



# OLPH NEWSLETTER

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help School is committed to providing an affordable, quality education in a Catholic, Christian atmosphere within the framework of the teaching of Jesus and His Church.*

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## Calendar Reminders

Dec 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec 13 - Third Sunday of Advent

Dec. 14 – Scholastic Book Fair

Dec 15 - All School Christmas Program at 7:00 pm in the church

Dec 16 - OLPH Wendy's Fundraiser, 4-8 pm, La Quinta

Dec. 18 - Last Day of School before Christmas break; Minimum Day, No Extended Care

Dec. 21 – Jan. 1 - Christmas vacation

Jan. 4 - School resumes

## Parents' Club

Thank you to all our parents who attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Parents' Club Meeting last Monday. We were able to discuss upcoming school activities and had group sharing on the Fall Carnival. It was a good opportunity to receive feedback about how we can improve our carnival. Mrs. Arias also presented the Seasons of Faith Catholic resource for families. The Seasons of Faith resource is a tool that all families can use with their children during Advent. It has suggestions for activities, prayer, and reflection. This resource packet was sent home with your oldest child yesterday.

## Parent Survey

Yesterday, parent surveys were sent home to the oldest child. These surveys are important as they provide us with information on our school's strengths and areas of growth. Please take some time to complete the survey and return by Wednesday, December 16. Your input is valuable! Thank you!

## Wendy's Fundraiser



On Tuesday, December 16, Wendy's in La Quinta is

sponsoring a fundraiser for the school. Wendy's will give a 10% donation of the sales purchased by any patron who eats there from 4:00-8:00 pm. If you or someone you know is out Christmas shopping near Wal Mart or other stores, stop by Wendy's for a bite to eat. Your support is definitely appreciated! Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Shatavy for organizing this fundraiser!



**Scholastic Book Fairs**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be here one more day, on Monday, December 14. If you would like to purchase books or reading materials for your child, this is the time to do it. The book fair will be open during recess,

lunch time, and after school on the 14<sup>th</sup>

## Christmas Pageant



All our students and teachers have been working hard to present to you our annual Christmas

Pageant. This year, each class prepared their own presentation. You won't want to miss it! We will start at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15 in the Church. We ask that all students arrive no later than 6:45 so that they may find their class and be seated. Get set for an evening filled with music and song!

## New Arrival

Congratulations to Mrs. Alison Pinedo, our 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, who welcomed a new addition to her family, a baby boy Isaiah Emiliano Pinedo. Mrs. Pinedo and Isaiah are doing well. If you would like to assist Mrs. Pinedo with diapers, baby toiletries, clothes, etc., you can bring to the office and we will make sure she receives the items. Thank you!



## Food Sales

**Tuesday, December 15 - Sloppy Joe's Luncheon \$4.00**  
**Wednesday, December 16 4-8 pm - OLPH Wendy's Fundraiser**  
**Thursday, December 17 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Taco Luncheon \$ 4.00**



## Fresh & Easy Neighbor Market

OLPH School is participating in *Shop for Schools*. For every \$20 spent at Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market, the school will receive a \$1.00 donation. Fresh & Easy is located on Jackson & Ave 42. All you have to do is bring in your receipt if you spent a minimum of \$20.00. There is a box in the school office for all receipts. This is a great way to support OLPH. Please tell your families and friends to support our school by shopping at Fresh & Easy.

## Catholic Calendar

### Our Lady of Guadalupe *December 12*

This weekend the parish will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It will begin tomorrow, December 12 at 5:00 am with Las Mananitas in the church. Mass will then be celebrated at 6:00 am, followed with hospitality in the parish hall. On Sunday, there will be entertainment and variety of food booths in the church parking lot for parishioners and visitors. Ministries will also sell tickets for \$5.00 each for a chance to win the beautiful portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are welcomed!

The story of our Lady is a beautiful one:

At dawn on December 9, 1531, on Tepeyac Hill near Mexico City, Our Blessed Lady appeared to Juan Diego, an Aztec Indian.

While on his way to attend mass he heard sounds of chirping birds and beautiful music, wondering where it was coming from and its meaning. Then he heard a voice calling him. There Our Lady revealed herself to him as "the Ever Virgin Mother of the True God," and made known her desire that a shrine be built there to bear witness to her love, her compassion, and her protection. She sent him to Bishop Juan de Zumarraga in Mexico City to request her great desire.

The Bishop dismissed the humble Indian without paying attention to his story. Two more times Our Lady appeared to Juan, requesting him to deliver the same favor. He did as she asked and finally the Bishop asked for a sign. Juan reported this to her and she promised to grant a sign the following morning.

On December 12, while on his way to bring a priest to his dying uncle, Our Lady appeared to him for the fourth time. She assured him of his uncle's recovery and told him to gather fresh roses which he would find growing on the frosty summit of the rocky and barren hill. This done, he arranged the Castilian roses in his tilma (cloak) and hurried to the Bishop, giving him an account of their origin. This is what is known as "The miracle of the pink roses."

To the Bishop's amazement, when Juan opened up his tilma before him there was painted upon it a miraculous beautiful

image of Our Lady exactly as she had appeared on Mount Tepeyac. The Bishop prostrated himself in veneration and soon after began the building of the Shrine on the top of Mount Tepeyac. The Basilica in Mexico City is the most important shrine to Our Blessed Mother, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe in all the American continents. Juan Diego's cloak, marvelously preserved, can still be seen behind the main altar in the new Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which is near the original Basilica site she requested. Millions from all over Mexico and the world make their way to venerate Our Blessed Mother and to implore her intercession. She stated to Juan, "Am I not here as your Mother?"

Juan Diego was canonized on July 31, 2002.

## Prayer Corner

Please pray for:

- Pope Benedict XVI
- Bishop Barnes and Bishop del Riego
- Father Miguel and Father Franklin
- Mrs. Laura Lopez
- Students, families, teachers and staff of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

## What's Your Catholic I.Q.?

### This Week's Question

The name *Emmanuel* means

- a. "Holy God, we praise thy name."
- b. "Savior of the Universe."
- c. "God is with us."
- d. "Hark, the herald angels sing."

See next week's bulletin for the answer!

### **Last Week's Question**

The Immaculate Conception

- a. means that Mary was preserved from sin from the moment of her conception in her mother's womb.

Many people think the term *Immaculate Conception* refers to Jesus' being conceived in Mary's womb. Actually the term refers to Mary's conception in her mother Anna's womb. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was announced in 1854, and it tells us that Mary was given special gifts by God because of the role she was going to play in salvation history.

## Non-Discrimination Statement

The schools of the Diocese of San Bernardino admit students of any sex, race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the respective schools. These schools do not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of their educational policies, admission policies, financial assistance, and athletic and other school administered programs.