

Our Lady of the Assumption

Epiphany of the Lord
Week of January 4, 2009

*" We saw his star
at its rising and
have come to
do him homage. "*



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The Pastor's Desk...

While I'm away . . .

It's fairly common knowledge that I'm scheduled to have prostate cancer surgery this coming Wednesday. (In case you missed my

original announcement, it's in the bulletin for December 14 which you can download from the OLA website.)

I am heartened by the love and concern that so many have shown me over these past few weeks, and I know that your prayers are important. I'll be at a great place (St. Jude's Hospital in Fullerton), and I have an excellent Catholic surgeon who is trained and experienced in the latest techniques by the very best – the Johns Hopkins team. (See <http://urology.jhu.edu/>)

These days they get you out of the hospital before you can even pass judgment on the quality of their food, but I will be spending at least a month out of the parish, recovering with the TLC of some dear friends. I've had a lot of offers from parishioners for help during this time, and I deeply appreciate them, but all I'll really need are your prayers.

I plan to be back around the middle of February. I know you love me, and I'd really appreciate not having visits, phone calls, cards or gifts while I'm away. However – those who really know me will understand and appreciate this – I'll be checking emails as soon as I'm conscious enough to notice a computer screen in front of me, so email messages will be welcome.

I'm in the process of changing my personal email from the OLA parish address to a new and more portable one: thomas.welbers@gmail.com. Please add it to your address book and use it.

During this recovery time I've got lots of books to read, recorded lectures to listen to, and a stack of fascinating videos to watch for the first time. My life has been tremendously enriched (yours too, if you've been listening to my homilies and "Legacy Series" presentations) by such things as "The Great Courses" from The Teaching Company and wonderful Catholic presentations from "Now You Know Media."

Of course, I'll have time to pray, and you can be sure of being in my prayer, as I know I will be in yours.

It's times like this that call me to reflect more deeply on the meaning of my priesthood. The tradition of the Church makes it clear that the priest is important not for any particular thing he does, most of which can be done by others, but for what he is – and what he is for others. The uniqueness of the priesthood is found in a quality of relationship, more than in action. That said, the Church also emphasizes that the most important things he does are to teach and to pray with and for the people in his care. Teaching and personal prayer come even before presiding at the Eucharist, because the effectiveness of the Mass for the life of the community of God's People depends on how well the people are formed in prayer and in their relationship with God and the heritage of Catholic faith.

I'm very grateful to all the members of the OLA Pastoral Team who together will handle everything beautifully while I'm away, and especially to Fr. John Tran who will "cover" for me in the duties of Pastor.

May we continue to love one another, and support one another in the love of Jesus Christ. God bless you in this New Year. I love you.

Fr. Tom Welbers

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"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit..."

Opportunity for a year end gift from your IRA

Taxpayers who have reached age 70 ½ and have an Individual Retirement Account can make a direct gift from their IRA funds directly to a charity without having to pay income tax on the distribution. Congress approved an extension of this gift opportunity for 2008 and 2009. Under this federal legislation, all a donor needs to do is notify his/her IRA administrator to transfer a specified dollar amount directly from the IRA to a favorite charity. It is a straight-forward process that helps donors reduce their annual income tax burden and avoid penalties by meeting the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). And it benefits important causes such as ministries and services of Our Lady of the Assumption Church. For more information, contact Sharon Hueckel, Director of Parish Administration at 626-3596, ext. 203.

Around OLA³

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Meetings

- **OLA Women's Council** will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 6 to hear guest speaker Adeline Hill on the topic of "Angels." All women of the parish are welcome at 10 a.m. in the convent; please enter through the front door.
- **Knights of Columbus** meet Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.
- **Ladies of Columbus** gather Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sapienza Room.
- **Stewardship Committee** convenes Thursday, Jan. 8 in the parish office at 5:30 p.m.
- **Pax Christi** gathers Saturday, Jan 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Reflection Room.
- **Secular Franciscans** will have their general meeting Sunday, Jan 11 at 12:30 p.m.

community life

Unwrap 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 by calling 626-3596 x235 or e-mailing her at abrown@olaclaremont.org.

Highlights

Italian Catholic Federation will be on the patio this weekend and next after the morning Masses with tickets for their casino bus trip.

Register now – Religious Education Congress in Anaheim gathers over 30,000 Catholics each year to educate, stimulate, and enrich their faith. You could be one of them!

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

Looking ahead...

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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Rite of Welcoming for adults in Christian Initiation is next Sunday, Jan. 11 at the 9 a.m. parish liturgy.

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K of C Membership Drive next weekend after all Masses.

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

MONDAY, January 5

St. John Neumann
1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:13-17, 23-25
6:30am M Adam Brutocao
8:15am W † Mary Martz
5:30pm T Special Intention

TUESDAY, January 6

Blessed Andre Bessette
1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
6:30am W Special Intention
8:15am T † Jenny Gomez
5:30pm C † Mary Prestia

WEDNESDAY, January 7

St. Raymond of Peñafort
1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
6:30am T † Christina Perez
8:15am M † Eusebio Nazario
5:30pm C Collective Intentions

THURSDAY, January 8

1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
6:30AM M Special Intention
8:15AM T † Lita Helen Fradejas
5:30PM C Special Intention

FRIDAY, January 9

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
6:30am T Special Intention
8:15am M Special Intention
5:30pm C † Lee Andrew Hull

SATURDAY, January 10

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
8:15am T Robert Ebner & Family
4:00pm T † Mr. & Mrs. J.P. McDonald
5:30pm C † Felipe Izquierdo

SUNDAY, January 11

The Baptism of the Lord
National Vocation Awareness Week
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29 or
Is 12:2-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9;
Mk 1:7-11
7:30am M Special Intention
9:00am T Knights of Columbus
11:00am C † Alfred Trevino
1:00pm F People of the Parish
3:00pm T Special Intention
5:00pm M † Laura Stella
7:00pm T Collective Intentions

†=Deceased

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C = Campbell M = Musinguzi
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V = Visitor W = Welbers

Feb. 26 to March 1

*Religious Education Congress:
Love Unfolding, Igniting Our Yes!*

Covenant Love poured out and at the heart of all creation continues to unfold, drawing us ever more profoundly into the embrace of a lavish God. This wondrous relationship, this love unbounded deepens and develops over time, grows through seasons of dark and light, always nudging us to remember and hold fast to the promise.

Sr. Eileen Prendergast, Director
Office of Religious Education
Archdiocese of Los Angeles

The Religious Education Congress, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Religious Education, is the nation's largest annual gathering of Roman Catholics! Congress 2008 brought together 40,000+ to the Anaheim Convention Center over four days from as far away as the U.K. and Australia .

Congress will offer nearly 200 speakers presenting 300 sessions covering such topics as personal growth and spiritual enrichment, updated music and liturgy, Scripture study and theology, and ways to teach the next generation. Congress also offers a dozen Masses of various kinds, such as African Black Culture, Contemplative, Nigerian, Spanish, Vietnamese, Celtic, Jazz, and Young Adult – as well as evening prayer, a prayer of peace, and Lamentation prayer services.

At the exhibition hall, over 200 companies are represented – ranging from religious art to music, publishing houses to educational institutions, and as well as Archdiocesan ministries.

If you have not yet registered for the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim, now's a great time! Fees will increase from \$60 to \$70 per person Jan. 5, 2009. Booklets are available in the Faith Formation Office. Start planning now at www.RECongress.org.



Attention lectors!

Ministers of the Word, both neophyte and veteran, should mark their calendars for a special lector training workshop to be conducted at OLA Saturday, Feb. 7, from 8:30 to 2 p.m. by Fr. Gary Landry of the De Paul Evangelization Center in Montebello.

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We welcome the newly-baptized!

*Delila Josefina Cedillo,
daughter of Manuel Cedillo & Melinda Carrillo*
*Emely Adriana Gutierrez,
daughter of Adrian Gutierrez & Emma Rodriguez*
*Gabriella Ruby Rodriguez,
daughter of Guillermo & Victoria Rodriguez*
*Alexander James Kyle,
son of Eric & Theodora Kyle*
*Katelyn Elizabeth Kyle,
son of Eric & Theodora Kyle*
*Jacob Castulo Paiz,
son of David & Danielle Paiz*
*Leila Alyssa Zamudio,
daughter of Juan Zamudio & Michelle Villa*

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. **The RCIA program** for adults will resume Sunday, Jan. 4, the feast of the Epiphany. **Sunday Catechumenate** meets 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. **Rite of Welcoming for Adults** is planned Sunday, Jan. 11 at the 9 a.m. parish liturgy.

The next team meeting is Jan. 8 (second Thursday) in the convent chapel at 7:15 p.m.

Confirmation Year One Retreat is Saturday, Jan. 10 from noon to 5 p.m.

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. 4 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: Llanusa Family

Wed., Jan. 7 Word Up
Bible Study

Sunday, Jan. 10 Confirmation Year One Retreat

Sunday, Jan. 11 HOG Junior from 3 to 4:45 p.m.
5 p.m. Teen Mass
HOG High from 6:30 to 8:30

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



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6 Outreach

It's 'Undies Sunday' for the homeless!

You can help the homeless in our local area with a donation of new underwear or socks next weekend. Just look for the collection bins located at church entrances and in the patio. This year donations will be collected and brought 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. **NOTE: Please do not bring other articles of clothing or blankets to the collection for the homeless this year!**



Deacon John reports that about 160 people enjoyed an early Christmas dinner prepared and served by OLA volunteers at Sumner School in Claremont. Girl Scout Troop #244 baked a cake for the occasion and organized children's craft activities, while the St. Vincent de Paul Society provided bags of groceries for the families to take home. OLA will again be responsible for the Community Meal on Sunday, Feb. 15.

If you'd like to help either project, please contact Deacon John Tullius at 626-4546 or email tullius5@ca.rr.com.

Stephen Ministry helps those in crisis; sign-up for training to begin in February

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 more information, please contact Ann Brown at 626-3596, ext. 235.

Prayer Requests



For our sick and suffering...

Recently: Nicolle Davis, Chris Dourley, and Matthew Lopes

Previously Announced: Stella Arambel, Egenes Ayersman, Penny Baron, Adam Brutocao, Brian Carlson, Ralph Cerda, Beatriz Chavez, Jim Comyns, Robert Denis, Lois Dowdell, Alice Edelman, Roberta Gorman, George Gould, Jack Graham, Leonce Halphen, Jr., Peggy Hayes, Jo Kho, Norma Likens, Clementina Madrid, Connie Martinez, Mary Padovano, Eileen Prendergast, Martha Putney, Lorraine Roberts, Mary Robles, Crescencio Chavez Sifuentes, Gabriela Vargas, and Wortha Wagner

For those who have died...

Robert Denis, father of Jacqueline Cook; Katherine Lee Granados, wife of Mike Granados, sister-in-law of Olivia (Phil) Romero; Mary Pernice, wife of Joseph Pernice; and for their families and friends who mourn their loss.

National Migration Week

National Migration Week for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will be celebrated Jan. 8-14. This week highlights the migrant roots of Southern California, and the struggle of others on the journey to find a home. Cardinal Roger Mahony will celebrate a multi-cultural Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels at 10 a.m. on Jan. 14. The festival continues across the street at the Los Angeles County Mall with entertainment and multi-cultural food booths.

Catholic Credit Union

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.unitedcatholicscfu.org.

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Prayer Groups

- **Ave Maria Rosary Group** will gather Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 9 a.m. in the convent chapel.
- **Prayer Warriors** will meet Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 6:45 p.m. in the church.
- **Lectio Divina** will meet Tuesday & Wednesday, Jan 6 & 7 at 6 p.m. in the Reflection Room.
- **Moms in Touch** will meet Friday, Jan. 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sapienza Room.
- **Haitian Ministry** will meet Saturday, Jan. 10 at 4 p.m. in the convent chapel.

12-Step Groups

- **Al-Anon** will meet Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Room (above kindergarten).
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets Saturday, Jan. 10 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. 5 at 9 a.m. in the Reflection Room.

Service/Support

- **Sew 'n' Sews** will not meet this week.
- **Singles in Transition** have adjourned for the holiday season; meetings resume Sunday, Jan. 18.

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 4 & Jan. 11.
- **Junior High Ministry (HOG Jr.)** Meet Sundays, Jan. 4 & Jan. 11.

Adult Formation

- **Next Inquiry Classes** are Sundays Jan. 4 and 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. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Sapienza Room.
- **Women's Bible Sharing** will meet Thursday, Jan. 8 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 Sunday Jan. 11 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. 7 from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. and Jan. 10 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.
- **Junior High Religious Ed** classes resume Tuesday, Jan. 6 from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m.

Community Calendar

Saturday, Jan. 10
11 a.m.
2280 Damien Ave.
LaVerne

Damien High School Open House includes tours of the campus and science/technology labs, and a meeting with administrator and coaches; for information, contact the school office at 596-1946. Placement exam is Jan. 31 at 8 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 14
7 to 8 p.m.
OLA Auditorium

College Funding Workshop offered by OLA School parent Rudy Montalvo of the non-profit organization, Circle of Neighbors; teaches how to obtain a minimum \$5,000/year college endowment fund for families of all income levels; RSVP to 229-8599.

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

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 at this popular event.

Saturday, Jan. 24
6 p.m.
Los Angeles

Annual Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels with Cardinal Mahony presiding; members of the assembly bring forward one lit candle for each life lost to abortion in LA County that day.



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

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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

Tel. (909)626-7135 Fax (909)398-1395

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...

This is part of a monthly series about our six parish coordinating councils.

The Community Life Council

The goal of the Community Life Coordinating Council is to help build a deeper sense of Christian community for all ages and interest groups in our parish. Wow! That's a tall order, but the energetic members of this council are well-qualified to be liaisons to the numerous and active organizations and ministries in our parish. They foster cooperation and communication among these groups, especially when planning parish social events and multicultural celebrations. The scope of this coordinating council includes hospitality and the stewardship of time and talent. Each month, the Community Life Council joins five other coordinating councils on Leadership Night to represent the many voices of the people of the OLA community.

Community Life Coordinating Council includes (clockwise):

Remi Trembley, Stacey Weiner, Kathy Borkovich, Ann Brown (staff liaison) Karen Nutt, June Secombe, Amy Ochoa, Colleen Sweeney (staff liaison), Lori Spinney, John Cummings, and Bill Musatto. Not pictured are Mary Kunz and Juan Osso.



Monthly report from our Leadership Councils

Worship...

The efforts of all liturgical ministers to make the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord both beautiful and meaningful for the parish community are deeply appreciated. The Advent/Christmas theme was "Jesus Fulfilling the Promise."

Formation...

Intergenerational activities for the season include our Bethlehem Village on Dec. 21 and prayer kits for the blessing of homes distributed the weekend of Jan. 3-4. OLA School will offer a *Strengthsfinder* workshop to junior high students.

Outreach...

This council is planning a second gathering of leaders from Outreach ministries on Feb. 11. Two new JustFaith groups (and one alumni group) have been meeting regularly. OLA participation in the Claremont Community Meal has been generous and strong.

Spanish-Speaking...

This community enjoyed special celebrations in December for Our Lady of Guadalupe and Las Posadas. An encore concert by the orphans from Salamanca, Mexico, is planned for next summer.

Community Life...

OLA contributions to Christmas giving programs were strong this year. Upcoming Lenten activities include *Strengthsfinder* workshops for the parish, I.C.F.'s St. Joseph's Table, and the Palm Sunday bake sale by the Secular Franciscans. A four-Wednesday Spiritual Gifts Workshop begins Jan. 14.

Administration...

Members of the Finance Council will be attending one of the annual presentations about Archdiocesan finances on Jan. 22 at St. Denis Church in Diamond Bar.