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OUR LADY *of the Assumption*

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12-29-2019

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Dn. Phil Joerger

Dn. Ed Mills

Dn. Charles Wessler

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

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



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.

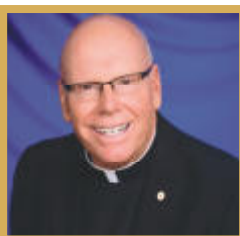
The 2019 OLA Contribution Statements will be available during the week of January 20, 2020. To help the parish save money on stamps, paper and ink, we will email your statements. Please contact the Database Manager

at database@ola-vta.org if you need to update your email address. If we do not have your email address on file, you can access your contribution statement by logging on our OLA website www.olaventura.com and register as a new or current parishioner through the *My Own Church* link. There you will be able to update your mailing address, phone number, view and print your contribution statements and add family members. If you have any questions regarding your contribution statements, or have questions about the *My Own Church* link, please contact Elizabeth at (805)642-7966 ext. 115.



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FROM OUR PASTOR

The Holy Family: A Means of Love and Healing

It is a providential gift to receive the blessing of Christmas and the days that lead to the arrival of the Magi on the Epiphany when between these celebrations, love and healing is renewed during the Feast of the Holy Family. Divine grace is offered but also the reality that human limitations and struggles are found in family experiences. The Incarnate Word made flesh comes to redeem us and makes us whole. Our families are often the first place where reconciliation and forgiveness are needed and experienced. We cannot and should not blame our families for all our hurts, but often the origins of our struggles are family-centered.

Our Church family continues to go through these same experiences today. The Body of Christ needs healing from the wounds of sexual abuse by clergy, the spiritual anxiety of individuals, and the pain experienced by the community as a whole. The loss of trust and suspicion is devastating for us all. As a priest, I am embarrassed and angry that we allowed this to happen to the weakest of our members. No one in the Church or in our society should be a victim of abuse; No One!

We are a Church that preaches healing. We have made huge efforts to end the sexual abuse by clergy and set in place safeguards for all. Since 2002, there is a "zero tolerance" policy involving minors which applies to all clergy, staff, and volunteers. Abuse allegations are reported to law enforcement and cooperation with these agencies is ongoing. Over

400,000 people have been instructed in awareness training.

We are committed to healing the family of God. The Office of Victims Assistance Ministry leads the way in helping support those who are victims of abuse and those who seek help. We want healing for all who are hurting, all who are in pain, all who desire to be made whole. This is the time of grace when Jesus comes to heal the wounds of sin and division in the human family. May the Holy Family protect all families and bring us under the wings of God's protective care.

We pray for healing, wisdom, and courage to always do the right thing. Jesus you have come into the world to forgive us. Mary, place your mantel of love over us and St. Joseph, be our model and guide.

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

December 31st: Closed at 12:00 PM
January 1st: Closed

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

NURTURING HOLINESS

Today's Collect calls us to imitate Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as they practice the virtues of family life. The beautiful scriptural readings of the Mass describe the relationships family members should have with one another in order to grow closer to God. The first line of the Book of Sirach outlines the authority of the home: "God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons." In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes the virtues which enable the family to be holy: "Put on, as God's chosen ones, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one and forgiving one another." When family members bless one another with these virtues, an environment of love is created. Within it, each person can dare to be open to God's stirrings and direction. Such an environment provides strength, encouragement, and confidence. In the Gospel, Saint Joseph gives us an example of this when he responds to the dream which urged him to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt. Joseph must have been worried and troubled about deciding to make such a hurried but necessary trip. Yet, Joseph finds strength in Mary's trust and support. So, it is in the family environment that God's love is planted, finds its roots, and then spreads beyond to others. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph model the virtues that we strive to share as we come together to worship as our Church family. We are God's beloved who share the challenges, sorrows, and joys of daily life as we answer God's call to holiness.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Feast of the Holy Family
All Masses

SAT. & SUN., DEC 28 - 29

Liturgical Anniversary Blessings
Couples Married during Sept.-Dec. 2019
All Masses

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Solemnity of Mary: Holy Day of Obligation
Vigil Mass
5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary: Holy Day of Obligation
8:00 AM Mass Only
No Confessions
Parish Information Center Closed

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

First Friday Masses
6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 5:30 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

VIRTUS: Safeguard the Children
Protecting God's Children
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Celebration Sunday
Hosted by ARISE Together in Christ
After all Morning Masses

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Liturgical Blessings for Expectant Families
After 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and 12:30 PM
Masses

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

VIRTUS: Safeguard the Children
Keeping the Promise Alive
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

FRI. - SUN., JAN 17 - 19

Youth Ministry: Confirmation Year I
Retreat
Friday Evening - Sunday Morning

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Women's Ministry: OLA Women of Faith
Bible 101: Intro to Bible Study
Guest Speaker: Fr. Leon Hutton
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Parish Information Center Closed
9:00 AM Mass Only
No Confessions.



Prayer and Worship

MASS INTENTIONS SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 30TH - JANUARY 5TH

Monday, December 30

6:30 AM Roland & Mary Lou Fvette

8:00 AM Rosalina Mariano &
Esmirna Martin

Tuesday, December 31

6:30 AM Elizabeth Trujillo

8:00 AM † Mary Secor

5:30 PM † Tony Morabito

Wednesday, January 1

8:00 AM † Josephine Letvinchuck

Thursday, January 2

6:30 AM † Lula Jones

8:00 AM † Mike Loftus

Friday, January 3

6:30 AM † Lucy McKnight

8:00 AM † Mike Loftus &

5:30 PM End to Abortion

Saturday, January 4

8:00 AM † Ceferino Cantos Jr. &
† Paz Sagrado

5:15 PM Dave and Karen Lombardi &
† Jaclyn Stephens

Sunday, January 5

8:00 AM Joann Cunningham

9:30 AM Mass for the People

11:00 AM † Peter & Helen Rodriguez

12:30 PM † Antonio & Nicandro Guzman &
† Maria Loza

5:15 PM Clark Family

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



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.

**There will be no Eucharistic Adoration after
5:00 PM, Tuesday, December 24th through
Wednesday, January 1, 2020.**

**Eucharistic Adoration will resumes
Thursday, January 2, 2020, 9:00 AM.**

Happy Anniversary

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

♥ Camille and John Weiss
58 Years on December 30th

♥ Robert and Janice Mazurek
41 Years on December 30th

♥ Dennis and Sharon Hawkins
46 Years on December 29th

♥ Dominic and Carolyn Tedesco
29 Years on December 30th

BAPTISMS

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



FIRST FRIDAY MASS

January 3rd

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



PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

The Epiphany of the Lord

Reading I
Isaiah 60:1 - 6

Reading II
Ephesians 3:2 - 3a, 5 - 6

Gospel
Matthew 2:1 - 12

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.



Parish Life



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 15, 2019 was \$25,201.77. 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: \$90,509.84
(as of 12/17/19)

Amount Paid: \$90,013.84



Difference Over/(Under)
Goal vs. Paid:
(\$35,186.16)



Vigil Mass
December 31st
5:30 PM
January 1st
8:00 AM

OLA SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 4:00 PM-8:00 PM

Join The Habit Burger Grill in support of Our Lady of the Assumption School!

The Habit Burger Grill will donate 20% of sales from this event to benefit OLA School. Simply present the flyer (available at OLA School, the Parish Information Center, or on our website at www.olaventura.com), or show the offer on your smartphone to the cashier upon ordering. Support OLA School and enjoy award-winning flame-grilled charburgers, grilled sandwiches, fresh hand-cut salads, delicious sides, and frozen shakes and malts! Located at 4732 Telephone Road, Ventura. Giving never tasted so good!



JANUARY 12, 2020

AFTER 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, & 11:00 AM MASSES

Please join us for breakfast as we come together in faith. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee will be served for \$5.00 per person.

Arise Together in Christ - Season Two starts the week of February 24th. Consider an Arise faith sharing group as part of your Lenten journey. Sign-ups will be at the beginning of February. Information about Arise will be available at the January 12th Celebration Sunday. We hope to see you there.



LITURGICAL ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: COUPLES MARRIED DURING SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER, 2019 DECEMBER 28TH & 29TH



Couples celebrating wedding anniversaries during September-December, 2019: As our parish walks with you in living your sacramental marriage and being visible signs of God's love for all, please join us after all Masses on December 28th & 29th for a special blessing.

ON THE MOVE FOR GOOD!

Join in the 6th Annual Sisters of Notre Dame Nun Run 5K, 1 Mile and Community Service Fair on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at the La Reina High School & Middle School campus in Thousand Oaks. The event will feature 5K chip-timing, a pancake breakfast, activities for kids, race day giveaways and other prizes. The Community Service Fair is currently hosting non-profits and local businesses, who will be displaying and selling their goods and crafts on race day.

We invite all ages and fitness levels to join us for this event! Proceeds support the Sisters of Notre Dame Life and Ministry Fund, providing spiritual, educational and social outreach locally and around the world. For more information, please contact Jen Coito, Associate Director of Mission Advancement: jcoito@sndca.org





Faith Formation/Service and Outreach

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADES 1 - 5

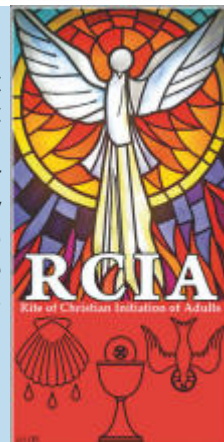
Information is available at <https://www.olavventura.com/Religious-Education-Program>. Pre-registration is required. Classes are already underway for this year. **Christmas Break through January 5th**. Questions: Please contact us at ext. 125 or email reled@ola-vta.org.



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 January 7th - Living our Christian Values and January 14, Important Moral Issues Today - Part 1.



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.

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.olavventura.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.

No Many Meals January 1st, 2020.

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

Friday, 1/10/2020

ST. PETER CLAVER

(Youth Center)

5670 Cochran Street

SIMI VALLEY 93063

For appt. pls. call (805) 526- 6499 or
(805) 562-2244.



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](http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/hr/Pages/fingerprinting.aspx).



**2019 VIRTUS®
TRAINING**

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Thursday, 1/9/20, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Our Lady of Assumption (Ventura)

Call (805) 390-1260 to reserve a place.

Tuesday, 1/14/20, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Church

(Thousand Oaks)

Call (805) 495-0222 to reserve a place.

KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE Recertification Training

Friday, 1/10/20, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Santa Clara Catholic Church (Oxnard)

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

Thursday, 1/16/20, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Our Lady of Assumption (Ventura)

Call (805) 390-1260 to reserve a place.

DID YOU KNOW?

EVERYONE IS IN CHARGE OF THEIR OWN BODIES

It is important to allow children to decline signs of physical affection if they are uncomfortable or don't want to receive them. It's also equally important to teach children that this rule works both ways — if someone does not want a hug or a kiss, that decision should be respected. For young children who may be grabby or touchy-feely, this can be a tough lesson to instill, but it sets the groundwork for a critical understanding of the word "no" and how to react to it. Remind children about their own boundaries, and the boundaries of others, and reinforce ways to express love and friendship while respecting those boundaries. For more information, <https://www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/advice/reluctant-hugs-why-you-shouldnt-force-kids-to-show-physical/>



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 at 6:00 PM in the Parish House. For more information: Rochida McClure at ext. 143 or cancersupport@ola-vta.org. Next meeting: January 8th.



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. Next meeting: January 15th.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

During this season of giving, 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 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 **1/7/2020**. For more info please contact ext. 150 or email 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.

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



MEN'S MINISTRY

SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday January 25th
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Bring your household or office documents to be shredded on site by StoreRite Shredding Services. "Certificates of Destruction" will be available upon request. A \$5.00 donation is requested for each banker's box size of documents handed over for shredding.



Men's Ministry 'O'Dark Thirty' Group is on hiatus. They will reconvene on Wednesday, January 8, 2020. For more info: Ken Lynch at ext. 151



OLA WOMEN OF FAITH WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Bible 101: Intro to Bible Study
Saturday, Jan. 18th, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Guest Speaker: Fr. Leon Hutton
Please join us after 8:00 AM Mass for a morning with Father Leon as he guides us through an introduction to the Bible.



In addition, sign-ups begin for Bible Study that will begin on Feb. 2, 2020. All are welcome. Please RSVP at womensministry@ola-vta.org, or call ext. 142.

OLA BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP JAN 13TH, 7:00 PM-SAN MIGUEL RM

We hope you will read the book *Agustus Tolton: The Church is the True Liberator* by Joyce Duriga, about the first African American Catholic priest in the United States. Please come to discuss the book with us (fellow parishioners). For more information, please email Mary Ann Bognar: bookclub@ola-vta.org. All are welcome.



OLA LIBRARY MINISTRY OPEN SUNDAY, 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 or call ext. 135.
Closed December 31st.

Parish Life



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

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.
- 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!
- Christmas Recess: December 23rd - January 3rd
- OLA School 'Movie Night' featuring the family friendly

Disney/Pixar movie "Inside Out": January 10th. Gates open at 4:00 PM, movie begins at 5:30 PM. More info and tickets available in the OLA School Office.

- Fundraiser at "The Habit": Wed., Jan. 15th, 4:00 PM-8:00 PM
- Mark your calendars for OLA School's Roaring '20s Auction and Dinner Dance: Saturday, March 28th 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!

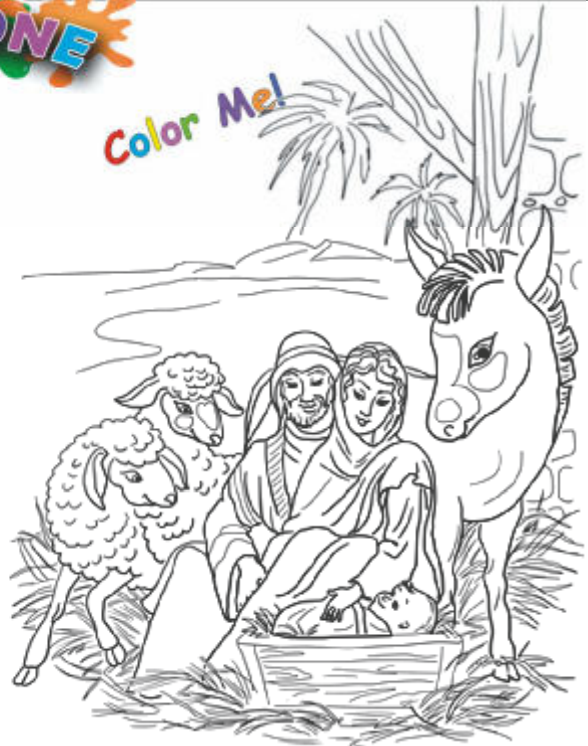
Our Procurement Team will be reaching out to local businesses, school families and parishioners for donations for our silent and live auction. Items such as gift cards, restaurant gift certificates, vacation homes, airline miles, hotel rooms, tickets to sporting events, etc. are a few examples. To donate or receive more information, contact Kerry Murphy at olaschooldevelopment@gmail.com. Thank you and God bless.



The Holy Family Word Search



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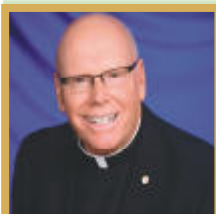
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Como Iglesia somos una familia que

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Oremos por la sanación, la sabiduría, y el valor de siempre hacer lo correcto. Jesús, ha entrado al mundo para perdonarnos. María, cúbrenos con tu manto de amor. San José, se nuestro modelo y guíanos.

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CULTIVANDO LA SANTIDAD

La Oración colecta de hoy nos llama a imitar a Jesús, María y José mientras practican las virtudes de la vida familiar. Las hermosas lecturas bíblicas de la Misa describen el tipo de relación que los miembros de la familia deberían tener entre sí para acercarse a Dios. La primera línea del Libro del Eclesiástico describe la autoridad del hogar: "El Señor honra al padre en los hijos y respalda la autoridad de la madre sobre sus hijos". En la Carta a los Colosenses, San Pablo describe las virtudes que hacen que una familia sea santa: "Puesto que Dios los ha elegido a ustedes, los ha consagrado a él y les ha dado su amor, sean compasivos, magnánimos, humildes, afables y pacientes. Sopórtense mutuamente y perdónense cuando tengan quejas contra otro, como el Señor los ha perdonado a ustedes". Cuando los miembros de la familia se bendicen mutuamente con estas virtudes, se crea un ambiente de amor y dentro de éste, cada persona puede estar abierta a la orientación y dirección de Dios. Tal ambiente proporciona fortaleza, aliento y confianza. En el Evangelio, San José nos da un ejemplo de esto cuando responde al sueño que lo hizo llevar a María y a Jesús a Egipto. José debió haber estado preocupado al decidir hacer este viaje tan apresurado, pero necesario. De esta forma, José encuentra fuerza en la confianza y el apoyo de María. Por tanto, es en el ambiente familiar donde el amor de Dios se planta, encuentra sus raíces y luego se extiende más allá hacia los demás. Jesús, María y José modelan las virtudes que nos esforzamos por compartir a medida que nos unimos como Iglesia para adorar a Dios. Somos los seres amados de Dios quienes compartimos los desafíos, las tristezas y las alegrías de la vida diaria mientras respondemos al llamado de Dios a la santidad.

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