

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Lent

MARCH 19, 2017

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Community

Jesus said,
“Whoever drinks the
water I shall give
will never thirst;
the water I shall give
will become in them a
spring of water welling
up to eternal life.”

John 4:14

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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 families with children in elementary school and junior high. Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:13"

Come let us see what our children can teach us about loving Jesus! Music will be provided by Trevor Thomson. The service will last one hour.



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Adoration “Tip of the Week”

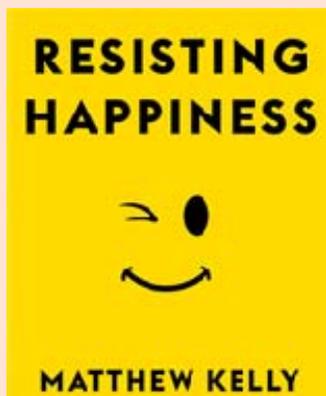
Week 3: Families with Children – March 22

Be prepared to tell Jesus about YOUR Hopes and Dreams, fears and concerns for the future. He's ready to listen!

Week 4: Teens and Young Adults - March 29

Week 5: Traditional Adoration - April 5

OLA Book Club: Thanks for the conversation!



It's not too late to sign up for daily inspiration from Matthew Kelly at www.BestLentEver.com

Small groups of parishioners gathered informally in the auditorium for a conversation about Matthew Kelly's book, *Resisting Happiness*, while munching on donuts or enjoying a burrito. We thank the Stewardship Committee which brought them together. Those who have finished reading the book might "recycle" their copies to other readers by returning them to the parish office or leaving them in the bookcase outside the church (near the north door).

Jim Niewiarowski was an enthusiastic facilitator at the OLA Book Club. Any group interested in a study guide may contact Dcn. Jim Allgaier at 626-3596, ext. 216.



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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**

Christian Initiation Community celebrates rites of the Scrutinies at 9 a.m. Mass on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays in Lent.

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Lenten Stations

Fridays in Lent are dedicated to the communal prayer known as Stations of the Cross. A service is led by students of OLA School at 11:45 a.m. and an evening service is led by the Knights of Columbus at 7 p.m. This spiritual exercise is a time-honored way of uniting our human sufferings with the sacrifice of Jesus, and drawing upon the infinite gift of Divine Mercy.

community life

You don't have to be Italian

The feast of St. Joseph is celebrated by all Catholics on March 19. This saint of the Universal Church is honored by our St. Joseph Table hosted by the Italian Catholic Federation (I.C.F.).

So who are these members of the I.C.F.? They are pledged to “honor and love the land of our ancestors.” In past generations, that meant Italy, but today that means any and all countries. So consider joining this family-oriented, Catholic organization dedicated to celebrating our multi-cultural community. A membership drive and picnic are planned in June.

WOW reaches out to singles

Newcomers are welcome at OLA's **Widows Or Widowers** and “other singles” gathering. This casual social and support group goes out to dinner Thursday, March 23, at 5:30 p.m. The destination is Eddies Italian Eatery, 1065 W. Foothill Blvd., Claremont. Invite a friend! To better inform the restaurant of the number of guests, **please reserve your place by Wednesday, March 22**, by calling Jo Pearring at (909) 626-0489 or Jean O'Donnell at (909) 624-3392.

Highlights

St. Joseph Table offers Easter treats and Italian pastries in the auditorium from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Don't miss it!

Sr. Simone Campbell speaks at two local events.

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Introducing our new music coordinator, Mary Robles...

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Early Bird deadline is this Sunday, March 19, to be entered in a drawing for \$150 and get ten free raffle tickets! Bring your paid Fiesta tickets to the parish office or patio table, and sign up to help!

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Drop anchor at K of C Fish Fry
Friday, March 17, 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**



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 24, March 31 and April 7

Round-up: Last week's event served 175 dinners, not including clam chowder and mac n cheese dinners. Two ladies visiting from San Clemente showed up, too.

Mass Intentions/Readings
Third Sunday in Lent
Week of March 19, 2017/ Year A

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MONDAY, March 20

St. Joseph, Spring begins

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

6:30am †Kakuji Morishita,
†Phero Nguyen Duc Tieu,
†Trieu Phuong Lan

TUESDAY, March 21

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

6:30am †Byron Maya Sievilla
8:15am †Alberto Morales
5:30pm Francisco Barba

WEDNESDAY, March 22

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

6:30am †For All Abandoned Souls,
†Anne & Mateo Alphonso
8:15am †Michael Till, Sr.,
Mick & Mary Lou Brown
5:30pm

THURSDAY, March 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

6:30am Lane Woodard
8:15am †Lorraine Spargo
5:30pm †Lou & Rose Guintini,
†Greg Green

FRIDAY, March 24

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

6:30am †Thomas McCormack
5:30pm †Sophie Narvaez,
†Alex Padilla, Sr.

SATURDAY, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

8:15am
4:00pm †Dr. Brill McQuillan,
Angela Hernandez,
†Vicente Paul Quigley
5:30pm †Fr. Frank Leon Gelsky

SUNDAY, March 26

4th Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

7:00am Jackie & Bonnie Persits,
S. & S. Pleroti
9:00am For the People of the Parish
11:00am †Rick Surbeck, Rupert Agaton
1:00pm †Francisco Lopez Abundiz,
Thanksgiving & 25th Anniversary
3:00pm †Giuse Vu Van Chieu,
†Fr. Phero Le Son Ha,
†Fr. Phanxico Tran Van Can

5:00pm
7:00pm

†=Deceased

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 23 “All About Money: How to Save” by Deacon Jim and Karen Allgaier

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



Sunday, March 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

All high school teens are invited to join us for Summit Discipleship Group

Sunday, March 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us for dinner and a night on Accompaniment and Partnership

Sunday, March 26, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Summit Discipleship Group

Sunday, March 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Dinner and a night of Ballroom Dancing!

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

Teen and Young Adult Eucharistic Adoration in church

Confirmation Retreat provided time for reflection for 99 teen candidates.

She leads with a song in her heart

Mary Robles is the new Coordinator of Music Ministry at OLA, cantors regularly at the 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday Masses, and leads the 11 a.m. Children's Choir. She is definitely a "home-grown" leader.

Mary loved music and the Mass as a child and found opportunities for using her talent to lead song while a student in Faith Formation at OLA. She was only 13 when she joined the music ensemble at the Youth Mass, and soon after began to cantor at other Masses as well.

Growing in her faith created a deeper love of music ministry. She credits her parents for their devotion and willingness to drive her to countless rehearsals, weekend Masses, weddings and funerals. Jeff Brown was a significant mentor among many who gave her encouragement at OLA.

"What I enjoy most about this ministry is connecting to people through music," she says. "The most rewarding experience is to hear the voices of those singing around me.

Mary studied vocal performance and music education at the University of Oregon where she received her bachelor's degree in 2012. She received her master's degree in Music Education with a choral emphasis in the summer of 2013. After returning to California, she began teaching private voice lessons, and in 2014 was hired to teach private and group voice classes at Cypress College and served as the college's choral director for their Chamber Singers and Concert Choir for three years. She also served as the school



choir teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes in Montclair for three years.

"I hope to work with our music ministry team to build upon the strong foundation that we are blessed to have," she adds. "There is always room to grow and my dream is simply to see this ministry and those involved in it challenge themselves to continually strive to be better leaders, better musicians, and better members of our community."

Adult awareness training helps to prevent child abuse



This three-hour course (Virtus) is required of all parish volunteers and staff:

- Tuesday, March 28 at 7 p.m., Rm. 17
- Tuesday, April 4 at 7 p.m., Rm. 17

The 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., Rm. 18.

Please come early to complete paperwork. Direct your questions to Magali

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.

Pilgrim Virgin

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.

6 Outreach

Sr. Simone Campbell speaks

The renowned “nun on the bus” Sr. Simone Campbell returns to our local area this Sunday and Monday to talk about the call from Pope Francis to be advocates for the poor and for the environment.

The topic at Holy Name of Mary Parish in San Dimas is “Pope Francis and the Way Forward” on Sunday, March 19, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased at the door, 724 E. Bonita Ave. Sponsor is the Agenda for a Prophetic Faith lecture series organized by Progressive Christians Uniting.

The next talk is Monday, March 20, at the Hampton Room of Scripps College in Claremont, 1030 Columbia Ave. The topic is “Creating Hope, Change and Community” hosted by the Intercollegiate Feminist Center. This event is free and open to the public at noon. Guests are welcome to bring lunch. Lunch may also be purchased at the Malott Commons Dining Hall for \$8. For more information, contact 621-8274 or ifc@scrippscollege.edu.



Night out for charity

Vince's Spaghetti in Rancho Cucamonga, 8241 Foothill Blvd., will donate 20% of all orders for the Ladies of Columbus from 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 22. Pick up a flyer at the parish office or on the Welcome Cart.

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. Please pray for Joe, Rita and Therese Domond, Bibi Yusuf, Zalina Sheonarine, Lucienne Durmah, Erica Luber, Marilyn Ibanez, Sheila Mendon, Jean Baptiste Afrcot, Sr. Hermione Domond, Garreau, Innocent, Anne-Rose Ulysse, Carmel Pradel and Valentine Martelly.

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.

Operation Rice Bowl, CRS

Next 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 your donation to CRS Rice Bowl, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303. Or consider making a donation next weekend.

César Chávez Breakfast

This annual fundraiser for scholarships at the Fairplex Center in Pomona is sponsored by the Latino and Latina Roundtable. See the reservation forms on the OLA Welcome Cart.

Esta semana

Lunes, 20 de marzo
Servidores Cristo Vive

7 p.m. en el salón 11

Miércoles, 22 de marzo
Grupo de Dios (Oración)

4 p.m. en el salón reflexión

Cristo Vive (Coro)

7 p.m. en el salón 11

Jueves, 23 de marzo
Cristo Vive (Oración)

6:45p.m. en la iglesia

Viernes, 24 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

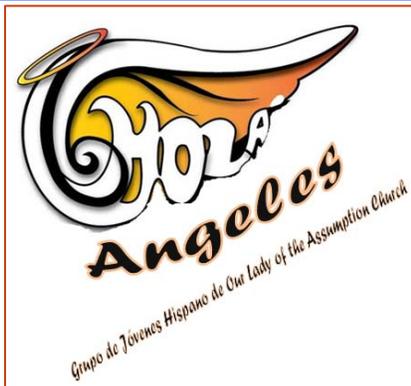
Se requiere un mínimo de seis meses de anticipación.

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.



Grupo de Jóvenes Hola Ángeles

Nuestro objetivo es motivar a los adolescentes de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción y crear una comunidad ayudando, aprendiendo, inspirando, conociendo y poniendo en práctica el servicio. Crear un ambiente divertido, cómodo, animador y espiritual entre los adolescentes a fin de apoyar en los problemas que la

juventud vive diariamente, guiándonos con El Espíritu Santo y dejándonos llevar por Dios. Todos están invitados a reunirse con nosotros todos los viernes de 7:00 a 9:00 p.m. en el Salón de Jóvenes. Vengan y únense a nuestra familia!

Grupo Divina Misericordia

El Grupo La Divina Misericordia los invita a una tarde de oración, petición y estudio sobre la vida de la secretaria de Jesús Misericordioso, Santa Faustina.

Estamos estudiando el Diario de Santa Faustina, que contiene las palabras que Jesús le hablo mas las palabras que ella escribió. En el Diario hay mucha sabiduría acerca de como relacionarnos con Jesús, como sufrir con paz y como orar. Nos reunimos este viernes, 24 de marzo a las 7 p.m. en el salón reflexión.

Los Esperamos!



Ministerio de Jóvenes Adultos Camino de Fe

Hola Jóvenes Adultos mayores de 18 años de edad. Están interesados en aprender y crecer en su Fe con Dios? Los invitamos lo Jueves de 7-9pm a reunirse con nosotros. Nuestro ministerio es bilingüe y nos reunimos en el Convento. Los esperamos. Para mas información se pueden comunicar a la oficina parroquial o por correo electrónico a nuestrocamino18@gmail.com.

No Faltes!

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Administration

Parish Offertory Collection

<u>March 4-5</u>	<u>\$26,425</u>
<u>Online</u>	<u>\$ 2,106</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$28,531</u>
<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$26,388</u>
<u>Over</u>	<u>\$ 2,143</u>



Return your paid raffle tickets by Sunday, March 19 to get 10 free tickets!

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

Deadline for the First Early Bird Drawing is this Sunday, March 19 for \$150. This year, if you turn in one set (20) of paid tickets by this date, you will receive an additional 10 tickets – FREE!

Help Wanted: Housekeeper

OLA is seeking a part-time housekeeper for 20 hours per week from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. General responsibility will be to maintain a clean, sanitary, comfortable and tidy environment for the rectory, staff offices and priests' houses. In addition, this person will be asked to plan, shop for, and cook meals for priests and guests when needed. A qualified person works well independently and with others. General good health and physical fitness is expected for work in a normal household environment. The ability to maintain confidentiality is essential.

Please contact the parish office for more information or for an application form at (909) 626-3596.

Become a Fiesta sponsor!

Let your company, family or charity group be counted among those standing behind the success of our annual Fiesta. OLA's 5,000-plus families have a track record of supporting businesses who sponsor this important parish fundraiser.

Sponsorship tiers from \$150 (family or charity only) to \$1,500 give you increasing levels of exposure through signs at Fiesta, announcements from the Fiesta stage, and recognition in the OLA bulletin and OLA website. Support our parish mission and ministries through your sponsorship. Forms are available at the parish office.



Prayer Requests



For our sick and suffering...

Recent: Sylvia Gonzales, Frank Murry, Brianne Rico, Joel Rivera, Mary Stoneman, Alejandro Valdes, and Marta Zamora

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, 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, Leticia Nimith, Vicente Ortiz, Marguerite O'Tolle-Frontaine, Joe Parker, Theresa Paris, Richard Patterson, Andrew Paz, Kristyn Phoebe, Michael Portolesi, Socorro Poveda, Pauline Regalado, Alberto Rodriguez, Emma I. Romero, Juan Romero, Maria Salazar, Alicia Sambrano, Gloria Sanchez, Sylvia Stephens, Rosie Treztaz, Joseph Trolli, James Vanassa, and Maria Zavala

For our beloved deceased... Elmer Castillo, brother of Marian Antona; Armida Boussart Morris, sister of Yolanda Moran; Joseph "Joe" Parker, father of Angela Treadwell; Jennie Perez, mother of Arthur Perez; and for family and friends who mourn their loss

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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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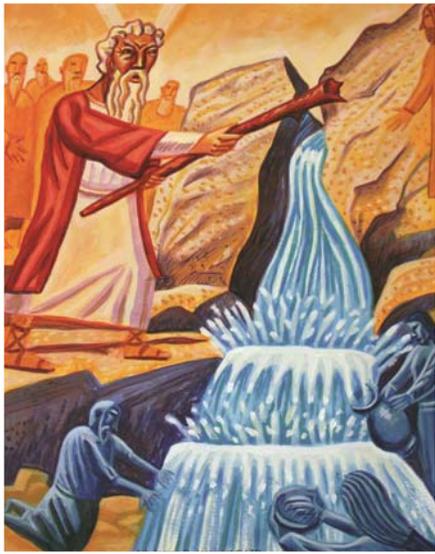
Principal Bernadette Boyle

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: Third Sunday in Lent

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*Sunday's Readings: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9;
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42.*

Today's stories about water are intended to remind us of Baptism. Through the Elect, those preparing for their Baptism at the Easter Vigil, we can look more deeply into our own Baptisms. Jesus is the living water, and as we hear today, the Scriptures, prayers, and music of the liturgy often emphasize the life-giving properties of water.

Whether in the story of a rock split open to provide gushing water, or as a man standing by a well, offering living water, God pours out the cleansing, rejuvenating experience we need. Today's Gospel teaches about morality, spirituality, revelation, mission, ministry, and faith. In this Lenten period of purification and enlightenment, the Elect are pondering these aspects of the Christian life at a deep level. We, too, can reflect on them more deeply as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises.

In the presence of Jesus's living water, the woman at the well could confront her sins, open her heart, reorder her life, and turn to God. Immediately, she ran to tell others. We, also, go to the well for a deep encounter with Jesus. Cleansed and invigorated by the water he offers, we, too, run off to bring others back to him.

Use these words of today's Responsorial Psalm as a way to stay alert to the purification and enlightenment Jesus is offering: "O that today you would listen to his voice! Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness!"

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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 24, 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 22

Families with Young Children

Wednesday, March 29

Teens and Young Adults

Wednesday, April 5

Traditional Adoration

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