

Look at the birds in the sky;  
they do not sow or reap,  
they gather nothing into barns,  
yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Matthew 6:26

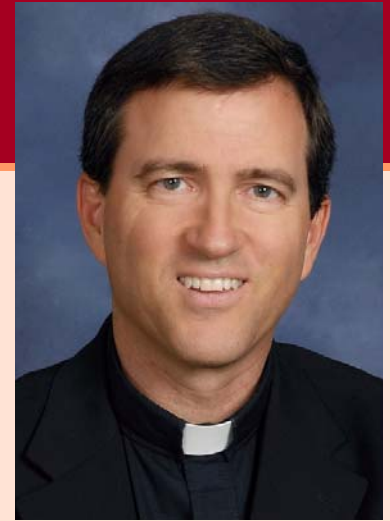
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Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Community

February 26, 2017 • Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 2 Farewell from Fr. Chris



OLA has been a spiritual home for me for many years, as I've journeyed through life. It's time to say good-bye for now, but I leave with many friendships and memories which I will cherish for years to come.

I first arrived at OLA in 1977, attending Mass while studying at Webb School. Some years later, after completing my university studies in 1987, I became a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. OLA was my home parish as a seminarian, and so on vacations from the seminary, I would live in the rectory and help out around the parish. When I was ordained a priest in 1992, I celebrated my first Mass here at OLA at the 11 a.m. Mass.

Since that time I have served in six other parishes in the archdiocese, and in 2009 came to OLA and began my service here as an associate pastor. The years have flown by, and I have tried to do my best to serve this community in a variety of ways, including working with the Spanish-speaking community in their different ministries.

I'm now at the point where my health is not so good, specifically issues of not sleeping well and at times having difficulty breathing. The sleep has been a problem for many years and the breathing is a more recent problem, but I believe that it is time for me to take a leave of absence and deal with these issues, for the sake of my future service to the archdiocese. I will be reassigned shortly to another parish where I will be in residence for a time, and then, God willing that I get better soon, resume my ministry there.

This has been my favorite parish as a priest; OLA will always have a special place in my heart. I hope I have found a place in your heart, so that you might pray for me for healing. God bless you.

*Fr. Chris Troxell*

NOTE: Fr. Chris is planning to return to OLA in June to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination. If you would like to leave him a farewell gift or card, please bring it to the parish office.

**RESISTING  
HAPPINESS**



**MATTHEW KELLY**  
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

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

## OLA Book Club is 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 who did not receive their free copy at Christmas, 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, in preparation for Lent which begins March 1, you might want to sign up at [www.BestLentEver.com](http://www.BestLentEver.com). Short inspirational videos, practical tips, and a study guide will be emailed to you daily. These materials will be based on the book, *Resisting Happiness*. They will help you identify what stands between you and happiness... and what to do about it.

Another great offering is Bishop Robert Barron's *Lenten Gospel Reflections* available at [www.LentReflections.com](http://www.LentReflections.com). It's all a means of drawing closer to God during this important season of spiritual growth.

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**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

- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** convenes Monday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. in the school library.
- **Liturgy Committee** gathers Monday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory dining room.
- **Breakfast with the Clergy** is set for Saturday, March 4, following the 8:15 a.m. Mass. Guests are asked to bring a donation of non-perishable food for the poor.

## Highlights

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

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**Fiesta Tee Shirt Contest** ends Feb. 28. Bring your design to the parish or school offices.

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

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## community life

Drop anchor at K of C Fish Fry  
Friday, March 3, 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 10, 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.

## MONDAY, February 27

Julian Calendar, Lent begins

*Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27*

6:30am †Giuse Luong Van Huy,  
†All Souls & The Unborn  
Pat Rohrer

5:30pm †Phanxico & Cecilia

## TUESDAY, February 28

*Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;*

*Mk 10:28-31*

6:30am †Giuse Trieu Toan Son,  
†Teresa Trieu Phuong Lan  
Kaitlyn Rock

5:30pm †Ancestors, †Josephine &  
Bonifacio Sanchez

## WEDNESDAY, March 1

Ash Wednesday, Fast and Abstinence

*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 Ash Wednesday

8:15am Ash Wednesday

5:30pm Ash Wednesday

## THURSDAY, March 2

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

6:30am †Peter Khanh Tran, †Benado,  
†Gioan Baotixita Truong Van Nga

8:15am †Ancestors / †Relatives /  
†Abandoned Souls

5:30pm Personal Intentions

†Dominico & Maria

Abandoned souls & the unborn

## FRIDAY, March 3

St. Katharine Drexel, World Day of Prayer

*Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15*

6:30am †Giuse Luong Van Huy,  
†Daminh Nguyen Van Viet

†Ancestors

8:15am †Giuse Nguyen Thai

Thanh Phung

†Bonaventure Ngo Thanh Tung

†Ancestors

5:30pm †Ralph Castro

†In thanksgiving for last year &  
peace for the new year

## SATURDAY, March 4

St. Casimir

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

8:15am †Giuse Trieu Toan Son  
†Teresa Trieu Phuong Lan  
†Thomas Pham Thanh Giang

4:00pm †John Slobig,

†Juan Francisco Duarte

5:30pm †Phero, In Thanksgiving of Mary

†Ancestors & All Souls

†=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](mailto:youngadultsola@gmail.com) for more.

March 2 Eucharistic Adoration at 7 p.m. in church

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.

## OLA Teen Ministry

### Sunday, Feb. 26

No Heights tonight because of  
Religious Education Congress

### Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6-7 p.m.

Join us for the next Mission Trip  
Information Night in the Youth  
Room.

### Thursday, March 2, 7-8:30 p.m.

Teen and Young Adult Eucharistic  
Adoration in church

### 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.



**Teresa Arredondo, Youth Ministry Coordinator**  
[tarredondo@olaclaremont.org](mailto:tarredondo@olaclaremont.org)  
(909) 626-3596, ext. 215



## 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](http://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.

## 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.



## Prayer Requests



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

**Recent:** Jose Aguilera, Dennis Bly, Tony Federico, Enrique Gonzalez, Jan Johnson, Brian Kraus, Ronnie Newingham, Magsaysay Romero and Kathy Wells

**Previously:** Abigail Aguilar, Linda Almaraz, Helena Alvarez, Antonio Anabo, Rosa Arrieta, Elena Bass, Michael Berrett, Barbara Briones, Marcia Brunner, Mia Camacho, Maria Correa, Aby Juanita Duffy, Avery Dunn, Jr., Noah Edgington, Alice Egue, Manuel Espinoza, Paulina Estrada, Julieta Fajardo, 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, Sandra Morales, Hope Moreno, Charles Newland, Leticia Nimith, Consuelo Nogales, Edward Orozco, Vicente Ortiz, Marguerite O'Tolle-Frontaine, Theresa Paris, Richard Patterson, Kristyn Phoebe, Michael Portolesi, Pauline Regalado, Alberto Rodriguez, Jennifer Rodriguez, Emma I. Romero, Juan Romero, Maria Salazar, Alicia Sambrano, Antonio Sarmiento, Sylvia Stephens, Lorraine Spargo, Vidal Vallin and Marie Vencek

**For our beloved deceased...** and for the family and friends who mourn their loss

# 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](http://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.

## Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels delivers hot, nutritious meals to the door of homebound people in Claremont and north Pomona. That comes to 11,000 meals annually.

Volunteers to help prepare and deliver the meals are needed for an hour or two on several days per month.

Meals on Wheels is a non-profit run by volunteers and supported solely by donations and grants. The nominal \$3 charged for each meal does not cover the cost of providing it.

Call (909) 621-4018 to help or visit the website:

[claremontmealsonwheels.org](http://claremontmealsonwheels.org)

## 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, 27 de febrero**  
Servidores Cristo Vive

7 p.m. en el salón 11

**Miércoles, 1 de marzo**  
Grupo de Dios (Oración)

4 p.m. en el salón reflexión

Cristo Vive (Coro)

7 p.m. en el salón 11

**Jueves, 2 de marzo**  
Cristo Vive (Oración)

6:45p.m. en el auditorio

**Viernes, 3 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.

## *Suyo en Cristo...*

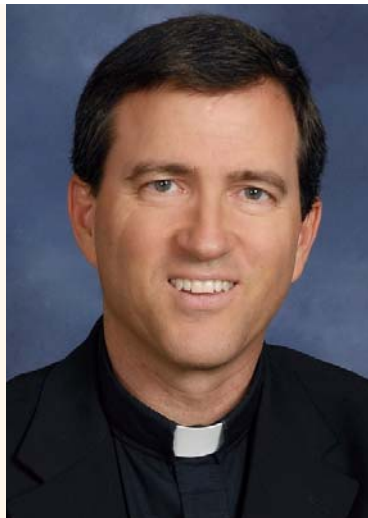
Nuestra Señora de la Asunción (OLA) ha sido un hogar espiritual para mí por muchos años. Ahora me toca despedirme por lo pronto, pero me voy con muchas amistades y recuerdos para conservar ahora y en el futuro.

Llegué aquí a OLA en 1977, asistiendo en Misa mientras estudiaba en la Escuela Webb en Claremont. Diez años después, habiendo completado mis estudios universitarios, me hice seminarista para la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. OLA era mi hogar espiritual durante los años en el seminario. En mis vacaciones del seminario yo vivía en la rectoría y ayudaba en los ministerios de la parroquia. Cuando me ordené de sacerdote en 1992, celebré mi primer Misa aquí en la Misa de las 11 de la mañana. Desde ese tiempo he servido en seis otras parroquias en la arquidiócesis y en el 2009 vine aquí a OLA para empezar mi servicio como vicario. Los años han volado, y he tratado de hacer lo mejor que puedo en servir a esta comunidad de muchas maneras, incluso hacerme cargo de los ministerios en español.

Ahora estoy en una crisis de salud, específicamente batallando con no dormir y no respirar bien. El sueño ha sido un problema por varios años pero la respiración es algo más reciente. Creo que ahora es mi tiempo para descansar del ministerio y tratar con estos asuntos, para el bien de mi futuro servicio a la arquidiócesis. Dentro de poco me van a cambiar a otra parroquia donde estaré en residencia por un tiempo hasta que, primero Dios, me componga, y me dirán si me quedo allí o me muevo a otra parroquia para continuar mi servicio.

OLA ha sido la parroquia que más me ha gustado como sacerdote, y siempre ustedes, los feligreses, tendrán un lugar especial en mi corazón. Espero que yo haya encontrado un lugar en los corazones de ustedes para que pidan, por favor, por mi sanación.

*Dios los bendiga siempre,  
Padre Chris Troxell*



Miércoles de Ceniza, 10 de Febrero

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

6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m. (Español) 7:30 p.m. (Vietnamés-Aud)

**Servicios en el auditorio con la distribución de cenizas**

4:15 p.m. (Ingles/Español) 6:00 p.m. (Ingles)

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# Administration

<u>Parish Offertory Collection</u>	
Feb. 18-19	\$19,133.70
Online	\$ 3,763.00
Total	\$22,896.70
Budget	\$25,752.49
(Short) / Over	\$(2,855.79)



## 70th Annual OLA Fiesta

## Fiesta Tee-Shirt Design Contest!

*Do you like to draw?  
Would you like a wristband for free rides all weekend?  
Have you got creative ideas?  
Like to see your design on everyone's back?  
Submit your design to the Fiesta Committee!*

### Drawing guidelines

- Base your design on our theme: The 70's (Disco, VW bus, big hair, tie-dye, bell bottoms)
- Include the words: OLA's 70th Fiesta 2017
- Use an 8-1/2-inch by 11-inch white paper for the drawing
- Draw in black-and-white only, preferably using a Sharpie pen
- Write your name and phone number on the *back* of the paper
- Be creative and have fun with the design



### Submission guidelines

- Open to anyone 18 years of age and under
- Deadline is Feb. 28, 2017 to the parish office

### Prizes

- 1st - Free tee-shirt and wristband for rides every day you attend Fiesta
- 2nd - Ten single ride tickets
- 3rd - Five single ride tickets

Questions? Email [olafiesta2015@gmail.com](mailto:olafiesta2015@gmail.com)

### Raffle ticket incentives

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!

## Fiesta leadership needed in 2017

The Fiesta Committee is mobilizing to bring us the best Fiesta on May 12, 13, & 14, 2017. The following positions are open and seeking leaders with a love of the parish, ability to work well with others, and willingness to **attend monthly general meetings**. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

Volunteer Coordinator(s): One or two needed to work with current coordinator to gather volunteers and enter shifts into the parish database, create a schedule, and be on-hand Fiesta weekend to facilitate shifts.

Social Media Chair: Create timely posts to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, as well as the parish website; recruit “advocates” to boost the posts and increase visibility.

Soda and Water Booth Chair: Two co-chairs are sought to share responsibility for volunteers and stock.



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

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

611 W. Bonita Ave., Claremont, CA 91711

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

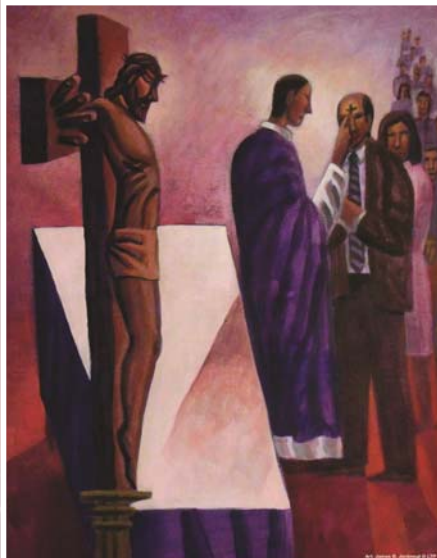
Principal Bernadette Boyle

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

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



## 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 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 3, 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.**

### Ash Wednesday

March 1

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

<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>8:15 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>7:30 p.m. (Spanish)</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>7:30 p.m. (Vietnamese)</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>

#### **Prayer Services in auditorium with distribution of ashes**

**4:15 p.m.** (English/Spanish)  
**6:00 p.m.** (English)

### Ash Wednesday Retreat

**St. Lucy Priory** hosts its annual Ash Wednesday retreat for women and men March 1 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with Valimar Jansen and 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 624-2058.

### **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***