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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2023

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2 This Year, Walk in The Light of Faith

January 2023

The shorter periods of daylight in the winter may leave us feeling as though we are surrounded by darkness. Sometimes, we leave home in the morning in the dark, and it is dark by the time we return home in the evening. We may feel more keenly the presence of spiritual or emotional darkness as well: fear, loneliness, doubt, grief, or worry may press upon our hearts, leaving us anxious and uncertain. The darkness is not only personal. We feel the darkness of political division, violence, and natural disasters so deeply that at times it feels as though light has been banished from our lives and world. If there is anything we learn from Jesus, it is that God does not want us to live in darkness. God so desires that we know and live in the light that God came among us, to be one with us. This is what we celebrate in the Christmas season. No matter how unbearable the darkness may seem, we know that Christ's light prevails. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom, a light has shone." (Is 9:1) Christ's light dispels our darkness and all darkness humanity has ever or will ever experience. Whatever the darkness we face, Christ's light awaits. Not only this, Christ awaits our loving action as the means for spreading his light, bringing hope and peace to those who most need it. We do this through our faithful stewardship of our lives, our actions, attention, prayer, help, support, caring and sharing. How will you walk in the light of the Lord this year and share the light with others, dispelling their darkness by sharing God's great love in Jesus Christ? Impact this month Many people make New Year's resolutions — a promise to ourselves or those closest to us that we will do something tangible to be a better person, to be healthier, kinder, or to break a bad habit in the new year. This year, include a faith resolution in your plans. As you look back on the year that has passed and ahead to the one that is just beginning, consider how you will walk in and share the light of Christ. Is Jesus a driving force in your life? Do you regularly pray, listening through Sacred Scripture, devotional reading, and in the silence of your heart? Do you have others with whom you share your faith journey? How does your relationship with the Lord direct the way you live? Prayerfully consider all that you might do to live and grow in faith. Write down your faith resolution and share it with someone you trust, asking him or her to hold you accountable. Keep your written resolution where you will be reminded of it, periodically take stock, and resolve more deeply to stay on the path of discipleship, trusting that Jesus is ready to walk with you.

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We would like to recognize the generous parishioners who donated poinsettias for our Christmas celebrations. They were beautiful! Many thanks to the Environment Team: Lisa and Bruce Lakin, Gloria and Lizzie De Anda, Rosemary Denler, Jo Pearring, Carol Salter, Inez Quintana, Phil and Olivia Romero.

Offertory Collection

January budget is $134,132.20

Week One Dec. 31- Jan. 1 $25,521.57
Week Two Jan. 7-8 $42,621.66

Thank you for your support of OLA!

Gospel Reflection

Sunday, January 15, 2023
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
John 1:29-34

Friends, in our Gospel today, John the Baptist gives witness to the role of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' baptism.

Baptism is the moment when the Holy Spirit draws us out of this fallen world and into a new world. And with this in mind, we can understand the relationship between Baptism and the other sacraments. Baptism is birth in the spiritual order, the beginning of a properly spiritual life. The other sacraments represent specifications of that life.

For instance, a living thing needs to be nourished. This is the role that the Eucharist plays. But do you see why only baptized people can receive the Eucharist? If you're not alive, there is no point in feeding you.

-Bishop Robert Barron,
Word on Fire

American Red Cross

Parishioner
Brenda Tremblay

Thank you to all who supported our blood drive! Our next drive is scheduled for March 26th.

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Parish Families after New Year Masses

Faith Formation Adult Confirmation Program

12 week program Febuary 5- May 7, 2023

Register today or Call OLA Parish office for more information. Limited space, first 25 participants
(909) 626-3596

Where: OLA Parish
When: Sundays from 9AM-10:30AM

Join us & grow in faith!

- Do you desire to grow in your relationship with God and have an encounter of Him through the sacraments of baptism, communion, and confirmation?
- Would you like to explore the Catholic faith with other individuals?

CONTACT: MARIELA ARELLANO - RCIA@OLACLAREMONT.ORG

The OLA Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 16th, 2023 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for our sick and suffering...

Current:

Eric Wilson, Olivia Barela, Alex Arbalo, Myriam Cardenas, Pat Raef, Guillermo Mendez, Pat French, Ethel Elwell, Ann Brutocao, Ana Perez

Previous:

Jose Velazco, Jose Medina, Guillermo Mendez, James Ishikawa, Eugenia Aguilar, Whitney Ann Relf, Amanda Shuenarom, Sophie Roser, Douglas Raef, Don Roberts, Alfonso Garcia, Alejandro Banuelos, Loretta Theisen

Deceased:

Leilani Scheetz, father of Steve Scheetz
Thomas Clark Jr., brother of Mary Shannon
Eric Reyenoso, nephew of Bertha Reynoso,
Baby Anuel Domond, son of Greg & Zitlalic Domond & Grandson of Dn. Joe Domond, and for the families and friends who mourn their loss.

Mass Intentions/Readings

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
Week of January 15, 2023 - Year A

MONDAY, January 16
Saint Berard & Companions
Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Heb 4:12; Mk 2:18-22
8:00 AM †William Slobig, †Tommy Gorman, James & Sarita Comyns
Martin Luther King Jr Day, 8:00AM Mass Only

TUESDAY, January 17
Saint Anthony of Egypt
Heb 6:10-20; 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c; Eph 1:17-18; Mk 2:23-28
8:00AM †Peter, †Joseph Uy, †Donald Obuszewski

WEDNESDAY, January 18
Saint Charles of Sezze
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; See Mt 4:23; Mk 3:1-6
8:00AM †Francis Xavier Dam, †Joseph Uy

THURSDAY, January 19
Saint Fabian
Heb 7:25—8:6; 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; 2 Tm 1:10; Mk 3:7-12
8:00AM †Fernando Sandoval Heredia

FRIDAY, January 20
Saint Sebastian
Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mk 3:13-19
8:00AM †Robert Ramirez, †Luciano Orozco, Gretchen Augustyn
5:30PM †Evangeline, †Antonio Nogales

SATURDAY, January 21
Saint Agnes
Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Acts 16:14b; Mk 3:20-21
8:00AM Angela Moisa
4:30PM †Teresa Hernandez, †Tony Gomez, Gretchen Augustyn

SUNDAY, January 22
Saint Devasahayam Pillai
Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:23; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
7:00AM For the People of the Paish
11:00AM †James G. Bujanda, †Sue Yandell
1:00PM †Salomon Quintana, †Victor Hugo Mendez, Familia Enciso Chavez
3:00PM †Joseph Hoa, †John, †Evangeline
5:30PM †James G. Bujanda

OLA for Life will host an information table after all Masses this weekend. Join the OneLifeLA family in person on Jan. 21, 2023, to celebrate the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death.

Our 2023 theme, "Our Mission is Love," guides us as we walk from Olvera Street through Downtown Los Angeles to LA State Historic Park for a family-friendly day of inspiring speakers, live music, food trucks, and works of mercy. The event will conclude with the Requiem Mass for the Unborn at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Bring your friends and family and join us to celebrate, defend, and embrace life. Visit OneLifeLA.org for details, registration and a map.

Sustainable Claremont's Kids Bike Rodeo

Sustainable Claremont is excited to announce its first Bike Rodeo, where kids can practice bike handling and road safety skills, have their bikes checked by a mechanic, be eligible to win bike gear, and learn how to fix a flat tire. Register at: www.sustainableclaremont.org.

Date: Sun. Jan 29
Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Location: Sycamore Elementary (225 W. 8th St, Claremont)

8 Vietnamese New Year (Tết)

Vietnamese New Year, also known as, "Tết Festival," is the most important festival of the year in Vietnam. Its name, Tet, is an abbreviation for Tet Nguyen Dan, which is Vietnamese for the feast of the first morning of the first day of their calendar.

In 2023, Tet falls on January 22nd (Sunday). It is a Year of the Cat. The Cat is the fourth sign in Vietnamese Zodiac. Tet celebrates the beginning of a new year as well the coming of spring. Exuberant festivities are held — traditional food, music and dragon dancing performed along the streets. During this time there is a real sense of celebration in the air, making it a festive time to visit Vietnam.

Celebrated as a time of renewal, Tet serves as an opportunity for Vietnamese people to pay homage to their ancestors and have family reunions. Preparations usually begin a week before Tet, as people start to return home, clean their family graves, worship at their family altars and decorate their homes with apricot blossoms, peach blossoms and kumquat trees, symbolizing the hope of prosperity and well-being -Asia Highlights

Tết Việt Nam, còn được gọi là, "Tết Lễ," là lễ hội quan trọng nhất trong năm ở Việt Nam. Tên của nó, Tết, là viết tắt của Tết Nguyên Đán, theo tiếng Việt là ngày lễ vào buổi sáng đầu tiên của ngày đầu tiên theo lịch của họ.

Năm 2023, Tết rơi vào ngày 22 tháng Giêng (Chủ nhật). Đó là một năm của con mèo. Mèo là con giáp thứ 4 trong 12 con giáp của Việt Nam.

Tết đánh dấu sự khởi đầu của một năm mới cũng như khi mùa xuân đến. Các lễ hội tưng bừng được tổ chức — thức ăn truyền thống, âm nhạc và múa rồng được biểu diễn dọc các đường phố. Trong thời gian này, không khí lễ hội thực sự tràn ngập, khiến đây trở thành thời điểm lễ hội để đến thăm Việt Nam.

Được coi là thời điểm đổi mới, Tết là cơ hội để người Việt bày tỏ lòng kính trọng với tổ tiên và đoàn tụ gia đình.

Công việc chuẩn bị thường bắt đầu từ một tuần trước Tết, khi mọi người bắt đầu trở về nhà, dọn dẹp mồ mả, cúng bàn thờ gia tiên và trang trí nhà cửa bằng hoa mai, hoa đào và cây quất, tượng trưng cho hy vọng thịnh vượng và an khang. -Châu Á nổi bật

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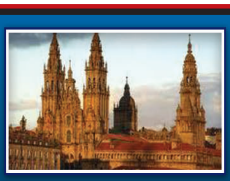

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Sacraments

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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.

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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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