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4:30 PM

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5:00 PM

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Monday 9:00 AM

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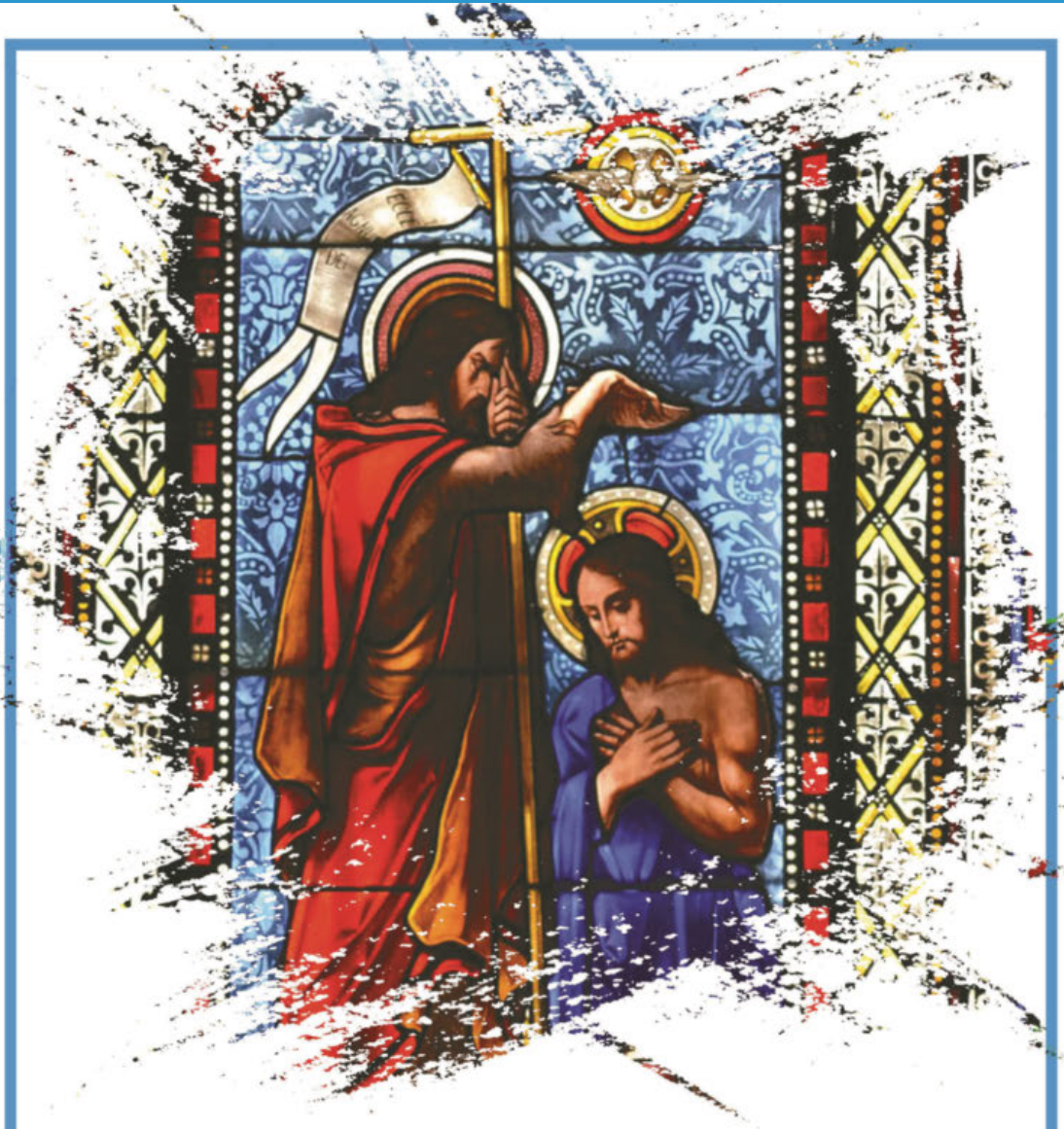
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HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDED
UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SE ABRIÓ EL CIELO Y EL ESPÍRITU SANTO BAJÓ SOBRE
ÉL EN FORMA SENSIBLE. - LC 3, 21

EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR



First Reading

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by a strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! you are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak. You have spread out the heavens like a tent-cloth;

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

You have constructed your palace upon the waters. You make the clouds your chariot; you travel on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers, and flaming fire your ministers.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have wrought them all the earth is full of your creatures; the sea also, great and wide, in which are schools without number of living things both small and great.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

They look to you to give them food in due time.

When you give it to them, they gather it; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to the dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

Second Reading

Beloved:

The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good. When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Gospel

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying,

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Worship Aid



Entrance

Baptized In Water

Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;
Heirs of salvation,
Trusting his promise -
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our king;
One with his rising,
Freed and forgiven
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our king;
Born of one Father,
we are his children -
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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Offertory

Of The Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see, Evermore and
evermore.

Blessed was the day for ever
When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the Savior of our race,
And the child, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed his sacred face, Evermore and
evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord.
Whom the voices of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long expected;
Let creation praise the Lord, Evermore and evermore.

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Communion

Servant Song

What do you want of me, Lord?
Where do you want me to serve you?
Where can I sing your praises.
I am your song.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the Lord.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

I hear you call my name, Lord,
and I am moved within me.
Your Spirit stirs my deepest self.
Sing your songs in me.
Jesus, Jesus, you are my Lord.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

Above, below, and around me.
Before, behind and all through me
your Spirit it burns deep within me.
Fire my life with your love.
Jesus, Jesus, be warmth of my heart.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way

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Sending Forth

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are thone;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

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Prayer for the Jubilee Year

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good
will.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore
you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Your servant, St. Junípero Serra, and for all the missionaries, native peoples, and immigrants who established Mission San Gabriel Arcángel, that Your Kingdom might extend to the ends of the earth. Help us to walk in their footsteps as missionary disciples. Guided by their example, may we be always faithful and courageous in proclaiming the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Father, look upon Your family here in Los Angeles with mercy. Taught by the Word of Truth and fed with the Bread of Life, may Your Church here always seek to do Your will, and be the sign of Your love for all peoples, who are sons and daughters of God, all of us loved and desired by You, and born for greater things. Renew us and strengthen us, and cleanse our hearts. By Your grace, may we follow Jesus with joy and holiness of life, and together with Him build a new world of faith and a city of saints. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, may we continue always forward in the mission of St. Junípero Serra, making Jesus Christ known to every heart in every nation. We ask this, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible
and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the
Father before all ages.**

**God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the
Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down
from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance
with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church.**

**I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

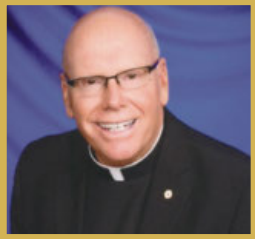
Welcome Home

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."



FROM OUR PASTOR



**Communion,
Participation,
and Mission**

These three words will become familiar to us in the next few months. Communion, Participation, and Mission reflect the qualities of engagement that every Catholic is called to experience in the local parish. Unfortunately, this is not every Catholic's experience in the Church. So many folks feel they are not important members of the Church. In the past, it seemed that the expectation was that the role of the laity was to "Pray, Pay, and Obey." But since Vatican II, the Spirit is calling forth from all the baptized, an initiative to be active and integral to the life of the parish. Everyone is important. As Church we together announce the Good News of the Kingdom and we, together live this out in loving service to God and neighbor.

In the story of the magi, we hear about their response to follow the promptings of their minds and hearts to discover the meaning of what they saw and heard. They responded together, forming a community of pilgrims. They reflected on the meaning and purpose of a journey to discover the meaning of the prophetic passages they discerned. They committed themselves to this wandering in wonder not knowing where they were going but fully embracing the belief that they were on a quest to discover the meaning of the prophetic announcement of the arrival of a newborn King. For this they sacrificed their time, their talents, and their treasure.

The Catholic community throughout the world is being invited by Pope Francis to engage in a time of listening to one another, a Synod experience, where we discern together what the Holy Spirit is calling us to be. The Church's purpose in the world is: 1) To worship and praise the God who made us; 2) Provide for the needs of the Poor and Marginalized; and 3) To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Through our

engaging one another on this deeper level of relationship, we will discover the need for greater trust and openness. It is our purpose as the People of God to grow in more deeply in Communion by the active Participation of All, in fulfillment of our Mission given to us by Jesus Christ.

Like the magi who gave their all to fulfill their mission, so can we enter into a period of engagement and reflection on what we seek our Church to be for others. What a fantastic opportunity this offers us to reach out to everyone in order to engage them in a process of discernment. Through this discernment we will listen to what truly matters in our lives, how we can unite together as a community of faith committed to its mission in the world. Our hope is to bring healing and reunion to all who feel separated and distant from the love of God. We are the Beloved of the Lord who calls us to life!

Fr. Leon

Church Renovation Update

Our latest video showing the progress of the church construction is available to view through our website www.olaventura.com

We will continue making videos to show you the progress approximately every two weeks.



Parish Information

2021 Contribution Statements for *Our Lady of the Assumption Church* will be ready **January 31st**. *Statements are being prepared so please don't download your contributions until the end of January.*

For questions about your donations, please call 805-642-7966 ext. 115. Thank you.

Blood Drive



You can make a difference--a big difference in someone's life.

Did you know that with just one blood donation, you can help up to 3 hospital patients?

Our Lady of the Assumption is sponsoring our Parish Blood Drive

When: Sunday, January 16

Time: 8:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Location: Santa Cruz Room

Please sign-up by calling Vitalant at 805-543-4290 or online at donors.vitalant.org and use the sponsor code: 8804.

Thank you!



The Upper Room Ministry Pray the Lectio Divina with us!

Guest Speaker: Glenn Dickinson

Wednesday, January 12th

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Santa Cruz Room



Many Thanks from Many Meals



The Many Meals Team is once again in awe of your generosity. The sock and toiletry drive was a huge success. We collected over 700 pairs of socks.

Because of you, not only were we able to provide socks and personal hygiene items in the Christmas gift bags but we have an inventory for the upcoming months.



OLA Parishioners, you heard the call and you answered. Your amazing, overwhelming generosity brought a Merry Christmas to local families in need. In the spirit of St. Nicholas, you sponsored 38 families donating gifts for 112 children. In fact, our sponsors outnumbered the families requesting assistance! Christ bless you as you continue to serve. With gratitude, the OLA Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Reflection and Prayer



WEEKLY REFLECTION: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Though the accounts are slightly different, the Baptism of the Lord is referenced in all the Gospels. When an event is referenced in all of the Gospels, theologians tell us to take notice because it is an important event. In today's Gospel, while Jesus is praying, Heaven opens and the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in the bodily form like a dove and God, speaking directly to Jesus, acknowledges Jesus by saying: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased".

Why does God make this acknowledgment? In the ancient world, a public acknowledgement of paternity by a father gave a child legitimacy and social standing in the community. It also created familial obligations for the father to accept responsibility for the child and the child's obligation to the father. Through the medium of John's baptism, Jesus is made known to the world. God is telling the world not only that Jesus is His son, but that He is pleased with Jesus.

Importantly too, consider that Heaven opened while Jesus was praying. If Jesus is our model, what does this tell us? Prayers can open Heaven for us. When we pray: Heaven opens to us, because through prayer we engage in dialogue with God and by engaging in dialogue with God we place ourselves in relationship with God. Praying strengthens that relationship.

Was Jesus in need of Baptism? No. Jesus chose Baptism as an act of humility and to model behavior for us by submitting to God's overall encompassing salvific plan. Baptism is a final act, it cannot be reiterated. For us, Baptism imprints an indelible mark on our souls because once Baptized we are always Baptized. Like a magnet, Baptism draws us home. Jesus promised: "I will draw everyone to myself."

MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 10TH–JANUARY 16TH

Monday January 10th

6:30 am † The Blessed Spirits of Purgatory

8:30 am † Edward Metry Jr.
† Orlando Franchi

Tuesday January 11th

6:30 am † Felix Aguto Jr.

8:30 am † Dr Albert J Markert
† Alice Vasquez

Wednesday January 12th

6:30 am † Anthony J. Capritto

8:30 am † Marcia J. Sullivan

Thursday January 13th

6:30 am † John Ramirez, Jr.

8:30 am † The Blessed Spirits of Purgatory
Sandra Wasgatt

Friday January 14th

6:30 am † Irma Serrato

8:30 am † Ann Roina Teresa
Fernandez Wible

Saturday January 15th

8:00 am † Ann Roina

4:30 pm † Rose Martinez
† Carmela Giron

Sunday January 16th

8:00 am † Tom Hall

† Joseph J. Leon, Sr.

9:30 am Mass for the People

11:00 am Dolores Ostrander
Heather Maulhardt

12:30 pm Maria Rios Perez &
Familia

5:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Don Thorn

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.

✠ Anthony J. Capritto

Mass Intentions Online

Mass Intentions are now available to schedule ONLINE! Our new user-friendly system can be accessed on our website at www.olaventura.com. There is a limit of five Mass Intention requests per day. The administration will approve all requests by the next business weekday and are on a first come-first served basis. Please read and follow the brief instructions provided on our website. The online system will accept debit/credit card donations only. Mass Intention request using cash/check donations will need to be made at the Parish Office during regular business hours.



Parish Resources/Information

An Opportunity To Visit With Jesus

Adoration is every Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. in Mulcahy Center

We are blessed at our Parish to have Eucharistic Adoration at St. Julie's Chapel, continuously from 8:00am on Wednesday until 8:00am on Sunday.

The Lord is inviting you to spend quiet time with Him in prayer and adoration.

If you feel called to be an adorer or a much-needed substitute, for one or more hours per week, please call [\(805\) 642-7966](tel:8056427966), extension 175, for information.

DID YOU KNOW? CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK

As you and your children prepare for their return to school after Christmas break, make sure they are not carrying too much around in their backpacks. Backpacks that are too heavy can cause problems like neck or back pain, or poor posture. The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) recommends that a child's backpack weigh no more than 5-10% of the child's body weight. Help your children by ensuring that they wear their backpacks correctly, with both straps over the shoulders, and that they are only carrying what they need. If you have concerns about the load your child is carrying, reach out to a teacher or school staff to discuss what should and should not be coming home every day. For more information, visit nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/backpack-safety-for-kids.



Catholic Social Teaching

Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents that explore and express the social demands of our faith. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In the coming weeks, through these brief reflections, we wish to highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition. We hope they will serve as a starting point for those interested in exploring the Catholic social tradition more fully. - Reflections of the U.S. Catholic Bishops

Men's Ministry's O'Dark Thirty Continues

Calling the men of the OLA parish, wherever you are on your faith journey, the Men's Ministry's morning program O'Dark Thirty is now in session. We meet at 5:45 AM in the Santa Cruz room, located in the bottom floor of the Parish Center. The mornings open up with a video with small group talk to follow. Fellowship is in abundance plus a continental breakfast will be served. For more information you may call, Dn. Dan Bojorquez (805) 642-7966 ext. 146 or Ken Lynch at (310) 720-9943.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at OLA is part of a worldwide organization of lay Catholic men and women who are committed to live and grow in their Christian faith through prayer and personal involvement in charitable works. If you are in need of assistance please call the SVdP office to make an appointment to discuss your needs with one of our office Vincentians. Please call (805)642-4104 or email SVDP@ola-vta.org and leave a message. **SVDP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency.**

MANY MEALS & ST. ANN'S APPAREL
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MEALS SERVED WEDNESDAYS:
4:30 - 5:30 PM

Single Again Support Group

Group meets in person and virtually on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays: 6:30-8:00 PM in the Parish House. For more information, please contact Rochida McClure, LMFT at ext. 124 or singleagain@ola-vta.org.

Static Virtual Meeting Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/857219725>
Access Code: 857-219-725

Cancer Support Group

Group meets in person outside on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month: 6:00-7:30 PM. Any questions, please contact Rochida McClure, LMFT at ext. 143 or cancersupport@ola-vta.org.

Grief Support Group

Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month If you have any questions, please email Ken at griefsupport@ola-vta.org or leave a voicemail at (805) 642-7966, Ext. 150.

Ayuda de Adoración



Primera Lectura

“Consuelen, consuelen a mi pueblo, dice nuestro Dios. Hablen al corazón de Jerusalén y díganle a gritos que ya terminó el tiempo de su servidumbre y que ya ha satisfecho por sus iniquidades, porque ya ha recibido de manos del Señor castigo doble por todos sus pecados”.

Una voz clama: “Preparen el camino del Señor en el desierto, construyan en el páramo una calzada para nuestro Dios. Que todo valle se eleve, que todo monte y colina se rebajen; que lo torcido se enderece y lo escabroso se allane. Entonces se revelará la gloria del Señor y todos los hombres la verán”.

Así ha hablado la boca del Señor. Sube a lo alto del monte, mensajero de buenas nuevas para Sión; alza con fuerza la voz, tú que anuncias noticias alegres a Jerusalén. Alza la voz y no temas; anuncia a los ciudadanos de Judá: “Aquí está su Dios. Aquí llega el Señor, lleno de poder, el que con su brazo lo domina todo. El premio de su victoria lo acompaña y sus trofeos lo anteceden. Como pastor apacentará su rebaño; llevará en sus brazos a los corderitos recién nacidos y atenderá solícito a sus madres”.

Palabra de Dios:

Te alabamos Señor.
Is 40, 1-5. 9-11

Salmo Responsorial

R. **Bendice, al Señor, alma mía.**

Bendice al Señor, alma mía:

Señor y Dios mío, inmensa es tu grandeza.

Te vistes de belleza y majestad,
la luz te envuelve como un manto. **R**

Por encima de las aguas construyes tu morada.

Las nubes son tu carro;

los vientos, tus alas y mensajeros;
y tus servidoras, las ardientes llamas. **R.**

¡Que numerosas son tus obras, Señor,
y todas las hiciste con maestría!

La tierra está llena de tus creaturas.

y tu mar, enorme a lo largo y a lo ancho,
está lleno de animales pequeños y grandes. **R.**

Todos los vivientes aguardan
que les des de comer a su tiempo:
les das el alimento y lo recogen,
abres tu mano y se sacian de bienes. **R.**

Se retiras tu aliento,
toda creatura muere y vuelve al polvo.

Pero envías tu espíritu, que da vida,
y renueva el aspecto de la tierra. **R.**

R. Bendice, al Señor, alma mía.

Segunda Lectura

Querido hermano: La gracia de Dios se ha manifestado para salvar a todos los hombres y nos ha enseñado a renunciar a la vida sin religión y a los deseos mundanos, para que vivamos, ya desde ahora, de una manera sobria, justa y fiel a Dios, en espera de la gloriosa venida del gran Dios y Salvador, Cristo Jesús, nuestra esperanza. Él se entregó por nosotros para redimirnos de todo pecado y purificarnos, a fin de convertirnos en pueblo suyo, fervorosamente entregado a practicar el bien.

Al manifestarse la bondad de Dios, nuestro salvador, y su amor a los hombres, él nos salvó, no porque nosotros hubiéramos hecho algo digno de merecerlo, sino por su misericordia. Lo hizo mediante el bautismo, que nos regenera y nos renueva, por la acción del Espíritu Santo, a quien Dios derramó abundantemente sobre nosotros, por Cristo, nuestro salvador. Así, justificados por su gracia, nos convertiremos en herederos, cuando se realice la esperanza de la vida eterna.

Palabra de Dios:

Te alabamos Señor.
Ti 2, 11-14; 3, 4-7

Evangelio

En aquel tiempo, como el pueblo estaba en expectación y todos pensaban que quizá Juan el Bautista era el Mesías, Juan los sacó de dudas, diciéndoles: “Es cierto que yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo, a quien no merezco desatarle las correas de sus sandalias. Él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego”.

Sucedió que entre la gente que se bautizaba, también Jesús fue bautizado. Mientras éste oraba, se abrió el cielo y el Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él en forma sensible, como de una paloma, y del cielo llegó una voz que decía: “Tú eres mi Hijo, el predilecto; en ti me complazco”.

Palabra del Señor:

Gloria a ti, Señor Jesús
Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22

Gloria a Dios

Gloria a Dios en el cielo, y en la tierra paz a los hombres que ama el Señor.

Por tu inmensa gloria te alabamos, te bendecimos, te adoramos, te glorificamos, te damos gracias, Señor Dios, Rey celestial, Dios Padre todopoderoso. Señor, Hijo único, Jesucristo. Señor Dios, Cordero de Dios, Hijo del Padre: tú que quitas el pecado del mundo,

ten piedad de nosotros; tú que quitas el pecado del mundo,

atiende nuestra súplica; tú que estás sentado a la derecha del Padre, ten piedad de nosotros; porque sólo tú eres Santo, sólo tú Señor, sólo tú Altísimo, Jesucristo, con el Espíritu Santo en la gloria de Dios Padre.

Amen.

Prayer for the Jubilee Year

Padre Celestial, te damos gracias por el don de tu siervo, San Junípero Serra, y por todos los misioneros, pueblos nativos e inmigrantes que fundaron la Misión San Gabriel Arcángel, para que Tu Reino se extendiera hasta los confines de la tierra. Ayúdanos a seguir sus huellas como discípulos misioneros. Y que, guiados por su ejemplo, seamos siempre fieles y valientes en la proclamación del Evangelio de Tu Hijo, Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Padre Santo, mira con ojos de misericordia a tu familia aquí en Los Angeles. Que Tu Iglesia, fiel a la Palabra de la Verdad y alimentada con el Pan de Vida, busque siempre hacer Tu voluntad, y que sea signo de Tu amor por todos los pueblos, todos hijos e hijas de Dios, todos amados y deseados por Ti y que hemos nacido para cosas grandes. Renuévanos, fortalécenos y limpia nuestro corazón. Concédenos Tu gracia, para que sigamos a Jesús con alegría y santidad de vida, y así, junto con El edifiquemos un mundo nuevo de fe y una ciudad de santos. Concédenos, por intercesión de la Santísima Virgen de Guadalupe, Madre de las Américas, seguir siempre adelante en la misión de San Junípero Serra, dando a conocer a Jesucristo a cada corazón, en cada nación. Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo nuestro Señor en la unidad del Espíritu Santo. Amen.



Credo

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre Todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible. Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no creado, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres, y por nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre; y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato; padeció y fue sepultado,

y resucitó al tercer día, según las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con gloria para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin. Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor y dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y gloria, y que habló por los profetas. Creo en la Iglesia, que es una, santa, católica y apostólica. Confieso que hay un solo Bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida del mundo futuro. Amén.

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NUESTRA MISIÓN

“LA PARROQUIA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA ASUNCIÓN ES UNA COMUNIDAD DE DISCÍPULOS DE JESUCRISTO DENTRO DE LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA ROMANA. POR MEDIO DE LOS DONES DEL ESPÍRITU SANTO Y LA INTERCESIÓN DE MARÍA, SOMOS SERVIDORES DEDICADOS A CONSTRUIR EL REINO DE DIOS”.



Comunión, Participación, y Misión

En los próximos meses nos familiarizaremos con estas tres palabras. Comunión, Participación y Misión reflejan las cualidades del compromiso que todo católico es llamado a experimentar en una parroquia local.

Desafortunadamente, esta no es la experiencia de todo católico en la Iglesia. Muchas personas sienten que no son miembros importantes de la Iglesia. En el pasado, pareciera que la expectativa era que los laicos solo “oraban, pagaban y obedecían.” Pero desde el Vaticano II, el Espíritu ha llamado a todos los bautizados, a una iniciativa de ser activos e íntegros a la vida de la parroquia. Todos son importantes. Como Iglesia anunciamos juntos la Buena Nueva del Reino y todos vivimos juntos este amoroso servicio a Dios y al prójimo.

En la historia de los magos,

escuchamos como respondieron al llamado de sus mentes y corazones para descubrir el significado de lo que vieron y escucharon. Respondieron juntos, formando una comunidad de peregrinos. Reflexionaron sobre el significado y el propósito de la jornada para descubrir el significado de los pasajes proféticos que discernieron. Se comprometieron a navegar con asombro sin saber a dónde iban pero completamente abrazando el conocimiento de que iban a una jornada para descubrir el significado del anuncio profético de la llegada del Rey recién nacido. Para lograrlo sacrificaron su tiempo, sus talentos, y sus tesoros.

El Papa Francisco invita a toda la comunidad Católica de todo el mundo a ser parte de un tiempo para escucharnos unos a otros, a una experiencia de Sínodo, donde juntos discerniremos que es lo que el Espíritu Santo quiere que hagamos. El propósito de la Iglesia en el mundo es: 1) Adorar y alabar al Dios que nos ha creado; 2) Proveer por las necesidades de los Pobres y Marginados; y 3) Proclamar la Buena Nueva del Reino de Dios. Invitándonos unos a otros a

compartir de una manera más profunda esta relación, descubriremos la necesidad de crecer en nuestra confianza y apertura. Es nuestro propósito como Pueblo de Dios crecer en una Comunión más profunda por medio de la Participación activa de Todos, cumpliendo con la Misión que Jesucristo nos ha dado.

Así como los magos entregaron todo para cumplir con su misión, también nosotros podemos entrar en un periodo de compromiso y reflexión sobre lo que buscamos que nuestra Iglesia sea para los demás. Qué oportunidad fantástica nos ofrece el invitar a todos para colaborar con ellos en un proceso de discernimiento. Por medio de este discernir escucharemos lo que verdaderamente importa en nuestras vidas, el poder unirnos como una comunidad de fe comprometidos a su misión en el mundo. Nuestra esperanza es traer sanación y unión a todos los que se sienten separados o distantes del amor de Dios. ¡Somos los Amados del Señor quien nos llama a la vida!

El padre León

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REFLEXION: El bautismo del Señor

Aunque los relatos sean un poco diferentes, se hace referencia al bautismo del Señor en todos los evangelios de la Biblia. Los teólogos nos dicen que prestemos atención cuando se hace referencia a un evento en todos los evangelios porque es un evento importante. En el Evangelio de hoy, mientras Jesús está orando, el cielo se abre y el Espíritu Santo desciende sobre Jesús en forma corporal, como una paloma, y Dios hablando directamente a Jesús, lo reconoce diciendo: “Tú eres mi Hijo, el predilecto; en ti me complazco”.

¿Por qué Dios hace este reconocimiento? En el mundo antiguo, un reconocimiento público de la paternidad por parte de un padre, le daba al niño legitimidad y posición social en la comunidad. También creaba obligaciones familiares para que el padre aceptara la responsabilidad del niño y la obligación del niño para con el padre. Por medio del bautismo de Juan, Jesús se da a conocer al mundo. Dios le está diciendo al mundo no solo que Jesús es su hijo, sino que está complacido con Él.

También es importante considerar que el cielo se abrió mientras Jesús estaba orando. Si Jesús es nuestro modelo, ¿qué nos dice esto? Las oraciones pueden abrirnos al cielo. Cuando rezamos, el cielo se abre, porque es a través de la oración que entablamos un diálogo con Dios y al entablar un diálogo con Dios, nos ponemos en relación con Dios. Orar fortalece esa relación.

¿Jesús necesitaba el bautismo? No. Jesús eligió el bautismo como un acto de humildad y como modelo de comportamiento para nosotros sometiéndonos al plan salvífico global y abarcador de Dios. El bautismo es un acto final, no se puede reiterar. Para nosotros, el Bautismo imprime una marca indeleble en nuestras almas porque una vez somos bautizados siempre seremos Bautizados. Como un imán, el bautismo nos atrae a casa. Jesús prometió: “Atraeré a todos hacia mí”.

Enseñanza Social Católica

La prueba para nuestra Iglesia no es simplemente si “hemos mantenido la fe,” sino si hemos compartido la fe, en servicio cariñoso, educación creativa, y acción justa en toda la comunidad Católica. Hace más de dos mil años, en la sinagoga de su pueblo natal, Jesús leyó las palabras de Isaías que enumeraban su trabajo en la tierra, al igual que la misión de la Iglesia a través de los siglos:

“El Espíritu del Señor esta sobre mí, porque él me ha ungido para que de la Buena Noticia a los pobres. ...libertad a los cautivos y la vista a los ciegos, para poner en libertad a los oprimidos...” (Lc 4:18)

-Reflexiones de los Obispos Católicos de EE.UU.

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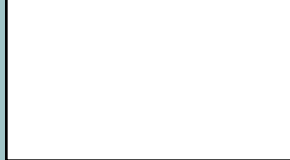
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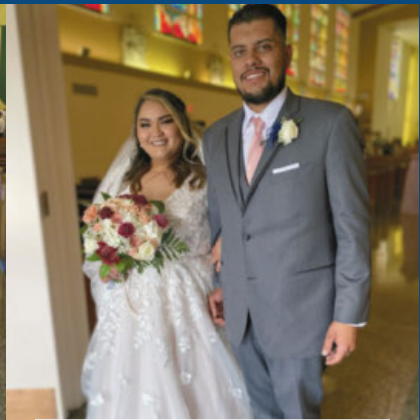
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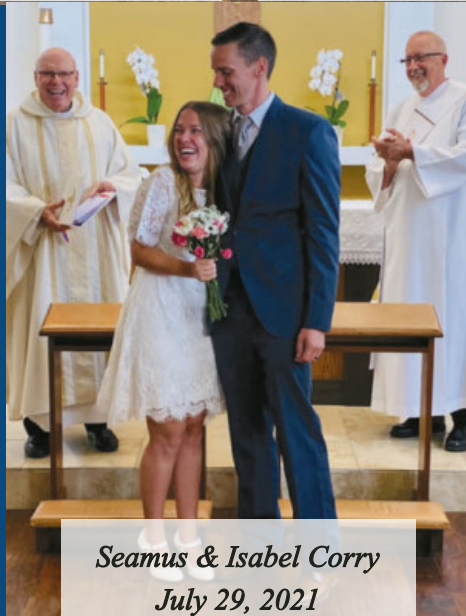
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