

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

MARCH 26, 2017

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Community

*I was blind
and now I see.*

John 9:25

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2 Youth and the Eucharist

As we continue our Lenten journey, a time of spiritual cleansing, we are called to simple things:

- † Take what is Good, Healthy, Wholesome, and Holy
- † Remove what is NOT - those things that are toxic to our spiritual well-being.

This week, our Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration is planned especially for teens and young adults. Here are some testimonials from our young people:



"I go to Eucharistic Adoration because it feeds my soul and brings me peace. It has meaning to me because it helps me zoom in on what I need to do to become a better Christian."

- Luke, 18

"Eucharistic Adoration is a time to just get away from reality and have one-on-one time with Jesus. It is definitely one of the main reasons I love being Catholic."

- Yasmin, 18

Adoration "Tip of the Week"

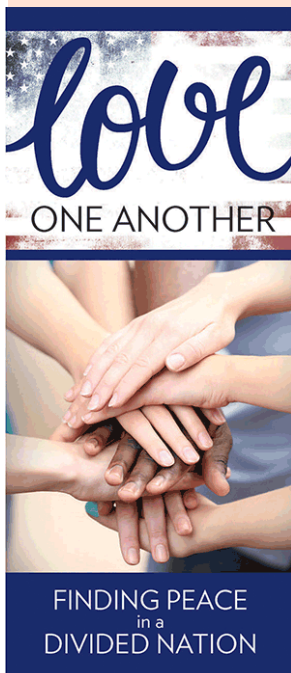
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Week 4: Teens and Young Adults - March 29

In what area of MY life is God calling me to greater things?

Hint: This question is relevant no matter what age you are.

Coming up in Week 5: Traditional Adoration - April 5



Pamphlet available at church entrances

Recent events have brought to light divisions within our country, our families and across the world. With Pope Francis as our guide and with our gaze always on Christ, this timely pamphlet reminds us that what unites us is greater than what divides us. *Love One Another: Finding Peace in a Divided Nation* includes Church teaching on love and civility and practical ways we can heal the divisions of our day so that we might together "walk in the light of the God of peace." (Isaiah 2:5)



Shown here with Bishop David O'Connell, Max Kunz received the Christian Service Award for Damien High School. This honor recognizes a senior who has exhibited excellence in service during their 4 years as a student. An alumnus of OLA School, Max has served over 200 hours at OLA and in the local community.

Around OLA³

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Liturgical events

For a complete Lenten calendar: Spiritual reflection, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions during Lent, Stations of the Cross, and Divine Office... **See Back Page**

Eucharistic Adoration this week is planned for teens and young adults, as well as the “young-at-heart” of all ages, Wednesday, March 29, at 7 p.m. in church.

Meetings

- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** meets Monday, March 27, at 7 p.m. in the school library.
- **OLA Liturgy Committee** convenes Monday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory dining room.
- **OLA Finance Council** will assemble Friday, March 31, at 7 a.m. in the rectory.

Highlights

See the new tee shirt design for our 70th annual Fiesta, and meet the winners.

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Breakfast with the Clergy has been moved to Saturday, April 1, following Mass at 8:15 a.m. Please remember to bring non-perishable food for the poor. All are welcome!

Pilgrim Virgin comes to St. Anthony Parish in Upland on Friday, March 31.

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community life

Annual Palm Sunday Sale

The Palm Sunday Sale is hosted by the Secular Franciscans each year to raise funds for programs to help the poor, notably, the Amazon Water Project, Get on The Bus, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Hope Partners and Adopt-A-Family.

Purchase Easter-themed baked goods and other treats, craft items, jewelry, plants and pottery – most items are handmade or home-grown and very reasonably priced! A pre-sale will offer some items on the patio after the 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday Masses. with the main sale Sunday, April 9, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Grace, Gratitude, Generosity...

Thank you to the Italian Catholic Federation for hosting the lovely St. Joseph Table last weekend with treats to please all ages! The proceeds of \$1,600 will be applied to OLA School and other scholarships, parish needs, the fund for seminarians and other good causes. We especially enjoyed watching how to make Italian pastries such as *cannoli*, *sfinches* and *pizelles*!

Drop anchor at K of C Fish Fry
Friday, March 24, 5 to 7 p.m.

- Mac n Cheese Bowl, \$3
- Clam Chowder Bowl, \$6
- 1-Piece Fish/2 Sides, \$6
- 2-Piece Fish/2 Sides, \$8
- 3-Piece Fish/2 Sides, \$10
- 8-Piece Family/10 sides, \$25



Tortillas and salsa available

Sides (sold separately) are Cole Slaw, \$1
Mac n Cheese, \$2 – Extra Piece Fish, \$2
Fries, \$2 – Coffee/Punch, Free
Soda/Water, \$1 – Beer/Wine, \$2

You will not be disappointed!

**Upcoming dates are March 31
and April 7**

Round-up: We are adding more variety to drinks available, and offering ingredients to make your own fish taco!

Mass Intentions/Readings
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Week of March 26, 2017/ Year A

MONDAY, March 27

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

6:30am †Giuse Nguyen Thai Than Phuong
 †Bonaventura Ngo Thanh Tung
 †All Souls

8:15am For Peace, In Thanksgiving,
 †All Souls

5:30pm Peace for Family
 †Maria & Phanxico, †All Souls

TUESDAY, March 28

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;

Jn 5:1-16

6:30am †Anthony H.L. Lum, †Vinh Son,
 †Maria

8:15am †Martha, †Daminh and Maria,
 †All Abandoned Souls

5:30pm

WEDNESDAY, March 29

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;

Jn 5:17-30

6:30am

8:15am

5:30pm

THURSDAY, March 30

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

6:30am †Gioa Kim Bui Van Luu,
 †Elizabeth Ho Thi Tuyen,

8:15am †Sandra Majam, †Leonore Chan
 †Claudia & Donicio Horta

5:30pm

FRIDAY, March 31

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

6:30am †Byron Maya Sievilla,
 †Giuse Trieu Toan Son,
 †Teresa Trieu Toan Son

8:15am †Adolfo de la Cruz, †Leonore Chan
 †Claudia & Donicio Horta

5:30pm Guillermo Sandoval

SATURDAY, April 1

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

8:15am †Virginia Lodwig, †Evelyn Franer
 †Leonore Chan

4:00pm †Peter Khanh & Cecilia Cuc Tran
 Gerald Fairfield

SUNDAY, April 2

5th Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;

Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

7:00am Michael & Brandon Willhoft,
 †Kathleen Mabie

9:00am Italian Catholic Federation
 †Leonore Chan
 †Claudia & Donicio Horta

11:00am For the People of the Parish

1:00pm †Guillermina Bautista,
 Romulo/Esperanza Esparza Family
 †Francisco Javier Chico

3:00pm †Giuse, In Thanksgiving,
 † Fr. Goan Kim Ngon Nguyen
 Quang Hoa

5:00pm †Luz Maria Benitez, †Clara Diaz,
 Enid Vincent

7:00pm Peace for Families,
 †Maria Nguyen Thi Van

†Deceased

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worship and

Young Adult Ministry

**“You have made us for yourself,
 O Lord, and our hearts
 are restless until we find
 our rest in You.”**

St. Augustine of Hippo

We invite each young adult age 18 to 35 to grow spiritually, form authentic friendships and have fun through our social, educational and prayer nights together. Will you rest your heart in Him? We'll be more than happy to see you at regular meetings Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the convent. Join our *Young Adults of OLA* Facebook group. Email us anytime at youngadultsola@gmail.com for more.

March 30 Thompson Creek Rosary/Walk; carpool meets at 6 p.m.

OLA Teen Ministry

Come early on Sunday for our Summit Discipleship Group for teens who want to go deeper into their faith by studying Scripture readings in preparation for Sunday Mass.

Teresa Arredondo, Youth Ministry Coordinator
tarredondo@olaclaremont.org
 (909) 626-3596, ext. 215



Confirmation Retreat provided time for reflection for 99 teen candidates.

Sunday, March 26

- Summit Discipleship Group from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Dinner and a night of Ballroom Dancing from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29, 7-8 p.m.

Teen and Young Adult Eucharistic Adoration in church



Pilgrim Virgin visitation

The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will visit St. Anthony Parish in Upland Friday, March 31 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

You are invited to come with your families for this day of prayer, veneration, meditation and consecration. you may also wish to renew your marriage vows. This statue, blessed by Pope Paul VI at Fatima in 1967 has been traveling the country since then. This year is the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's appearances to three children in Fatima, Portugal, beginning May, 13, 1917.

Adult awareness training course offered

Protecting God's Children, a three-hour course (Virtus) of adult training to prevent child abuse, is required of all parish volunteers and staff.

Come before 7 p.m. to complete paperwork on Tuesday, March 28, in Room. 17

A **recertification course** of 1-1/2 hours for those who were trained over three years ago is set for Thursday, March 16 at 7 p.m. in Room 18.

Direct your questions to Magali Amezcua at 626-3596, ext. 211.



Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence in Lent

Catholics 18-59 years of age in good health must fast (only one full meal) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics age 14 and older must abstain from meat Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Deacon Bob has invited parishioners to choose to fast on Wednesdays as preparation for mid-week Eucharistic Adoration in church at 7 p.m.

In an earlier era, the emphasis during Lent was on sacrifice, fasting and repentance. Today, our Lenten experience continues to emphasize personal sacrifice and soul-searching, but it is also a time for spiritual growth, acts of mercy and preparations for the great feast of Easter!

During Lent, we will "fast" from noise and observe ten minutes of silence prior to Mass. The assembly will be dismissed in silence with a bell, but no hymn.



Prayer Requests



For our sick and suffering...

Recent: Ellen Carlson, Pauline Johnston, Carmen Pacheco, Jerry Perry and Monica Stephenson

Previously: Aaron A. Acosta, Abigail Aguilar, Linda Almaraz, Helena Alvarez, Antonio Anabo, Elena Bass, Michael Berrett, Barbara M. Briones, Marcia Brunner, Jessenia Cisneros, Harry Dingwall, Aby Juanita Duffy, Avery Dunn, Jr., Noah Edgington, Alice Egue, Alejandra Escobar, Manuel Espinoza, Paulina Estrada, Julieta Fajardo, George Fitzpatrick, Sylvia Leon Flores, Aurelio Gamboa, Sr. Feliz Gil-Jimenez, Manuel Gonzalez, Martha Ho Thi Giao, Sylvia Gonzales, Anna Gonzalez, Victor Gonzalez, Francis Gorge, Sabina Guadarrama, Jose Luis Gutierrez, Dolores Hart, Rose Ianno, Jan Johnson, Stephen McKenna, Bennie Medina, Sandra Morales, Hope Moreno, Frank Murry, Leticia Nimith, Vicente Ortiz, Marguerite O'Tolle-Frontaine, Joe Parker, Theresa Paris, Richard Patterson, Andrew Paz, Kristyn Phoebe, Michael Portolesi, Socorro Poveda, Pauline Regalado, Brianne Rico, Joel Rivera, Alberto Rodriguez, Emma I. Romero, Juan Romero, Maria Salazar, Alicia Sambrano, Gloria Sanchez, Mary Stoneman, Sylvia Stephens, Rosie Treztaz, Joseph Trolli, Alejandro Valdes, James Vanassa, Marta Zamora, and Maria Zavala

For our beloved deceased... Jesse Carrasco, husband of Arleen Carrasco; Evelyn Franer, cousin of Clare Troxell; Bertha Lobo, wife of Jerry Lobo; and for family and friends who mourn their loss

6 Outreach

'Ending Homelessness'

The 15th Annual Palm Sunday Peace Parade in Pasadena will focus on "Ending Homelessness" Sunday, April 9, at 3 p.m. Gather at the Reformation Lutheran Church, 570 Orange Grove Blvd.

This family-friendly peace witness and public worship begins with a short sending ceremony and proceeds to the intersection of Garfield and Colorado for music and testimonials. Participants are invited to carry small models of homes. Sponsors include a dozen faith communities, including Maryknoll Affiliates of Greater Los Angeles. (See article below.)

40 Days for Life

Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide campaign of fasting, and peaceful prayer vigils through Palm Sunday, April 9. The sacrifice of time and our presence at a vigil location, the Pomona Planned Parenthood Abortion Center (located at 1550 N. Garey Ave., Pomona), would be a wonderful opportunity to help in saving the lives of the unborn. Hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

For details, contact Terry Moore of OLA for Life at (909) 981-9216. Please leave a message.

Pray for our Medical Mission

OLA's Deacon Joe Domond is leading a medical mission trip in Haiti until April 4. Please pray for the safety and success of this team of doctors, dentists, eye specialists, nurses, physical therapists and helpers sponsored by the Domond Foundation.

Operation Rice Bowl, CRS

This weekend we take up the annual collection for Catholic Relief Services at all Masses. This is a major international organization responding to victims of natural disasters and wars with emergency aid, as well as providing sustainable long-term help.

"Building a culture of encounter" is the theme for Operation Rice Bowl 2017 which also supports Catholic Relief Services. Household materials are available at the church entrances, the Welcome Cart and the parish office. Packet includes a "rice bowl," a Lenten calendar of reflections and action steps, nutritious recipes, and personal stories about the families to be helped.

OLA families are encouraged to share a simple supper at home each week and donate their savings to Operation Rice Bowl during Lent. Just \$1 a day for 40 days will support an impoverished family for a month. Let this program be the means of encountering our God and our neighbors on the journey of Lent this year.

Please mail Rice Bowl donations to CRS Rice Bowl, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303. Or consider making a donation this weekend.

Shelter Meal is April 2

The monthly dinner with residents of Our House transitional shelter for homeless families is Sunday, April 2, at 5:30 p.m. Members of the OLA community, under the leadership of Deacon John Tullius, bring salad, entrée, potatoes, vegetables and dessert (quantity 15 persons, including volunteers). Our House is the last remaining year-round shelter in the Inland Valley dedicated to keeping homeless families together, mostly single mothers and their children. It is operated by Inland Valley Hope Partners in Pomona. If you would like to help, contact Deacon John at (909) 576-6276 cell or email him at tullius5@ca.rr.com.

Earth Day is coming!

Mark your calendar for Earth Day in Claremont Village on Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed to make this event an enjoyable learning experience for all ages. Contact the Claremont Interfaith Sustainability Council at info@sustainableclaremont.org or call 625-8767, ext. 238.

Support Maryknoll Sisters

Celebrate springtime on Sunday, May 7, at the annual brunch and boutique to support the Maryknoll Sisters at 300 Norumbega in Monrovia. Donation is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child under 14 (under 6 is free) from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For information, call (626) 358-1825.

Comunidad Habla Hispana 7

Esta semana

Lunes, 27 de marzo
Servidores Cristo Vive

7 p.m. en el salón 11

Miércoles, 29 de marzo
Grupo de Dios (Oración)

4 p.m. en el salón reflexión

Cristo Vive (Coro)

7 p.m. en el salón 11

Jueves, 30 de marzo
Cristo Vive (Oración)

6:45p.m. en la salón 11

Viernes, 31 de marzo
Hola Ángeles (Jóvenes)

7 p.m. en el Salón
de Jóvenes (Junction)

Encuentro Matrimonial

7 p.m. en el convento

Coro

7 p.m. en la librería

Presentaciones

Primer domingo del mes

Mañanitas

Ultimo domingo del mes

Bodas

Se requiere un mínimo de seis meses de anticipación.

Quinceañeras

Celebraciones comunitarias cada segundo sábado del mes a las 12 p.m. o una bendición durante la Misa dominical.

Favor de comunicarse a la oficina parroquial con un mínimo de tres meses de anticipación.

Bautizos

Cada segundo sábado del mes a las 10 a.m. Se requiere una orientación y una clase de preparación. Favor de comunicarse a la oficina parroquial.

No se pierda de la cena de
Pescado Frito
Viernes, Marzo 31 y Abril 7, 5 a 7 p.m.

Tazo de Macarrón con Queso, \$3

Tazón de Sopa de Almejas, \$6

1-Pieza de Pescado/2 Platos Acompañantes, \$6

2-Piezas de Pescado/2 Platos Acompañantes, \$8

3-Piezas de Pescado/2 Platos Acompañantes, \$10

8-Piezas Familiar/10 Acompañantes, \$25

Tortillas y Salsa Disponible

Platos Acompañantes (por separado)

Taco de Pescado, \$3

Ensalada de Col, \$1

Macarrón con Queso, \$2

Papas Fritas, \$2

Pieza Extra de Pescado, \$2

Café/Ponche, Gratuito

Refrescos/Agua, \$1- Cerveza/Vino, \$2

No se Decepcionara!



Durante la Cuaresma

Estaciones de la Cruz en Ingles:

11:30 a.m. dirigida por nuestros estudiantes de la Escuela

7:00 p.m. dirigidas por Los Caballeros de Colon.

8:00 p.m. dirigida por la Comunidad Vietnamita.

Adoración Eucarística

Cada viernes de 7 a.m. a 5 p.m. en el salón reflexión.

Miércoles, 29 de Marzo a las 7pm en Ingles

(Enfocada en los jóvenes adultos)

Miércoles, 5 de Abril 7pm en Ingles

(Adoración Eucarística Tradicional)

Confesiones Privadas

Sábados

9:00-10:00am

2:45-3:45pm

6:30-7:30pm

Servicio de Reconciliación Trilingüe

Martes, 11 de Abril

7:00pm



*Cuando Dios
perdona, quita
nuestros pecados
y restaura
nuestra alma.*

*Reconcíliate con
el Señor y con el
prójimo.*

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Parish Offertory Collection

March 18-19	\$20,841
Online	\$ 3,603
Total	\$24,444
Budget	\$26,388
Over	\$ (1,944)

Announcing our Fiesta tee shirt winners!

Thank you to all who entered our Tee Shirt Design Contest!

Our First Place Winner, Catherine Tanidjaja, will see her design on our 2017 Fiesta tee shirts which go on sale next month. She also gets a wristband for free rides during Fiesta.

Our Second Place Winner, Rachel Kho, will see her design on staff shirts and receive ten free rides.



*Catherine Tanidjaja
First Place Winner
Design for tee shirt*



*Rachel Kho
Second Place Winner
Design for staff shirt*



70th Annual OLA Fiesta
May 12, 13 & 14, 2017

Sign up to volunteer at
(909) 626-3596, ext 319, or
[www.rotundasoftware.com
/ministry/olaclaremont](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/olaclaremont)

Fiesta sponsors...

...are folks who support our parish mission and ministry by lowering Fiesta overhead costs.

OLA's 5,000-plus families have a track record of supporting businesses who sponsor this important parish fundraiser.

Sponsorship tiers from \$150 to \$1,500 give you increasing levels of exposure through signs at Fiesta, announcements from the stage, and recognition in the OLA bulletin and OLA website.

Forms are available at the OLA office or olaclaremont.org.

Return your paid raffle tickets by **Sunday, April 2**, for chance to win \$100

If you have not already done so, please pick up your set of raffle tickets to support our 2017 Fiesta.

Deadline for the Second Early Bird Drawing for \$100 will be **Sunday, April 2**.

Congratulations to the winner of our First Early Bird Drawing for \$150:

Yolanda Casanave!

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

435 Berkeley Avenue – Claremont, CA 91711

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Interested in the Catholic Church? We invite you to one of our Inquiry sessions. Call Kathy Steighner at 626-3596, ext. 221, for more information.

Baptisms Brochures about the Sacrament of Baptism are available at the Welcome Cart on the patio after weekend Masses, as well as the parish and Faith Formation offices. Please call 4-6 weeks before the date of Baptism. For English Baptisms, please contact the parish office at 626-3596, ext. 0. For Spanish Baptisms, contact Elena Cardeña at 626-3596, ext. 213.

Weddings Congratulations! Please call Fr. Chris Troxell, associate pastor (ext. 272), at least six months ahead for preparation and scheduling. Weddings are scheduled Saturdays at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m. Visit the Welcome Cart on the patio for more information.

Anointing of the Sick Please call the parish office day or night.

Hospital/Home Visits For distribution of Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

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

Stephen Ministry This one-on-one care-giving ministry at OLA is available upon request to those seeking emotional and spiritual support through a life challenge such as loss of a job, personal illness, separation or divorce, illness or the death of a loved one. Please call 626-3596, ext. 332 to leave a confidential message.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Hotline One-time emergency assistance for individuals and families. Call (909) 626-3596, ext. 333, to leave a message. Your call will be returned by a volunteer case manager.

Sunday Mass Schedule

7:00 a.m. Cantor-led song
9:00 a.m. Contemporary ensemble
11:00 a.m. Contemporary ensemble
1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass
5:00 p.m. Teen/Contemporary
7:00 p.m. Cantor-led song

Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00 p.m. Cantor-led song
5:30 p.m. Contemporary ensemble
or cantor-led song

Weekday Mass Schedule

6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday
8:15 a.m. Monday through Friday
5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
8:15 a.m. Saturday

Confessions during Lent

Saturdays only: 9:00-10:00 a.m.,
2:45-3:45 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.
*Private confession available 7-8 p.m.
during Wednesday Adoration Services
on March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5.*

How to Reach Us

Parish Office (909) 626-3596

Fax (909) 624-3680

Website: www.olaclaremont.org

email Address: reception@olaclaremont.org

Parish Office Hours

Open 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday – Friday,
Open Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(Lunch break from 12:30 to 1 p.m.)

Parish Staff

Rev. Charles J. Ramirez, Pastor

Rev. Chris Troxell, Associate Pastor

Rev. Thuan Nguyen, Associate Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Peter O'Reilly, Retired Priest

Deacon Jim and Karen Allgaier

Deacon Joe and Rita Domond

Deacon Bob and Kathy Steighner

Deacon John and Joyce Tullius

Deacon Art and Nadine Escovedo, retired

Dcn. Bob Steighner, Liturgy Coordinator (x234)

Dcn. Jim Allgaier, Outreach/Stewardship Coord. (x216)

Neomi Torres, Dir. of Administration (x203)

Bing Macavinta, Bookkeeper (x232)

Jean McKenna, Communications Coord.(x217)

Katy Salisbury, Administrative Assistant (x268)

Sandra Rojas Leonor, Administrative Secretary (x231)

Teresa Arredondo, Youth Ministry Coordinator (x215)

Kathy Steighner, Christian Initiation Coordinator (x221)

Mary Robles, Coordinator of Music Ministry (x263)

Roberto Roman, Spanish Choir

Dong Le, Vietnamese Choir

Faith Formation and Religious Education

Faith Formation Center (909) 624-1360

Elena Cardeña, Director of Faith Formation (x213)

Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

OLA Catholic School

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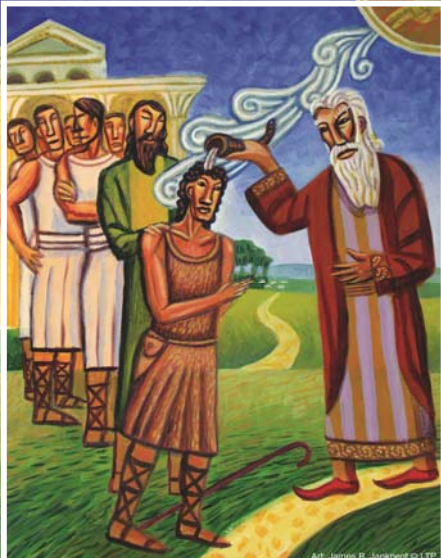
Principal Bernadette Boyle

Office is open Mon-Thurs 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fridays 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Website: www.ola-ca.org

Bulletin deadline is **Sunday** for the following weekend. Bring copy to the parish office or email bulletin@olaclaremont.org.



Reflection: Fourth Sunday in Lent 12

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Psalm 23:1-6; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.

Today's Gospel is about choosing between spiritual blindness and spiritual sight. The Pharisees cannot move beyond their limited worldview. They bully the blind man in order to find fault with Jesus. Perhaps in some areas we cannot move from limited views either. Lent is the time to remove blinders that hinder us from acting out of the light of Christ, from recognizing the beauty of each human person—a reflection of the face of God. Jesus wants to give both physical and spiritual sight.

Catechumens have been gradually moving from the darkness of a life not illuminated by the light of Christ to a life of Christian radiance. In another public ritual of the Church called the second scrutiny, we pray for light for their continuing journey toward faith in Christ. We, too, continue our own movement from the darkness of sin and self-absorption. We commit ourselves once again to the Good Shepherd, who chooses and sustains us in his light, even when we find ourselves in the “dark valley.”

Consider lighting a candle each evening at the family dinner table and talking about living in the glow of Christ. For a deeper appreciation of light, first spend a few moments sitting in complete darkness and silence. Go around the table, letting each person describe the experience of light after darkness. How does Christ bring light to your life?

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Lent by the week...

Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Reflection Room every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday, from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. **NOTE: On First Friday, April 7, Adoration continues overnight until Saturday at 8 a.m.**

Lenten Fish Fry: March

A traditional menu is offered by Knights of Columbus on Fridays, March 31 and April 7, in the auditorium from 5 to 7p.m. Prices are \$5/small, \$7/medium, \$9/large portions. Proceeds benefit charitable works of the Knights.

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Stations of the Cross: March

Every Friday in Lent

- 11:45 a.m. OLA School students
- 7 p.m. Knights of Columbus

Divine Office (15 minutes)

This traditional prayer, also known as Liturgy of the Hours, is based on the Psalms. The group gathers Monday through Friday before the 8:15 a.m. Mass and after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Fasting and abstinence guidelines on Page 5.

Have the best Lent ever!

It's not too late to sign up at www.BestLentEver.com. Receive by email each day a short inspirational video, practical tips, and a study guide. These materials are based on the book, *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly. They will help you identify what stands between you and happiness... and what to do about it.

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration at 7 p.m.

(Private confession available during service.)



Wednesday, March 29
Teens and Young Adults

Wednesday, April 5
Traditional Adoration

See Page 2 for details

Communal Reconciliation Service at OLA
Tuesday, April 11, at 7 p.m.
with opportunity for private confession

Vietnamese service
Thursday, April 6, 7-9 p.m.