

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Lent



Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co. Inc. • Photos: © articom/Fotolia

Lenten Schedule
See Back Page

FEBRUARY
25
2018

From the cloud came a voice:
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Mark 9:7

2

Together in Mission

Fr. Ted Gabrielli at Dolores Mission

Dolores Mission Parish walks with Christ who suffers, dies, and rises with the people in the Boyle Heights Community of East Los Angeles. Dolores Mission was established in 1925 to serve the poor Spanish-speaking immigrants of the community. In 1980, the Jesuits came to the parish to serve a neighborhood hampered by poverty and the effects of 7-9 active gangs in the two-square-mile parish.

In addition to sacramental preparation and liturgies, Dolores Mission provides extensive opportunities and services to counteract the neighborhood's negative circumstances and positively impact the community.

Fr. Ted Gabrielli has served as the pastor of Dolores Mission since 2014. He enjoys working with Jesuits from around the world, hanging out at Homeboy Industries and Homegirl Café, and spending time with the people of Dolores Mission – in the plaza, in the neighborhood, or on peace walks throughout his community.

Fr. Ted is our 2018 *Together in Mission* speaker.



Together in Mission 2018

This year's theme of *Let Us Love* celebrates *Together in Mission* as an active demonstration of our love for our Catholic brothers and sisters in need. For 25 years, this program has helped stabilize the Catholic presence in economically deprived areas of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Fully 100 percent of your donation is assigned to Catholic parishes and schools that would not remain open otherwise.

We invite all families – those who have given in the past, and those who have never made a gift – to prayerfully consider a commitment to this year's campaign. Your gifts will go a long way to helping us reach our 2018 PARISH GOAL of \$139,202.

Our *Together in Mission* speaker this weekend is Fr. Ted Gabrielli who comes with stories of real people at Mission Dolores in Los Angeles whose lives will be transformed by our generosity. Consider the great role that our parish plays in your life and share that gift with others. Together we can ensure that they will have a safe place to worship and learn.



OLA 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.

Around OLA³

Our Lady of the Assumption Church – Directory on Page 9

Liturgical events

Visit www.olaclaremont.org for a complete guide to our Lenten programs, including Stations of the Cross twice on Fridays.

See Back Page

Eucharistic Adoration takes place every Friday in Lent from 7 a.m. (after the 6:30 p.m. Mass) until 5:30 p.m. in the Reflection Room.

Students of OLA School will assist at the 11 a.m. Mass this Sunday. A school display on the patio, along includes OLA-themed items.

Fiesta 2018

Everyone who returns \$100 in paid Fiesta 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**.

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

If you would like to join the Fiesta Committee or communicate your ideas, you may email olachurchfiesta@gmail.com.

Highlights

See Back Page for Lent

Please pray for our Confirmation Year Two candidates on retreat this weekend.

See Page 4

Funeral Pre-Planning is the topic of our annual workshop by the Bereavement Ministry.

See Page 5

Environmental action for individuals and communities will be the topic at the upcoming *Laudato Si* workshop on March 24.

See Page 6

Join an exercise class for seniors beginning March 3.

See Page 6

Monthly council reports show how the parish is moving forward on new goals.

See Page 7

community life

Drop anchor at K of C Fish Fry
Friday, March 2, 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 March 9, 16 & 23

St. Joseph Table is March 11

Harbinger of spring is our St. Joseph Table hosted by the Italian Catholic Federation Sunday, March 11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Italian sausage sandwiches will be sold for \$5 in the auditorium, carry-out available.

The table will be 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 to enjoy!

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 Jacqueline Cook at (909) 260-3371 to say you'll bring a donation Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning.

Mass Intentions/Readings

Second Sunday of Lent
Week of Feb. 25, 2018

MONDAY, February 26

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;

Lk 6:36-38

6:30am

5:30pm †Doyle Dowell

TUESDAY, February 27

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

6:30am

5:30pm †John Rodriguez

WEDNESDAY, February 28

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16;

Mt 20:17-28

6:30am

5:30pm †Josephine Sanchez

†David Juarez

†Carolyn Groszewski

THURSDAY, March 1

Purim

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

6:30am †Peter Khanh Tran

5:30pm †Edward James Gelskey

FRIDAY, March 2

World Day of Prayer

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

6:30am Marie LeBlanc

5:30pm †Rosita Lacson

†Fr. Frank Leon Gelskdey

SATURDAY, March 3

St. Katharine Drexel

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

8:00am †Phong Bui

4:00pm †Merlita Pasia

5:30pm †Ralph Castro

SUNDAY, March 4

3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

7:00am

9:00am Italian Catholic Federation

Adeline, †Matilde Avila

11:00am For the People of the Parish

1:00pm Diego Quezada

†Valentin & Maria Elena Lua

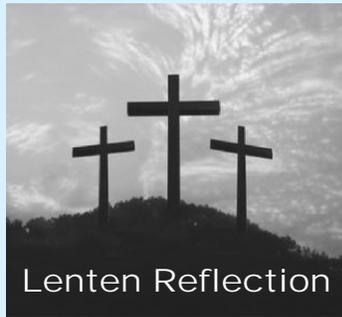
3:00pm

5:00pm

7:00pm

†Deceased

4 worship



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 by selecting the "Donate Now" tab.

Friday, Feb. 23 to Sunday, Feb. 25

Confirmation Year Two Retreat

Sunday, Feb. 25 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Join us for the first night of a Lenten Reflection led by The Heights Core Team. All high school teens are welcome.

Sunday, March 4 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Monthly Teen and Young Adult Eucharistic Adoration

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

(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.

Sunday, March 4

Eucharistic Adoration at OLA at 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 8

Field event at St. Dorothy's begins at 7 p.m. Theme is *Sexual Integrity* with The Culture Project missionaries.

A gift to your family – Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop

Sharing your thoughts, concerns, desires and plans for your experience at life's end will help you and your loved ones navigate difficult decisions when the need is greatest. Right now is a good time to do this... *now* when you have physical stamina, a clear mind, and the ability to speak about the things that will help you feel nurtured and understood at life's end.

Come to the annual Funeral Pre-planning Workshop that hosted Saturday, March 3 by OLA's Bereavement Ministry. It's free of charge from 1 to 4 p.m. in the auditorium. Or come on behalf of a relative.

The focus of the workshop is to help you get started with those conversations that need to take place so your loved ones will know your wishes should you (or your loved one) become incapacitated. This communication will be a gift to your family and to yourself. Participants of the workshop will hear from

- Fr. Chris Troxell about the Church's teaching on end-of-life issues and spiritual concerns;
- Attorney Victoria Shea about advance health directives, wills, trusts, and of power-of-attorney;
- John Todd of Todd's Mortuary regarding decisions related to final viewing, cremation and burial;

Workshop participants will receive an information packet with options to help plan your own or your loved one's Funeral Mass, and Vigil. Reservations are not required but it would be helpful to contact Lynne Stella at (909) 223-2117, an active Bereavement Minister.



Religious Ed Congress

The 60th annual Religious Education Congress in Anaheim is set for March 16-18, 2018. Youth Day is March 15. 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 to register or visit our Faith Formation Center for assistance.

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. 28 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:

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m., Rm 15
Sat., March 3, 9 a.m., Rm 15

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

Sat., March 10, 9:30 a.m., Rm 17
Thurs., March 22, 7 p.m., Rm 15

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.

6 outreach

Forty Days for Life

You may join the peaceful prayer group that gathers outside the Planned Parenthood Clinic during *40 Days for Life* from now until March 25. Location is 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.

'Classy' exercise for seniors

Only two things are needed for the exercise classes to be led by Parishioner Sal Robles beginning Saturday, March 3: 1. Pride in being a senior. 2. Belief in the value of physical exercise for healthy living. Participants should meet Sal at Larkin Park in Claremont (corner of Harrison and Mountain) from 9 to 11 a.m.

Jubilee for Hope Partners

Inland Valley Hope Partners will recognize 50 years of service to the community at an open house this Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. You are invited to *Celebrate Our Past, Help Grow Our Future* at the First Christian Church Hall, 1751 N. Park Ave. in Pomona. From its beginning, OLA has been an integral partner in this consortium of local churches and organizations serving the poor. OLA supports its local food pantries through regular donations and participation in the annual Walk for the Hungry in October.

Laudato Si

A letter to the world from Pope Francis

I am convinced that we can make a difference... Now is the time for courageous action and strategies aimed at implementing a "culture of care" and "an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.

—Pope Francis

Workshop is March 24

Renew your commitment to the principles of *Laudato Si* at a workshop Saturday, March 24, co-hosted by our JustAct Ministry and Pilgrim Place in Claremont. The workshop is free, including three speakers in the morning, lunch, and three speakers in the afternoon from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Topics include environmental justice, climate control, home performance and the impact of our diet on the environment.

Laudato Si (2015) is the landmark encyclical by Pope Francis calling upon all nations to "hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" and unite to support environmental justice.

The March 24 workshop will focus on ways we can convert our lives and our actions into an effective advocacy for the earth and for the poor.



Prayer Requests



For our sick & suffering... **Recent:** Paul Bradley, Ted Cullen, Anna Ruano Gomez, Mark Stagner
Previously: The Beutel Family, Delia Caldera, Nayr Maria "Mary" Fanchin, Jennifer Frericks, George Gomez, Lilian Guzman, Israel Lopez, Joseph Loriso, Jenny Martinez, Christina Mondragon, Jose Luis Ortega, Arthur H. Osborne, Alicia Pimental, Maryann Rambo, Angelica Maria and Luis Antonio Rios, Albert Rivera, Soledad Sarmiento, Mary Brunasso Smith, Monica Stephenson, Sylvia Stephens, Michael Stewart, Phyllis Swan, Sr. Sanit Tichachati, Tess Turla, Wendy Villegas, and Keith Whitehead

For our beloved deceased... Francisco Barba, father of Elizabeth Preciado; Shirley Gallegos, sister of Fr. Ron Clark and Kristine Owens; Rita Gavigan, mother of Sharon Lapeter; Judith E. Moore, mother of Daniel Moore; Maryann Rambo, mother of Jerry Dahl; Thomas D. Rose, husband of Mary Rooney-Rose; Kathleen Warlick, mother of Mary Jenette Warlick; and for the family and friends who mourn their loss

Parish Offertory Collection

Feb. 17-18	\$20,466
Online	\$ 4,430
Total	\$24,896
Budget	\$25,628
Under budget	\$ (732)

Our Council Reports

7

The OLA Pastoral Council is developing a process to bring ideas forward based on parish priorities that were identified during strategic planning. Our seven coordinating councils are encouraged to write SMART Goals (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Timely). The goals must include an assessment of potential benefits, costs, obstacles, resources and a timeline.

SMART Goals now in process include a quarterly event to welcome newcomers to the parish, a regular Ministry Showcase and introduction of the Alpha program for those interested in exploring the Christian faith.

The list of all OLA ministries and organizations will be updated and each council will be expected to maintain contact with groups under its area of responsibility.



Parish leaders attended the annual New Year celebration hosted by the OLA Vietnamese Community. Everyone enjoyed the ceremony, entertainment and food – and especially the gracious hospitality – presented by this active cultural community.

What the councils want the parish to know this month

Administration

This council is working on an Emergency Response Program for both school and parish. Another area of importance is leadership training for the councils. Details of the capital improvement to the church are being worked out before the start of construction this summer.

Community Life

This council highlighted upcoming events such as St. Joseph Table (March 11), the Palm Sunday Sale (March 25), and the weekly Fish Fry. Plans are moving forward for a welcome event for newcomers – Taste of OLA – on April 21 following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Formation

Preparation for the initiation of four adults, two teens and two children at Easter are a focus at this time of year. The Confirmation Year Two class will go on retreat this weekend to prepare for the sacrament in spring.

Outreach

This group is coordinating the first Ministry Showcase planned April 22 in the auditorium after Mass. A *Laudato Si* workshop is set for March 24 at Pilgrim Place (see Page 6).

Spanish-Speaking

This council is preparing its outdoor Stations of the Cross (*Via Crucis*) on Good Friday. Candidates in the new RCIA program

in Spanish have shown a steady commitment to preparation for the sacraments.

Vietnamese

This council met to finalize its plans for the New Year celebration. New guidelines for the organization of the Vietnamese Community are in the process of being written and approved.

Worship

This council is shepherding Lenten programs, including the four-day Parish Mission. Responsibility for Holy Week and Easter are also underway. Input from the ministries under the Worship council will be solicited, including topics for continuing education in liturgy.

8 Comunidad Habla Hispana

Esta semana

Miércoles, 28 de Febrero

Grupo de Dios (Oración)

4 p.m. en el Salón Reflexión

Grupo de Oración Reunión de Coro y Líderes

6pm en el Salón 11

Jueves, 1 de Marzo

Cristo Vive (Oración)

7p.m. en la iglesia

Viernes, 2 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 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.

Unidos en Misión

Hoy, el Padre Ted Gabrielli invita a todos los católicos a hacer su compromiso anual a la campaña de *Unidos en Misión*. El año pasado, _____ nos ayudaron a recaudar convirtiéndonos en una de las parroquias más generosas de la Arquidiócesis.

El tema de *Amemos* de este año nos recuerda que nuestros donativos a Unidos en Misión son una demostración activa de nuestra fe y amor por aquellos en nuestra Arquidiócesis que necesitan nuestro apoyo. Invitamos a todas las familias, a aquellas que han dado en el pasado, y a aquellas que nunca han hecho un regalo a que consideren comprometerse con la campaña de este año. Sus donaciones serán de gran ayuda para que nuestra parroquia alcance nuestra meta parroquial \$139,202.

Gracias de antemano por su generosidad.



Nuestros mejores deseos a todos los que cumplen años durante el mes de Febrero. Que Dios las bendiga!

De parte del los Sacerdotes, Diáconos y Personal de la Parroquia.



¡Pase por sus boletos de la Fiesta a la oficina parroquial!

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

9

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

email Address: 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

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)

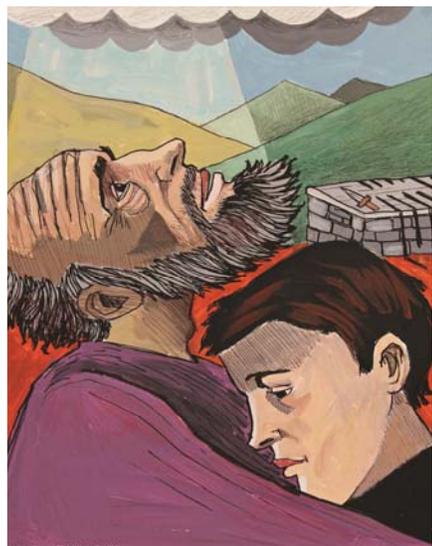
Greg Andrews, Communications (x4231)

Bing Macavinta, Bookkeeper (x4232)

Katy Salisbury, Administrative Assistant (x4268)

Roberto Roman, Spanish Choir

Dong Le, Vietnamese Choir



Second Sunday of Lent

12

We see in the reading from Genesis that Abraham is directed to offer Isaac as a holocaust, but an angel stops him. God is pleased that Abraham trusts in the Lord enough that he would put to death his only son. God's love is such that he does not demand that Abraham make such a sacrifice. In the Second Reading, we hear again of God's love and of trust in that love. Paul tells the Romans, "If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?" In the Gospel, Apostles Peter, James, and John have seen a vision of Elijah, who represents the prophets; of Moses, who represents the Law; and Jesus, who is the fulfillment of both Law and the prophets. In awe of this vision, they want to build tents and stay on the mountain. We, too, desire to stay with our mountaintop experiences. However, we need to move on and tend to our daily responsibilities. But it is in those places that we can ponder the dying and the risings throughout our life. – © Text/Art: Liturgy Training Publications

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: March 2

A traditional menu is offered by Knights of Columbus on Fridays, 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.

See Page 3

Stations of the Cross: March 2

*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.

Don't forget to abstain from meat on Fridays of Lent!

Prayer for Week Two

Lord our God, because Abraham acted in faith and obedience, you blessed him abundantly with descendants as countless as the stars of the sky. Stir our faith in you, so that we will not shirk when obedience to your call is difficult. May we be transformed through faith, and be willing to acclaim your glory and majesty, even when we suffer trials and it seems you are putting us to the test. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

Use the internet for spiritual renewal

There is a wealth of resources at our fingertips to enrich your spiritual renewal during Lent, Sign up for Matthew Kelly's program available at www.bestlentever.com or Bishop Robert Barron's weekly reflection at www.DailyCatholicGospel.com. You might want to try the three-minute retreat at www.loyolapress.com with a soothing musical background. You can sign up for a free email subscription or download the mobile application for this retreat. Another good choice is that of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops – www.usccb.org – offering a Lenten calendar and a link to Operation Rice Bowl for Catholic Relief Services.

**All links may be found on the parish website:
www.olaclaremont.org.**