

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Community

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

MARCH 5, 2017

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:1

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Adoration 101



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As we begin this Lenten Season, a time of spiritual cleansing, we are called to simple things:

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

Why not spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament - the very Body of Christ? Through prayer, music, teaching, and silence we take time to listen for what Jesus may be saying to us here and now.

Think about all the time we spend staring at a small screen; telephone, tablet, or computer. How many hours each week?

ONE hour with the Creator of the universe - is it really too much?

If the Pope himself would give you a special invitation to visit him in the Vatican, this honor would be nothing in comparison to the honor and dignity that Jesus himself bestows upon you with the invitation of spending one hour with him in the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration “Tip of the Week”

Week 1: Adoration 101, Wednesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. in church

Entering this grace-filled time, ask God to speak clearly to you through His Son as you focus on Him and He on YOU.

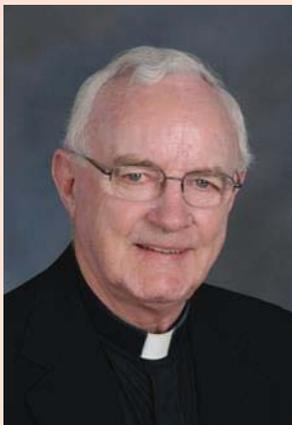
Week 2: Spanish Adoration - March 15

Week 3: Families with Young Children - March 22

Week 4: Teens and Young Adults - March 29

Week 5: Traditional Adoration - April 5

Msgr. Peter O'Reilly says goodbye to OLA



This month will mark my tenth year at Pilgrim Place and, at the same time, ten years assisting at OLA.

I have decided that this is a good time for me to leave Pilgrim Place. I have told them I would be leaving at the end of April. This means I will also be moving away from OLA.

I plan to live at St. Lawrence Martyr Parish in Redondo Beach. I will not be a part of the parish staff, but reside in the rectory and help out from time to time. This will allow me the freedom of living in a parish setting, always my first love.

The main reason why I chose Pilgrim Place was the opportunity to be part of the same OLA parish where I had spent five very happy years (1977-1982). The total of fifteen years that I have been associated with OLA have been times of great happiness and many of God's blessings.

I thank all of you for welcoming me back during my retirement and ask for your prayers, as I promise you a continued remembrance in mine.

Gratefully in Christ, Fr. Peter

Around OLA³

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Liturgical events

Rite of Election and Sending is Sunday, March 5, for the Christian Initiation community. Pray for our catechumens and candidates!

For a complete Lenten calendar:

Spiritual reflection, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions during Lent, Stations of the Cross, and Divine Office... **See Back Page**

OLA Book Club discussion of Matthew Kelly's book, *Resisting Happiness*, is planned after Sunday morning Masses on March 12.

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Meetings

- **Knights and Ladies** of Columbus convene Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium and Sapienza Room, respectively.
- **Music Ministry** assembles Tuesday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in the Rectory Dining Room.
- **Parent-Faculty Association** gathers Tuesday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in Room 15.
- **Fiesta Committee** meets Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m. in the Sapienza Room.

Highlights

Distribution of raffle tickets for our 2017 Fiesta will take place again at all Masses this weekend. Please help our annual fundraiser get off to a good start! Read about our special offer of free tickets.

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Adult Awareness classes are coming up for all parish volunteers, staff and ministers.

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REMINDER!

Set your clock 1 hour ahead before bedtime next Saturday for Daylight Savings Time.

Burrito Sale is next Sunday in the auditorium until 3 p.m.

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community life

Drop anchor at K of C Fish Fry
Friday, March 10, 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 Fish Taco, \$3
Cole Slaw, \$1 – Mac n Cheese, \$2 – 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 March 17, 24, 31
and April 7**

St. Joseph Table

The harbinger of spring is our St. Joseph Table hosted by the Italian Catholic Federation. This year the date is Sunday, March 19.

The table is set with all kinds of delectable treats, – Italian breads and pastries, Easter cookies and cakes, and more! The ICF will be demonstrating how to make *pizzelles* and *sfinges*. Take some home!

Parish bakers may help stock the table to meet popular demand and fund the many good works of the ICF. These include Catholic school scholarships and a fund for seminarians. Contact Bill Mussatto at 626-3777 to say you'll bring a donation Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning.

Mass Intentions/Readings
First Sunday in Lent
Week of March 5, 2017/ Year A

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worship and

MONDAY, March 6

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

- 6:30am †Maria Tran Thi Vinh,
 Thanksgiving to God & Our Lady
 †Giuse & Maria
- 8:15am †Vicente Nguyen Duy Cuong
 †Phero & Anna, †Phaxico & Cecilia
- 5:30pm †Ancestors, †Giuse Trieu Son
 †Teresa Trieu Phuong Lan

TUESDAY, March 7

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

- 6:30am Susana Maya Alonso & Family
 †Phero Vu Duc Nghia
 †Ancestors & All Souls
- 8:15am †Giuse & All Souls
 Thanksgiving to Our Lady
 †Maria Trieu Thie Niem
- 5:30pm †Anna Ho, †Giuse Nguyen
 †Abandoned Souls

WEDNESDAY, March 8

St. John of God

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

- 6:30am Mr. Nhat's Recuperation
 †Giuse & Maria
 †Ancestors & Relatives
- 8:15am †Daminh
 Thanksgiving to God & Our Lady
- 5:30pm †Giuse, †Ancestors, †Martha

THURSDAY, March 9

St. Frances of Rome

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps138:1-3, 7-8; Mt 7:7-12

- 6:30am †Phero & All Souls
 †Giuse Trieu Toan Son
 †Teresa Trieu Phuong Lan
- 8:15am Vicky Cable, †Ancestors, †All Souls
- 5:30pm †Maria Teresa Mendoza
 Thanksgiving for Last Year
 Peace for New Year

FRIDAY, March 10

St. Scholastica

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

- 6:30am †Giuse, †Phero Vu Van Binh
 †Anna Nguyen Thi Nguyen
- 8:15am †All Souls 5:30pm Maria Arevalo

SATURDAY, March 11

St. Casimir

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

- 4:00pm †Paline Lense, Fr. Chris Troxell
- 5:30pm †Peter Khanh & Cecilia Cuc Tran
 †Guadalupe Daniel Ayala

SUNDAY, March 12

2nd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Savings

Gn 12:1-4; Ps 33; 2Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

- 7:00am James & Angie Perisits
 †Christine Donahue
 †Jose Eduardo Espinoza
- 9:00am Knights & Ladies of Columbus
 †Maria Teresa Mendoza
 †Rick Surbeck
- 11:00am Stephen McKenna
- 1:00pm Esther & Edaid Rojas, Diego Quezad
 Vanessa Hernandez & Family
- 3:00pm †Giuse Luong Van Huy, †Maria
 †Thanksgiving & Ancestors
- 5:00pm †Maurilio Luna, †Ramute Hennings
- 7:00pm People of the Parish

†=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 9 “Living in the Present in the Midst of Busyness”
 led by Mariela Arrellano
- March 16 Young adults attend Leadership Night at 7 p.m.
- 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.

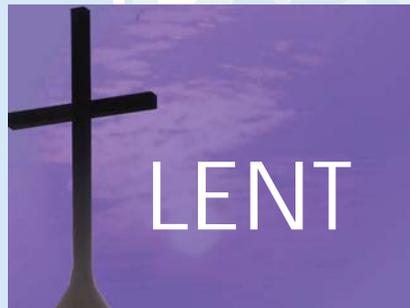
OLA Teen Ministry

Sunday, March 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

All high school teens are invited to join us for dinner and a night about Lent.

Friday, March 10-12

Please keep all 98 of our Confirmation Year Two teens in your prayers as they take a spiritual journey on retreat!



Sunday, March 12

No Heights this Sunday

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

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Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence in Lent

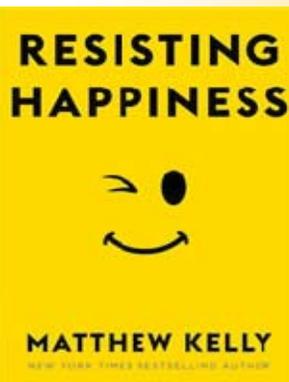
In an earlier era, the emphasis during Lent was on sacrifice, fasting and repentance. Today, our Lenten experience continues to emphasize personal sacrifice and soul-searching, but it is also a time for spiritual growth, acts of mercy and preparations for the great feast of Easter!

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 dismissed in silence with a bell, but no hymn.

OLA Book Club Sunday, March 12

Parishioners are invited to join informal discussion groups in the auditorium on Sunday March 12, after all morning Masses. The topic will be the opening chapters of Matthew Kelly’s book, *Resisting Happiness* (Chapters 1-10). If you haven’t started the book yet, relax. The chapters are very short and the reading is easy. For those without a book, copies will be available at the parish office while supplies last.



Facilitators will be available that Sunday with suggested questions for discussion. There will also be a special area designated for children’s activities.

Also, you might want to sign up for the email program at www.BestLentEver.com. Short videos, practical tips, and a study guide are sent daily. These materials are based on the book, *Resisting Happiness*, to help you identify what stands between you and happiness... and what to do about it.

This book was given as a gift at Christmas Masses. Copies are still available in the parish office while supplies last.

Another great offering is Bishop Robert Barron’s *Lenten Gospel Reflections* available at www.LentReflections.com. It’s all a means of drawing closer to God during this important season of spiritual growth.

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Men’s conference ‘Behold the Man’

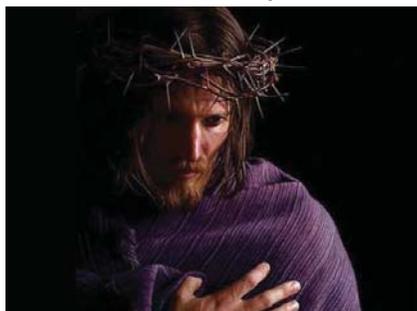
Guest speakers for the Catholic Men’s Fellowship in Hacienda Heights are Terry Barber and Jesse Romero of Immaculate Radio.

The conference will be hosted by St. John Vianney Parish Saturday, March 11, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person. Register online at www.catholicmen.org.

Theme of the day is “Behold the Man” featuring

Navy Seal Charlie Aeschliman who has spoken at OLA, as well as Notre Dame football MVP Joe Schmidt.

Questions? Call or text Tony Maiorana at (626) 893-9363.



Adult awareness training to prevent child abuse

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

- Sun., March 5 at 12 p.m., Rm. 8
- Tue., March 28 at 7 p.m., Rm. 17
- Tue., 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. Questions may be directed to Magali Amezcua at 626-3596, ext. 211.

6 Outreach

Operation Rice Bowl

Jesus' whole life, his way of dealing with the poor, his actions, his integrity, his simple daily acts of generosity, and finally his complete self-giving, is precious and reveals the mystery of his divine life. Whenever we encounter this anew, we become convinced that it is exactly what others need. – Pope Francis

“Building a culture of encounter” is the theme for Operation Rice Bowl 2017. 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 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. Almsgiving through this Lenten program benefits Catholic Relief Services, one of the best organizations on the planet alleviating poverty with emergency aid and long-term, sustainable solutions. 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.

Together in Mission

For over 20 years, the annual *Together in Mission* appeal has invited us to help the poorest parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This amazing program has supported the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church in neighborhoods where it is desperately needed. In other words, our gift literally keeps the doors open for worship and the celebration of sacraments, for education in the faith and building community.



Every parish is assigned a goal equal to 10% of its income. This year, OLA's goal is \$140,400. Parishioners may give a one-time gift or make a pledge of payments over time. Statements will be mailed each month from the Archdiocese. Fill out the pledge form at the parish office, or donate online at www.ourmissionla.org (Parish #467).

Be assured that *Together in Mission* is among the best ways to directly help our brothers and sisters in Christ right here at home.

40 Days for Life

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide campaign of fasting, and peaceful and prayerful vigils beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017, and continuing on to its end on Palm Sunday, April 9.

As we enter the Lenten season this 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 the saving of the lives of the unborn. The vigil hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Local contacts are Steve Perez, Pomona Vigil leader at (909) 766-2226, pomonaprolife@gmail.com or Terry Moore, OLA for Life at (909) 981-9216. Please leave a message.

Thank you and may your Lenten journey bring you closer to Christ our Savior!

Bundle Sunday is March 12

Please bring useable clothing and household items to the truck in the OLA parking lot Sunday, March 12, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For pick up of larger items such as furniture, appliances and vehicles, call (800) 974-3571.

For over 100 years, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has served the poor in the greater Los Angeles area. Donations are given directly to the poor or sold in the StVdP thrift store.

Charitable programs supported by donations include transitional housing for the homeless, emergency assistance for low-income families, summer camp for children, learning centers for youth, and a prison resettlement house.

Esta semana

Lunes, 6 de marzo

Servidores Cristo Vive

7 p.m. en el salón 11

Miércoles, 8 de marzo

Grupo de Dios (Oración)

4 p.m. en el salón reflexión

Cristo Vive (Coro)

7 p.m. en el salón 11

Jueves, 9 de marzo

Cristo Vive (Oración)

6:45p.m. en el auditorio

Viernes, 10 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 comu-

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En Uncommon Good

211 W. Foothill Blvd, Claremont, 91711

Miércoles, 22 de Marzo, 6:30 p.m.

La directora de justicia e inmigración de la facultad de leyes de la universidad de La Verne, Diana Uchimiya y abogados de inmigración vendrán a responder sus preguntas sobre inmigración. Aprenda como llenar una declaración de autorización de encargo de un menor y sobre el futuro del estudiante bajo el programa DACA. *Se les recomienda a los estudiantes de DACA a asistir.*



¡Por favor, invite a sus familiares, amigos y vecinos!

Favor de confirmar su asistencia al (909) 625-2248 o

ccarrillo@uncommongood.org / epreciado@uncommongood.org



www.uncommongood.org

Se Busca Ayuda: Limpieza

Nuestra Señora de la Asunción está buscando una persona de tiempo parcial, 20 horas por semana, de 7 a.m. a 11 de lunes a viernes.

La responsabilidad general será mantener un ambiente limpio, sanitario, cómodo y ordenado para la rectoría, las oficinas del personal y las casas de los sacerdotes. Además, a esta persona se le pedirá que planee, compre y prepare comidas para sacerdotes e invitados cuando sea necesario.

Una persona calificada trabaja bien, independientemente y con otros. Se espera que la salud y la condición física sean buenas para el trabajo en un ambiente familiar normal. La capacidad de mantener la confidencialidad es esencial.

Favor de comunicarse con la oficina parroquial para más información o para un formulario de solicitud al (909) 626-3596.

8 Administration

<u>Parish Offertory Collection</u>	
Feb. 25-26	\$19,069
Online	\$ 2,476
Total	\$21,545
<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$25,752</u>
(Short)	\$ (4,207)



Return your paid raffle tickets for 1st Earlybird AND 10 free tickets!

Our OLA Raffle Tickets will be distributed at all Masses this weekend, since we are not permitted to do a bulk mailing of raffle tickets.

Please take your set of raffle tickets to support our 2017 Fiesta. The First Early Bird Drawing will be 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: Aaron Acosta, Barbara Briones, Alejandra Escobar, Harry Dingwall, Aurelio Gamboa, Victor Gonzalez, Jose Luis Gutierrez, Stephen McKenna, Bennie Medina, Joe Parker, Andrew Paz, Rosie Treztaz, Joseph Trolli, James Vanassa, Marta Zamora and Maria Zavala

Previously: Abigail Aguilar, Jose Aguilera, Linda Almaraz, Helena Alvarez, Antonio Anabo, Elena Bass, Michael Berrett, Marcia Brunner, Dennis Bly, Aby Juanita Duffy, Avery Dunn, Jr., Noah Edgington, Alice Egue, Manuel Espinoza, Paulina Estrada, Julieta Fajardo, Tony Federico, George Fitzpatrick, Sylvia Leon Flores, Sr. Feliz Gil-Jimenez, Manuel Gonzalez, Martha Ho Thi Giao, Anna Gonzalez, Francis Gorge, Sabina Guadarrama, Dolores Hart, Rose Ianno, Jan Johnson, Brian Kraus, Sandra Morales, Hope Moreno, Leticia Nimith, Vicente Ortiz, Marguerite O'Tolle-Frontaine, Theresa Paris, Richard Patterson, Kristyn Phoebe, Michael Portolesi, Pauline Regalado, Alberto Rodriguez, Emma I. Romero, Juan Romero, Magsaysay Romero Maria Salazar, Alicia Sambrano, Sylvia Stephens, and Kathy Wells

For our beloved deceased... Joseph Aguilera, father-in-law of Terri Frazier; Enrique Gonzalez, husband of Carmen Gonzalez; Kathleen "Kitty" Mabie, mother of Laura Mabie; Ronnie Newingham, cousin of Juline McGarry; Vincent Paul Quigley; and for family and friends who mourn them

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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 (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, Contemporary Ensemble

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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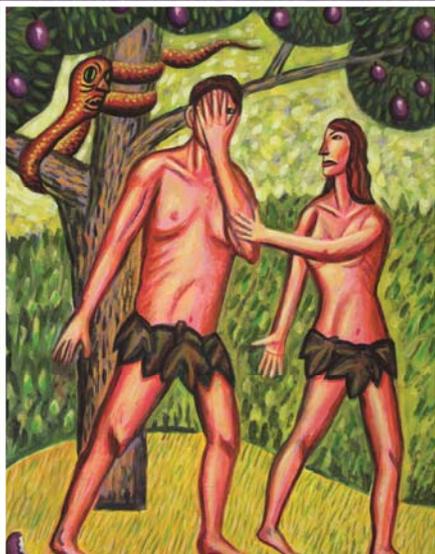
Principal Bernadette Boyle

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: First Sunday in Lent

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Sunday's Readings: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.

In today's Gospel, we go into the desert to witness Jesus's temptations. We pray for those preparing for initiation, for struggles they may be encountering, and also we ponder our own temptations. In contrast to Adam and Eve, Jesus models an honest and wholehearted faithfulness to God alone; he challenges us to set aside the gods of money, power, prestige, and addictions of all kinds.

In today's readings, we hear the first mention of the number forty. Think of all the times you've heard that number in Scripture. Work with the number forty during this season: take forty minutes for prayer daily, take forty minutes a week to write a letter to someone who needs your attention. Take forty minutes each week to pick up trash in your neighborhood. Use forty minutes each week to prepare a simple meal for a homebound person. Spend forty minutes with your family to read and discuss the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday Eucharist. Help children earn forty pennies, nickels, dimes, or quarters, which they place, day by day, in the Rice Bowl to offer at the Holy Thursday liturgy.

The readings help us find our way back to God as we endure our temptations. Christ is our teacher, and also our Savior who redeems us from sin and strengthens us in our struggle against evil. He feeds us at the table of plenty with the Eucharistic food that sustains us on the Lenten journey of forty days.

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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 Fridays, March 3 and 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 10, 17, 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
Not March 17 for school*

- 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.

March 12: OLA Book Club – *Resisting Happiness*

Parishioners are invited to gather in the auditorium after morning Masses on March 12 for an informal discussion of the Matthew Kelly book, *Resisting Happiness*. Come prepared to talk about Chapters 1-10.

Enjoy enhanced "coffee and donut" refreshments and tables for children's activities.

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration at 7 p.m.

(Private confession available during service.)



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Wednesday, March 8

Adoration 101

Wednesday, March 15

Spanish Adoration

Wednesday, March 22

Families with Young Children

Wednesday, March 29

Teens and Young Adults

Wednesday, April 5

Traditional Adoration