



**OUR LADY OF THE  
ASSUMPTION  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Growing in Faith  
Together**

*Christmas - December 25, 2011*

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**SCHEDULE OF MASSES:**

Monday - Friday:  
6:30 AM, 8:00 AM  
5:15 PM (1<sup>st</sup> Friday & Lent)  
Saturday:  
8:00 AM, 5:15 PM  
Sunday:  
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM  
12:30 (Spanish Mass)  
5:15 PM

**CONFESSIONS:**

Monday: 8:30-9:30 AM  
Tuesday: 5:30-6:00 PM  
Wednesday: 5:30-6:00 PM  
Friday: 8:30-9:00 AM  
Saturday: 8:30-9:30 AM  
4:00-5:00 PM

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS:**

Monday - Saturday before 8AM Mass

**ROSARY:**

Monday - Saturday after 8AM Mass

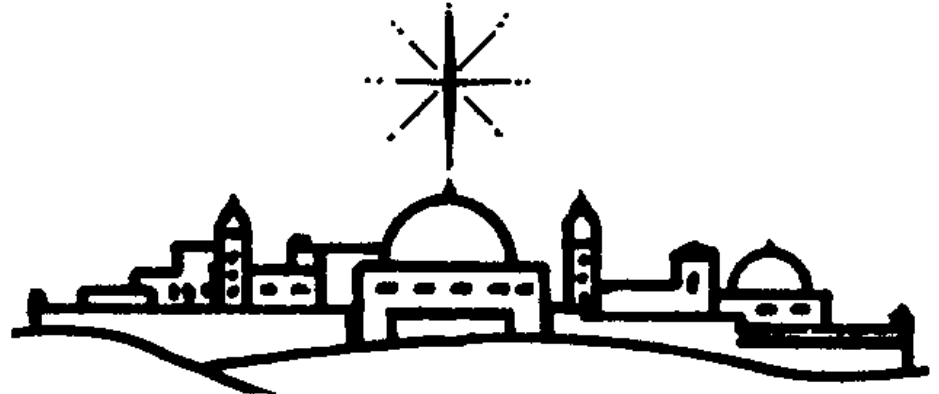
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

WEDNESDAY 9AM UNTIL SUNDAY 9AM IN ST. JULIE'S CHAPEL

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH**

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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Blessed  
Christmas!



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**The Mission Statement of  
Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Parish**

**We, as faithful followers of Jesus Christ, create, nurture, and maintain a community of love through worship, reconciliation, healing, formation, education and service.**

**Through Word and Eucharist, we seek the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit, embracing the love of our Creator in each thought, word, and action.**

**As humble servants of God, we remain faithful to the teachings of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, waiting in joyful hope for our Lord's coming.**

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**FRIDAYS AT 5PM**  
(10 days before the bulletin is distributed)  
to [bulletin@ola-vta.org](mailto:bulletin@ola-vta.org) Thank you!

# Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Event	See page
January 8	Blood Drive	5
January 28	Fun Run & Pancake Breakfast	9
March 23-25	Women's Retreat	6

## A Christmas Message

### THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

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## Stewardship Prayer

Heavenly Father - in Baptism, You called me by name. You blessed me with time, gifted me with talents, and provided me with treasure. Bless me with Your guidance to become the person You created me to be. **Amen**

## Parish News

### Our Lady of the Assumption Church Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday 8:30am to 8:00pm  
Saturday 8:30am to 12:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am to 2:00pm

**The office will be closed December 26  
And January 2nd**

### — Bulletin Deadline —

**January 8th bulletin—Due by December 30th**

Please send all bulletin submissions to [bulletin@ola-vta.org](mailto:bulletin@ola-vta.org) or use the Bulletin Announcement Submittal form on our website at [http://olaventura.com/bulletin\\_form.html](http://olaventura.com/bulletin_form.html)

### — Pulpit Announcement Deadline —

January 1st Masses—Due by December 29th at noon

Please send pulpit announcements to [schedule@ola-vta.org](mailto:schedule@ola-vta.org)

### — WEEKLY OFFERINGS —

**Thank you** for your continuing support of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish. For the fiscal year July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012, our parish budget calls for \$21,751.00 to be donated weekly at the Sunday collection. The collection for Sunday, December 11, 2011 was \$22,560.05 in addition to approximately \$1,906.25 which is donated weekly in December via automatic debit. The collection is not only used for operating expenses each week, but also for any ongoing repair work, upgrades, etc. to our parish facility.

**The St. Vincent de Paul collection will take place on January 1st instead of Christmas Day this month!**

**Thank you!!**

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, Dec. 26

6:30 Florence Multer (D)

8:00 Alice Dahling (D) & George Spiegelberg (L)

### Tuesday, Dec. 27

6:30 Ann Julia & Henry Joseph Wibbelmann (D)

8:00 Stan Heck (L)

### Wednesday, Dec. 28

6:30 Margaret Mary Murphy (D)

8:00 Danilo Chico (D) & Alberto Gil (L)

### Thursday, Dec. 29

6:30 Tom Riley (D) & Joe Coffman (L)

8:00 Martina Serrano (L)

### Friday, Dec. 30

6:30 Philip Cardone (D)

8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Ken Van Gundy (L)

### Saturday, Dec. 31

8:00 Mary Secor (D) & Rosalie De Mello (D)

5:15 Mass for the People

### Sunday, Jan. 1

8:00 Flaviano & Cresenta Casabar (D) & Piza Family (D)

9:30 Mass for the People

11:00 Geraldine Golubski (D) & Antonetta Soprano (D)

12:30 Misa Para La Gente

5:15 NO MASS

## Happy Anniversary!

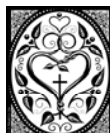
**Victor & Marion Hosford**

40 years on December 29



**Greg Racicot  
Karen Kjos-Racicot**

2 years on December 24



*To list your anniversary, please email [bulletin@ola-vta.org](mailto:bulletin@ola-vta.org) by the Friday of the week before you wish it published.*

## Education

### Adult Bible Study

Fr. Steve's Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 9:00am in the Santa Cruz Room with the study of First Corinthians. Tuesday Evening Bible Study at 7:00pm in Hurley Hall. No registration required to attend either group. NEW members can join each week. All are Welcome! **Tuesday morning Bible Study will not be held on January 10th. For more information please contact Fr. Steve at 642-7966.**

## Education

### The Edge - Jr. High Youth Ministry

Who: All 6th, 7th, & 8th graders

Where: Assumption Hall

**When: Spring Kick-off is Wednesday, January 25th, 7:00—8:30pm**

Why: Friends, fun, food, & to grow radically in your faith!

**Questions? Call Zach 642-7966 ext 125**



### Life Teen Youth Ministry

#### BreakOut!

Tuesday nights in the youth room from 7-8:30pm

#### Service

Join us the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays to make lunches for the homeless, 7-8:00pm in the Parish Center

#### Confirmation Year 1

Sunday January 15th – 5:15 Mass and small group.

#### Confirmation Year 2

Sunday January 8th -5:15 Mass and small group.

**Contact: Karen Reynolds at 642-7966 ext. 121**

### RCIA – Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

We meet on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the Santa Cruz Room of the Parish Center. Any member of the parish interested in this topic is welcome to attend. **We will be on break until January 3rd. Merry Christmas!**

Here at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish we have a warm welcome for anyone looking for a faith-filled Christian community within the Roman Catholic tradition. We invite those who are interested in the Catholic Christian community and the Catholic way of life to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process.

**To learn more about this experience email us at [RCIA@ola-vta.org](mailto:RCIA@ola-vta.org) or call (805) 642-7966 x123.**

### Sundays at OLA

#### Nursery - Ages 1-3 years

Located in the Youth Room during 9:30am Mass. Provides babysitting while parents attend Mass.

#### Sunday School - Ages 3-5 years

Located at OLA School during 9:30am Mass. Includes lessons/crafts about church, God, & the Bible.

#### Liturgy of the Word - Grades 1-6

Begins in church during 9:30am Mass.

**Nursery, Sunday School & Liturgy of the Word will not be held on Christmas Day.**

**Contact: Darlene Holaway at 642-7966 ext. 118**

## Education

### From the Desk of Darlene.....

"Dear " Parish Family,  
 How precious the days are as we near Jesus' birthday!  
 All of us here at Religious Education are excited about our Children's Christmas Eve Mass! We have journeyed through the special days of Advent with our "Praising Jesus" Rallies, also bringing toys for His children, and celebrating beautiful Advent Masses (thank you Father Steve and Father Steven!). And our Sunday Schoolers (3, 4, and 5 year olds) came all the way over to Church to sing an Advent song for us! (Thank you Jenny and Cheryl) Our Sunday Liturgy for Children will gather on January 1st (for our 1st-6th Graders) and every Sunday throughout 2012). And a little note about our Religious Education Congress in March, 2012. It is almost certain that Pope Benedict will be visiting us via Skype!! And now ~ may the glow of God's love light your Christmas with peace and joy. I love you all, Darlene.

## Family

### Safeguard The Children

The establishment of the Office of Safeguard the Children in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the formation of Safeguard the Children Parish Committees in the parishes were mandated by Cardinal Roger Mahoney in 2002. The Office of Safeguard the Children assists these permanent Parish Committees in implementing child sexual abuse prevention education, Safe Environment policies, procedures and resources.

Click on <http://www.archdiocese.la/protecting/> for more information.

**All volunteers** working with or around children must be fingerprinted through the Archdiocese and be certified in the Safeguard the Children Program Protecting God's Children. Information for both fingerprinting and Safeguard Classes are listed below. The Virtus training must be updated every 4 years. However, instead of the 3-hour Protecting God's Children program, people can recertify by completing the 1.5 hour Keeping the Promise Alive program. Fingerprinting does not need to be repeated."

For questions, call Dea Boehme at (805) 390-1260 or [OLAsafeguard@ola-vta.org](mailto:OLAsafeguard@ola-vta.org).

### Fingerprinting Schedule

**Holy Cross** Saturday, January 21st  
 13955 Peach Hill Road, Moorpark  
 10:00pm - 1:40pm & 3:20pm - 5:20pm  
 For appointment call (805) 529-1397

Appointments are necessary as schedules fill up rapidly. Please call in advance to cancel if necessary so that others can be given the opportunity to be fingerprinted.

## Did You Know?

### Safety tips for parents traveling with children

Traveling with kids during the holidays can be a challenge, especially with the added worry of safety thrown into the mix. Here are some suggestions parents can use to help ensure their children's safety while traveling: 1. Prior to leaving on your holiday, remind children about your family safety procedures for dealing with strangers and what to do if they get lost. 2. Keep a recent photo of children handy, also a photocopy of passports kept in a safe place or with a relative that can fax it to you in case of loss. 3. If you label children's clothing, make sure the label is inside so strangers are not able to learn child's name.

For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

## Faith at Home Questions

### Adults and Teens:

What signs do you see around you that help you to believe?

### Children:

If you were able to be at Jesus' birth, what would you say?



## Service and Outreach

### Blood Drive

Make a New Year's resolution to donate blood this year. Blood donations are needed every day to help hospital patients locally. Our Lady of the Assumption will be helping out the community blood supply by sponsoring a blood drive on **Sunday, January 8 from 9:00 – 2:00**. Please sign-up at the Welcome Table at Friendship Sunday on January 1st or call 800-715-3699 for an appointment. You can also sign-up online at [www.blood4life.org](http://www.blood4life.org) using the sponsor



code: Assumption

Questions: Call Sherie at 477-1243

### Many Meals

**What we do:** Serve a free home-cooked meal each week.

**Why:** To help those struggling to make ends meet.

**When:** Monday nights at 6 to 7 p.m. in Assumption Hall

For more information or to volunteer, please contact David DeVillers at 642-7966 ext. 109 or [ddevillers@ola-vta.org](mailto:ddevillers@ola-vta.org)



We have fed 1837 people since June 20th.

## Parish Spirituality & Fellowship

### Spiritual Formation Day

#### SAVE THE DATE

**Spiritual Formation Day—Encounters with God**  
Sunday, February 4, 2012

Additional information will be available next week!

### Eucharistic Adoration

#### SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

There will **NOT** be Eucharistic Adoration for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (Saturday and Sunday).

There **will be** Eucharistic Adoration in St. Julie's Chapel from **2:00 pm Wednesday, December 28 through Midnight Friday, December 30, 2011.**

There will **NOT** be Eucharistic Adoration for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day (Saturday and Sunday).

The regular schedule of Eucharistic Adoration from 2:00 pm Wednesdays through 8:00 am Sundays will resume on Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

### Rosary Makers

#### Day & Location Change for December

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11th at 9:30am in the Parish House located at 21 N. Dunning St.

**For more information or to have a rosary fixed, please call Aurora at 654-0316.**

### Attention Eucharistic Ministers

The Eucharistic Minister schedule can be found on the website at [www.olaventura.com](http://www.olaventura.com)

If you are unable to be at the Mass you are scheduled for, please find a substitute from the list provided.

**Contact Dn. Bill Wilson at**

**[bwilson@saintbonaventure.com](mailto:bwilson@saintbonaventure.com) or at 805-642-7966 ext. 108 for additional information.**

### Weight Watchers @

#### Our Lady of the Assumption

Already thinking about your wellness goals for 2012? Want to join fun and supportive people in pursuing your goals—join our OLA WeightWatchers group!

Join us for an invitational meeting on **Saturday, January 7 at 9 am in the Parish House** to find out about how we will be introducing the WeightWatchers Monthly Pass with all the WeightWatchers online tools to our parish group. Teens to seniors, men and women—everyone is welcome at OLA WeightWatchers.

**For more information, contact Dea at [dea.boehme@att.net](mailto:dea.boehme@att.net) or our WeightWatchers leader, Lillian, at (805) 584-0133.**

### Respect Life Ministry

#### THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS A PRO-LIFE CHURCH

*Please continue to PRAY for the Unborn and vulnerable Elderly.*

Your PRAYERS CAN change hearts and minds!

**Contact** Patty Berry 642-4928 or [coastalpatty@gmail.com](mailto:coastalpatty@gmail.com) or Dea Boehme at [dea.boehme@att.net](mailto:dea.boehme@att.net)

#### LOCAL RESOURCES:

**Ventura County Pregnancy Centers:** 648-3301

**Tender Life Maternity Home:** 653-7474

**Life Centers:** 486-2721 M,T,W,F from 12-4:00pm (800-973-7334, 24-hour hotline)

**Foster Home or Adoption – ASPIRANET – 289-0120**

**St. Joseph's Pantry – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. MaryAnn- 644-2160**

**Tender Life – Dea Boehme at [dea.boehme@att.net](mailto:dea.boehme@att.net)**

**Rosary at Planned Parenthood - Wednesdays at 7:30am and Fridays at 3:00pm—contact Ana at 218-3093.**

**Prayer for the Unborn at St. Julie's Chapel - Thursdays at 6:30pm. Contact Gloria at 644-4726.**

#### Free Local Services:

All services, FREE & Confidential, Pregnancy Testing, and Ultrasound Exams (866) 216-4443

### Women's Ministry

#### OLA Women's Ministry Retreat March 23-25, 2012! "Courageous Love!"

"I have found my vocation - it is to Love!" St. Therese  
A truth that defines every woman's heart...

48 hours that will transform your heart, mind and soul to reveal God's love and plan for YOU!

Registration/deposit forms and flyers will be available in the vestibule and on the OLA website starting December 30th.

**For more information please contact Kati Escallier at 642-7966 ext. 142 or [Kescallier@ola-vta.org](mailto:Kescallier@ola-vta.org)**



Endow (Educating on the Nature and Dignity Of Women) is an Catholic educational group inviting YOU to grow in your faith and

friendship with other parish women. Endow studies now forming for 2012. Letter to Women, beginning Jan. 11th, 6:30-8:30 pm. Edith Stein, begins Jan. 9th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. God is Love, based on the first encyclical written by Pope Benedict XVI, begins Jan. 11th, 9-11 am. Mother of the Redeemer, beginning Jan. 6th, 8:45 - 10:45 am. All studies are 8 weeks in length and there is NO HOMEWORK.

**For more information, contact Denise McElvogue at 805-698-9315. To register online visit [www.Endowgroups.org](http://www.Endowgroups.org) or call (303) 715-3224.**

# Parish Spirituality & Fellowship

## —Music Ministry Christmas Concerts—

The choirs and instrumentalists of this wonderful parish would like to extend an invitation to everyone to join in celebrating the birth of Christ at one (or more!) of the following masses. Please review the mass our concert and Mass schedule, and join us as we "Wish You a Merry Christmas!"

Saturday, December 24, **Christmas Eve** Concert at 7:00pm, Mass at 7:30pm (Music by the Major Choir)

**Midnight Mass** Concert at 11:30pm, Mass at Midnight (Music by the combined 11:00 and Major Choirs)

Sunday, December 25, **Christmas Day**

8:00am Mass – Music by the Cantor Choir

9:30am Mass – Music by the Major Choir

11:00am Mass – Music by the newly formed 11:00 Choir

The Music Ministers of this Parish would like to thank you for your continued support. We wish you a blessed Christmas, and a wonderful New Year.

Vincent Dominguez,  
Director of Music



## —Secular Franciscan Order—

St. Francis established the Order of Brothers and Sisters of Penance, now the **Secular Franciscan Order (SFO)**, for those men and women, single or married, who were unable to leave their families and occupations, but still wanted to be affiliated with St. Francis and a religious life. The SFO is a recognized order within the Catholic Church, not a club or organization. Secular Franciscans are men and women who answer the call to follow Christ more deeply through the spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi. *It all begins with a nudge from the Holy Spirit!*

We meet the **third Sunday of every month from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** We share in prayer, discussions of spiritual and secular material and fellowship. We also work on individual and group service projects. We meet at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in the Parish Center and **welcome visitors to any of our gatherings... We hope YOU will join us soon!**

Our next gathering will take place on  
January 15th

**For questions or more information please contact; Pauline Riendeau at (805) 339-9446**



## —Parking Reminder—

**Please park in the extra parking available at St. Bonaventure if you are unable to find a marked parking space.**

Thank you!

## —Pilates Exercise Class—

Maura and the Mom's Group will be hosting a beginner/intermediate pilates mat class on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. in the Santa Cruz Room during the months of January and February (except for Jan. 18 and Feb. 22). The cost is \$10 for a one hour session. Bring your own mat. Hope to see you there!

**For more information please call Maura Macaluso at 218-7867.**

## —Men's Ministry—

Wednesday mornings at 5:45am in  
Assumption Hall.

**For more information contact Patrick Rivera at 642-7966 ext. 114.**

## —M.O.M.S. Mornings—

Is your new year's resolution to draw closer to God and put new energy into your vocation of motherhood? Then, join us for fellowship with M.O.M.S. Morning!

Our mission is to build a community connecting moms to one another through the grace of Christ. We desire to encourage each other in our roles as wives and mothers. As we develop friendships and grow in our Catholic faith, we seek to build a community of faith, hope and, love.

We are so excited that M.O.M.S. Morning will start its Winter Session on January 19th! Our theme this year is "Motherhood: Walking with the Saints." Join us for breakfast on Thursday morning as we meet to make friends and grow in our Catholic faith and our vocation of motherhood. Childcare is provided. The registration forms can be picked up and submitted to the parish office. **Questions? Contact Maria or Megan. We look forward to meeting you!**

Maria Lawson 477-0640 or [marialawson@mac.com](mailto:marialawson@mac.com)  
Megan McReynolds 607-0875 or [meganmcr@gmail.com](mailto:meganmcr@gmail.com)

## —Audio Visual Ministry—

OLA is forming a new ministry to assist the parish with the audio systems in the church, computer and projection systems during presentations and retreats, and general technical assistance. If you are interested in joining this new ministry, contact **David DeVillers** at [ddevillers@ola-vta.org](mailto:ddevillers@ola-vta.org)

## —Welcome Table Hosts Needed—

Please consider volunteering some time after Mass to help out with the Welcome Table. All that is needed is about 30 minutes, after one or two Masses each month. It is a great way to share your talents and time with the Parish and to make each person coming into Assumption Hall feel "part of the OLA family."

**Contact: Sherie DeVillers at 642-7966 ext. 128 or [sholaway@yahoo.com](mailto:sholaway@yahoo.com)**

# Parish Spirituality & Fellowship

## Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

Do you know anyone that is unable to come to Church and would like to receive communion at home?

Please contact the church office at 642-7966.



## Greeters at Mass Needed

Greeters are needed for the 5:15pm Mass on Saturday. If this is the Mass you attend and can come a few minutes early, please consider sharing the gift of hospitality then. Please contact Darlene at 642-7966 ext. 118.

## Families of Nazareth Movement

Meetings are Tuesday mornings at 9:15am & Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm.

### Why Jesus Came As A Baby

"Jesus humbled Himself so much, stripped himself of everything, and became so defenseless, to make it easier for you to adhere to Him and entrust yourself to Him."

Fr. Tadeusz Dajczer, *The Gift of Faith*, page 48



For additional information, please contact Lyla Alexander at 644-5795.

## Frassati, Young Adults Bible Study

**Wednesdays:** the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month  
What: Bible Study, reflection on the Sunday readings  
When: 7:00-8:00pm in the Youth Room  
New members welcome any time!

For additional information, please contact Jenny Murray at [jemurray24@hotmail.com](mailto:jemurray24@hotmail.com)  
See <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/frassatiyoungadults/>

## OLA Classics

Please join us each First Friday following the 8:00 Mass for Friendship Friday-great coffee and conversation.  
Next time: January 6th

## Everyday Life/Extraordinary Prayer Retreat

Monday, January 23, 9-2 pm  
A Day Retreat at St Catherine's by the Sea  
Retreat given by: Dn. Ed Mills  
The cost for the day \$30.00 Space is extremely limited so don't wait to reserve your spot.  
For more information, contact Mary Kielas 650-7870

## Hermits of St. Giles

*The Hermits of St. Giles is a lay association of disabled men and women who are homebound because of chronic illness and disability. Their ministry to the church is to offer their sufferings for all through prayer.*

Contact:

Bro. Mark Dextraze,  
Hermits of St. Giles,  
647-9089, [hermitsofstgiles.org](http://hermitsofstgiles.org)



## Support Groups at OLA Church

### GriefShare: Bereavement Support

This group is open to any adult who has lost a loved one through death. The group meets at the Parish House at 21 N. Dunning Street from 6:30-8pm. New members are welcome at each session.

2012 Date for GriefShare: January 3

### DIVORCE CARE : NEW SERIES BEGINS January 2nd

The DivorceCare support group is open to all men and women who are divorced or separated. Whether your loss is recent or many years old, we encourage you to join us for support and to work through issues such as; anger, loneliness, single parenting and moving on. The group meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month from 6:30-8pm at Our Lady of Assumption in the Parish Center/ San Miguel Room. New members are welcome each week!

### New Cancer support groups starting on January 11th

Our new support groups for those living with cancer and their caregivers will begin on Wednesday, January 11, 2012. A full schedule with meeting details and topics will be distributed at our first meeting. The meetings will start at 6:30pm and run until 8pm. We will meet at the parish house located at 21 N. Dunning Street. Meetings will continue each month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. We hope you will join us to find support and fellowship on this journey. You can also join our email list for the support groups by contacting Veronica Marchese.

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

These support groups are facilitated by Veronica Marchese, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. For the latest information on meeting dates & locations of these groups, please join our email list by contacting Veronica at [Veronica254@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Veronica254@sbcglobal.net) or 665-7511

## Bingo

Sunday, January 22nd  
2:00 in the Parish Center  
Contact Sylvia Barnes at 648-7040

## Parish Spirituality & Fellowship

### OLA 5K

#### Father Steve Fun Run & Pancake Breakfast

The 3rd annual OLA 5K/Fr. Steve Fun Run & Pancake breakfast will be Saturday January 28, 2012 at 8:30am. The 5k (and 1K fun Run) will be at Community Park (Kimball & Telephone), the Pancake breakfast will be at Assumption Hall at OLA. All runners will get a tech shirt, discounts to local businesses and free pancake breakfast!. Early Bird registration ends December 31, 2011. Proceeds benefit the OLA Men's Ministry, Youth Ministry and this year we are helping to kick off Catholic School Week. Registration forms are in the back of the Church.



For more information and to register please visit [www.ola5k.com](http://www.ola5k.com) or call Andrew VanConas at 805-794-6333 or [info@ola5k.com](mailto:info@ola5k.com)

### OLA Book Club

Start out the new year with a good spiritual book! Please join us for a discussion of *The Power and the Glory* by Graham Greene on January 9, at 7:00 p.m., in the Santa Cruz Room. The Book Discussion Group meets on the second Monday of each month to share our thoughts on books of spiritual interest to Catholic adults. We would love to have you join us. For more information, please call Mary Ann Bognar at 647-0462.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Explore knitting or crocheting as a prayer experience! Devotions and instruction is provided at each meeting. Donations of yarn, knitting and crochet supplies are welcomed and appreciated.

Our next meeting will be on January 14th from 8:30-10:30am in the Santa Cruz Room. All are welcome. Please call Jan Parrone at 658-1904 for further information. Or visit [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com)

To request a shawl for someone in need of prayers, comfort, or in celebration of a birth, please contact David DeVillers at 642-7966 ext.109 or [ddevillers@ola-vta.org](mailto:ddevillers@ola-vta.org)

## Jobs...One Person at a Time

Hello, my name is Dina. I am energetic and hard-working. I am looking for a part-time (20-30 hours per week) Administrative Assistant (office help) position. Please contact me at 320-4182.

**Parishioners who would like to submit your job request for future bulletins, please send a couple of sentences & your contact information to [bulletin@ola-vta.org](mailto:bulletin@ola-vta.org)**

## Ministerio Hispano

### Bienvenidos a la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción Horario de la Oficina Parroquial

Lunes a Viernes ~ 8:30 a.m. a 8:00 p.m.  
Sábado ~ 8:30 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.  
Domingo ~ 9:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m.

### Oración de Corresponsabilidad

Padre Santo, en mi Bautismo, me llamaste por mi nombre. Me consagraste dándome tiempo, regalándome talentos, y me proporcionaste un tesoro. Bendíceme y guíame para poder ser la persona que quieres que sea. *Amen*

### Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos

*¿Desea ser Católico? ¿Es usted un adulto que aún no ha recibido los sacramentos de Primera Comuni3n y Confirmaci3n? ¿Desea aprender m1s sobre la fe Cat3lica?*

*Lo invitamos a que participe en el proceso de RICA. Nos reunimos cada martes de 7-9 pm en el Sal3n San Miguel. 12/27—No Hay Clase.*

*Para m1s informaci3n, comuniquese con Rosario Gonz1lez al 642-7966 ext. 149*



### Many Meals

¿Cu1ndo?: Lunes a las 6:00pm

Para m1s informaci3n o para ser voluntario,  
Contacto: 642-7966

### EL DON DE LA PALABRA DE DIOS

En este d1a de recibir y dar regalos, parece apropiado que tomemos un momento para reflexionar sobre el gran don de la Palabra de Dios. La Palabra de Dios es creativa y por eso siempre apunta a su autor, siempre nos llama a responder. La Palabra de Dios es poderosa y puede enlazar lo sublime con lo rid1culo, lo trascendente con lo inmanente, lo divino con lo humano. La Palabra de Dios es llena de gracia, establece una relaci3n de intimidad profunda entre nosotros y Dios.

En el coraz3n de la Palabra de Dios yace una tensi3n seductora entre lo misterioso y lo mundano. En nuestra celebraci3n lit1rgica, esta tensi3n sin resoluci3n revela el significado de la vida para nosotros y tambi3n nos llama a responder para actuar seg1n ese significado. Una vez que la aceptamos y la abrimos, el don de la Palabra de Dios es un regalo que sigue dando y sigue llam1ndonos a dar a cambio. Nos reta a ser como el dador de regalos y a convertirse en regalos para los dem1s, no solo en Navidad, sino en cada momento de la vida.

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# In The Community

## "The Bridges to Contemplative Living Series" from the Thomas Merton Institute

This is a small group which offers deep meaningful dialogue, personal Faith sharing and listening with the heart. It will be held at the San Buena Ventura Mission on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 10Am to 12Noon. We will begin classes on January 14th.

**For information and to register, please call Anne Vanoni at 672-0920.**

## — Eucharistic Marian Conference —

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual MARIAN EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE will take place at the Paso Robles Event Center Fairgrounds (Hwy.46 exit at Paso Robles, CA) on **January 14-15**. The 2012 theme is "*Faith That Moves Mountains*" with Bishop Richard J. Garcia in attendance.

*From the bright lights of Hollywood to the Light of Christ*, former movie actress and present day Benedictine Abbess MOTHER DOLORES HART, OSB will be a featured guest speaker along with nationally renowned FR. ANDREW APOSTOLI, CFR. You are invited to visit the conference website at: [www.ccmec.org](http://www.ccmec.org)

**To receive a REGISTRATION BROCHURE, please contact :**

**Pat Borba 805-461-5358 or Lynn Stroble 805-239-1597**

## — Small Group at the Mission —

"The Bridges to Contemplative Living Series" from the Thomas Merton Institute. This is a small group which offers deep meaningful dialogue, personal Faith sharing and listening with the heart. It leads participants on a journey toward deeper Faith and a more Contemplative, peace-filled life. It will be held at the San Buena Ventura Mission on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 10am to 12noon. We will begin classes on January 14th.

**For information and to register, please call Anne Vanoni at 672-0920.**

## — Science, Theology and Religion — Friends in the Quest for Truth at St. John's Seminary

St. John's Seminary is presenting this outstanding eight part lecture series (January-May 2012) that is open to parish communities. Distinguished lecturers from around the country will cover physics, evolution, economics, chemistry, astronomy, apparitions & more as friends to theology and religion. 8 Thursdays 6:30pm-9:00pm at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo.

**For more information or registration forms, contact (805) 389-2035 or [advancement@stjohnsem.edu](mailto:advancement@stjohnsem.edu) or Dn. Jack Redmond @ [jwrtoo@aol.com](mailto:jwrtoo@aol.com)**

\$80 for all 8 lectures or \$15 individual lectures

**Register early....seating is limited.**

## — St. Bonaventure Open House —

St. Bonaventure High School will host an **Open House** on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Take advantage of the opportunity to receive information on school academic and extra-curricular programs, meet teachers and administrators and take a tour of the campus. SBHS is accepting **applications** for the 2012-13 school year. Applications submitted by January 18<sup>th</sup> for incoming freshmen will guarantee registration for the **entrance exam** on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**For more information contact Deacon Don Huntley at [dhuntley@saintbonaventure.com](mailto:dhuntley@saintbonaventure.com), or 648-6836 x107.**

## — Saint Bonaventure High School — 2011 Entrance/Placement Exam Preparatory Course

Date and Time (Your Choice of One Day):  
Register Early to Guarantee Your Student a Spot!  
Saturday, January 14th or Sunday, January 15th  
Registration: 8:10-8:25 a.m.

Math Class: 8:30 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.

English Class: 10:35 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$90 (Includes Test Prep Book)

Make Checks Payable to Michele Gianelli

**For More Information: Contact Shelly Gianelli @ 648-6836 ext 226 or 901-2090**

## — Help & Hope —

### Out of Work & Out of Ideas? Come join us!

Wednesdays from 7:30—8:30pm at Padre Serra Parish in Camarillo in the San Miguel Room of the Serra Center

**Contact: Bill at 482-6417 ext. 259 or [gfgcamarillo@verizon.net](mailto:gfgcamarillo@verizon.net)**

## — Worldwide Marriage Encounter —

Just as we celebrate Thanksgiving by gathering together with family -- Why not celebrate your Marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? It's a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes your marriage. Make your reservation now! The next WWME Weekend will be January 20-22, 2012 in Woodland Hills.

**Call Jeanine and Russ Walker to register: 805-648-4244. [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)**

## — Retrouvaille —

**You Can Help Your Marriage** – This program has helped 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the next program, beginning with a weekend on February 17-19, 2012, call **661-257-7980** or email: [ornelasdachs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ornelasdachs@sbcglobal.net) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

## — Volunteers at Winter Shelter needed —

Volunteers needed at the Winter shelter to help with serving dinners. **Contact: Kate Mills at 652-6111.**