

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Claremont



Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

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This Weekend:

There are still many families to adopt! Adopt-A-Family has made it possible for struggling families with children in the Pomona Valley to have a magical Christmas. Visit the auditorium after Mass or see page 4 to learn more about how you can help.

All Angel Tree gifts must be turned in to the office by Tuesday, December 17.

Brown paper grocery bags are still available in the vestibule this weekend with a list of much needed items for the food drive. Please bring your bags of groceries to Mass next weekend, December 21 & 22; they will be collected during the Offertory.

Also, in the season of Advent and the spirit of giving, we begin the Undies Sunday collection this weekend. See page 4 for the items that are needed.

Thank you to our OLA School Sports program for hosting coffee & donuts. All proceeds will go towards supporting their basketball team who will get to play at the Intuit Dome.



For over 40 years, the Vietnamese Community, under the direction of the Leaders and Sacred Heart Group, has hung a lighted star on the church bell tower each Christmas season. The original star's frame was made of wood and raised up by hand.

Three years ago, Tuyen Nguyen, a member of the Sacred Heart Group, created a newer, lightweight frame while Randy Rohrer, our retired Maintenance Supervisor designed a pulley system making it easier to hang; a second star was also added. They represent the star the 3 kings followed from the East to Bethlehem to find the baby Jesus with the lights shining down on the manger, while the colors emphasize Advent.

Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24

*4 PM English Family Mass
with live-streaming in the auditorium
7PM Vietnamese

*10PM (Midnight Mass) Multilingual

Christmas Day Masses

Wednesday, December 25

7AM English

*9AM English

11AM English

1PM Spanish

*Live-streamed Masses



Celebrating JOY during Advent

During the season of Advent, we await the celebration of Christ's birth and His coming again at the end of time. Over four weeks, we prepare our hearts for Christmas in penitential reflection. But in the middle of the season, Gaudete Sunday calls us to rejoice in hope!

What does Gaudete mean?

Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Why do we light a pink candle on Gaudete Sunday?

The Catholic Church uses the color rose to indicate a joyful feast day or holiday. Gaudete Sunday's counterpart in Lent is Laetare Sunday, another break in penance to rejoice in hope as we approach Easter. During both days, a priest will usually wear rose vestments.

Bambinelli Sunday

December 15, 2024



Bring the Baby Jesus from your nativity set with you to Mass for a special blessing from Father!

If you were not able to join us for our Reconciliation Service, additional services are at:

St. Frances of Rome, Azusa
Monday, December 16 at 7PM

Sacred Heart, Covina
Tuesday, December 17 at 7PM

St. Christopher, West Covina
Wednesday, December 18 at 7PM



Calling all angels! In preparation for our Multilingual 10PM "Midnight Mass" on December 24th we are seeking

parishioners of ALL AGES interested in helping fill our church with living angels at this special Mass. Please contact our Director of Liturgy, Mary Muñoz for more details



If you would like to make a monetary donation towards Poinsettias for our Christmas environment, envelopes are available in the vestibule. They may be placed in the offertory basket or dropped off at the Parish Office.

Posadas



You're invited to come, as a community, to accompany the Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph on the pilgrimage when they traveled from the city of Nazareth to the city of Bethlehem looking for an inn to stay to await the birth of the baby Jesus.

7:00PM - 8:30PM

December 15-23 in the Auditorium

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SIMBANG GABI 2024
Journeying together in Christ as Pilgrims of Hope. Sama-samang paglalakbay kasama ni Kristo na puno ng Pag-asa.

We begin on December 15 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels
Parol procession at 5:45PM, Mass at 6:30PM

Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
December 16 - 21 and 23, 5:00AM
December 22, 7:00AM

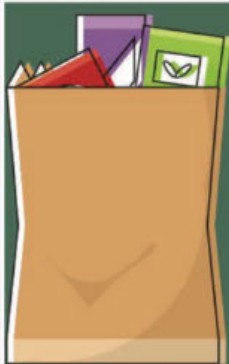
COME JOIN US!

Come and experience Simbang Gabi as we worship together following this rich Filipino tradition of devotional nine-day series of masses. Reservations will follow after each mass at the OLA Church Auditorium. Special Filipino food will be served. All are welcome.
For more information, please contact Fr. Mike Raymond at (909) 700-5287.

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*It is more blessed to give
than to receive.*



In the season of Advent, and in the spirit of giving back, Holy Spirit Fraternity, Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) has organized a food drive to benefit the un-housed (homeless) and the food pantry at

St. Madeleine Parish. Brown paper grocery bags are available in the vestibule with a list of much needed items. Please bring your bags of groceries to Mass next weekend, December 21 & 22; they will be collected during the Offertory.

Food Pantry: bags of rice, bags of dry beans, canned beans, canned vegetables, pasta, pasta sauce, cereals, other canned goods.

Unhoused: Vienna Sausages, Cup O' Noddles, Chef Boyardee, granola bars, chips, Ensure or protein drinks, water. Cans should be pop-open.

Adopt A Family



For 43 years, the Adopt-A-Family Program has made it possible for struggling families with children in the Pomona Valley area to have a magical Christmas. The program assists families nominated by Uncommon Good and the San Gabriel Regional Center. Parishioners from OLA, and community organizations provide gift cards for the families to shop themselves or donate wrapped gifts for each family member. For more information, stop by their table in the auditorium after all Masses or contact the Parish Office at (909) 626-3596, ext. 0



As the season of Advent and the spirit of giving continues, we begin the Undies Sunday collection this weekend. We are collecting new adult-sized socks, underwear and undershirts to be distributed to Volunteers of America and the OLA homeless outreach program. Items may be dropped in the blue bins outside of church or brought to the parish office. Items purchased on Amazon can be mailed directly to the Parish Office to save time.

SAVE THE DATE

Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, January 5, 2025.

A single donation can save up to 3 lives. Signups available in next weekend's bulletin.



This past Thanksgiving, the Secular Franciscans served nearly 100 meals with many having take home packages. The volunteers who prepared the food were essential, while those who volunteered on the day made everyone feel welcome. We had guests from Pomona and West Covina who came because we made community with family style and table hosts who went out of their way to make people feel welcome. Many also complimented the place-mats and welcome/prayer booklets which the school children prepared. Booklets were also given out to those who dropped off food along with the Franciscan's thanks.



Thoughts on our Advent Retreat

"The Advent Retreat was very inspirational and informative. It emphasized the love that Father God has for us in sending his only begotten son for our salvation.

During Holy Communion, we are mystically reunited with the crucifixion, crossing all time and space. Jesus only died one time.

Through Holy Communion, his actual body and blood are there for us to receive him, for our salvation and for our strength as Catholics. I take Holy Communion in the mouth, and let the host dissolve in my tongue, as I envision myself becoming one with Jesus."

"It was excellent. Spiritually uplifting! I learned new things about our faith. Monsignor is very easy to understand. When can he lead another retreat?"



First Reading

The prophet Zephaniah speaks of a future joyful time of God's forgiveness and return to his people, Israel. What excites you most as you think about the future?
(Zep 3:14-18a)

Second Reading

Paul encourages the Christians in Philippi to be a community that rejoices and finds peace with God. What could you celebrate this Advent season with family or friends?
(Phil 4:4-7)

Gospel Reading

John the Baptist encouraged the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers to live ethically in very practical ways. How could this apply to your life this week?
(Lk 3:10-18)

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for our sick and suffering...

Current:

Vincent Rico, James Gulli, Barbara Briones, Scarlett Suarez

Previous:

Grace Trujillo, Freddy Contreras, Andrea Contreras, Jeanette Gonzalez, Martha Cano, Vincent Rico

Deceased:

Oscar Sanchez, husband of Toni Sanchez; Robert Shamah, father of Sarah Shamah; Juan Acosta, Sylvia Acosta; Mauricio Zamarripa, husband of Martha Zamarripa; Ramon Palafox, father of Lisa Gomez; Roberto Hurtado, husband of Alicia Hurtado and for their family and friends who mourn their loss.

Mass Intentions/Readings

First Sunday of Advent
Week of December 16 Year C

MONDAY, December 16

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

8:00AM †Hillary Fox, †Rafatu Oyewole, Jose Guadalupe Rivera 90th Birthday

5:30PM †Ramon & Cusa Isquierdo, †Dominic & Maria, †Maria & All Souls

TUESDAY, December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/
Mt 1:1-17

8:00AM †Rosita Lacson, †Peter & Maria, Si Hyun Kim

WEDNESDAY, December 18

Ijer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

8:00AM †Mew Yong Au Lum, †Thomas & Cynthia Tran, †Maria Cu & Maria Du

5:30PM Si Hyun Kim, †Maria Teresa Marquez De Sahagun, †Rachel Quinto

THURSDAY, December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

8:00AM †Joyce Tessier, Antonio & Luz Anabo, Alessandra Marchetti

FRIDAY, December 20

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

8:00AM Morishita and Lum Families, Jace Rock, †Cory Bertram

5:30PM Josefina Juarez, Giovanna Beccagutti, †Nazario Zaragoza

SATURDAY, December 21

St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

8:00AM †Fr. Joseph Chinh Luu, Janette, Ruth & Manuel Piehl, Elmer Pineda & Familia

4:30PM †Bernard Inchauspé, †Melania Aguilar, Cliff Alexander Carrera

SUNDAY, December 22

4th Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

7:00AM Sage Woodward, †Rosario Navarro, †Jack & Mary Perisits

9:00AM Alonso & Bernardo Pardo Delgado, †Phyllis Eschelmann, Elmer Pineda & Familia

11:00AM †Aaron Ikeji, †Herminia Rentutar, Aaron Nguyen & Family

1:00PM (Sp) Todas las Familias Quezada Camargo, †Casimiro & Maria Escalante, †Martimiano Escalante

3:00PM (Viet) For the People of the Parish

5:30PM †Souls in Purgatory

Gaudete Sunday

Know:

Rejoice! While repentance is still a theme throughout Advent, as we are always called to conversion, the third Sunday of Advent is a transition point in our waiting—we look with joy toward the incarnation of God’s Son. We are almost there, but not yet. We call this Sunday Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete, which means rejoice, is the first word said by the angel Gabriel when he visits Mary in today’s Gospel. As you light the third candle, which is pink, symbolizing joy, remember to pray, in gratitude for all those who bring you happiness and joy.

Reflect:

On this Sunday of rejoicing, name all the reasons in your life that you have to be joyful. How often do you thank God for these great gifts? Do you spend more time thanking God for these gifts or complaining about the gifts you wished you had?

Pray:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you, among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Saber:

¡Alégrese! El arrepentimiento sigue siendo un tema durante todo el Adviento, ya que siempre estamos llamados a la conversión, el tercer domingo de Adviento es un punto de transición en nuestra espera: miramos con gozo hacia la encarnación del Hijo de Dios. Ya casi llegamos, pero todavía no. A este domingo lo llamamos Domingo de Gaudete. Gaudete, que significa alegría, es la primera palabra que dice el ángel Gabriel cuando visita a María en el Evangelio de hoy. Al encender la tercera vela, que es color de rosa y simboliza la alegría, recuerda orar en agradecimiento por todos aquellos que te traen felicidad y alegría.

Reflexionar:

En este domingo de regocijo, nombra todas las razones en tu vida por las que tienes que estar alegre. ¿Con qué frecuencia le das gracias a Dios por estos grandes regalos? ¿Pasas más tiempo agradeciendo a Dios por estos dones o quejándote de los dones que desearías tener?

Orar:

Dios te salve, María. Llena eres de gracia, el Señor es contigo.
Bendita tú eres, entre todas las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús.
Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros, pecadores, ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amén

Archdiocese of Los Angeles Did You Know?

December 14-15 | | “No” is a complete sentence.

A critical boundary to learn for yourself and for your children is the word “no.” Saying “no” to something you are uncomfortable with, or that you know is wrong, is sometimes the hardest thing to do, but it is so important. “No” is a complete sentence and should be honored by anyone listening. This is a great way to teach children how to listen to their friends and respect what they hear. This teaches children personal autonomy, which can extend to a child saying “no” to unwanted touches or behavior and potentially protect them from abuse and harm. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “When Boundaries Abound, Our Lives Can Flourish” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



Posadas

Invitamos a todos a celebrar, en comunidad, que acompañemos a la Virgen María y a San José en el peregrinaje cuando viajaron desde la ciudad de Nazaret a la ciudad de Belén buscando posada y donde quedarse para esperar el nacimiento del niño Jesús.

Horario 7:00PM - 8:30PM
Diciembre 15-23 en el Auditorio

Reflexiones sobre el retiro de Adviento

"El retiro de Adviento fue muy inspirador e informativo. Enfatizó en el amor que el Padre Dios tiene por nosotros al enviar a su hijo unigénito para nuestra salvación.

Durante la Sagrada Comunión, nos reunimos místicamente con la crucifixión, atravesando todo el tiempo y el espacio. Jesús murió solo una vez.

A través de la Sagrada Comunión, su cuerpo y sangre reales están allí para que lo recibamos, para nuestra salvación y para nuestra fortaleza como católicos. Tomó la Sagrada Comunión en la boca y dejó que la hostia se disuelva en mi lengua, mientras me imagino convirtiéndome en uno con Jesús."

"Fue excelente. ¡Estimulante espiritualmente! Aprendí cosas nuevas sobre nuestra fe. Monseñor es muy fácil de entender. ¿Cuándo podrá dirigir otro retiro?"

"Quedé profundamente conmovida con Monseñor Lorenzo Miranda y la forma en que compartió su mensaje sobre la Eucaristía. Su manera de transmitir el misterio y la grandeza de este sacramento me llevó a un encuentro más profundo con Dios. Al escuchar las palabras Dios con nosotros, en nosotros y a través de nosotros, sentí un llamado a renovar mi fe y a reflexionar sobre cómo vivo mi identidad como hija de Dios y como católica."



¡Llamamos a todos los ángeles! En preparación para nuestra Misa de Medianoche multilingüe a las 10 p. m. del 24 de diciembre, estamos

buscando feligreses de TODAS LAS EDADES interesados en ayudar a llenar nuestra iglesia con ángeles vivientes en esta Misa especial. Comuníquese con nuestra Directora de Liturgia, Mary Muñoz, para obtener más detalles.



El Grupo de Oración Cristo Vive los invita todos los jueves de 7 a 8:30pm en nuestra parroquia. Nos reuniremos a orar. Si tienes hambre de estar con Dios, si necesitas

interceder, si sabes cuál es la puerta a donde debemos de tocar. Te invitamos a que te reúnas con nosotros.

Si tu sabes de alguien que lo necesite comunícate para mas información con Helen Morales al (323) 346-7847. Bendiciones!!



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From Mr.Lakin:
 So so so so so BEYOND proud of our OLA Raider Band & Color Guard Members. You brought it to Hollywood today and left it all out there on Hollywood & Sunset Blvd. Marching close to 4 miles total and playing your hearts out to the bitter end. AMAZING Accomplishment!

Your drive and dedication to this program is Legendary. You are helping us set our mark at OLA. And you are the reason I love what I do.

Thank you parents for your support in making this happen for us. We are nothing without the support of you all.

Mrs. Garcia, your reindeer and tall flags brought Santa in proud tonight. Be very proud of your work.

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Mass Times

Saturday *4:30PM English

Sunday 7:00AM English

Sunday *9:00AM English

Sunday 11:00AM English

Sunday *1:00PM Spanish

Sunday 3:00PM Vietnamese

Sunday 5:30PM English

Daily Mass: Monday -Saturday

*8:00AM English Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

5:30PM English Mass

*Masses Monday-Friday and Saturday vigil Mass
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Regular Confession

Mondays & Saturdays following the 8:00AM Mass

Saturdays from 3:30PM to 4:15PM

Sacraments

Interested in the Catholic Church? We invite you to one of our Inquiry sessions. Call Jennifer Montemayor at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4221 for more information.

Baptisms - Please contact the Faith Formation Center. Baptism schedule: First Saturday (Spanish); Second Saturday (None); Third and Fourth Saturdays (English).

Weddings - Congratulations! Please call the parish office at least six months ahead for preparation, scheduling, and an appointment with a priest. Weddings are scheduled Saturdays at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m.

Anointing of the Sick - Please call the parish office day or night for this sacrament for the sick or dying.

Hospital/Home Visits Distribution of Holy Communion to the sick or homebound is available through the parish office at (909) 626-3596, ext. 0.

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society Hotline One-time emergency assistance for individuals and families. Call (909) 626-3596, ext. 4333, to leave a message. Your call will be returned by a volunteer case manager.

Interested in learning more about joining this ministry? Please leave a message for Olga Anglin at (909) 626-3596, ext.4333

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