



GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

# OUR LADY *of the Assumption*

PARISH  
VENTURA

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12-15-2019

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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

School Office: (805) 648-6836

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Here is your God,  
he comes with vindication;  
With divine recompense  
he comes to save you.

Isaiah 35:4

He aquí que su Dios,  
vengador y justiciero,  
viene ya para salvarlos.

Isaiah 35:4



Third 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](http://www.olaventura.com), or call us at (805) 642-7966.

### **Tuesday, December 24<sup>TH</sup>: Christmas Eve**

**4:00 p.m. Our Lady of the Assumption Church**

**4:00 p.m. Children's Mass in St. Bonaventure High School Athletic Center**

**7:30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Prelude at 7:00 p.m.**

**12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass**

### **Wednesday, December 25<sup>TH</sup>: Christmas Day**

**8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)**

**NO 5:15 p.m. Mass • NO 5:30 p.m. Confessions**

**Parish Information Center closed.**



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### **FROM OUR PASTOR**

#### **Making a Home for the Lord**

John the Baptist proclaimed,

"Prepare the way of the Lord." His call has resounded throughout the ages to help us make room for the Christ-child to enter our lives. It is a wonder that the message continues to ring true for us and that we are always in need of getting ready. I imagine it is similar to every family's acceptance of a new child into its midst. Nine months of preparation must take place emotionally, physically, and spiritually for a child to be born into a family. This is our Advent experience each year, making a home for new life and re-birth.

Creating a home demands from us a commitment to create new space in our lives for what is about to happen. Life must be forever changed for those who believe that the birth of Christ is our saving grace. During these days of preparation, prayer, and festivals, we are challenged by the contrast of entering into this season of joy and a season of tension. As we gather with close and extended family, we know that not all are in right relationships. In fact, the pain and conflict in our families is made more evident by the external expectations that are all around us.

This tension in our families is a graced moment when the Spirit of God is calling for healing and mercy. New birth demands new ways of expressing change in relationships. A home is the place where acceptance finds a place to dwell. A

home is the training ground where mercy, compassion, patience, and loving endurance are expressed. In our Advent language we make it our prayer to be open to the movement of God's Spirit in our homes to bring to life HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE.

Let the light of Christ dwell among us in our homes this Christmas so that healing and reconciliation breaks through the tensions that arise in us. May new life be born in us again and our hearts seek the treasures that are lasting.

Make straight the path to the Lord. Christ be our light this Advent Season and leads us to the Joy, Peace, Hope, and Love of Christmas.

*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

See below for holiday hours.

## 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

### OUR REASON FOR REJOICING

This week we celebrate "Gaudete" Sunday (meaning Rejoice Sunday). At this midpoint in our Advent journey our focus is joy, hence the reason for the rose-colored vestments and rose candle in our Advent wreaths. Rose comes from the source of our joy – a mixture of white (celebrating God's promise of true peace) and red (the reality of our God's constant, passionate love for us).

Our readings and the symbols in our sanctuary connect our lives, here and now, with these truths. Our Advent wreath is not just a countdown to our celebration of Christmas. It represents our patient waiting and preparation for the second coming of Christ to bring God's plan of salvation to fulfillment. Like the farmer who plants seeds, we wait patiently for what we know is to come. And we wait in joyful hope because we know this will be a harvest like no other. It will be like a desert transformed into a luscious garden, as Isaiah prophesied.

In the Gospel John's disciples come to Jesus for confirmation that he is the long awaited Messiah. Jesus in effect tells them not to take his word for it, but to look and see how Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled. Not only are the deaf, lame and mute made whole, but the dead are raised and the poor have the Good News of the power of God's love proclaimed to them.

And who are the ones, like John the Baptist, who proclaim this Good News, the "way of the Lord"? The answer is symbolized by our Angel Tree. It's all of us who live our baptismal call, by allowing the Holy Spirit to continue to transform us and work through us to nourish others and make them whole. Let us rejoice!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

OLA Youth Music Ministry/OLA School  
Christmas Program  
1:00 PM and 7:00 PM

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

OLA School  
Christmas Recess  
12:00 PM

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

2nd Collection  
Corporal Works of Mercy  
8:00 AM Mass, 'Women of the Bible'

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Pastorella  
Performance  
Mulcahy Center following 12:30 PM Mass

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve  
Masses  
See page 2 For Mass times

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Parish Information Center  
Early Closure for Holiday  
12:00 PM

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day Masses  
No 5:15 PM Mass, No Confessions  
See page 2 For Mass times

### WED. & THURS., DEC. 25 - 26

Parish Information Center  
Closed for Holiday  
All Day

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Mass  
8:00 AM  
No 6:30 AM Mass

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

Feast of the Holy Family  
Vigil Mass  
5:15 PM



# Prayer and Worship

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> - DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**Monday, December 16**

6:30 AM † Lucy McKnight &

† Angelina Bosco

8:00 AM † Abundia & Conchita Namoc  
& Cherry Dulin

**Tuesday, December 17**

6:30 AM John Dugan

8:00 AM Ron Wilson & Kevin Klier

**Wednesday, December 18**

6:30 AM Dn. Mike & Lauren Burns

8:00 AM † Mike Spicer & Mike Cuenco

**Thursday, December 19**

6:30 AM Fran Dudley & Frank & Terri Rojo

8:00 AM † Paz M. Sagrado & † Mike Loftus

**Friday, December 20**

6:30 AM Rolando Matias, Jr.

& Bernadette Simon Matias

8:00 AM † Thomas Byrne

**Saturday, December 21**

8:00 AM † Dominga Cantos &

† Zenaída Ortega

5:15 PM † Antonio & Teresa Moon &

† Doug Jourdain

**Sunday, December 22**

8:00 AM † Paz M. Sagrado

9:30 AM Mass for the People

11:00 AM † Gloria Blackwood &

† Annie Coleman

12:30 PM † Humberto Ortiz Perez &

† Cleotilde Alamillo

5:15 PM Terri Rojo

## 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](mailto:adorers@ola-vta.org).

**Adoration**  
of the  
**Blessed Sacrament**



# Happy Anniversary

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

♥ **Jim and Dottie Rowins**  
54 Years on December 18<sup>th</sup>

♥ **Linda and Frank Montoya**  
51 Years on December 22<sup>nd</sup>

♥ **Mike and Kari Robinson**  
19 Years on December 16<sup>th</sup>

♥ **Sherie and David DeVillers**  
10 Years on December 19<sup>th</sup>

## BAPTISMS

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



## FIRST FRIDAY MASS

### January 3<sup>rd</sup>

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



## PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Reading I**  
**Isaiah 7:10 - 14**

**Reading II**  
**Romans 1:1 - 7**

**Gospel**  
**Matthew 1:18 - 24**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

✠ **Michael Loftus**

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 December 2019 our parish budget calls for \$22,129.00 to be donated weekly at the Sunday collection. The collection for Sunday, December 1, 2019 was \$20,313.26. 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: \$89,901.34  
(as of 11/26/19)

Amount Paid: \$88,866.34



Difference Over/(Under)  
Goal vs. Paid:  
(\$36,333.66)

## 'JACKETS & JEANS' CLOTHING DRIVE DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> - 15<sup>TH</sup>

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

**Clothing Drive**  
What's in your closet?



## OLA School Christmas Program December 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Mulcahy Center

A musical adaptation of  
the Nativity Story written by the  
OLA School 5<sup>th</sup> grade class  
and performed by  
Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.  
Special pre-show performance by  
the OLA Pre-school class.

Please join us!



## 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 Canned Vegetables**. Please check labels for expiration date. You may make a monetary donation to OLA Food Baskets. Thank you for your support.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18<sup>TH</sup> - SUNDAY, DEC. 22<sup>ND</sup>

Please volunteer to assist our parish with preparation and delivery of food boxes in our community. Sign-up on our website at [www.olaventura.com](http://www.olaventura.com). Start your holidays by extending your generosity to those families that are in need.

**Next Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Christmas Food Basket distribution will take place and we will need your help.** Drivers will be needed 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Sign-up at Mulcahy Center on Sunday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Any type of vehicle will be useful. If you have questions, please call Jerry Deal: (805) 642-7966, ext. 164. Thank you.

## MANY MEALS SOX DRIVE



Socks for Many Meals December 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas party will be collected in boxes in back of the church and at the Parish Information Center on **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Heavy crew socks in white or dark colors are needed. Thank you for your generosity!

PLEASE CONTACT TOM LAWSON:  
[SUNYOYO@MAC.COM](mailto:SUNYOYO@MAC.COM) OR  
STEVE KEWLEY:  
[STEVEKEWLEY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:STEVEKEWLEY@GMAIL.COM)

**ADULT MEN'S RETREAT**  
"PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD" - Eph 6:11

JAN 24<sup>TH</sup> - 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2020  
CARPINTERIA STATE BEACH





# Faith Formation/Service and Outreach

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**TUESDAYS: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM  
THROUGH DEC. 17<sup>TH</sup>, 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.

**Christmas Break: December 20<sup>th</sup> - January 5<sup>th</sup>.**

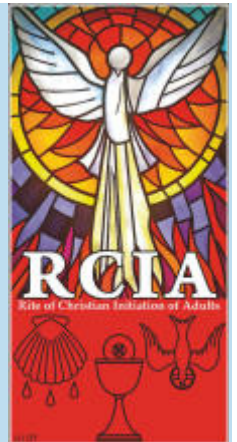
Questions: Please contact us at ext. 125 or email [reled@ola-vta.org](mailto:reled@ola-vta.org).



## 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 17<sup>th</sup> - Potluck dinner - Incarnation of Jesus and January 7<sup>th</sup> - Living our Christian Values.



## 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).



## 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).

## 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](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

**Monday, 12/16/19**

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH**

(Flower Room)

1305 Royal Ave. SIMI

VALLEY 93065

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



**Saturday, 1/25/2020**

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH**

(Santa Cruz Room)

3175 Telegraph Road VENTURA 93003

For appt. please call (805) 642-7966.

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?

### BASIC GUIDELINES FOR AIRPORT SAFETY

Flying for the holidays is stressful, and it's even more so when you add children to the equation. Airports are large, unfamiliar places flooded with crowds, and parents need to take extra precautions to make sure everyone arrives safely at their destination. Consider taking a family airport selfie so you have a current picture of what everyone is wearing in case you get separated. Talk to your children about "safe strangers" — TSA agents, flight attendants, trusted adults — they can ask for help. Go over the travel plans so that your children know where you're going, what airline you're flying, and where you should meet. For more information, please visit,

<https://www.mamamia.com.au/travelling-with-kids-airport-safety/>.



## CANCER SUPPORT GROUP \*\*NO MEETING ON DECEMBER 25TH\*\*

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 at 6:00 PM in the Parish House.

For more information: Rochida McClure at ext. 143 or [cancersupport@ola-vta.org](mailto:cancersupport@ola-vta.org). Next meeting: January 8<sup>TH</sup>.



## 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, 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 18<sup>TH</sup>.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

During this Advent Season, as Christmas approaches, your St. Vincent de Paul program is working with many people who are struggling even more than usual—so

- SVdP helps to pay utility bills so families can stay warm and dry.
- SVdP assists with rent to avoid evictions which are rising with rental rates at historic levels.
- SVdP works weekly with people for whom their car is their home. We help with auto registration etc. so that their "home" is not impounded & taken from them.

Please help us to help— the need is critical! At this time of year, 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 mailed to OLA for SVdP or may be placed into the Sunday Mass collection basket. SVdP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency and all donations will be gratefully acknowledged. SVdP: (805) 642-4104.

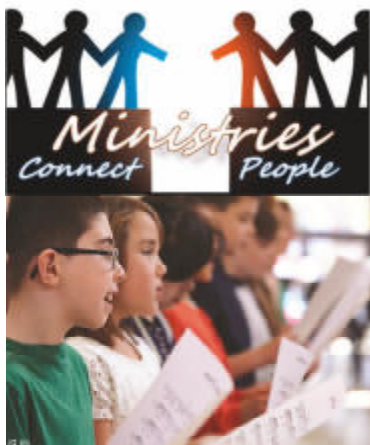
## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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 12/17/2019. For more info please contact ext. 150 or email [griefsupport@ola-vta.org](mailto:griefsupport@ola-vta.org).





# Ministry Information



## 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

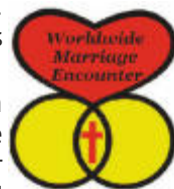
Our ministry coordinates transportation to Mass for those unable to transport themselves. Please contact us if you are in need of ride to Mass.

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 1/8/2020 at the Parish House, 9:30-11:00 AM. 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 1/11/2020. 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

Men's Ministry 'O'Dark Thirty' Group continues 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 [menministry@ola-vta.org](mailto:menministry@ola-vta.org).



## OLA WOMEN OF FAITH WOMEN'S MINISTRY

For upcoming events please see the OLA website at [www.olaventura.com](http://www.olaventura.com), email [womensministry@ola-vta.org](mailto:womensministry@ola-vta.org), or call ext. 142.



## OLA BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP JAN 11<sup>TH</sup>, 7:00 PM-SAN MIGUEL RM

Please look for January's book selection in our next bulletin. All are welcome at our meetings. 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 Boggar, 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 December 23<sup>RD</sup>/24<sup>TH</sup>/31<sup>ST</sup>.**

# Parish Life



## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

[www.olaventura.org/apps/news](http://www.olaventura.org/apps/news)



- OLA Preschool has openings available now. Please contact Mrs. Susie Delaney at (805) 642-7198, ext. 213, or fill out the preschool application online at [olaventura.org](http://olaventura.org).
- Purchase a 2020 Ventura Axxess Book at OLA School! With an average savings of \$500 per family per year, an Axxess Membership is well worth it! Only \$30 at the OLA School Office!
- Noon Dismissal: December 20<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Recess: December 23<sup>rd</sup> - January 3<sup>rd</sup>

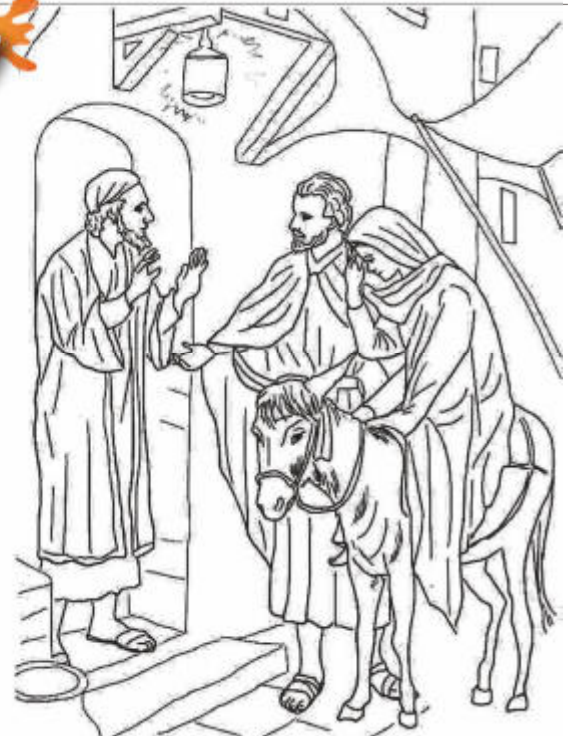
- OLA School Christmas Program: Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM
- OLA School 'Movie Night' featuring the family friendly Disney/Pixar movie "Inside Out": January 10<sup>th</sup>. Gates open at 4:00 PM, movie begins at 5:30 PM. More info and tickets available in the OLA School Office.
- Mark your calendars for OLA School's Roaring '20s Auction and Dinner Dance: Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Ventura Beach Marriott. Planning is underway and we are counting on the continued support of our amazing parishioners to make this our most successful auction yet! Our Procurement Team will be reaching out to local businesses, school families and parishioners for donations for our silent and live auction. Items such as gift cards, restaurant gift certificates, vacation homes, airline miles, hotel rooms, tickets to sporting events, etc. are a few examples. To donate or receive more information, contact Kerry Murphy at [olaschooldevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:olaschooldevelopment@gmail.com). Thank you and God bless.



## Advent Word Search



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| Advent        | David        | Gold        | Jesus            |
| Advent wreath | Elizabeth    | Herod       | John the Baptist |
| Annunciation  | Emmanuel     | Incarnation | Joseph           |
| Bethlehem     | Epiphany     | Isaiah      | Magi             |
| Carols        | Frankincense | Jerusalem   | Mary             |
| Christmas     | Gabriel      | Jesse tree  | Messiah          |
| Coming        |              |             |                  |

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

Sign-up NOW at: <https://runsignup.com/ola5k>  
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We are looking for runners, volunteers, and sponsors! Contact Gina Ravenscroft:  
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Si usted está de visita o se une a nosotros por primera vez, nos alegra que haya venido! Todos son bienvenidos en OLA. Animamos a todos los que deseen unirse a nuestra parroquia a completar los formularios de registro. La información está disponible en el Centro de Información Parroquial, en el vestíbulo de la iglesia, en el sitio web de la iglesia en [www.olaventura.com](http://www.olaventura.com), o llámenos al (805) 642-7966 .

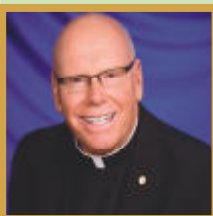
## MINISTERIO DE LA CESTA DE ALIMENTOS

### CESTAS DE ALIMENTOS DE NAVIDAD

Necesitamos comidas no perecederos para las cestas de Navidad de OLA. Cuando usted este haciendo sus compras por favor recoga algunos artículos adicionales para llevar al vestíbulo de OLA para los mas necesitados. Todos los alimentos no perecederos sin abrir seran aceptados. Los artículos necesitados esta semana son Verduras Enlatadas. Compruebe la fecha de caducidad en las etiquetas. Se acepta donación monetaria a OLA Food Baskets. Gracias por su apoyo.

### NECESITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS: MIÉRCOLES, 18 DICIEMBRE - DOMINGO, 22 DICIEMBRE

Se necesitan voluntarios para ayudar con la preparación y entrega de cestas de alimentos en nuestra comunidad. Regístrese en nuestro sitio web en [www.olaventura.com](http://www.olaventura.com). Comience sus vacaciones extendiendo su generosidad a aquellas familias que están necesitadas. Próximo domingo, 22 de diciembre, se llevará a cabo la distribución de la cesta de comida de Navidad y necesitaremos su ayuda. Necesitamos conductores de 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Inscribáanse en Mulcahy Center el domingo 22 de diciembre. Cualquier tipo de vehículo será útil. Si tiene preguntas, llame a Jerry Deal: (805) 642-7966 ext. 164. Gracias.



### DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

#### Haciéndole un Hogar al Señor

Juan el Bautista proclamó,

"Preparen el camino del Señor." Su llamado a resonado por muchas épocas para ayudarnos a que le hagamos un lugar al Niño Dios para que pueda entrar en nuestras vidas. Es una maravilla que este mensaje continúa sonando con esta verdad de que siempre tenemos necesidad de prepararnos. Me imagino que es similar a la aceptación de toda familia de un nuevo bebé. Son nueve meses de preparación emocional, física, y espiritual para recibir al nuevo bebé dentro de la familia. Esta es nuestra experiencia de Adviento cada año, preparar un lugar en nuestro hogar para una nueva vida y un renacer.

Crear un hogar requiere un

compromiso de crear un nuevo espacio en nuestras vidas para lo que está por llegar. La vida debe cambiar para siempre para los que creen en el nacimiento de Cristo como nuestra gracia salvadora. Durante estos días de preparación, oración, y fiestas, somos retados por el contraste de entrar en esta temporada de gozo y también de tensión. Al reunirnos con nuestros familiares, cercanos y alejados, sabemos que no todas las relaciones van bien. De hecho, el dolor y el conflicto en nuestras familias es mas evidente por las expectativas externas que nos rodean.

Esta tensión en nuestras familias son momentos de gracia cuando el Espíritu de Dios pide sanación y misericordia. Un nuevo nacimiento pide nuevas maneras de expresar el cambio en las relaciones. Un hogar es el lugar donde la aceptación encuentra un lugar para habitar. El hogar es el lugar donde aprendemos

a ser misericordiosos, compasivos, pacientes, y expresar el amor de una manera duradera. En nuestro lenguaje de Adviento oramos para estar abiertos al movimiento del Espíritu de Dios en nuestros hogares para darle vida a la ESPERANZA, la PAZ, el GOZO y el AMOR.

Permitamos que la luz de Cristo habite entre nosotros, dentro de nuestros hogares, durante esta Navidad para que la sanación y la reconciliación disipe las tensiones que brotan en nosotros. Que la nueva vida nazca en nosotros otra vez y que nuestros corazones busquen los tesoros que perduran.

Enderecemos el camino del Señor. Que Cristo sea nuestra luz en esta Temporada de Adviento para que nos guie al Gozo, la Paz, la Esperanza y el Amor de la Navidad.

*El padre León*

## HORARIO DEL CENTRO DE INFORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL

### Lunes a Jueves

8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

### Viernes

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

### Cuarto domingo de Adviento

#### Lectura I

**Isaías 7:10 - 14**

#### Lectura II

**Romanos 1:1 - 7**

#### Evangelio

**Mateo 1:18 - 24**

# Ministerio Hispano



## REFLEXIÓN SEMANAL

### LA RAZÓN DE NUESTRO REGOCIJO

Esta semana celebramos el Gaudete, el nombre que recibe el tercer domingo de Adviento y que significa "regocijense" o "alégrense". A mitad de nuestro camino de Adviento, nos enfocamos en la alegría; la razón por la cual las vestimentas son de color rosado y la candela en nuestras coronas de Adviento es rosada. El color rosado proviene de la fuente de nuestra alegría: una mezcla de blanco (celebrando la promesa de Dios de la paz verdadera) y de rojo (la realidad del amor constante y apasionado de nuestro Dios por nosotros).

Las lecturas y los símbolos en nuestro santuario conectan nuestras vidas, aquí y ahora, con estas verdades. Nuestra corona de Adviento no es tan sólo la cuenta regresiva para la celebración de la Navidad, sino que representa nuestra paciente espera y preparación para la segunda venida de Cristo, la cual conlleva el plan de salvación de Dios. Al igual que el agricultor que planta las semillas, nosotros también esperamos pacientemente a que llegue lo que sabemos que vendrá y esperamos gozosamente porque sabemos que será una cosecha como ninguna otra. Será como un desierto transformado en un delicioso jardín, como profetizó Isaías.

En el Evangelio, los discípulos de Juan acuden a Jesús para confirmar que Él es el Mesías esperado. En efecto, Jesús les dice que no confíen en su palabra, sino que observen cómo se cumple la profecía de Isaías. No solo los sordos, los cojos y los mudos se sanan, sino que los muertos resucitan y los pobres tienen la proclamada Buena Nueva del poder del amor de Dios.

¿Y quiénes son, como Juan el Bautista, los que proclaman estas Buenas Nuevas; "el camino del Señor"? La respuesta está representada en nuestro Árbol de ángeles, cuando vivimos nuestro llamado bautismal al permitir que el Espíritu Santo continúe transformándonos y trabajando a través de nosotros para nutrirnos unos a otros y renovarnos. ¡Alegrémonos!

### 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 está 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)



### MANY MEALS CALCETINES CAMPAÑA

Calcetines para Many Meals 18 de diciembre fiesta de Navidad se recogerá en cajas en la parte posterior de la iglesia y en el Centro de Información Parroquial el 16 de diciembre. Se necesitan calcetines de equipo pesados en colores blancos u oscuros. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!



### ¿SABÍA USTED?

#### GUÍAS BÁSICAS PARA LA SEGURIDAD EN EL AEROPUERTO

Volar en los días de Navidad es estresante, y es aún más estresante cuando se agregan niños a la ecuación. Los aeropuertos son grandes, son lugares no familiares llenos de mucha gente, y los padres de familia necesitan tomar precauciones extra para asegurar que todos lleguen seguros a su destino. Considere tomar una selfie de su familia para tener una fotografía actualizada de lo que cada uno lleva puesto en caso de que se separen. Platique con sus hijos sobre "seguridad frente a extraños" a quienes ellos pueden pedir ayuda, como oficiales de seguridad de transportes, auxiliares de vuelo, y otros adultos de confianza. Revise los planes de viaje con la familia para que sus hijos sepan hacia dónde van, en qué línea aérea van a volar, y dónde deben reunirse. Para más información, por favor visite <https://www.mamamia.com.au/travelling-with-kids-airport-safety/>



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Gracias por su continuo apoyo a la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción. Para el mes de diciembre de 2019, nuestro presupuesto parroquial exige \$22,129.00 para ser donados semanalmente en la colecta del domingo. La colección del domingo 1 de diciembre de 2019

fue de \$22,313.26. 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).

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### 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).

**Vacaciones de Navidad:**  
20 de diciembre - 5 de enero.



### ESCUELA DE LA CRUZ

La Escuela de la Cruz es para *Escuela de la Cruz* hombres casados que, en colaboración con diáconos y sacerdotes, se preparan para comunicar el espíritu de la cruz con su vida y testimonio. El grupo se reúne los lunes a las 7:00 p.m. en la casa parroquial. Para más información comuníquese con el Diácono Raul al ext. 149.



# Contact Us

**PLEASE CALL (805) 642-7966 OR EMAIL OUR MINISTRIES**

**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.  
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| Book Club                                     | 167  | bookclub@ola-vta.org           |
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