

Our Lady of the Assumption

Our Mission through Baptism

**We, the People of God,
under the patronage of Our Lady of the Assumption,
are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ.**

**As members of the Body of Christ,
gathering for worship around the Table of Word and Sacrament,
we commit ourselves to love and support one another
in faith, hope, and love.**

**We are sent forth as apostles, in the power of the Holy Spirit,
to make the Good News present and alive in our world
through evangelization and hospitality, healing and service,
education and the establishment of justice.**

**Baptism of the Lord
Week of January 11, 2009**

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

As I'm writing this on Monday, January 5, two days before my prostate surgery, I'm aware that you will be reading this the following weekend, as I, hopefully, am breathing a sigh of relief that it's over and I'm out of the hospital.

My feelings right now are of overwhelming gratitude for so many things. First for all of you, and the great outpouring of love and prayers that I have received from you. Thanks to all of you too for the wonderful spirit of Christian community that you have.

I am very grateful for the OLA Pastoral Team, those wonderful people listed in the back of the bulletin, who work together so beautifully and with such great dedication to support the life and ministry of our parish. I just spent much of the morning in meetings with them, informing one another about the current happenings in the parish, planning upcoming events, and reviewing the progress of our parish strategic plan. I am totally in awe of them, and I don't think there's a greater group of people on this planet.

I'm very grateful for Fr. John Tran and Fr. John Bosco Musinguzi who will be working extra hard this next month filling in the gaps caused by my absence. And I don't want to forget Fr. Tony Campbell and Fr. Peter O'Reilly, who are both retired but also will be helping with those gaps.

Many of you have asked if I need anything, or what you can do for me while I'm recovering from this surgery. I do have one request, in addition to the obvious one for prayers. That request is this...

One of the best things you can do for me is to put time and effort into increasing your own participation in the ministry of God's people. There are many

opportunities for this presented here at OLA. Right now one of the most significant ones is the **Spiritual Gifts Workshop** that is being led by Ann Brown beginning this coming Wednesday. There's more information about it on the next page. Called *Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts*, these four sessions present a unique opportunity for you to discover God in your life: where God is present, and where God is leading you.

If next week Ann were to email me with the news that all 20 spaces for this workshop were filled and she had a waiting list of 20 more... Ah, that would really make my day, and my recovery would be so much more pleasant!

Finally, I am also grateful to all the doctors, nurses, researchers, and the St. Jude Healthcare system that makes this kind of treatment of prostate cancer possible, with nearly 100% assurance that the cancer is eliminated completely. Likewise, I'm grateful that I am blessed with access to this kind of care; that is not possible for so many people. We have to pray and work that our society will see access to affordable healthcare a basic right for everyone.

For the next month or so, various members of our Pastoral Team will be "sitting at the Pastor's Desk," writing this column, and sharing wonderful things about their life and ministry. I am grateful to them.

While I'm away, visits, phone calls, and cards won't be necessary, but emails will always be welcome if you wish: thomas.welbers@gmail.com.

I love you.

Fr. Tom Welbers

Time
talent
treasure

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The U.S. bishops pastoral on stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them "to offer up the world and all that is in it – especially themselves – to the Lord of all."

Thank you for giving us the most wonderful Christmas

Many thanks to our parishioners for their generous gift of poinsettias. To have the church and auditorium overflowing with this lovely Christmas plant was a sign of the giving heart of our parish family. Special thanks to Denise De La Rosa for the large number of poinsettias she donated. We also want to thank the men, women and teens who helped in setting up the environment for the church and auditorium. The work was completed in only two days this year, thanks to the many willing, efficient and creative hands that helped! It was particularly inspiring to see our young people so eager to help in a variety of ways.

The OLA Environment Team

Parish offertory collection:

Last weekend, 1/3-4	\$31,119.41
Same weekend 2007	\$31,562.66
Same weekend 2006	\$29,111.12

Around OLA³

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Meetings

- **Secular Franciscans** will gather in the convent Sunday, Jan 11 at 12:30 p.m.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** convenes Monday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. in the school library.
- **Fellowship of Catholic Christian Women** assembles Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.
- **Safeguard the Children** committee gathers Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. in the pastor's office.
- **Leadership Night** is this Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium, followed by the **Pastoral Council** in the Sapienza Room.
- **Italian Catholic Federation** gathers Friday, Jan. 16 in the auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

community life

Learn about college funding

A College Funding Workshop for all parish families will be offered Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium by parishioner Rudy Montalvo of the non-profit organization, Circle of Neighbors. The event is sponsored by OLA School as a service to our families and does not involve so-called "scholarship search companies." The workshop will offer instruction for families of all income levels about how to obtain a minimum of \$5,000/year in college endowment funds that do not require repayment. Reservations for the workshop are requested at 229-8599.

I.C.F. plans casino turnaround trip



It's time for another day trip with the Italian Catholic Federation to San Manuel Casino on Monday, Feb. 2. The bus will leave the OLA parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. Deadline for reservations is Jan. 26 through Inez Quintana at (909) 596-0884 or (909) 762-7269 (cell). Cost is \$15 per person.

Highlights

It's Undies Sunday! Bring donations of new socks and underwear for the homeless the weekend of Jan. 10-11 to bins on the patio.

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Stephen Ministry representatives will be on the patio this weekend to answer questions about this support ministry.

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Learn about the Knights of Columbus this weekend on the patio after all Masses.

Scrip will be sold this Sunday, Jan. 11 after all morning Masses in the auditorium.

Italian Catholic Federation will be on the patio Sunday mornings this month to take reservations for their Feb. 2 casino "turnaround" trip.

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A Spiritual Gifts Workshop will be offered on four Wednesday evening beginning Jan. 14. Here's an opportunity to learn more about yourself and God's plan for your life.

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Deadline coming

Montclair Plaza receipts must be submitted to the school office or to the customer service desk at the plaza no later than Jan. 31 to be credited to OLA School for the annual competition for Cash for Schools. Call 626-7135 for details.

MONDAY, January 12

Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

6:30am T Special Intention
8:15am M Special Intention
5:30pm C † David Stella

TUESDAY, January 13

St. Hilary
Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

6:30am M † Mary & Kenneth Plomer
8:15am T Special Intention
5:30pm C Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, January 14

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

6:30am T Annie Lori Surbeck
8:15am M Special Intention
5:30pm C Collective Intentions

THURSDAY, January 15

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

6:30AM M Special Intention
8:15AM T † Refugio Bernardino
5:30PM C † Sally Cobangco

FRIDAY, January 16

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

6:30am T Ricardo Cruz
8:15am M Special Intention
5:30pm T Special Intention

SATURDAY, January 17

St. Anthony
Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

8:15am M Sarita Comyns
4:00pm C † Death Penalty Recipients
5:30pm T † Jose Castillo

SUNDAY, January 18

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

7:30am T Special Intention
9:00am O † Mina Rossi
11:00am M † Alfred Trevino
1:00pm F † Eugenia Avalos
3:00pm T People of the Parish
5:00pm M † Rosario Medina
7:00pm C Collective Intentions

†=Deceased

Presider Key:

C = Campbell
O = O'Reilly
V = Visitor

M = Musinguzi
T = Tran
W = Welbers

Water Born

I don't like rain much, but I do know that with it comes green hills in the spring. We understand, especially living in Southern California, that water means life. But given what we saw after Hurricane Katrina, we know that water can also mean death.

That is what we are taught about Baptism. Baptism is death *and* life. We die to our old selves and are born again in Christ Jesus. As with the early Christians, this is not only symbolic. To become a Christian as an adult has always meant letting our old life die. Even today, adults preparing for Baptism struggle with this challenge as they go through the discernment of becoming Catholic. But it is easy to forget this aspect of Baptism when talking about the sacrament for infants. After all, what could a one-month-old have to die to? With infants, we tend to focus on the new life. So where is the "dying-to-sin" part?

Having the privilege of preparing families for Baptism, I have come to realize that in order to have a Catholic family, it is necessary for the *family* to make a commitment to die to sin. Otherwise there are too many ways in which the world seduces us into thinking that there is no difference between a Christian family and one without faith. A Christian family is called to live lovingly, simply, and generously. But this can be a tall order when the world tells us that we deserve more, that relationships and people are disposable, and that all that matters is grabbing the next goody.

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. It is a great moment to reflect not only on what our own Baptism means to us individually, but also on what it means to us as families in all our various lifestyles. What are the ways in which the world distracts us from being the kind of family that God wants us to be? What needs to die in order to make room for the life that the Lord wants to give us? Let us fearlessly allow those parts to die, so that spring will bring all sorts of new life.

– By Elena Cardena, OLA Faith Formation Director

Annual Respect Life Mass in LA

Parishioners are invited to join Cardinal Roger Mahoney for the Annual Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles on Saturday, Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. The date coincides with the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade* (1973), which legalized abortion. Music for this liturgy comes from the *Shangigarh Requiem for the Unborn*. The Mass has traditionally closed with members of the assembly bringing forward one lit candle for each life lost to abortion in Los Angeles County that day. Carpool information is available from Joan Giuliano of OLA for Life at 946-4146. Also, a bus will depart for the Mass from St. Denis Church in Diamond Bar. RSVP to Liz at (909) 238-9929 for the bus and a light lunch to be served at 3:15 p.m. at the parish hall beforehand. Cost is \$10.

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Looking ahead...

Catholic Schools Week

Mrs. Nelson Book Fair begins Saturday, Jan. 24 through Thursday, Jan. 29

OLA School Open House Tours and classes in progress Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (Jan. 26, 27 and 28) from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Classrooms open for visitation and introduction to teachers Thursday, Jan. 29 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

School Registration: Applications for new students are now being accepted for the 2009-2010 school year in Grades K-6. Testing for kindergarten and first grade is scheduled Saturday, Feb. 7; testing for Grades 2-6 is scheduled Monday, Feb. 9. Please call the school office at 626-7135 for more information.

Christian Initiation

Our Inquiry classes for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith meet the first and third Sundays with Eileen Gateley. The next class is Jan. 18 in the school library at 9:30 a.m.

Rite of Welcoming for Adults is this Sunday, Jan. 11 at the 9 a.m. parish liturgy.

Sunday Catechumenate meets weekly in the convent at 8:30 a.m. for prayer and gathers for the 9 a.m. liturgy and dismissal, followed by formation and refreshments.

For information about Christian Initiation, contact Elaine Beliveau at 626-3596, ext. 268.

Start the New Year on the Right Foot! Come see what Uturn is all about...

Young Adults! Uturn Ministry could use your time, gifts, and experience to develop OLA's teen program. To help, contact Colleen Sweeney at 626-3596, ext. 215, or e-mail her at

youth@olaclaremont.org.

Sunday, Jan. 11 HOG Junior from 3 to 4:45 p.m.
Teen Mass at 5 p.m.
HOG High from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Dinner: D'Emilio Family

Wed., Jan. 14 Word Up Bible Study from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 18 HOG Junior from 3 to 4:45 p.m.
5 p.m. Teen Mass
HOG High from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Dinner: Lafon Family

CALL UTURN MINISTRY'S
HOTLINE 24/7 FOR THE LAT-
EST NEWS AT
626-3596, EXT. 229



UTURN

6 Outreach

It's 'Undies Sunday' for the homeless!

It's not too late to help the homeless in our local area with a donation of new underwear or socks. Just look for the collection bins located at church entrances and in the patio this weekend and next. The donations will be taken to Glenkirk Presbyterian Church in Glendora and St. John Vianney Church in Hacienda Heights. Both are participating in the annual Winter Shelter Program that serves about 200 homeless persons nightly during the coldest months. Questions may be directed to Deacon John Tullius by phone at 626-4546 or email tullius5@ca.rr.com.



NOTE: Please do **not** bring other articles of clothing or blankets to the collection for the homeless this year!

Doctor sought for medical mission to Haiti in spring

Parishioner Joe Domond is assembling a medical team to serve in Haiti from March 29 to April 15. Needed is a doctor willing to donate two weeks of service and pay for airfare. A dentist has already been recruited for the trip.

Joe may be reached at (909) 816-7207. He is the force behind the Jeff Cheribin Domond Foundation which serves the poorest families in rural Haiti with literacy and religious education programs.

Prayer Requests



For our sick and suffering...

Recently: Jim Comyns, Rudy and Bertha Contreras, Emma Davis, Gordon Griffin, Ana Lopez Gonzalez, and Tresa Semer

Previously Announced: Penny Baron, Adam Brutocao, Brian Carlson, Beatriz Chavez, Jim Comyns, Nicolle Davis, Robert Denis, Alice Edelman, George Gould, Jack Graham, Peggy Hayes, Jo Kho, Norma Likens, Matthew Lopes, Clementina Madrid, Martha Putney, Lorraine Roberts, Crescencio Chavez Sifuentes, and Wortha Wagner

For those who have died...

Bret Brehaut, son of Mary Brehaut, brother of Susan Tuley; Ronald Fernandes, husband of Alice Fernandes, brother-in-law of Raynia Fernandes; Joe & Alice Ortega, friend of Virginia Martinez; and for their families and friends who mourn their loss

Pax Christi fasts for peace

Pax Christi of the Pomona Valley, and Fr. Chris Ponnet of Pax Christi Los Angeles and Pax Christi USA, invite parishioners to join in a weekly Wednesday fast supported by prayer for peace in the Middle East. Pax Christi members will fast by consuming just one small meal each Wednesday from Jan. 14 to Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25. Others may join the fast in whatever way seems appropriate.

Stephen Ministry training to begin

Stephen Ministry is a one-on-one care-giving ministry, available on request to those seeking emotional and spiritual support through a crisis such as loss of a job, personal illness, separation or divorce, illness or death of a loved one. Call 626-3596, ext. 332, to leave a confidential message. A new Stephen Ministry training class will begin in February, 2009. Applications for those interested in are available on the Welcome Cart and in the parish office. For details, contact Ann Brown at 626-3596, ext. 235.

Catholic Credit Union is open

Parishioners are eligible to join United Catholics Federal Credit Union. It is a full-service credit union that offers checking accounts, money market accounts, term certificate accounts and individual retirement accounts. Enjoy free checking with no monthly fees and no "per check" charges. Or take advantage of surcharge-free withdrawals at participating 7-Eleven stores. Contact member services at 626/974-4447, or visit www.unitedcatholicsfcu.org.

For monthly meeting notices, please turn to Page 3.

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Prayer Groups

- **Ave Maria Rosary Group** will gather Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 9 a.m. in the convent chapel.
- **Prayer Warriors** will meet Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 6:45 p.m. in the church.
- **Lectio Divina** will meet Tuesday & Wednesday, Jan 13 & 14 at 6 p.m. in the Reflection Room.
- **Moms in Touch** will meet Friday, Jan. 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sapienza Room.
- **Haitian Ministry** will not meet this week.

12-Step Groups

- **Al-Anon** will meet Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Room (above kindergarten).
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets Saturday, Jan. 17 at 3 p.m. in the Sapienza Room.
- **Co-Dependents Anonymous** meet Mondays at 6 p.m. at Claremont Presbyterian Church.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** will meet Monday, Jan. 12 at 9 a.m. in the Reflection Room.

Service/Support

- **Sew 'n' Sews** will meet Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the convent.
- **Singles in Transition** meetings will resume Sunday, on Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sapienza Room.

Coffee 'n' donuts

Coffee and donuts will be served this Sunday after morning Masses by **Junior Girl Scout Troop #172**. We thank the **Fatima Youth Group** for serving last week.

Uturn Ministry

- **Teen Mass** is celebrated every Sunday at 5 p.m. in the church.
- **High School Ministry (HOG)** Meet Sundays, Jan 11 & Jan. 18.
- **Junior High Ministry (HOG Jr.)** Meet Sundays, Jan. 11 & Jan.18.

Adult Formation

- **Next Inquiry Class** is Sunday Jan. 18 in the school library at 9:30 a.m.
- **RCIA Catechumenate** meets Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in the convent, then gathers at the 9 a.m. liturgy for dismissal followed by formation and refreshments in the convent.
- **Adult Bible Study** will meet Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Sapienza Room.
- **Women's Bible Sharing** will meet Thursday, Jan. 15 at 9 a.m. in the Sapienza Room.

Youth Classes

The Faith Formation Center's regular hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office is closed on weekends. The center may be reached at 624-1360.

- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** resumes Sundays Jan. 11 & 18 at the 9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Masses.
- **Preschool classes** for 3, 4 and 5 year olds meet from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. beginning Jan. 11.
- **Elementary Religious Ed** classes resume Wednesday, Jan. 14 from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m.
- **Junior High Religious Ed** classes meet Tuesday, Jan. 13 from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m.

Community Calendar

Register now for weekend of Feb. 27 to March 1 Anaheim

Sunday, Jan. 11
1 to 4 p.m.
533 W. Holt Ave.
Pomona

Tuesday, Jan. 13
7 p.m.
14301 Fairgrove Ave.
La Puente

Sunday, Jan. 18
7:30 p.m.
Bridges Hall of Music
Claremont

Religious Education Congress – Largest annual gathering of Catholics in the nation assembles 200 speakers on topics including personal spirituality, Scripture, theology, current events, education, liturgy, music, and more; includes Masses in a variety of cultures and styles; visit www.RECongress.org or pick up a booklet at the OLA Faith Formation Center.

Open House for Pomona Catholic High School, for prospective students and their families; tours, meeting with faculty and coaches, refreshments; call 623-5297 or visit precruitment@yahoo.com.

Open House for Bishop Amat High School, For prospective students and their families; presentation at Carroll Center followed by tours; call (626) 962-2495 or visit www.bishopamat.org.

CYMO Season Opening Concert features Johnny Lee as the violin soloist with the Claremont Young Musicians Orchestra directed by Roger Samuels; concert is free but come early for seating.



Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

435 Berkeley Avenue – Claremont, CA 91711

Interested in the Catholic Church? We invite you to one of our Inquiry sessions. Call Elaine Beliveau at 626-3596, ext. 268, for more information. See “Adult Formation” on Page 7 for the weekly schedule.

Baptisms Information about Baptism is available at the Welcome Cart on the patio after weekend Masses. All parents must attend a Baptism Orientation during which a date for the Baptism may be reserved. Please allow four to six weeks before the Baptism. English Orientation begins with 9 a.m. Mass on the *first* Sunday of the month, followed by a one-hour meeting. The child’s parents and godparents are then given instruction at a two-hour Baptism Preparation Class at 7 p.m. in the church on the *second* Monday of the month. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on various Saturdays.

Weddings Congratulations! Please call Mary Jean Neault, our Director of Pastoral Ministries (ext. 216) at least six months ahead for preparation and scheduling. Weddings are scheduled Saturdays at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m. Visit the Welcome Cart on the patio for details.

Anointing of the Sick Please call the parish office day or night.

Hospital/Home Visits For distribution of Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

Funeral Arrangements Please contact the parish office for help with services and special needs.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society Hotline: One-time emergency assistance for individuals and families. Call (909) 626-3596, ext. 333 to leave a message. Your call will be returned by a volunteer case manager.

Sunday Mass Schedule

7:30 a.m.	Cantor-led Song
9:00 a.m.	Contemporary
11:00 a.m.	Contemporary
1:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass
3:00 p.m.	Vietnamese Mass
5:00 p.m.	Teen/Contemporary
7:00 p.m.	Cantor-led Song

Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00 p.m.	Cantor-led Song
5:30 p.m.	Cantor-led Song

Weekday Mass Schedule

6:30 a.m.	Daily
8:15 a.m.	Daily
5:30 p.m.	Daily
8:15 a.m.	Saturday

Saturday confessions

3:15 – 3:45 p.m.	English/Spanish
6:30 p.m.	English

Pregnancy Counseling Hotline
Pregnancy Counseling Center, (corner of Haven and Foothill). 10390 Regis Court, Rancho Cucamonga, Suite B, CA91730
Call (909) 985-0205 24 hours a day.
Free services are confidential.

How to Reach Us

Parish Office (909) 626-3596

Fax (909) 624-3680

Website: www.olaclaremont.org

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Parish Office Hours

Open 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday,
 Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Parish Staff

- Rev. Msgr. Thomas Welbers, Pastor
- Rev. John Nghi Tran, Associate Pastor
- Rev. John Bosco Musinguzi, Associate Pastor
- Rev. Msgr. Peter O’Reilly, Retired Priest
- Rev. Jose Luis Florez, Presider at Spanish Mass
- Bob Steighner, John Tullius – Deacons
- Art Escovedo, Retired Deacon
- Sharon Hueckel, Dir. of Administration (x203)
- Mary Jean Neault, Dir. of Pastoral Ministries (x216)
- Elaine Beliveau, Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A., x268)
- Deacon Bob Steighner, Liturgy Coordinator (x234)
- Ann Brown, Coordinator of Lay Ministries (x235)
- Colleen Sweeney, Youth Coordinator (x215)
- Sandra Rojas Leonor, Office Manager (x231)
- Bing Macavinta, Business Manager (x202)
- Jean McKenna, Bulletin/Communications (x232)
- Jim Case, Facilities Manager (x270)
- Brian Carlson, Contemporary Ensemble
- Roberto Roman, Spanish Choir
- Tien Dinh, Vietnamese Choir
- Jeff Brown, Contemporary/Youth Ensemble

Faith Formation and Religious Education

Faith Formation Center (909) 624-1360

Elena Cardeña, Director of Faith Formation (x213)

OLA Catholic School

611 W. Bonita Ave., Claremont, CA 91711

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Regular office hours

Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fridays 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Bernadette Boyle, Principal (x206)

Lynn Diego, Secretary (x207)

Scrip Manager (x208)

*Bulletin deadline is now **Sunday at noon for the following weekend. Bring copy to the parish office or email bulletin@olaclaremont.org.**



In the spotlight...

Four Wednesdays
beginning Jan. 14

Discovering God's Vision for Your Life *You and Your Spiritual Gifts*

How do we unwrap the unique gifts the Holy Spirit has given each of us and learn to use them effectively to carry out God's work in the world? That's the focus of *Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts*.

This course provides a renewed understanding of who God created you to be and God's design for the Christian community. Participants will find clues to their spiritual gifts in a spiritual gifts inventory and other gifts-discovery activities. Then they explore opportunities to develop and use their gifts in the parish and in the broader community.

The class will be led by Ann Brown, Coordinator of Lay Ministries, on four Wednesdays – Jan. 14, Jan. 21, Jan. 28 and Feb. 4 – from 7 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Sessions are a fast-paced combination of lecture, discussion, and experiential activities. Each session builds upon the one before, so attendance at all sessions is necessary. A registration fee of \$10 covers the cost of materials; class size is a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 participants. RSVP to Ann at 626-3596 x235 or abrown@olaclaremont.org. It's a great way to begin the New Year!

*What people say about the
Spiritual Gifts Workshop...*

DVD Series about St. Paul

St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Chino Hills (Maher Hall, 14085 Payton Dr.) is offering a free monthly DVD series for the Pauline Year. Child care will be available for children four years of age and older. Program runs from 6 to 8 p.m.

Jan. 11	The Story of St. Paul
Feb. 8	Paul & the Earliest Churches
March 8	Peter & Paul
April 19	Paul the Emissary
May 3	St. Paul in Greece
June 14	Paul, Apostle of Grace

“At the end of this program there is a calm that comes from recognizing your special gifts and moving forward where you can make the most impact. I felt freed from the obligation to do it all myself. I especially liked the group conversations that opened doors to mutual interests and insights about how we could work together.”

– Joan G.

“I still keep the thumbnail sketch of my spiritual gifts handy for quick reference. It serves to remind me why I love the work I do and inspires me to be all that I can be.”

– Barbara P.