia de Jóvenes City of Saints 2019 – agosto 2, 2019 en el campus de UCLA: conferencia para jóvenes patrocinada por el Arzobispo José Gómez y la División del Ministerio de Jóvenes de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles. Este evento de 3 días es una maravillosa oportunidad local para que los jóvenes profundicen en su relación con Jesús. La conferencia incluye oradores dinámicos, diversas experiencias litúrgicas, música, exposiciones dinámicas, oportunidad de recibir el sacramento de la Eucaristía y la penitencia, y más. La información e inscripción se encuentra en <http://www.olaventura.com/youth-ministry>. Contacto para más información Gabe Rivera (805) 642-7966 ext. 121.



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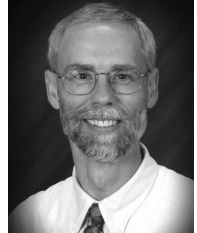
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