

# Our Lady of the Assumption

*A Catholic community united in Christ!*

## OLA hosts pastoral care workshop

OLA will be host to a regional workshop for Pastoral Care to the Sick and Dying on Saturday, Aug. 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The presenter is Ann Karner, M.A., a pastoral associate at American Martyrs Parish who also coordinates the certification program for this ministry at Loyola Marymount University. With degrees in both Religious Studies and Gerontology, she brings her expertise on separation and divorce, death and dying, bereavement, aging, and eldercare. Her experience includes pastoral ministry at parishes, hospice care, and counseling for domestic violence.



Topics for day will include...

- History, Scriptural basis, and Church documents for this ministry;
- Spiritual and practical aspects of pastoral care to the sick and dying;
- Making the Sacrament of the Sick a family experience;
- The holistic approach to care; bringing the Eucharist; praying together; and facilitating life review.

Anyone interested in the topic or the ministry is encouraged to reserve a seat through Ann Brown, 626-3596, ext. 235. Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch.

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Week of August 5, 2007 *"Take care to guard against all greed."*

### Our Mission

**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.



### In the spotlight...

#### *Preparing for our feast day*

Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to Our Lady of the Assumption for nine days beginning Monday of this week until the Holy Day on Wednesday, Aug. 15. For the text of that prayer and a modern reflection on the meaning of this ancient feast day...

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# Ignacio López de Loyola y Balda — a Saint for our day

Better known in the Latinized version of his name, *St. Ignatius Loyola*, whose feast we celebrated on July 31, holds a lot of interest for us today, even apart from the humor often associated with Jesuits and Jesuit education.

Spiritually, he was a late bloomer, having immersed himself in military and chivalric (read “romantic”) pursuits for the first thirty years of his life. Recovering from a serious battle wound in 1521, he found himself with nothing except lives of Christ and the saints to read – something for which he had little inclination; he wanted stories of valor and romance. Yet, when forced by boredom to read the “holy stuff,” he found those books to be strangely satisfying. And he found the superficial tales he was accustomed to read strangely disquieting. He thought about this, and it changed his life.

And, in the next 35 years (he died in 1556 at the age of 65... hmm, my age in a month!), he changed the world. In fact, the more I read and think about him, the more obvious it becomes that no single person, secular or religious, had as much influence on the course of the next 500 years as he did. That’s a monstrously huge assertion. Is there any substance to it?

Real change does not take place either by brute force or by detailed planning and controlled manipulation. To bring about real, lasting change, one must discover, often intuitively, where the strategic “pressure points” are – the places where a little movement produces a great effect. Sort of like leverage. Then, all that’s needed is to apply pressure in the right direction, and let the movement happen. In this process, there needs to be an understanding of how systems work, and attention to the direction and quality of the pressure. Micromanaging the process and trying to control the outcome are formulas for disaster.

The two pressure points for worldwide change that Ignatius discovered were an eminently practical method of laying a firm foundation to one’s personal relationship with God (the *Spiritual Exercises*) and a community based on a firm, inflexible center (Jesus Christ himself, manifested in a practical way through obe-

dience to the Pope), combined with immense freedom to make practical decisions at the lower, even individual, levels of organization. That, of course, is the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. The characteristic “vow of obedience” to the Pope is a stroke of practical genius because it not only assures unity and focus, but there is no way that a particular pope’s attempts to micromanage can have a lasting effect. The inner dynamics of the organization will assure ultimate survival.

By the end of those 35 short years, the *Spiritual Exercises* had been translated into many languages and was being used increasingly worldwide for personal formation. Jesuit missionaries were already touching every part of the world. Unique to Jesuit missions was a deep respect for local cultures – there was little attempt to link Christianity with European culture that characterized so much missionary effort of that time (and has caused so many lasting problems).

Even today, Ignatius still has a lot to teach us. See our parish website home page for more: <http://www.olaclaremont.org>

The headline of last week’s column, “*Brighter than a thousand suns*,” is the title of one of the early books on the history of the making of the first atomic bomb. It was first published in 1956, and made a deep impression when I read it as an adolescent – youthful fascination with technological wonders combined with the deep dread that the world I would live in would never be safe from instant death and destruction. Sadly and tragically, we are farther away than ever from learning that neither technology nor violence are apt tools in our addictive quest for control and “making things right.” As we tomorrow (August 6) commemorate our first use of the atomic bomb as an instrument of mass death and destruction on the same day as the Transfiguration (is God trying to tell us something?) we need still to ask ourselves, “Whose light truly leads to life? Jesus’ or the world’s?”

I love you. – *Fr Tom Welbers*

**Early Christian World  
Pilgrimage Countdown**  
**33 weeks left until 3/26/08**  
**17 reservations already made**

*We now have a firm price:  
\$2,350/person, 2x occupancy  
(\$500 single room surcharge)*

Round-trip airfare to Istanbul on your own; not included in tour package. We need a minimum of 25 by October 1; we can accommodate a maximum of 40. Please plan and reserve early. For more information see the flyer at the welcome cart in the patio or the parish office.

[www.olaclaremont.org/ecw](http://www.olaclaremont.org/ecw)

Call or email Fr. Tom Welbers at [twelbers@olaclaremont.org](mailto:twelbers@olaclaremont.org)/909-626-3596

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## Parish offertory collection

2007 Weekend Collection for 7/28-7/29	\$21,797.13
2006 Weekend Collection	\$19,087.20
2005 Weekend Collection	\$19,396.20

## Western gear needed!

Calling all Western buffs! Vacation Bible School is looking for props to enhance its Western theme. Items will be returned to owners; valuable articles will be safely stored overnight. If you can provide any of the following, contact Elena Cardena, 626-3596, ext. 213, or bring them to the Faith Formation Center.

- Artificial Christmas trees
- Old cowboy boots
- Horse blankets
- Saddle or bridle
- Horseshoes
- Cinderblocks
- Metal pails
- Any Western item





# Around OLA

OLA Catholic Church

Claremont, California

## Meetings

- **Knights of Columbus** meet Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.
- **Ladies of Columbus** gather Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sapienza Room.
- **Lectors Prepare and Share** Thursday, Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. in the rectory dining room.
- **Pax Christi** meets Saturday, Aug. 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Reflection Room.

## Liturgical Events

**Mass with healing service** and Fr. John Struzzo presiding is planned Tuesday, Aug. 7 in the church at 7:30 p.m. The OLA Prayer Warriors will lead prayer and praise at 6:40 p.m.



*Wedding Happiness*

*John Vu & Amber McNamara  
Kevin Sherrill & Meghan Canty*

## Highlights

**Pastoral Care Workshop** will be hosted at OLA Saturday, Aug. 11. Don't miss this outstanding presentation.

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**Day trip to Pechanga Casino** in Temecula is Tuesday, Aug. 21 with the Ladies of Columbus. The bus departs at 8:30 a.m. and cost is \$15. You may visit the patio table after Sunday Masses this weekend and next for details.

**Adult Vacation Bible School** Tuesday, August 7 at 7 p.m. in Room 7B will explore the life and works of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
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**Knights of Columbus** membership drive will be next weekend after all the Masses on the patio.

**Scrip** will be sold after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses next weekend.

## Community Life



*Our parish picnic is coming!*

### 'One in Mind and Heart'

The theme for this year's picnic is *One in Mind and Heart*. The popular event begins with "Mass on the Grass" Saturday, Aug. 25 at 5:30 pm. Food and fun for all ages will follow the Mass.

In the spirit of the theme, the planning committee is asking parishioners to join either the Set Up Team or the Clean Up Crew. Please contact Ann Brown at 626-3596 x235 or [abrown@olacclaremont.org](mailto:abrown@olacclaremont.org) to help.

The Knights of Columbus will be manning the BBQ, as usual. There will be live music and entertainment for the kids, including an inflatable obstacle course and face-painting provided by Uturn teens.

Families will be asked to bring folding chairs or a blanket, a side dish or dessert to feed 10 people, and their own beverage. The parish will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and paper goods.

### Looking ahead...

**Our Spiritual Gifts Workshop** returns for an encore Saturday, Aug. 25 and Tuesday, Aug. 28. There are only a few places left – RSVP now!

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**Relics of three great saints** will be venerated at OLA Sept. 2-8 as part of Operation Special Intention, a pilgrimage honoring St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Anthony of Padua. Watch the bulletin for details.

**Mark your calendar for a taco** sale to support the OLA Building Fund Saturday, Sept. 29. "One thousand tacos sold" is the goal of the crew which produces the ever-popular OLA Fiesta tacos.

**MONDAY, August 6**

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

*Dn 7:9-10,13-14, Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9,  
2 Pt 1:16-19, Lk 9:28b-36*

6:30am † Viola Strassel  
8:15am † Robert & Mary Boyens  
5:30pm James Comyns, Jr.

**TUESDAY, August 7**

**St. Sixtus and his companions,  
St. Cajetan**

*Nm 12:1-13, Ps 51:3-7,12-13, Mt 14:22-36*

6:30am Sarita Comyns  
8:15am † Slobig Family  
5:30pm † Larry Rojas

**WEDNESDAY, August 8**

**St. Dominic**

*Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29a,34-35,  
Ps 106:6-7a,13-14,21-23, Mt 15:21-28*

6:30am Loretta Candela  
8:15am † Terry Blozis  
5:30pm † Pearl Sebers Green

**THURSDAY, August 9**

**St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross  
(Edith Stein)**

*Nm 20:1-13, Ps 95:1-2,6-9, Mt 16:13-23*

6:30am Amelia Chua  
8:15am † Helen Monasterro  
5:30pm Amelia Chua

**FRIDAY, August 10**

**St. Lawrence**

*2 Cor 9:6-10, Ps 112:1-2,5-9, Jn 12:24-26*

6:30am † Julie Sinko  
8:15am † Boyens Family  
5:30pm Darrin Chavarria

**SATURDAY, August 11**

**St. Clare**

*Dt 6:4-13, Ps 18:2-4,47,51ab, Mt 17:14-20*

8:15am † Funeral Mass for  
ClaudiaBoyens Mason  
4:00pm † Mary  
5:30pm † Ralph Roldan

**SUNDAY, August 12**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

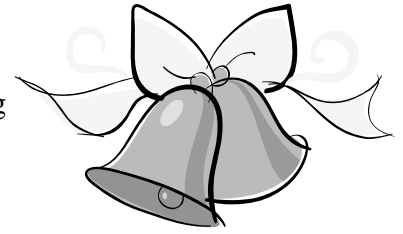
*Wis 18:6-9, Ps 33:1,12,18-22,  
Heb 11:1-2,8-19*

7:30am † Mary Linn  
9:00am Knights of Columbus  
11:00am People of the Parish  
1:00pm † Jose Perez  
3:00pm † Mellisa Tellez  
5:00pm Allison Rohrer  
7:00pm † Annie Martinez  
†=Deceased

Prsident's list  
was not available at  
press time.

Something to be learned at a wedding

By Father Peter O'Reilly



“Will you be nervous?” my brother asked me. It was an understandable question since he was referring to the upcoming marriage of our niece Joan, this past June, and everyone was becoming more excited the closer the day approached. But it was also a strange question when you consider that I have been performing marriages, hundreds of them in fact, these past 46 years. If I had not already conquered the “butterflies-in-my-stomach” kind of anxiety, I thought to myself, I was in water too deep for me.

“Not really,” I told him. “I am more worried about Rachel.” Rachel is our two-year-old grandniece and she was being patiently groomed by her mother Anne for the role of flower girl for the occasion. With my memories of frequent “melt-downs” of under-age flower girls and ring-bearers, I had grave doubts of the wisdom of asking such a young girl to walk down the aisle among the towering rows of adults on either side. The fact that her ring-bearing escort was a more seasoned five-year-old did not give me much confidence either. But my sister Carmel, the mother of the bride, was all for it as well as the bride herself. I was out-voted but still remained a skeptic.

When the day of the wedding arrived, Rachel was the picture of poise and unflappability as she walked down the aisle arm in arm with the visibly nervous ring-bearer. Everybody was impressed with her Princess Diana-like innocence and presence. What nobody noticed was that my knees shook and my mouth felt dry, while Rachel was all composed and self-assured. I envied her.

The truth of the matter is that the marriage of a member of one’s own family is never a routine affair. There is a complex of feelings of kinship present along with family pride and even fear at the prospect of a new set of relationships. None of this is subject to rational control. Past experience, I quickly found out, was a very poor indicator of how I would feel when the time came for me to walk onto the altar.

While talking to the guests later on, I became aware of how the ceremony had deeply touched all of them. Even Peter, my long-time bachelor nephew, could only laugh nervously when I met his girlfriend for the first time and I “innocently” enquired when he would surprise us. The experience had obviously softened his normal reticence when discussing matters of the heart. The celebrations went on well into the following morning, way past my normal bedtime. Before I dropped off to sleep, thoroughly exhausted from a long and anxiety-laced day, I thanked God for helping me through it all.

But I must remember to ask Him, before I have another family wedding, how little Rachel managed to be so level-headed while her veteran granduncle trembled like an aspen leaf!

## Focus on Mary in Scripture

### *Too old for Vacation Bible School? No!*

An adult program will be synchronized with the children's Vacation Bible School on the same theme – the greatness of God. On two Tuesday evenings, Aug. 7 and Aug. 14, we will explore how the Virgin Mary's life and works reflect that greatness. The classes will also provide a spiritual preparation for our patronal feast day celebrating Our Lady of the Assumption on Aug. 15. (See Back Cover Page.) Both sessions begin at 7 p.m. in Room 7B.

The Aug. 7 class will be led by Elena Cardeña and includes a History Channel video entitled "Visions of Mary." There will also be time to share personal experiences of the Blessed Mother.

The Aug. 14 class will be presented by Msgr. Tom Welbers and will focus on Mary's *Magnificat*, the hymn praising the greatness of God.

### Attention young adults!

## Theology on Tap

This Wednesday series brings God into the daily lives and conversation of young adults. Admission is free for the 7:30 p.m. program at Holy Family Parish, 1527 Fremont Ave., South Pasadena. Doors open at 7 p.m.; dinner is provided.

**Aug. 8 – Highway to Heaven:** Roadmap of the Catholic Faith by Fr. David Loftus.

**See Page 7 for a job opportunity in our Faith Formation Office.**

## Uncover your spiritual gifts

The Holy Spirit has given each of us unique gifts to carry out God's work in the world. It is not necessarily easy, however, to discover our gifts or to develop and use them effectively. That's why OLA is offering the course *Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts*.

The course begins with a Saturday workshop on Aug. 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., continuing on Tuesday Aug. 28 and Thursday, Aug. 30 from 6:45 to 9 p.m. Reservations are required through Ann Brown at 626-3596, ext. 235. A \$10 donation helps cover course expenses.

## Women's Bible group studies *Acts* in Sept.

Bring your Bible to our friendly Women's Bible Sharing group this fall on Thursday mornings from 9 to 10:30 a.m., starting Sept. 6 in the Sapienza Room. The group will begin a new *Great Adventure DVD Series* entitled "Adventures in Acts." For more information, call Laurie Lama at 624-2790 or Mary Lou Roblin at 399-3154.

## Silent retreat for women Sept. 28-30

Space fills up quickly for the popular retreat for OLA women at Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. This year's theme is "Under the Torrent of His Merciful Love" based on the book *Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henry Nouwen. RSVP to Ana Nogales-Till at 626-2732 (evenings).

## Uturn Teen Ministry

Year One Confirmation will be coordinated by Uturn Ministry in the fall. Registration packets are now available in the parish office and at the Welcome Cart. Please return completed packets to the parish office by Sept. 9. One more teacher is needed for first-year Confirmation classes. Call me for details.

*Siobain Courtney, Uturn Coordinator 626-4696, ext. 224*

### Uturn Calendar

<b>Sunday, August 5</b>	HOG Junior meeting from 3 to 4:45 p.m. followed by Teen Mass at 5 p.m. HOG High from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dinner: Llanusa Family
<b>Monday, August 6</b>	Word Up Bible Study 6 to 7:30 p.m.
<b>Friday, August 10</b>	Rancho Cucamonga Quakes game
<b>Sunday, August 12</b>	HOG Junior meeting from 3 to 4:45 p.m. followed by Teen Mass at 5 p.m. HOG High from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**CALL UTURN MINISTRY INFORMATION HOTLINE 24/7 FOR THE LATEST NEWS AT 626-3596, EXT. 229 OR PICK UP A CALENDAR AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR THE WELCOME CART.**

## Urgent appeal for food donations

Please consider bringing an extra bag of non-perishable food to our trailer when you come to Mass next weekend. Deacon Bob Steighner will arrange to have these donations delivered to the Sova Center for distribution to those who are being forced to choose between food, rent, gas, or a trip to the doctor. The number of families coming for help has risen dramatically over the past 90 days. In some cases, the center has had to reduce its assistance because supplies are low.

We will be offering "Bags in the Benches" within the next couple of months, but there is a great need *today*. And thank you to the generous donors who have already answered this appeal.

There is also a shortage of volunteers to help sort food donations during the summer. Individuals, or families with teens, can assist at the Sova Center, 904 E. California St., Ontario. Contact Rosa Lopez at 909-391-4882 to help.

## Prayer Requests



### For our sick and suffering...

**Recently:** Damacio Canton, Julio Contreras, Frank De Fazio, Natalie Gomez, Henry Lopez, Jane Mabie, Silvia Patricia Molina, Roland Moshier, and Jesus Tovias.

**Previously Announced:** Richard Abts, Martha Broski, Esther Castro, Emely Davila, Jeanne Foran, John Frampton, Maria Garcia, Virginia Hardie, Nancy Harris, Porfidia Lerma, Eleanor Lokker, Christopher Mayo, Alfredo Montesinos, Margaret Munoz, Glenlyth Oversloot, David Padovano, Joseph Rachlin, Rosa Rivas, Sandi Sarnicola, Rose Mary Vanassa, Ann Vaskov, Frances Venetucci, and Marylou Weber.

### For those who have died...

Maria Handoko, mother of Dr. Hedy Loa; Michael Lier, husband of Donna Lier, father of Kelly & Caitlin Lier; Claudia Mason, mother of Maureen (Alfrado) Hyams; Betty Jo Snyder, daughter of Marion Traver; and for their families and friends who mourn their loss.



### Stephen Ministry

*Does the yoke of life seem too difficult for you to carry alone? Call and leave a confidential message for assistance from our Stephen Ministry at 626-3596, ext. 332.*

## Reunion for 'teens' in OLA's youth group from 1978-83

A reunion for the OLA Youth Group led by Jean Chulick in the late Seventies and early Eighties is planned Saturday, Aug. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Tustin home of Mary Kutyla Wells.

Interested alumni may contact Mary Wells: 714-269-2673 or [mwells@alliantinsurance.com](mailto:mwells@alliantinsurance.com); Jean Chulick Slaven: 314-620-7513 or [jslaven22@yahoo.com](mailto:jslaven22@yahoo.com); Julie O'Leary: 626-321-2783 or [julieoleary@juno.com](mailto:julieoleary@juno.com).

## Fund established for OLA family

Donations to assist the family of Debbie Kay, instructor at OLA School, with medical expenses associated with her late husband, Steve, may be brought to the parish office. Checks may be made payable to "OLA."

## Thumbs up: Concert Under Stars

We highly recommend *Concerts under the Stars* to benefit local non-profit organizations such as Uncommon Good, Inland Valley Hope Partners, and Habitat for Humanity. Final dates are Saturdays, Aug. 11 and Aug. 18 at the Herb Hafif Estate in La Verne. Contact the charity for tickets at \$55 per person; Uncommon Good (625-2248), Hope Partners (622-3806) and Habitat for Humanity (596-7098).

## Kid's Health Fair at local hospital

The annual Kids Health Fair at Pomona Valley Hospital is planned Saturday, Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1770 N. Orange Grove Ave. The event includes free immunizations and health screenings for children ages two months to 18 years of age. Blood pressure, vision, hearing, dental health, height, weight, and health history will be evaluated. Free I.D. photos and fingerprinting will be offered to the first 3090 children in attendance. For information, call (909) 865-9129.

## Fr. Celestine Mbanu returns

Long a friend of the OLA community, Fr. Celestine Mbanu of Nigeria is staying in Yucaipa through Aug. 30. He may be reached at (909) 797-2533, ext. 501 or *St. Frances Cabrini Parish, 12687 California St., Yucaipa, CA92399*. As proctor of a seminary of 500 students and vicar for an archdiocesan elementary school of 600+ students, he appreciates donations contributed by OLA parishioners to his annual appeal.

## Prayer Groups

- **Ave Maria Rosary Group** gathers Tuesday, August 7 at 9 a.m. in the convent chapel.
- **Prayer Warriors** will meet Tuesday, August 7 at 6:40 p.m. in the church for a healing Mass.
- **Centering Prayer** will meet Tuesday, August 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Reflection Room.
- **Lectio Divina** will gather for prayer Tuesday, August 7 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.
- **Haitian Ministry** prayer meeting is Saturday, August 11 at 4 p.m. in the convent chapel.

## 12-Step Groups

- **Al-Anon** convenes Wednesday, August 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Room (above kindergarten).
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** gather Saturday, August 11 at 3 p.m. in the Sapienza Room.
- **Co-Dependents Anonymous** meet Mondays at 6 p.m. at Claremont Presbyterian Church.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** convenes Monday, August 6 at 9 a.m. in the Reflection Room.

## Service / Support

- **Sew 'n' Sews** will not meet during the summer months.
- **Singles in Transition** gather on the first and third Sunday in the Sapienza Room at 6:30 p.m. Next meeting is August 5.

## Music Rehearsals

- **Teen Mass Practice** is Sunday at 3:45 p.m. in Room 5B.
- **Hispanic Community Choir** practices Friday, August 10 at 7 p.m. in the convent.

## Coffee 'n' donuts

Coffee and donuts will be served this Sunday in the auditorium by the **Catholic Daughters**. We thank the **Ladies of Columbus** for serving last week.

## Uturn Ministry

- **Teen Mass** is celebrated every Sunday at 5 p.m. in the church.
- **High School Ministry (HOG)** will meet Sundays, Aug. 5 & Aug. 12.
- **Junior High Ministry (HOG Jr.)** will meet Sundays, Aug. 5 & Aug. 12.

## Adult Formation

- **Inquiry Class** meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. in the convent with Deacon Art Escovedo. Next meetings are August 7 & 21. Sunday Inquiry meets upon request. Call Elaine Bellevue at 626-3596 Ext. 215. See Page 8.
- **Adult Bible Study** will not meet until Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Sapienza Room.
- **Women's Bible Sharing** will meet Thursday, August 9 at 9 a.m. in the Sapienza Room.
- **RCIA Office** is on vacation until Aug. 18. Next session for the Catechumenate is Sunday, Aug. 19 at 8:30 a.m. in the convent.

## Youth Classes

Registration for all Faith Formation programs is now open, including Vacation Bible School and fall classes. Regular office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The office is closed on weekends. Contact the Faith Formation Center at 624-1360 for details.

## Job Opportunity

Wanted: An organized, friendly, energetic person to join the Faith Formation team. We are seeking just the right person who would love to be part of OLA's Faith Formation Ministry. We are looking for a part-time (20 hours/week) administrative assistant to begin training in August. The ideal candidate has strong interpersonal and computer skills, is organized and flexible. Position description and applications are available in the Faith Formation Office, Parish Office, School Office, and Welcome Cart on the patio. For more information, contact Elena Cardeña at 626-3596, ext. 213 or email [mecardena@olaclaremont.org](mailto:mecardena@olaclaremont.org).

## Community Calendar

Online through Aug. 10

**Annual internet auction for Hope Partners** (Inland Valley Council of Churches), visit the website [ivcouncilofchurches.org](http://ivcouncilofchurches.org); see also Page 6 of this bulletin.

Aug. 17-19  
Sacred Heart Retreat  
Alhambra

**Men's Silent Retreat**; information available at (626) 289-1353, ext. 218.

Tuesday, Aug. 21  
Temple Beth Israel  
7 p.m.  
Pomona

**Walk for the Hungry Campaign Kick-Off** sponsored by Inland Valley Hope Partners, walk is planned Oct. 14, team training information available from Bob Steighner, 626-3596, ext. 234.

Aug. 24-26  
Sacred Heart Retreat  
Alhambra

**Retreat for Widowed/Divorced Women**; information available at (626) 289-1353, ext. 218.

Saturday, Aug. 25  
7:30 p.m.  
St. Paul the Apostle  
Chino Hills

**Drama about young adulthood of John Paul II** in Nazi-occupied Poland featuring international actor Jeremy Stanbury; benefit for the secular branch of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary; \$25 in advance through Linda at 593-5441; \$30 at door.

# Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

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## How to Reach Us

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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. Jose Luis Florez, Associate Pastor

Fr. John Bosco Musinguzi, Associate Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Peter O'Reilly, Retired Priest in Residence

Art Escovedo, Bob Steighner, John Tullius – Deacons

Sharon Hueckel, Dir. of Administration (x203)

Mary Jean Neault, Dir. of Pastoral Ministries (x216)

Elaine Beliveau, Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A., x215)

Deacon Bob Steighner, Liturgy Coordinator (x234)

Ann Brown, Coordinator of Lay Ministries (x235)

Siobain Courtney, Youth Coordinator (x224)

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

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Closed for vacation – July 16 to Aug. 10

Aug. 13 to Aug. 17 – 7:30 to noon

Bernadette Boyle, Principal (x206)

Lynn Diego, Secretary (x207)

Scrip Manager (x208)

\*Bulletin deadline is Monday at noon for the following weekend. Bring copy to the parish office or email [bulletin@olaclaremont.org](mailto:bulletin@olaclaremont.org).

## 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 24-Hour Hotline

Pregnancy Counseling Center, 10390 Regis Court., Rancho Cucamonga, Suite B, CA91730 (corner of Haven and Foot-hill). Call (909) 985-0205 anytime. Free services are confidential.

Interested in the Catholic Church? We invite you to one of our Inquiry sessions. Tuesday Inquiry is led by Deacon Art Escovedo. Sunday Inquiry meets upon request. Call Elaine Beliveau at 626-3596, ext. 215, for more information.

**Baptisms** Information about Baptism is available at the Welcome Cart in 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. Orientation meetings are held in Spanish on the first Monday of the month in Room 8B at 7:30 p.m. 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 following the 9 a.m. Mass. on the *second* Sunday of the month. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Saturdays throughout the month.

**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 Table for details.

**Anointing of the Sick** Please contact the parish office day or night. to reach a priest.

**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.

### Novena Prayer...

All powerful and every-living God, you raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body and soul to the glory of heaven. May we who claim her as our Patron see heaven as our final goal and come to share her glory. We ask this through her Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Celebrating the Human Body

The Solemnity of the Assumption is the oldest and greatest feast of Mary. Orthodox Christians call August 15 the Dormition (“falling asleep”) of Mary.

“She who sheltered the Divine Word in her breast was to be lodged in the dwelling place of her Son,” says Saint John Damascene, describing his belief that after Mary’s death, her body was raised to live with God forever. That Mary’s body – not just her soul – is in God’s presence is a sign of the holiness of creation. The human body is not evil – it is good. Death is not the end of creation – it is the beginning of eternal life. In our day, when violence can desecrate the human body, the sign of Mary’s assumption gains new import.

The New Testament reading for this feast calls Jesus the “firstfruits” of those who have died, to be followed by the harvest of all who hope in him. As Mary, the model believer and sign of the church, is gathered in, we hope that we too will one day be part of this harvest. We surround Mary’s statue at church and at home with brilliant clusters of flowers, herbs and fruits – the first harvest of our gardens.

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## Preparing for our feast day Wednesday, August 15 (Vigil August 14)

All parishioners are invited to join a 7 p.m. procession leading into the Mass for Our Lady of the Assumption in the church at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 15. Groups wishing to participate should contact Bob Steighner, Liturgy Coordinator, at 626-3596, ext. 234 for instructions. Everyone will gather at the north end of the parking lot at 6 :45. Other Masses for the feast day will be celebrated Tuesday, Aug. 14 at 5:30 p.m. (Vigil) and Wednesday, Aug. 15 at 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.



## We welcome the newly-baptized!

Theresa Huyen Thanh-Alyson Nguyen, daughter of Hai & Tri Nguyen  
Adrian Alejandro Aguilar, son of Jose Frias & Myriam Aguilar  
Ytzel Galyana Salas Aguirre, daughter of Jose Salas & Maria Aguirre  
Arturo Bahena, son of Juan Bahena & Alicia Martinez  
Juan Enrique Bahena, son of Juan Bahena & Alicia Martinez  
Naomi Isela Frias, daughter of Jose Frias & Myriam R. Aguilar  
Natalia Marie Garcia, daughter of Michael & Angelica Garcia  
Santiago Arturo Guardia, son of Paul & Grissel Guardia  
Lupita Anahy Ruby Hernandez, daughter of Cirilo & Ilse Hernandez  
Anna Christine Xuan Nguyen, daughter of Henry & Chau Nguyen  
Christopher Lewis Dennewitz, son of Russell & Marlita Dennewitz  
Sophia Nadine Bravo, daughter of Edward & Leticia Bravo  
Logan Tyler Valladares Cruz, son of Jerald & Ruth Cruz  
Emmitt Eugene Luke, son of Matthew & Valerie Luke  
Ryan Eugene Miller, son of Dan Miller & Desiree Gutierrez  
Nathen Sandoval, son of Adrian & Nereida Sandoval  
Chloe Rose Brubaker, daughter of Donald & Bonnie Brubaker  
Natalie Susan Charette, daughter of Norman & Susan Charette  
Nicholas Ray Murphy, son of Brian & Lisa Murphy  
Henry Ceasar Ramirez, III, son of Henry & Evangelina Ramirez, Jr.  
Natalie Susan Charette, daughter of Norman & Susan Charette  
Nicholas Ray Murphy, son of Brian & Lisa Murphy  
Chloe Rose Brubaker, daughter of Donald & Bonnie Brubaker  
Evelyn Melendez Vasquez, daughter of  
Edgar Vasquez & Mercedes Melendez

## Join the stampede!

Sign up now for *Avalanche Ranch* – Vacation Bible School at OLA the week of Aug. 13-17. A few openings remain for students from Grades 1-6 (preschool is full). Visit the Faith Formation Office or call 624-1360 for an appointment. (See Page 7 for regular office hours.) Get ready for the celebration of God’s love through exciting Bible adventures! Adult and teen volunteers are needed to help make the week run smoothly. Please call Elena Cardeña for details.

See Page 2 for “Western gear needed.”