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# OUR LADY of the Assumption

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#### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday - Friday:

6:30 AM, 8:00 AM

5:30 PM (1st Friday)\*

\*Adoration & Benediction  
following 1st Friday Mass

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

#### 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 through

Sunday 8:00 AM in St. Julie's Chapel

#### OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH SCHOOL

Pre-Kindergarten - Eighth Grade

Mrs. Karen Fussell, Principal

3169 Telegraph Road

School Office: (805) 642-7198

www.olaventura.org



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Mrs. Christina Castro, Principal

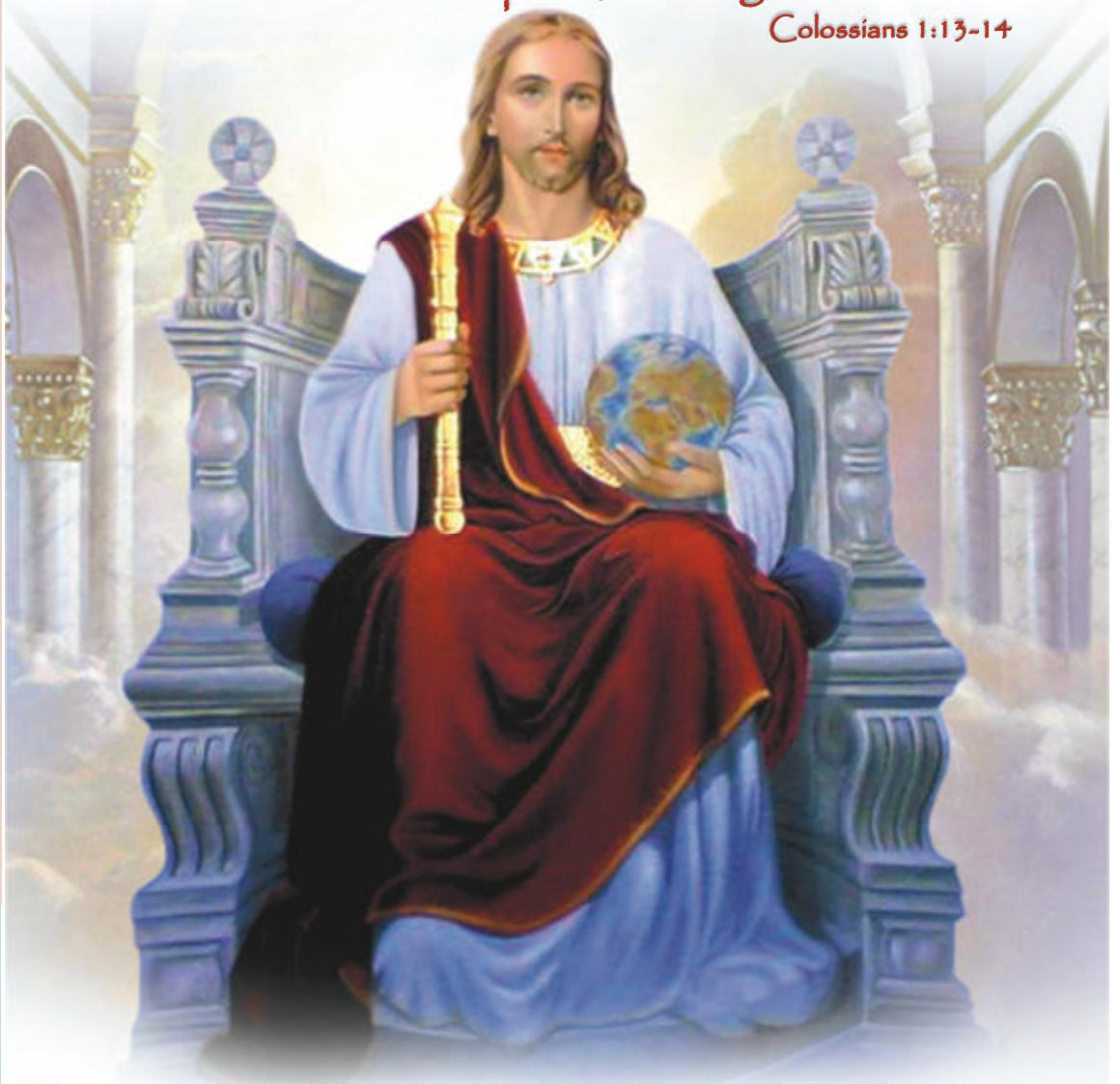
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He delivered us from the power of darkness  
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,  
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14



El nos ha liberado del poder de las tinieblas y nos ha trasladado al  
Reino de su Hijo amado, por cuya sangre recibimos la redención,  
esto es, el perdón de los pecados. Colossians 1:13-14

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



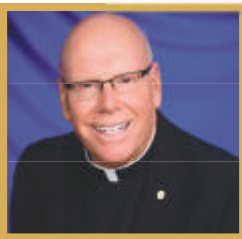
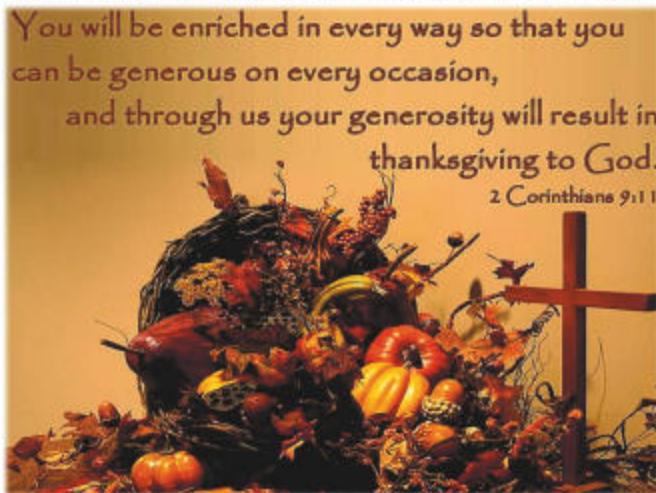


# Welcome Home

## OUR MISSION

**"OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH 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, in the church vestibule, on the church website at [www.olaventura.com](http://www.olaventura.com), or call us at (805) 642-7966.



### FROM OUR PASTOR

#### With Gratitude

As we enter this holiday season in preparation for Thanksgiving, it is good to pause and reflect on the importance and power of gratitude. Throughout the Christian and Hebrew Scriptures, the spirit of gratitude envelopes the lives of those who are connected to God and others. Our Catholic Christian tradition makes gratitude the central focus of the spiritual life. It is most evident by our Eucharistic celebration, the sacrament of thanksgiving, for the saving act of love and redemption of Jesus Christ. The Eucharistic banquet joins all believers in that sacred act of Divine Love that unites us with God and one another. Unity and Peace are

the fruits of this action of prayer and sacrifice. Therefore, with open arms do we embrace and are embraced by the love of Christ which gathers us and which offers the human race "fullness of life." For this we are grateful. And so, as a community of faith, may we always pray for this gift of gratitude and celebrate it with true devotion each day. As a Eucharistic people, may we never forget how we depend on the Lord and one another. For this, I am truly grateful this year. May God continue to bless and sustain this parish community of Our Lady of the Assumption. May this prayer or a similar one for Thanksgiving penetrate your mind and heart. Amen!

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### Prayer of Thanksgiving Day

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home;  
 For the wide sky and the blessed sun,  
 For the salt sea and the running water,  
 For the everlasting hills  
 And the never-resting winds,  
 For trees and the common grass underfoot.  
 We thank you for our senses  
 By which we hear the songs of birds,  
 And see the splendor of the summer fields,  
 And taste of the autumn fruits,  
 And rejoice in the feel of the snow,  
 And smell the breath of the spring.  
 Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;  
 And save our souls from being so blind  
 That we pass unseeing  
 When even the common thornbush  
 Is aflame with your glory,  
 O God our creator,  
 Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

-Walter Rauschenbusch

*Fr. Leon*

# Reflection & Upcoming Events



## PARISH INFORMATION CENTER HOURS

### Monday-Thursday

8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

### Friday

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

### Saturday

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

### Sunday

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

### Closed Wednesday

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

## ANNOUNCEMENT REQUESTS

[https://www.olaventura.com/  
Submit-Announcement](https://www.olaventura.com/Submit-Announcement)

Bulletin requests are due no later than 5:00 PM on Thursday: **10 DAYS** before requested bulletin date.

Pulpit announcement requests due by 8:00 AM on Wednesday before requested announcement date.

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### CHRIST THE KING

Today is the solemnity of Christ the King. In our 'Collect' we cry out to Christ the King, the King of the Universe, that all creation may be set free from slavery. In our first reading from Daniel, the author speaks of a vision in which he sees the Son of Man, coming on the clouds of Heaven and his dominion shall never be taken away. In our second reading from Revelation, we are told Christ freed us from our sins by his blood and made us into a kingdom of priests for God his Father. In today's Gospel, we read the verbal exchange between Pilate and Jesus in which Pilate questions Jesus about his Kingship. Jesus tells him his kingdom is not of this world; that he came to testify to the truth; and, everyone who belongs to the truth listens to his voice. Pilate doesn't understand, because the Kingship of Jesus is beyond his understanding. In Pilate's world, the King was totally and completely in charge; ruling ruthlessly, with violence, cruelty and control. Jesus' kingdom is ruled by love, a concept beyond Pilate's comprehension.

As I was reviewing the readings for today, I thought about the song by Billy James Foote: You are my King (Amazing Love). The song starts out "I'm forgiven because you were forsaken, I'm accepted because you were condemned, I'm alive and well, Your spirit is within me, because You died and rose again." However, I think the profound message of the song is found in the chorus: "Amazing Love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me? In the secular world of Pilate, everyone died for the King. In Jesus' world he died for us. He gave us his unconditional love, forgiving our sins and offering eternal life. Wow!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Second Collection  
Corporal Works of Mercy  
All Masses

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Holiday Items Sales  
Advent Wreaths, See's Candies®  
After All Masses

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Bethlehem Tree of Life  
Art Sale  
After All Masses

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Parish Information Center  
Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday  
12:00 PM

### THURS. - FRI., NOV. 28 - 29

Parish Information Center  
Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday  
All Day

### THURS. & FRI., NOV. 28 & 29

Thanksgiving Holiday Mass  
9:00 AM  
(ONLY Mass offered on these dates)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Holiday Items Sales  
Advent Wreaths, See's Candies®  
After All Masses

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Advent Penance Service  
7:00 PM (Bi-lingual)  
No confessions at 5:30 PM

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

OLA School Fundraiser  
Barnes & Noble Bookfair  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

OLA School Fundraiser  
Red Brick Pizza  
11:00 AM - 9:30 PM

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

2nd Collection  
Retirement Fund for Religious  
All Masses

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Solemnity of Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 5:30 PM (Bi-lingual)



# Prayer and Worship

## MASS INTENTIONS

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
NOVEMBER 25TH - DECEMBER 1ST

Monday, November 25

6:30 AM † Jerry De Villers  
8:00 AM † Alfonso Quiroz &  
Joseph J. Perez

Tuesday, November 26

6:30 AM Jay Frame & † Debbie Frame  
8:00 AM Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 27

6:30 AM Lauren Burns  
8:00 AM † Felimon Taleon Sr.

Thursday, November 28

6:30 AM NO MASS  
9:00 AM † Antonio & Corita Pozos

Friday, November 29

6:30 AM NO MASS  
8:00 AM † Linda Smith

Saturday, November 30

8:00 AM † Matthew McCarthy  
5:15 PM Rose Bonner & Anna Sandry &  
† Frances Yoong

Sunday, December 1

8:00 AM † Frances Yoong &  
† Theresa Tan Nguyen  
9:30 AM Mass for the People  
11:00 AM Tessie Edrada &  
† Frances Yoong & Jessica Tasto  
12:30 PM † Margarita Ortiz  
5:15 PM † Dana Eaton

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUESDAY 9:00AM - 5:00PM

WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM - SUNDAY 8:00 AM

Adorers are always welcome. Would you consider being an occasional substitute adorer? If so, please contact the Eucharistic Adoration Ministry at (805) 642-7966, ext. 175 or adorers@ola-vta.org.

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



# Happy Anniversary

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

♥ Gerard and Stephanie  
Grindinger  
64 Years on November 26<sup>th</sup>

♥ Jack and Debra Folger  
28 Years on November 23<sup>rd</sup>

♥ Paul and Debby Mooney  
42 Years on November 25<sup>th</sup>

♥ Russ and Jeanine Walker  
31 Years on November 26<sup>th</sup>

## BAPTISMS

Michael Josue Aviles Padro  
Jackson Timothy Coultas  
Christian Guzman

Sebastian Guzman  
Maverick Odell Spears  
Jonah Atticus Vara

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



## FIRST FRIDAY MASS

### December 6<sup>th</sup>

6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 5:30 PM



## PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

### First Sunday of Advent

Reading I  
Isaiah 2:1 - 5

Reading II  
Romans 13:11 - 14

Gospel  
Matthew 24:37 - 44

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

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.





## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Thank you for your continuing support of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish. For the month of November 2019 our parish budget calls for \$22,129.00 to be donated weekly at the Sunday collection. The collection for Sunday, November 3, 2019 was \$20,029.41. 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).

**THANK YOU**  
for your generosity

## 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: \$87,652.84  
(as of 11/5/19)

Amount Paid: \$86,316.84



Difference Over/(Under)  
Goal vs. Paid:  
(\$38,883.16)

## ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST

With three simple words, "Come and see..." Jesus invited the Apostles to get to know him, and each other, as they traveled together in faith.

We have completed Season One of Arise Together in Christ! It has truly been an opportunity for participants to travel together in faith, develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community and reach out in service to others.



If you missed out on participating in Season One, please consider joining us for Season Two in the Spring. All are welcome!

ARISE Coordinators  
Deacon Dan & Cathy Bojorquez

## HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET MINISTRY

### THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS DISTRIBUTION HAPPENS THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH DRIVERS ARE REQUESTED

Drivers will be needed during the hours of 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Sign-up at Mulcahy Center on Sunday Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. Any type of vehicle would be useful. Start your Thanksgiving week by extending your generosity to those families that are in need. Thank you. Questions should be directed to Jerry Deal at ext. 164 or [foodbaskets@ola-vta.org](mailto:foodbaskets@ola-vta.org).



## OLA 2019 CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

OLA School staff and middle school students and St. Vincent de Paul are partnering for the OLA 2019 Christmas Toy Drive. We hope you will consider supporting the drive with your donations of gifts of toys for children through age 12 at a suggested minimum value of \$10 per toy. Gift cards are always welcome and allow the family to choose their own gift. OLA school sells gift cards in the amount of \$25.00 for many stores and may be purchased by calling Gina at OLA School: (805) 642-7198. Collection boxes are now available at the school and beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> during Sunday Masses in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for giving!



## HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> the Ventura Knights of Columbus are hosting a Holiday Craft Fair at our hall, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. We are looking for crafters of homemade holiday crafts they can display and sell at the event. Each crafter will get a 6-foot section of a table. The cost is \$30 and includes a complimentary box lunch. We have room for 50 crafters. This is the same day as the Ventura City Street Fair and Wine Walk and the K of C Hall is on the Wine Walk map. More info and applications can be found on our website: [www.kofc2498.com](http://www.kofc2498.com). Contact Steve at [vcbaventura@gmail.com](mailto:vcbaventura@gmail.com) for further information.



## SEE'S CANDY SALE



YLI Catholic Women's Organization will be taking orders for See's Candy after all Masses on November 23/24. All proceeds will benefit charities including St. John's Seminary, Get on the Bus, Project Understanding, Life Centers, and more. Start your Christmas shopping early! Thank you for your support.



## NOVENA: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

All are invited to open their home and host a day of the Guadalupe Novena (Dec. 3-11), each night at 7:00 PM. If you are interested, please contact Rosario at ext. 192 or [hispanicministry@ola-vta.org](mailto:hispanicministry@ola-vta.org).



## ADVENT WREATH SALE

Family To Family will be selling Advent Wreaths and Candle Packs in the vestibule after masses this weekend. Prices are \$12 for wreaths, \$6 for the candle pack or \$15 for both. Proceeds will go directly to support Family To Family's mission to feed the hungry. Advent starts December 1<sup>st</sup>!



## TAMALE SALE

Hispanic Ministry will be selling pork tamales this weekend, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, after all Masses, while supplies last. \$25 per dozen. Proceeds will be used for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration on December 12<sup>th</sup>.



## POINSETTIA PLANT PICK-UP

Thank you for your orders for Poinsettia Plants that benefit Life Centers of Ventura. Please plan to pick up your Poinsettia order from Hurley Hall on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Orders not picked up during these hours will be donated to the less fortunate. For further information, please contact Defenders of Life at ext.184 or [defenders@ola-vta.org](mailto:defenders@ola-vta.org).





# Faith Formation/Service and Outreach

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**TUESDAYS: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM  
THROUGH DEC. 17TH, SANTA CRUZ ROOM**

This course introduces the participants to the study of the Gospel of John. It will look at the world within which this gospel tradition originated, developed, took on its present form, while focusing on the recognition and appreciation of its distinct literacy and theological profile. You are welcome to take the entire course or drop in on a class or two at any time. Classes led by Dn. Ed.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**GRADES 1 - 5**

Information is available at <https://www.olaventura.com/Religious-Education-Program>. Pre-registration is required.

Classes are already underway for this year. Questions: Please contact us at ext. 125 or email [reled@ola-vta.org](mailto:reled@ola-vta.org).



## RCIA

RCIA is the means by which adults discover what it means to be Catholic and are fully initiated into 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. For more information contact Deacon Don Huntley at [rcia@ola-vta.org](mailto:rcia@ola-vta.org) or at ext. 123.

Any parishioner is welcome to drop in and be part of RCIA to learn more about a subject presented. Our next two gatherings will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Advent & Church Calendar (Saint) and December 7<sup>th</sup> - Advent Morning of Recollection.



## '20s & 30s' YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY 'FRIENDSGIVING' POT LUCK - NOV. 24<sup>TH</sup>, 10:00 AM

Please join us for a 'Friendsgiving' gathering at one of our member's homes. For further information on this and other events, including Bible Study and Praise & Worship Nights, please contact ext. 183 or [youngadults@ola-vta.org](mailto:youngadults@ola-vta.org).



## YOUTH MINISTRY CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation program at OLA is leading students to a passionate and authentic relationship with Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church. The program includes large group sessions, small group sessions, adoration, Mass attendance, and service projects. We've got a way for you to encounter Christ and grow in your faith. Contact Gabe Rivera at ext. 121 or [youthministry@ola-vta.org](mailto:youthministry@ola-vta.org).



**CONFIRMATION**

## EDGE

EDGE Middle School Faith Formation offers a social community that is fun, active, and welcoming; as well as engaging teachings to help your student personalize and truly live out his or her faith. Please register at <https://www.olaventura.com>.



# Service and Outreach

## MANY MEALS & ST. ANN'S APPAREL

**COLLEGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
4300 TELEGRAPH ROAD, VENTURA**

**MEALS SERVED WEDNESDAYS: 6:00 - 7:00 PM**

**Please stop by St. Ann's Apparel:  
Wed, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

All donations are needed. Especially in need: Men's JEANS (All sizes)!



Many Meals is in need of a few good women and men to volunteer: 1 1/2 hour weekly shifts on Wednesdays between 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM, preparing and serving meals, drinks, and cleanup. This a great way for a family to serve together. For details: contact ext. 136 or [manymeals@ola-vta.org](mailto:manymeals@ola-vta.org).

## 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 contact ext. 141 or [EMHomebound@ola-vta.org](mailto:EMHomebound@ola-vta.org).



## PHONE PALS

Phone Pals is a 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. We match 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! For more info, please contact ext. 112 or [faithinaction@ola-vta.org](mailto:faithinaction@ola-vta.org).



# Safeguard the Children/Service and Outreach



## SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN FINGERPRINT SCHEDULE Santa Barbara Region

**Tuesday, 11/26/19**

**ST. PASCHAL BAYLON**

(Hall Room 1)

155 East Janss Road THOUSAND OAKS 91360

For appt pls. sign up on website: [www.stpaschal.org/safeguard-the-children](http://www.stpaschal.org/safeguard-the-children).



**Thursday, 12/5/19**

**ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL**

(Rothe Hall)

225 N. Olive Street SANTA PAULA 93060

For appt. please call (805) 525-1575

For additional information, please visit: <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/hr/Pages/fingerprinting.aspx>.



### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

No training scheduled at this time.

### KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE Recertification Training

**Friday, 1/10/19, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM**

Santa Clara Catholic Church (Oxnard)

Call (805) 483-6935 to reserve a place.



## DID YOU KNOW?

### BUILDING ACTIVE LISTENING SKILLS WITH CHILDREN

Building your active listening skills with the children in your life can help you communicate more effectively with them, and it can also clue you in to any suspicious or potentially dangerous relationships in their lives. Active listening lets the speaker know that you have heard, understood, and valued what he or she said. Often, children don't feel this way, but with a few easy tactics, you can change that, building a relationship of trust and respect. As an active listener, be sure to make eye contact while the child is speaking. Ask follow-up questions and check in to make sure you both understand what's being said. Avoid "yes or no" questions and instead ask open-ended questions that will keep the conversation going. For more tips, get a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Children are to be Seen and Heard," at <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.



### CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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: Rochida McClure at ext. 143 or [cancersupport@ola-vta.org](mailto:cancersupport@ola-vta.org).



### 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 Wednesdays of each month from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Parish House. For more information, call Rochida McClure at ext. 124 or email [singleagain@ola-vta.org](mailto:singleagain@ola-vta.org). Next meeting: December 4<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 12/3/2019. For more info please contact ext. 150 or email [griefsupport@ola-vta.org](mailto:griefsupport@ola-vta.org).

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

As we approach the most American of all holidays, the members of 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, helped souls pay their rent and utilities when a crisis struck, 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, helped find permanent homes for a number of homeless persons, made possible assistance to almost 200 new families in 2019 and well over 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. Please remember us in your prayers this Thanksgiving and know that every Vincentian is praying for YOU—our partners! Thank you!





# Ministry Information

**OLA CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 7:00 PM**



Please mark your calendars and plan to come enjoy a break from the Christmas songs you will be hearing at the mall! All are welcome to join us for this free musical experience.



## OLA PARISH YOUTH CHOIRS INVITE YOU!

Our music ministers enjoy sharing their exceptional gifts during Masses on the first Sunday of every month, 11:00 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (for 5th grade and younger) & Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (for 6th grade and older) in the Youth Room. We also welcome VIRTUS® trained adults who would love to learn and share the gift of music! From gospel study and song selection, to singing and learning an instrument, we love to witness 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 ext. 108 or [youthmusic@ola-vta.org](mailto:youthmusic@ola-vta.org).



## 'DRIVERS TO MASS' MINISTRY

Our ministry coordinates transportation to Mass for those unable to transport themselves. Please contact us if you are in need of ride to Mass.

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. We hope that you'll consider aiding those in need of transportation to celebrate Mass at OLA. Please contact ext. 156 or [driverstomass@ola-vta.org](mailto:driverstomass@ola-vta.org) for further details and requirements.

## 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. For more information, please contact Joseph & Diane Domitrovich or Russ & Jeanine Walker at ext. 187 or [wme@ola-vta.org](mailto:wme@ola-vta.org).

Your love as husband and wife is a gift to one another as well as a gift from God. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to receive the tools needed to make the most of this precious gift. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next WWME weekend Feb. 28-Mar.1 in Antelope Valley. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Ed and Jo Lara at (818) 848-6729 or [www.twocanlove.org](http://www.twocanlove.org). We help make good marriages better.



## ROSARY MAKERS

Would you like to learn how to make a rosary? Our Lady of the Assumption Rosary Makers will be meeting Wednesday 12/11/2019 at the Parish House, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Also, have you broken your chain rosary and would like to have it fixed? Contact Aurora Gonzales at ext. 166 or [rosarymakers@ola-vta.org](mailto:rosarymakers@ola-vta.org) for more information.



## 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 12/14. For more info call Jan Parrone at ext. 178 or visit [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com). To request a shawl please call the Parish Information Center at (805) 642-7966.



## MEN'S MINISTRY



On Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> the Men's Ministry 'O'Dark Thirty' Group started the "Virtue Series": an 8-part series featuring the life of Servant of God Father Emil Kapaun, a courageous Catholic Priest, Army Chaplain and Leader of Men, who died in a North Korean Prisoner of War Camp in 1951. Attend and be part of this fascinating series, which examines what a life of virtue looks like for men today. Challenge yourself to become a man of virtue. For more info: Ken Lynch at ext. 151 or [mensministry@ola-vta.org](mailto:mensministry@ola-vta.org). **No meeting on November 27<sup>th</sup>.**

## OLA WOMEN OF FAITH WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Saturday, December 14th

8:00 AM Mass followed by a performance of "The Three Queens" acted by the 'Women of the Bible, 9:00 - 10:30 AM, Mulcahy Center. Please help us prepare by sending an RSVP: [womensministry@ola-vta.org](mailto:womensministry@ola-vta.org) or ext. 142. All are welcome.



## OLA BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP DEC. 9<sup>TH</sup>, 7:00 PM-SAN MIGUEL RM

The book under discussion will be *Thea Bowman, Faithful and Free* by Maurice J. Nutt. Plan to read the book and attend this meeting in order to learn about an inspiring musician, teacher, and Catholic nun whose example living the Christian Life is amazing. All are welcome at the meeting. There is no charge, but each participant must get his or her own copy of the book. We hope to see you there. For more information, directions to San Miguel room, or to RSVP: Mary Ann Bognar, ext.167 or [bookclub@ola-ventura.org](mailto:bookclub@ola-ventura.org)

## OLA LIBRARY MINISTRY OPENSUNDAY, MONDAY, & TUESDAY 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Come visit the OLA Church Library! Located in the Parish Center, we are a great place to find wonderful books about faith. Stop by and check it out. Books are available to check out, too. For more information, please email [library@ola-vta.org](mailto:library@ola-vta.org) or call ext. 135. **Closed Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>.**





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- OLA School & St. Vincent DePaul Toy Drive through Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>
- Noon Dismissal: November 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, December 20<sup>th</sup>
- Thanksgiving Recess: November 27<sup>th</sup> - December 1<sup>st</sup>
- 2:00 Dismissal: December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>
- Barnes & Noble Book Fair: December 6<sup>th</sup>
- OLA School Fundraiser at Red Brick Pizza: December 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM - 9:30 PM
- OLA School Christmas Program: Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM & 6:30 PM

### OLA 5K, 1K Fun Run, and Pancake Breakfast Saturday, January 25, 2020

Sign-up now at: <https://runsignup.com/ola5k>  
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## VENTA DE CORONA DE ADVIENTO

Family To Family venderá coronas de adviento y paquetes de velas en el vestíbulo después de las masas del próximo este fin de semana. Los precios son de \$12 para coronas, \$6 para el paquete de velas o \$15 para ambos. Los ingresos se destinarán directamente a apoyar la misión de Familia a Familia de alimentar a los hambrientos. ¡El Adviento comienza el 1 de diciembre!

## HORARIO DEL CENTRO DE INFORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL

**Lunes a Jueves**

8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

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8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

**Sábado**

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**Domingo**

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Miércoles cerrado desde el mediodía - 1:00 PM**

## PREPARÁNDOSE PARA LA PRÓXIMA SEMANA

**Primer domingo de Adviento**

**Lectura I**

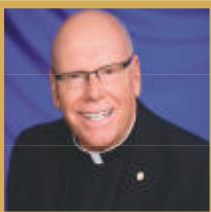
**Isaías 2:1 - 5**

**Lectura II**

**Romanos 13:11 - 14**

**Evangelio**

**Mateo 24:37 - 44**



## DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

### En Agradecimiento

Al entrar en esta temporada en la que nos preparamos para el Día de Acción de Gracias, es bueno hacer una pausa para reflexionar en la importancia y el poder del agradecimiento. En las Escrituras, tanto las hebreas como las cristianas, el espíritu de gratitud envuelve la vida de los que están conectados a Dios y a los demás. Nuestra tradición Cristiana Católica hace que la gratitud sea el enfoque central de la vida espiritual. La manifestación más evidente es nuestra celebración de la Eucaristía, el sacramento de acción de gracias, la entrega de amor salvador y de redención que nos ha regalado Jesucristo. El banquete de la Eucaristía reúne a todos los creyentes en el acto sagrado del

Amor Divino que nos une con Dios y con los demás. La Unidad y la Paz son los frutos de esta acción de oración y sacrificio. Así pues, con brazos abiertos abrazamos y somos abrazados por el amor de Cristo que reúne y que ofrece a la humanidad “la plenitud de la vida.” Por esto damos gracias. Entonces, como comunidad de fe, oremos siempre por el don de la gratitud y celebrémoslo con verdadera devoción cada día. Como pueblo de la Eucaristía nunca olvidemos como dependemos del Señor y de los demás. Por esto, verdaderamente estoy agradecido. Que Dios nos siga bendiciendo y sosteniendo a esta comunidad parroquial de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción. Que esta oración o alguna similar para este Día de Acción de gracias penetre su mente y corazón. ¡Amen!

**Alabado seas, mi Señor,  
en todas tus criaturas,  
especialmente en el señor hermano sol,  
por quien nos das el día y nos iluminas.**

**Y es bello y radiante con gran esplendor,  
de ti, Altísimo, lleva significación.**

**Alabado seas, mi Señor,  
por la hermana luna y las estrellas,  
en el cielo las formaste claras y preciosas y bellas.**

**Alabado seas, mi Señor, por el hermano viento  
y por el aire y la nube y el cielo sereno y todo  
tiempo,  
por todos ellos a tus criaturas das sustento.**

**Alabado seas, mi Señor, por el hermano fuego,  
por el cual iluminas la noche,  
y es bello y alegre y vigoroso y fuerte.**

**Alabado seas, mi Señor,  
por la hermana nuestra madre tierra,  
la cual nos sostiene y gobierna  
y produce diversos frutos con coloridas  
flores y hierbas...**

**Alaben y bendigan a mi Señor  
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*El padre León*

# Ministerio Hispano



## REFLEXIÓN SEMANAL

### CRISTO REY

Hoy es la solemnidad de Cristo Rey. En la Oración Colecta clamamos a Cristo Rey, el Rey del Universo, para que toda la creación pueda ser liberada de la esclavitud. En la primera lectura del libro de Daniel, el autor habla de su visión en la que ve venir al Hijo del Hombre y su reino no tendrá fin. En la segunda lectura del libro del Apocalipsis, escuchamos que Cristo nos ha librado de nuestros pecados por su sangre, nos ha convertido en un reino y hecho sacerdotes de Dios, su Padre. En el Evangelio de hoy, escuchamos el intercambio entre Pilatos y Jesús en el que Pilatos interroga a Jesús sobre su Reino. Jesús le dice que su reino no es de este mundo; que el ha venido a dar testimonio de la verdad; y, los que son de la verdad escuchan su voz. Pilato no lo entiende porque el Reino de Jesús no es parte de su entendimiento. En el mundo de Pilato, el rey mandaba total y completamente; reinaba sin misericordia, con violencia, crueldad y control. El Reino de Jesús es reinado con amor, un concepto mas allá del entendimiento de Pilato.

Las lecturas de hoy me hacen pensar en la canción en inglés de Billy James Foote You are my King (Eres mi Rey). Las primeras palabras son "soy perdonado porque tú fuiste abandonado, soy aceptado porque tú fuiste condenado, vivo y estoy bien, Tu espíritu habita dentro de mí, porque moriste y resucitaste por mí." Sin embargo, el mensaje más profundo para mí está en la parte del coro: "Maravilloso Amor, ¿cómo es que Tu, mi Rey, moriste por mí?" En el mundo secular de Pilato, todos morían por el Rey. En el mundo de Jesús, El murió por nosotros. Nos entregó su amor incondicional, perdonó nuestros pecados y nos ofrece la vida eterna. ¡Guau!

## EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

La información está disponible en <https://www.olaventura.com/Religious-Education-Program>. Se requiere pre-registro. Las clases ya están en marcha para este año. Preguntas: Por favor llame al ext. 125 o envíe un correo electrónico [reled-ola-vta.org](mailto:reled-ola-vta.org).

## RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

El RICA es el proceso para los adultos que desean prepararse para los sacramentos de: Bautismo, Primera Comunión o Confirmación. Este proceso esta disponible en inglés o en español. Se ofrece también para los adultos que, teniendo sus sacramentos, desean aprender más sobre su fe católica. Nos reunimos cada martes, 7:00 p.m. en el Salón Santa Cruz.. Si desea más información comuníquese con Rosario al ext. 192 o por email [hispanicministry@ola-vta.org](mailto:hispanicministry@ola-vta.org)



## ¿SABÍA USTED?

### DESARROLLANDO HABILIDADES PARA ESCUCHAR ACTIVAMENTE A LOS NIÑOS

El desarrollar sus habilidades para escuchar activamente a los niños en su vida puede ayudarle a comunicarse con ellos con mayor efectividad, y además puede ayudarle a descubrir cualquier relación sospechosa o potencialmente dañina en sus vidas. El escuchar activamente le deja saber al orador que usted le ha escuchado, entendido y que usted valora lo que él o ella le ha dicho. Con frecuencia, los niños no se sienten escuchados, pero con unas pocas tácticas fáciles usted puede cambiar eso, construyendo relaciones de confianza y de respeto. Como un escuchador activo, asegúrese de ver al niño a los ojos mientras él o ella estén hablando. Haga preguntas de seguimiento y en ocasiones repita para asegurarse que ambos entienden lo que se ha dicho. Evite hacer preguntas cuyas respuestas solo sean "sí o no" y en su lugar haga preguntas de las que se puedan obtener respuestas amplias para que siga la conversación. Para más consejos, obtenga una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® "Children are to be Seen and Heard" (A los niños se les debe ver y escuchar) en <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.



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## LEVÁNTATE UNÁMONOS UN CRISTO

Con tres palabras sencillas, "Ven a ver..." Jesús invitó a los Apóstoles a conocerlo a él y a los demás, mientras viajaban juntos con fe.

Hemos completado la primera temporada de Levantar juntos en Cristo! Realmente ha sido una oportunidad para que los participantes viajen juntos en la fe, desarrollen una relación más estrecha con Cristo, crezcan en comunidad y lleguen al servicio a los demás. Si te perdiste la participación en la primera temporada, considera unirse a nosotros para la segunda temporada en primavera. Todos son bienvenidos.

Levántate Coordinadora  
Gloria Valencia



El Ministerio Hispano venderá tamales de cerdo el fin de semana del 23 y 24 de noviembre después de todas las misas, mientras duren los suministros. 25 dólares la docena. Los ingresos se utilizarán para la Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el 12 de diciembre.

## NOVENA: NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Todos están invitados a abrir las puertas de su casa para el Novenario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (dic. 3-11), cada noche a las 7:00 PM. Los interesados por favor comuníquense con Rosario al ext. 192 o [hispanicministry@ola-vta.org](mailto:hispanicministry@ola-vta.org)





# Contact Us

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**During business hours please request the extension of the ministry you'd like to reach. After business hours, please dial the 3-digit extension after the recording. Please include your name and contact information in all communication. A representative from the contacted ministry will get back to you.**

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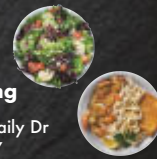


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Breakfast burritos, frittatas, fruit, and homemade breads were on the menu and enjoyed by the those who came to celebrate together.

A raffle of homemade jams, fruit bread, and thanksgiving items was won by Ed Decane. \$1200 was raised for our ministry. Thank you to all of our parishioners who came to support. Thank you to the volunteers working together Saturday and Sunday to make this a big success and who come every Wednesday, serving and promoting fellowship to the people within our community. God bless all of you.



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