



FEBRUARY 11, 2018 | SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*Brothers and sisters,*  
whether you eat or drink, or whatever  
you do, do everything for the glory  
of God. ~ 1 Corinthians 10:31

**Lenten Schedule  
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**Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Community**

## Our 2018 Focus: Are We Really Christian?

Currently, we are living through a time of great ignorance and confusion about the Catholic Faith, says Msgr. Doug Raun, leader of our Parish Lenten Mission. Msgr. Raun will address the vital need to lay out the basics of the Faith for the “rest of us” who may have received little or conflicting instruction about what it *really* means to be a Christian in an increasingly secularized world. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in wisdom and grace.

*Msgr. Doug Raun is the pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Rio Rancho, New Mexico – a parish about the size of OLA. He received his Master of Divinity degree from the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. He is dedicated to growing a Church of fully engaged Catholics.*

Parish Mission  
Monday – Thursday  
Feb. 19-22

**8 a.m. Confessions**  
**9 a.m. Mass & Mission**  
**6 p.m. Confessions**  
**7 p.m. Mass & Mission**



### Mission Statement

Our Lady of the Assumption welcomes all people to grow in the Catholic faith as we celebrate our diverse community, nurture the Gospel message, and exemplify our love of Christ by serving others.

## Faithful Citizenship: Voter Registration

*Voter registration will be available net weekend, Feb. 17-18 on the patio after all Masses. Our voter registration drive conducted by Uncommon Good is strictly non-partisan.*

In an era when more and more people worldwide are gaining the right to vote, fewer Americans take advantage of this right. In the November 2016 elections, only 61.4 percent of eligible voters went to the polls.

Catholic social teaching strongly promotes active citizenship. Through our opportunities as citizens, we can help shape a world more committed to protecting human life and dignity and promoting justice and peace. In their statement *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U. S. bishops state, “In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation” (No. 13).

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## Liturgical events

**A blessing for married couples** will be part of the liturgy at all Masses this weekend, celebrating World Marriage Day. Enjoy the day with your beloved – our penitential Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day this year.

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**World Day of the Sick** traditionally honors the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Sunday, Feb. 11.

## Meetings

- **Leadership Night** begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, followed by a meeting of the OLA Pastoral Council.
- **Junior High Mission Trip** will be explained to parents and teens Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.
- **Summer Mission Trip** will be explained to parents, young adults and high school teens Thursday, Feb. 22, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Youth Room.

## Highlights

**See Back Page for Lent**

**OLA for Life** will be on the patio this weekend with details about *40 Days for Life*.

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**Girl Scout cookies** will be available on the patio after Sunday morning Masses, courtesy of Troop 554.

**Adult Awareness classes** for child abuse prevention are scheduled this month.

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**Buy Fair Trade chocolate** for Valentine's Day at local merchants.

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**Take advantage** of several ways to WIN by returning your Fiesta raffle tickets.

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## community life

Drop anchor at K of C Fish Fry  
Friday, Feb. 16, 5 to 7 p.m.



- Mac n Cheese Bowl, \$4**
- 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, \$3 – Fries, \$2**  
**Extra Piece Fish, \$2 – Coffee/Punch, Free**  
**Drinks are Soda/Water, \$1 – Beer/Wine, \$2**

***You will not be disappointed!***

**Upcoming dates are Feb. 16 & 23**  
**March 2, 9, 16 & 23**

## Welcome event is part of 2018 strategic plan

The OLA Pastoral Council has commissioned an *ad hoc* committee to plan the first quarterly Welcome Event for new families in the parish and school. A date some time after Easter will be announced.

The event is one of the first action plans to spring from our new Parish Mission (see Page 2) with its emphasis on welcoming and engaging all parishioners.

Representatives from parish and school organizations and ministries will be enlisted to create a successful program.

**MONDAY, February 12**

Lincoln's Birthday

*Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76;  
Mk 8:11-13*

6:30am Jessica Lopez

5:30pm Lauren Stella, Nicholas Felix

**TUESDAY, February 13**

*Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19;  
Mk 8:14-21*

6:30am †Peter Keenan,

Antonia Ladores

5:30pm Giuse Nguyen tien Nhac

**WEDNESDAY, February 14**

Ash Wednesday—Fast and Abstinence  
Valentine's Day

*Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;*

*2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18*

6:30am People of the Parish

5:30pm People of the Parish

**THURSDAY, February 15**

*Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25*

6:30am †Helen McGee

5:30pm Belen Masa

†Matthew McDonagh

**FRIDAY, February 16**

Chinese New Year 4716

*Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19;*

*Mt 9:14-15*

6:30am †McDonagh Family

Marie LeBlanc

5:30pm †Ray Stella

**SATURDAY, February 17**

The Seven Holy Founders of the  
Servite Order

*Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32*

8:00am

4:00pm †Alexander Erickson-Gelskey

†Grace Caskin Forlenza

5:30pm

**SUNDAY, February 18**

1st Sunday of Lent

*Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22;*

*Mk 1:12-15*

7:00am People of the Parish

9:00am Adeline

11:00am †Phyllis Terich

1:00pm †Amalia Mejia

3:00pm Matta Ca Tran, †All Souls

5:00pm

7:00pm

†Deceased

## Teen Ministry

It is not too late to invest in our 2018 Mission Trip! You may purchase \$25 "shares" at the Parish Office or at [olaclaremont.org](http://olaclaremont.org) by selecting the "Donate Now" tab.



### Sunday, Feb. 11 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Join us tonight for the third night in our ONE series. This Life Night series unpacks what the Catholic Church means when she says she is pro-life, specifically discussing inherent human dignity, euthanasia, the death penalty, abortion, immigration, refugees, and the poor. Tonight is entitled "One Home."

### Saturday, Feb. 18 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The final night in our One Series. Tonight is entitled "One Moment"—all high school teens are invited.

### Every Tuesday – 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Join the Heights Youth Ministry at Sanctuary Coffee, 994 W. Foothill Blvd., in Claremont, for *Caffeine and Catholicism*. Join us for a FREE drink and time together as a community.

**Teresa Arredondo, Youth Ministry Coordinator**  
[tarredondo@olaclaremont.org](mailto:tarredondo@olaclaremont.org)  
(909) 626-3596, ext. 4215

## Young Adult Ministry

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. We'll be more than happy to see you at our regular weekly meetings from 7 to 9 p.m. NOTE: Convalescent home visits are arranged every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as a service project. Join our *Young Adults of OLA* Facebook group. Or e-mail [youngadultsola@gmail.com](mailto:youngadultsola@gmail.com).

**Wednesday, Feb. 14**

Ash Wednesday services

**Wednesday, Feb 21.**

*Jesus' Bucket List:* A night of discussion, prayer and reflection in Room 15 at OLA

## Inquiry Series for adults continues

The Inquiry Series explores the basics of the Catholic faith and provides a foundation for the process of joining the Catholic Church. Meetings are Wednesday nights – Feb. 7 to March 21 – at 7 p.m. in the Rectory.

Contact Kathy Steighner, our Coordinator of Christian Initiation, at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4221, for a phone or in-person appointment.

Ask questions and explore the Catholic faith, get to know members of the Christian Initiation community, begin or deepen your life of prayer, and learn about RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

## Adult Awareness Classes (VIRTUS)

Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS), the initial three-hour training for adults in child abuse awareness, is offered:

**Monday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m., Room 15**

**Tuesday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m., Rm 15**

Keeping the Promise Alive, the re-certification course of 1-1/2 hours is offered:

**Friday, Feb. 9, 1:30 p.m., Rm 17**

**Sat., March 10, 9:30 a.m., Rm 17**

**Thurs., March 22, 7 p.m., Rm15**

These courses are required of all adults who may be in contact with minors through their volunteer ministry or staff position. For information, contact Magali Amezcua at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4211.

## Religious Ed Congress

The 60th annual Religious Education Congress in Anaheim is set for March 16-18, 2018. Youth Day is March 15.

The theme is " Rise Up!"

Admission includes...

- Choice of 300 workshops on a variety of topics of interest to educators and all Catholics
- Exhibits by Catholic vendors and organizations
- Fourteen liturgies in a variety of cultures/languages/styles
- Exhibits by local artists that capture the sense of God's Boundless Mercy
- Free lunchtime and evening concerts by popular artists

Visit [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org) to register or visit our Faith Formation Center for assistance..

## Dynamic Catholic at Sacred Heart, R.C.

Matthew Kelly's book *Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* is the impetus for a program Saturday, March 3, at Sacred Heart Church in Rancho Cucamonga.

What are your habits? Are they helping you become the very best version of yourself? Discover four simple habits that can transform your life, says speaker Dominick Albano from the non-profit organization Dynamic Catholic.

The cost is \$25 for activities from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. including lunch. Purchase your tickets at (859) 980-7900 or online at [DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com).



## Guidelines for Ash Wednesday

**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.

During Lent, we will "fast" from noise and observe ten minutes of silence prior to Mass. The assembly will be gathered and dismissed in silence with a bell, but no hymn. Our recitation of a decade of the rosary will be temporarily suspended during Lent.

**See Back Page for complete Lenten schedule**

Sign up for [www.BestLentEver.com](http://www.BestLentEver.com)

*Best Lent Ever* is a free email program that will guide you on a 40-day journey to become the best-version-of-yourself, making this a truly life-changing Lent. It's author is Matthew Kelly, popular speaker, author and director of Dynamic Catholic (see article at left).

You might also want to sign up at [www.LentReflections.com](http://www.LentReflections.com) to receive Bishop Robert Barron's daily Gospel commentary. Excellent!

# 6 outreach

## Operation Rice Bowl

“Who is My Neighbor” is the theme for Operation Rice Bowl 2018. Household materials are available at the church entrances, the patio and the parish office. Packet includes a “rice bowl,” a Lenten calendar of reflections and action steps, nutritious recipes, and stories about the families to be helped. Lent begins Feb. 14.

### Wow! for adult singles

OLA’s support and social group for widows, widowers and other adult singles will gather Thursday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the OLA convent. All are welcome to pizza, salad, dessert and beverage for only \$10. RSVP to Jo (626-0489) or Jean (624-3392) by Feb. 21.

## Forty Days for Life

OLA for Life will be on the patio this weekend to celebrate World Marriage Day, Valentine’s Day and the upcoming *40 Days for Life* – Feb. 14 to March 25.

You may join the peaceful prayer group that gathers outside the Planned Parenthood Clinic located on Garey Ave. just south of I-10. A leader will be present every day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thousands will participate in a National Campaign to Protect the Dignity of Life from Conception to Natural Death. For additional information, contact Terry Moore at (909) 297-9302.

## Choose Fair Trade for Valentines

People of good will can break the chains of human slavery simply by pursuing Fair Trade products at every opportunity. Fair Trade Chocolate is available at several area businesses –

**Ben and Rocky’s Cream Company, Claremont Village:** Hand-dipped chocolate, ice cream, barks

**Le Pain Quotidien, Village West, Claremont:** Le Pain Quotidien Belgian chocolate bars

**Sprouts, Claremont:** Chocolate bars (Alter Eco, Divine, Lily’s, Green & Black, Pascha, Theo )

**Target, La Verne, Montclair, Rancho Cucamonga:** barkTHINS snacking chocolate

**Trader Joe’s, Claremont:**TJ Single Origin Ecuador chocolate bars, Dark Chocolate Baton bar

**Von’s, Claremont, La Verne, Rancho Cucamonga:** barkTHINS snacking chocolate, Guittard chips

*Food is not only central to survival, it is a sacramental gift of God’s grace and providence. Our Lenten fast this week aims to develop greater sensitivity to how our food choices can honor, rather than exploit, the sacredness of creation.*

## Laudato Si

*A letter to the world from Pope Francis*

Thanks from the OLA Altar Servers! A total of \$638 in cash and 1,000 pounds of food was collected on Souper Bowl Sunday for Hope Partners and its programs to feed the hungry poor in our region.



## Parish Offertory Collection

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|-------------|----------|
| Feb. 3-4    | \$27,365 |
| Online      | \$ 3,278 |
| Total       | \$25,629 |
| Budget      | \$30,390 |
| Over budget | \$ 5,015 |

# Fiesta 2018

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## OUR 2018 FIESTA THEME...

### *All Around the World!*

#### WIN-WIN Fiesta Raffle Prizes:

1. Cash prize of \$10,000
2. One-year Family Membership at The Claremont Club
3. \$500 Disneyland Gift Card

#### PLEASE pick up your Fiesta Raffle Tickets!

Parishioners are asked to pick up their Fiesta raffle tickets at the parish office because we cannot mail them this year. Everyone who returns \$100 in paid raffle tickets by March 18 qualifies to receive an additional 10 free tickets. They will also be entered into our First Early Bird Drawing for \$150.

#### Sponsorships

Lend your name and support to preparations for Fiesta with a sponsorship available online at the parish website:

[www.olaclaremont.org](http://www.olaclaremont.org)

Sponsorships help defray our expenses and provide a large portion of our profit. At the same time, you can promote your business to the 15,000+ visitors on Mother's Day Weekend, **May 11, 12 & 13.**



#### Contact Us

If you would like to join our 2018 Fiesta Committee or communicate your ideas to the chairs, you may email

[olachurchfiesta@gmail.com](mailto:olachurchfiesta@gmail.com)

or call the Fiesta Message Center at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4319.

Visit our website at [www.olaclaremont.org](http://www.olaclaremont.org) for

general Fiesta information, including sponsorships and suggestions for donors.



## Prayer Requests



#### **For our sick and suffering...**

**Recent:** Israel Lopez, Phyllis Swan and Keith Whitehead

**Previously:** Ramon Aguirre, Andres Salvador Anaya, The Beutel Family, Ann Burmeister, Naysa Maria "Mary" Fanchin, Jennifer Frericks, George Gomez, Lilian Guzman, Susan Hamm, Margaret Rose Jackson, Jorge Lopez, Joseph Loriso, Socorro Marrero, Jenny Martinez, Christina Mondragon, Jose Luis Ortega, Arthur H. Osborne, Lupe Reynoso, Albert Rivera, Soledad Sarmiento, Monica Stephenson, Sylvia Stephens, Michael Stewart, Sr. Sanit Tichachati, and Marie Vencek

#### **For our beloved deceased...**

Joseph Loriso, father of Robert Loriso and Anthony (Monica) Loriso; Matthew McDonagh, husband of Holly McDonagh; Ann Williams, mother of Stephanie Redcher; and for the family and friends who mourn their loss

# 8 Comunidad Habla Hispana

## Esta semana

### **Miércoles, 14 de Febrero**

#### Grupo de Dios (Oración)

4 p.m. en el Salón Reflexión  
Grupo de Oración Reunión de Coro y Líderes

No se reunirán

### **Jueves, 15 de Febrero**

#### Cristo Vive (Oración)

7 p.m. en la iglesia

### **Viernes, 16 de Febrero**

#### 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 el Salón 15  
Grupo Camino de Fe (Jóvenes Adultos)

7 p.m. Salón Felician (Biblioteca)

#### **Bodas**

Se requiere un mínimo de seis meses de anticipación. Favor de comunicarse a la oficina parroquial.

#### **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.



Miércoles de Ceniza, 14 de Febrero

#### **Misas en la iglesia con la distribución de cenizas**

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. (Español/Ingles), 7:30 p.m. (Viet/Aud.)

#### **Servicios con la distribución de cenizas**

12:30 p.m. Ingles (Iglesia)  
4:15 p.m. Ingles/Español (Auditorio)  
6:00 p.m. Ingles/Español (Auditorio)



#### Encuentro Matrimonial

Dense el regalo de vivir el fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial. Para mas información favor de comunicarse con Armando y Lucrecia López al (909) 236-8606.

## Certificación en Ingles Protegiendo los Niños de Dios



Se planea un curso completo de certificación de tres horas, Protegiendo los Niños de Dios, el lunes 12 de febrero a las 7 p.m. en el salón 15. Todos los ministros y voluntarios de la parroquia que puedan estar en contacto con niños deben tomar este curso si no lo han tomado. Este curso solo se toma una sola vez. Después de cada cuatro años se toma un curso de recertificación. Les pedimos llegar antes para llenar los formularios. Para más información, favor de ponerse en contacto con Magali Amezcua a (909) 626-3596, x4211, para más detalles.



#### Regístrese para votar

El registro de votantes no partidistas tendrá lugar después de todas las Misas el 17 y el 18 de febrero. Traductores en español estarán disponibles.

#### ¡Pase por sus boletos de la Fiesta para la rifa!

Se les pide, amablemente, a los feligreses que pasen por sus boletos de la rifa para la Fiesta a la oficina parroquial. Esta año no podremos mandarlos por correo.

A la persona que devuelva \$100 en boletos de rifa pagados antes del 18 de marzo, califica para recibir 10 boletos gratis adicionales. También se inscribirán en nuestro primer sorteo de \$ 150.



# Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

435 Berkeley Avenue – Claremont, CA 91711

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Bulletin deadline is **Sunday** for the following weekend. Bring copy to the parish office or email [bulletin@olaclaremont.org](mailto:bulletin@olaclaremont.org).

Interested in the Catholic Church? We invite you to one of our Inquiry sessions. Call Kathy Steighner at 626-3596, ext. 4221, for more information.

Baptisms Brochures about the Sacrament of Baptism are available at the display case on the patio, or 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, please contact Magali Amezcua at 626-3596, ext. 4211

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. Visit the display case 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. 4332 to leave a confidential message.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Hotline One-time emergency assistance for individuals and families. Call (909) 626-3596, ext. 4333, to leave a message. Your call will be returned by a volunteer case manager.

## Sunday Mass Schedule

7:00 a.m. Traditional 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  
5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. Saturday

## Saturday Confessions

9:00 – 10 a.m. English/Spanish  
3:00 – 3:45 p.m. English/Spanish  
6:30 p.m. English

*Note: Vietnamese confessions  
Sundays from 2:30 to 2:50 p.m.*

## How to Reach Us

Parish Office (909) 626-3596

Fax (909) 624-3680

Website: [www.olaclaremont.org](http://www.olaclaremont.org)

email Address: [reception@olaclaremont.org](mailto:reception@olaclaremont.org)

## Parish Office Hours

Open 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday,

Open Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Open Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

(Lunch break from 12:30 to 1 p.m.)

## Faith Formation and Religious Education

Faith Formation Center (909) 624-1360

Victor Hernandez, Director of Faith Formation (x4213)

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

Sundays 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

## OLA Catholic School

611 W. Bonita Ave., Claremont, CA 91711

Tel. (909) 626-7135 Fax (909) 398-1395

Principal Bernadette Boyle

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

Website: [www.ola-ca.org](http://www.ola-ca.org)

## Parish Staff

Rev. Charles J. Ramirez, Pastor

Rev. Ron Clark, Associate Pastor

Rev. Thuan Nguyen, Associate Pastor

Rev. Chris Troxell, Associate Pastor

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

Neomi Torres, Director of Parish Administration (x4203)

Victor Hernandez, Director of Faith Formation (x4213)

Dcn. Bob Steighner, Liturgy Coordinator (x4234)

Dcn. Jim Allgaier, Outreach/Stewardship Coord. (x4216)

Teresa Arredondo, Youth Ministry Coordinator (x4215)

Mary Muñoz, Coordinator of Music Ministry (x4263)

Kathy Steighner, Christian Initiation Coordinator (x4221)

Jean McKenna, Communications Coordinator (x4217)

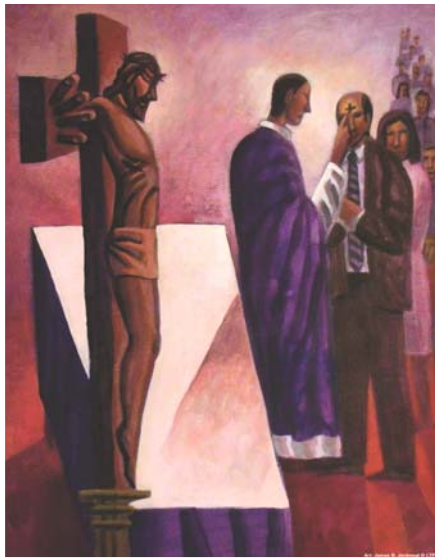
Bing Macavinta, Bookkeeper (x4232)

Katy Salisbury, Administrative Assistant (x4268)

Sandra Rojas Leonor, Administrative Secretary (x4231)

Roberto Roman, Spanish Choir

Dong Le, Vietnamese Choir



## Reflection on Ash Wednesday

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*Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51:3-417; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18.* Today, and the days that follow until Sunday, we take small steps in prayer and reflection, and take stock of our strengths and weaknesses. Are we prepared for the Lenten journey? Once again, we are marked with ashes in a public sign of penitence after the proclamation of the Gospel and the homily during the Ash Wednesday liturgy. We return to the Lord with our whole heart, with our whole mind, and all our strength. With great trust, we turn ourselves over to God. Once again, we open our closed hearts to God, who showers mercy upon his people. The trumpet blast calls us all; no one is excluded. As our brows are marked with the sign of mortality – the dust of last year’s palms making a smudge of a cross on our skin – we pledge to repent and be faithful to the Gospel. In many monastic communities, the monks go up to receive their ashes barefoot, a sign of humility. Imagine how this simple, barefoot state might feel, both today and again on Good Friday when we approach the Cross for adoration. This Cross is a sign of suffering, but also of Christ’s victory over sin and death.

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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, March 2, Adoration continues overnight until Saturday at 7:45 a.m.**

#### **Lenten Fish Fry: Feb. 16**

A traditional menu is offered by Knights of Columbus on Fridays, Feb. 16 & 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23 in the auditorium from 5 to 7 p.m. Prices are \$6/small, \$8/medium, \$10/large portions. Proceeds benefit charitable works of the Knights.

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#### **Stations of the Cross: Feb. 16**

*Every Friday in Lent  
except March 16 for school*

- 11:45 a.m. OLA School students
- 7:15 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 at 6 a.m. before the 6:30 Mass and after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

**Fasting and abstinence guidelines on Page 5.**

### Ash Wednesday February 14

#### **Masses with distribution of ashes**

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>6:30 a.m.</b>             | <b>Church</b>     |
| <b>8:00 a.m.</b>             | <b>Church</b>     |
| <b>11:00 a.m.</b>            | <b>Church</b>     |
| <b>5:30 p.m.</b>             | <b>Church</b>     |
| <b>*7:00 p.m. Span/Eng</b>   | <b>Church</b>     |
| <b>*7:30 p.m. Vietnamese</b> | <b>Auditorium</b> |

#### **Prayer Services with ashes**

- 12:30 p.m. English (Church)**  
**4:15 p.m. English/Spanish (Aud.)**  
**6:00 p.m. English/Spanish (Aud.)**  
**\*NO 7:30 p.m. English/Spanish**  
*\*Changes from postcard mailing*

### Ash Wednesday Retreat

**St. Lucy Benedictine Priory** hosts its annual Ash Wednesday retreat for women and men Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. led by Sr. Joan Marie Sasse. Msgr. Peter O'Reilly will preside at the 11 a.m. Mass with distribution of ashes. Bring a sack lunch; coffee and tea are provided. No reservations are needed, but a free-will offering is appreciated. For details, contact Ellen Carlson at (909) 624-2058.

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**8 a.m. Confessions**

**9 a.m. Mass & Mission**

**6 p.m. Confessions**

**7 p.m. Mass & Mission**

Our Parish Lenten Mission will consist of four days with Msgr. Doug Raun who will preside at Mass and preach the mission twice daily. Confession will be offered one hour before each Mass. Don't miss this opportunity to concentrate on the essential message of our Catholic Faith.