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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



ST. BONAVENTURE HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Christina Castro, Principal

3167 Telegraph Road

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*"...So too, you also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."*

Matthew 24:44

*También ustedes estén preparados,
porque a la hora que menos lo piensen,
vendrá el Hijo del hombre".*

Mateo 24:44

Advent
Hope · Love · Joy · Peace



First Sunday of Advent



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."

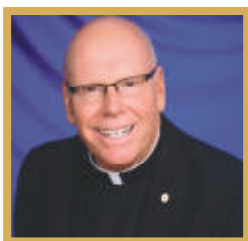
If you are visiting or are joining us for the first time, we are glad you came! All are welcome at OLA. We encourage everyone who wishes to join our parish to complete registration forms. Information is available in the Parish Information Center, in the church vestibule, on the church website at www.olaventura.com,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

**2019 Advent & Christmas
Schedule of Masses & Events
is now available on our
website at
www.olaventura.com**



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FROM OUR PASTOR

Getting Ready for His Arrival

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

As a faith community, we celebrate

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

During Advent, take time to indulge in the season of preparing for the Lord. Use the sacred liturgy for your preparation by reading scriptures for the day. Our OLA parish App offers these and other forms of

prayer and meditation. Purchase an Advent Wreath for the home and commitment to the four weeks of prayer and feasting with others during the week. Advent calendars offer a special thought and gift for the day. More importantly, be attentive and watchful. By entering into the Season of Advent the Lord may be born anew in us. When this happens, who knows what wonderful gifts the Lord will bring into our lives.

COME LORD JESUS.

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

Fr. Leon

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>

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

WAITING

Last week we marked the end of the liturgical cycle with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. Today we begin anew with the First Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent reminds us that life is about waiting. When we think of our daily routines, we realize that we spend a great deal of our time waiting; standing in line at the grocery store, holding for a phone conversation, or sitting in the doctor's office. Waiting can be difficult and stressful. Yet, when we anticipate waiting and prepare for it, we can be more at peace. During the day, if we anticipate that we might have to wait, we can come prepared with a book to read, a list to make, a letter to write, or prayers to say. So it is with the message from today's readings. Advent reminds us that we are waiting for Jesus to come again and if we prepare ourselves spiritually, the waiting is less foreboding. Saint Paul tells us that now is the time to "put on the armor of light" by "conducting ourselves properly" as we anticipate and prepare for Jesus' coming. Matthew encourages us to "Stay awake!" He reminds us that we can become complacent in our daily routines and be caught off guard. So, Advent is our wake up call! And even though the waiting is difficult and we are restless, we come together as community in joyful support of one another. As we share the Holy Eucharist, we are affirmed in Jesus' promise that He will return to take each one of us to our heavenly home.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Parish Blood Drive
8:45 AM - 2:15 PM
<https://www.vitalant.org/Home.aspx>

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Feast day and Celebration
See Page ? for Mass times and event details.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

OLA Music Ministry
Christmas Concert
7:00 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

OLA Women's Ministry
Advent Morning of Reflection
8:00 AM Mass, 'Women of the Bible'

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Simbang Gabi
Filipino Mass and Celebration
5:30 PM

WED. - SUN., DEC. 18 - DEC. 22

OLA Christmas Food Basket Ministry
Preparation & Delivery of Food Boxes
6:30 PM



Prayer and Worship

MASS INTENTIONS FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 2ND - DECEMBER 8TH

Monday, December 2

6:30 AM † Frances Yoong &

† Raul Aguilera

8:00 AM † Bill Corkins & Diane Federle &
Reyes Haro Aguilera

Tuesday, December 3

6:30 AM Dorothy Dearing and Samantha Dearing

8:00 AM † William Ferguson & Jeff Colitti

Wednesday, December 4

6:30 AM † David Autry

8:00 AM † Rose & Walter Vohwinkel

Thursday, December 5

6:30 AM John & Kathleen Behne &

Dn. Mike & Lauren Burns

8:00 AM Thomas Fire Survivors/Victims

Friday, December 6

6:30 AM † Msgr. Donal Mulcahy

8:00 AM Patricia Bonner & Denia Manjarrez

5:30 PM † PJ Manning Lunsford & End to Abortion

Saturday, December 7

8:00 AM Shirley Shanahan

5:15 PM † Loretta Sayward &

† Joseph C Palmisano Jr

Sunday, December 8

8:00 AM † Cathy Bertwhistle

9:30 AM Mass for the People

11:00 AM † Glenn Patrick McGiven

12:30 PM † Antonio & Nicandro Guzman

5:15 PM Clark Family

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE (BI-LINGUAL)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 7:00 PM

As we enter into, and journey in, the season of Advent, the Church invites us to reflect on our own relationship with God and to enter deeper in our connection with Him. One

of the ways in which we are able to do so is in recognizing where we have fallen away from Him, to confess those sins, and then change our lives. The parish community of OLA invites you to join us at our Advent Penance Service for an evening of reflection, prayer, and confession, as we prepare to receive Christ in His Second Coming, and to commemorate His birth at Christmas.

NO CONFESSIONS AT 5:30 PM ON THIS DATE.



Happy Anniversary

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

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| ♥ Karen and Michael Stumph
50 Years on December 6 th | ♥ Shelley and John Wadsworth
39 Years on December 6 th |
| ♥ MaryAnn and Terry Lilly
49 Years on December 5 th | ♥ Linda and Robert Lombardi
36 Years on December 2 nd |
| ♥ Anne and Walt Wilson
44 Years on December 6 th | ♥ Andy and Debbie Harvey
32 Years on November 21 st |

BAPTISMS

Cole Sawyer Cortez

Malanya Raelle Rayos

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



FIRST FRIDAY MASS

December 6TH

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



PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Second Sunday of Advent

Reading I
Isaiah 11:1 - 10

Reading II
Romans 15:4 - 9

Gospel
Matthew 3:1 - 12

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

✠ Maria Socorro Sandoval

✠ Barbara Philipps

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 17, 2019 was \$22,347.77. 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.

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: \$89,802.84
(as of 11/19/19)

Amount Paid: \$88,691.84



Difference Over/(Under)
Goal vs. Paid:
(\$36,508.16)

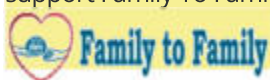
NOVENA: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

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.



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.



PARISH BLOOD DRIVE



Blood is especially needed before the holiday! Blood helps trauma and burn patients, premature babies, heart surgery patients, organ transplant recipients, and those fighting cancer, among others. Please, give blood at our Parish Blood Drive on **Sunday, December 8th, 8:45 AM-2:15 PM** in the Bloodmobiles in front of the Youth Room. All donors will receive a certificate for a FREE item from Stonefire Grill and a certificate for a FREE ice cream at Sub Zero. Chocolate Truffle cake will served in the Youth Room To schedule an appointment please go online to www.blood4life.org and enter the sponsor code: 8804 or call (805) 542-8500.



HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD items are currently needed for OLA's Christmas food baskets. When you're doing your shopping please pick-up a few extra items to bring to the OLA vestibule for those in need. All non-perishable unopened food items are always accepted, but this week's featured items are Main Meal Items (Spaghetti-O, Chili & Beans etc.). Please check labels for expiration date. You may make a monetary donation to OLA Food Baskets. Thank you for your support. For more info: foodbaskets@ola-vta.org or ext. 164.



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 in the vestibule of the church during Sunday Masses. Thank you for giving!



'JACKETS & JEANS' CLOTHING DRIVE DECEMBER 7TH - 15TH

OLA Women's Ministry - Women of Faith will be collecting gently used or new coats and blue jeans to be distributed at OLA's Many Meals Ministry. Please drop off your items in the boxes in the vestibule. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

"Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do to me."
Matt. 25:40



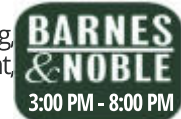
OLA SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

Enjoy fire-roasted pizza, fresh chopped salads, fhazani sandwiches & **11:00 AM - 9:30 PM** gourmet gelato. Simply mention OLA School and a portion of proceeds will be donated!



Join us for face painting, The Polar Express Event, Crafts, and more!



DETAILS AT OLAVENTURA.COM

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 8th, 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.





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.

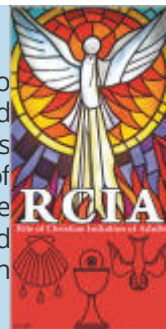
Classes are already underway for this year. Questions: Please contact us at ext. 125 or email reled@ola-vta.org.



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 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 3rd - Advent & Church Calendar (Saint) and December 7th - Advent Morning of Recollection.



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.



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>.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**TUESDAY 9:00AM - 5:00PM,
WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM - SUNDAY 8:00 AM**

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



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.

EUCCHARIST 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.



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.



Safeguard the Children/Service and Outreach



SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

FINGERPRINT SCHEDULE Santa Barbara Region

Thursday, 12/5/19

ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

(Rothe Hall)

225 N. Olive Street

SANTA PAULA 93060

For appt. please call (805) 525-1575.



Monday, 12/16/19

ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH

(Flower Room)

1305 Royal Ave. SIMI VALLEY 93065

For appt. please call (818) 935-7979.

For additional information, please visit:

<http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/hr/Pages/fingerprinting.aspx>.



2019 VIRTUS® TRAINING

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?

CHILDREN IN SPORTS ARE AT RISK FOR HEAD INJURIES

Sports are a great way for children to burn off energy, learn about teamwork, and stay active and healthy. But some sports come with risks, including head injuries. Football is an especially high-risk sport for these types of injuries, given the nature of the game. If your child wants to play contact sports, make sure he or she does so safely. Provide proper safety equipment that fits. Check helmets and protective gear periodically to ensure that all are still working. Talk to coaches and referees about regular safety checks for fields and team equipment as well. For more information about "Sports and Head Injuries," visit <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.

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. Next meeting: December 4th.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

As Christmas approaches, your St. Vincent de Paul program is working with many people who are struggling even more than usual—so on YOUR behalf SvdP:

helps to pay utility bills, provides food, clothing and other essentials; assists with rent, just to avoid evictions, which are rising with rental rates at historic levels; works weekly with people for whom their car is their home and who would otherwise be sleeping on the sidewalk—who need help with auto registration, smog clearances etc. so that their "home" is not impounded and taken from them.

At this time of year, along with the holidays, many people are making end-of-year financial decisions. If you can assist in SVDP's mission, please consider making a tax-deductible donation. Donations in any amount are welcome, checks can be sent to SVDP at 3175 Telegraph Road, Ventura 93003 or can be placed into the Sunday Mass collection basket. SVDP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency and all donations will be acknowledged. Thank you. St. Vincent de Paul: (805) 642-4104.

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.





Ministry Information

OLA CHRISTMAS CONCERT
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 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.

'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 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.

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. 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 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. To request a shawl please call the Parish Information Center at (805) 642-7966.



MEN'S MINISTRY



On Nov. 13th 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. **No meeting on November 27th.**

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 or ext. 142. All are welcome.



OLA BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP DEC. 9TH, 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

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

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- Noon Dismissal: December 20th
- Christmas Recess: December 23rd - January 3rd
- 2:00 Dismissal: December 5th, 12th
- OLA School Fundraiser at Red Brick Pizza: December 6th, 11:00 AM - 9:30 PM
- Barnes & Noble Book Fair: December 6th, 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- **OLA School Christmas Program: Dec. 19th, 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM**

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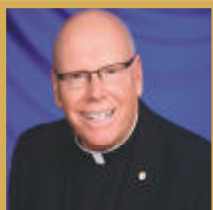
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DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Preparándonos para Su Llegada

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

Como comunidad de fe, celebramos la Temporada de Navidad desde el Día de Navidad hasta la Epifanía. La

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

Durante el Adviento, tome tiempo para disfrutar la temporada de prepararnos para el Señor. Use la sagrada liturgia para su preparación leyendo las lecturas del día. El APP de OLA ofrece estas y otras formas de oración y meditación. Compre la Corona de Adviento para su casa y comprométase a orar por cuatro

semanas y a festejar con los demás durante estas semanas. Los calendarios de Adviento ofrecen un pensamiento especial y un regalo cada día. Mas que nada, esté atento y vigilante. Dejemos que la Temporada de Adviento del Señor nazca nuevamente en nosotros. Cuando esto sucede, quien sabe que regalos tan maravillosos nos dará el Señor en nuestras vidas.

VEN SEÑOR JESUS

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

El padre León

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PREPARÁNDOSE PARA LA PRÓXIMA SEMANA

Segundo domingo de Adviento

Lectura I

Isaías 11:1 - 10

Lectura II

Romanos 15:4 - 9

Evangelio

Mateo 3:1 - 12

REFLEXIÓN SEMANAL

EN ESPERA

La semana pasada marcamos el final del ciclo litúrgico con la celebración de la Fiesta de Cristo Rey. Por lo tanto, hoy es el primer domingo del nuevo ciclo de Adviento. La temporada de Adviento nos recuerda que la vida se trata de esperar. Cuando pensamos en nuestras rutinas diarias, nos damos cuenta de que pasamos gran parte de nuestro tiempo esperando, ya sea haciendo fila en el supermercado, o esperando en una conversación telefónica, o sentados en el consultorio del médico. Esperar puede ser difícil y estresante. Sin embargo, cuando sabemos que vamos a esperar, podemos prepararnos para la espera y así estar más tranquilos. Durante el día, si sabemos que tendremos que esperar, podemos venir preparados con un libro para leer, una lista para hacer, una carta para escribir u oraciones para decir. Así sucede con el mensaje de las lecturas de hoy. Adviento nos recuerda que estamos esperando que Jesús venga nuevamente y si nos preparamos espiritualmente, la espera es más llevadera. Para poder prepararnos para la venida de Jesús, "Revistámonos con las armas de la luz", dice San Pablo, y "comportémonos honestamente, como se hace en pleno día". Por otro lado, Mateo nos dice: "Velen, pues, y estén preparados" y nos recuerda que si estamos demasiado confiados en nuestras rutinas diarias, podemos ser tomados por sorpresa. Entonces, Adviento es una llamada de atención, y aunque la espera es difícil y estamos inquietos, nos unimos con alegría como comunidad para apoyarnos mutuamente. Al compartir la Sagrada Eucaristía, se reafirma la promesa de Jesús de que Él regresará para llevarnos a cada uno de nosotros a nuestro hogar celestial.



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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.

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