

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent



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FEBRUARY
18
2018

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.
He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

Mark 1:12-13

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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



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.

Together in Mission 2018

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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 next week will be 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.

Around OLA³

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Liturgical events

Visit www.olaclaremont.org for a complete guide to our Lenten programs and events, including the Parish Mission beginning Feb. 19.

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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.

Fr. Ted Gabrielli of Dolores Mission in Los Angeles will be our *Together in Mission* speaker at all Masses next weekend, Feb. 24-25.

Meeting

Fiesta Committee convenes Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. in Room 17.

Office holiday

The parish office will be closed Monday, Feb. 19, in observance of Presidents Day. The only Mass that day will be at 8 a.m. To reach a priest in an emergency, you may still dial (909) 626-3596.

community life

Drop anchor at K of C Fish Fry
Friday, Feb. 23, 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

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 Pearring at 626-0489 or Jean O'Donnell at 624-3392) by Feb. 21.



Happy New Year
from OLA's
Vietnamese
Community!

Highlights

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St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting donations after all Masses this weekend. Please be generous!

Voter registration is offered this weekend on the patio after all Masses, courtesy of Uncommon Good.

Online resources for Lent can transform your Internet time into spiritual renewal.
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Funeral Pre-Planning is the topic of our annual workshop by the Bereavement Ministry.
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Take advantage of several ways to WIN by returning your Fiesta raffle tickets.
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Mass Intentions/Readings
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Week of Feb. 18, 2018

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MONDAY, February 19

Washington's Birthday observed
Julian Calendar Lent begins
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
8:00am People of the Parish

TUESDAY, February 20

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19;
Mt 6:7-15
6:30am †Susan Hamm
5:30pm †Guadalupe Daniel Ayala
†Rufina Esteban

WEDNESDAY, February 21

St. Peter Damian
Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
6:30am
5:30pm

THURSDAY, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6;
Mt 16:13-19
6:30am John & Elizabeth Dourley
†Helen McGee
5:30pm Belen Masa
†Berth Smith

FRIDAY, February 23

St. Polycarp
Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
6:30am Marie LeBlanc
8:00am School Mass
5:30pm †George McColl

SATURDAY, February 24

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48
8:00am Anna & Rolf Hunsinger
4:00pm †Travis Eschandies
5:30pm †Maria del Carmen Salcedo

SUNDAY, February 25

2nd Sunday of Lent
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,
15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
7:00am †Doris S.K. Salcedo
9:00am For the People of the Parish
11:00am Carmelinda Preciado
†Terry Culvert
1:00pm
3:00pm
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 by selecting the "Donate Now" tab.

Saturday, Feb. 18 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Join us for the final night of 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 Heart."

Friday, Feb. 23 to Sunday, Feb. 25

Confirmation Year Two Retreat

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.

Wednesday, Feb 21.

Jesus' Bucket List: A night of discussion, prayer and reflection in Room 15 at OLA Eucharistic Adoration at OLA at 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 4 Thursday, March 8

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

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. 21 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

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., 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.

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..

This week at home, work with the number...

In Sunday'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 Mass. Help children earn forty pennies, nickels, dimes, or quarters, which they place, day by day, in the Rice Bowl to offer for hungry children through Catholic Relief Services. (See Page 6.)



Transform your Internet time into spiritual renewal

There is a wealth of resources at our fingertips to enrich your spiritual renewal during Lent, beginning with our own parish website at www.olaclaremont.org. There you'll find access to Scripture reflections and a prayer for the week, as well as a complete Lenten schedule. 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 3-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. Or try the website www.prayasyougo.org. 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.

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Mark your calendar for Laudato Si

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.

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. Watch the bulletin for details.

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* from now until 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.

Your Gift of Planning – 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. As an active Bereavement Minister, she is well-prepared to answer questions about the workshop.

Laudato Si

*A letter to the world from
Pope Francis*

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.

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, healthy recipes, and stories about the families to be helped. return your Rice Bowl to the Faith Formation Center after Easter.

Parish Offertory Collection	
Feb. 10-11	\$19,588
Online	\$ 4,828
Total	\$24,416
Budget	\$25,628
Over budget	\$ (1,212)

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

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

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

Visit our website at www.olaclaremont.org for

general Fiesta information, including sponsorships and suggestions for donors.



Prayer Requests



For our sick and suffering...

Recent: Delia Caldera, Alicia Pimental, Maryann Rambo, Angelica Maria and Luis Antonio Rios, Mary Brunasso Smith, Tess Turla and Wendy Villegas

Previously: Andres Salvador Anaya, The Beutel Family, Ann Burmeister, Nayr Maria "Mary" Fanchin, Jennifer Frericks, George Gomez, Lilian Guzman, Israel Lopez, Jorge Lopez, Joseph Loriso, Socorro Marrero, Jenny Martinez, Christina Mondragon, Jose Luis Ortega, Arthur H. Osborne, Albert Rivera, Soledad Sarmiento, Monica Stephenson, Sylvia Stephens, Michael Stewart, Phyllis Swan, Sr. Sanit Tichachati, and Keith Whitehead

For our beloved deceased...

Denise Lavalley, mother of Claudine O'Leary; Matt McDonagh, husband of Holly McDonagh; and for the family and friends who mourn their loss

NOTE: Funeral Mass for Matt McDonagh is planned March 10 at noon at OLA.

8 Comunidad Habla Hispana

Esta semana

Miércoles, 21 de Febrero

Grupo de Dios (Oración)

4 p.m. en el Salón Reflexión

Grupo de Oración Reunión de Coro y Lideres

6pm en el Salón 11

Jueves, 22 de Febrero

Cristo Vive (Oración)

7p.m. en la iglesia

Viernes, 23 de Febrero

Hola Ángeles (Jóvenes)

7 p.m. en el Salón de Jóvenes (Junction)

Encuentro Matrimonial

7 p.m. en el convento Coro

Grupo Camino de Fe (Jóvenes Adultos)

7 p.m. en el Salón 15

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.



Grupo de Jóvenes Hola Ángeles

Nuestro objetivo es motivar a los adolescentes de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción y crear una comunidad con otros adolescente ayudando, aprendiendo, inspirando, conociendo y poniendo en práctica el servicio. Crear un ambiente divertido, confortable, animador y espiritual. Todos los adolescentes mayores de 13 años de edad están invitados a reunirse con nosotros todos los viernes de 7:00 a 9:00 p.m. en el Salón de Jóvenes. Vengan y únense a nuestra familia!



Jóvenes Adultos

Eres mayor de 18 años? El Ministerio de Jóvenes Adultos te invita a sus reuniones los Viernes a las 7pm en el salón Felician. Crearemos comunidad aprendiendo sobre la biblia y nuestra fe junto a otras actividades. Te esperamos.

Coro de Jóvenes

¡Dios te está llamando!

¿Sabes que tenemos un grupo de música para los jóvenes? Estamos buscando más jóvenes que puedan cantar, tocar instrumentos, o ayudar con el proyector durante la Misa el tercero domingo del mes. Si tienes 13-19 años y estás interesado en participar en el grupo, o padres de hijos que están interesados, favor de llamar a nuestra coordinadora de música: Mary Muñoz al (909) 626-3596 x4263 o enviar un mensaje al mmunoz@olaclaremont.org



¡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

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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.)

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

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

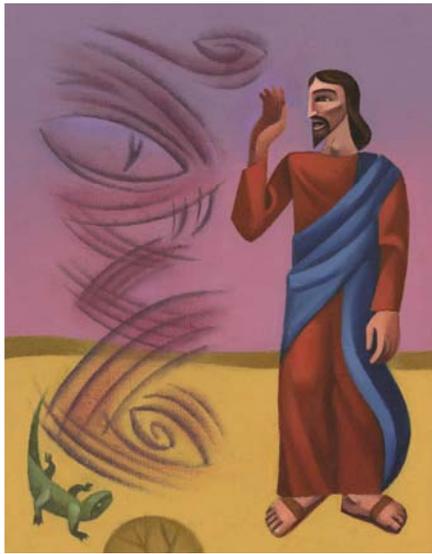
Tel. (909) 626-7135 Fax (909) 398-1395

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



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. 23

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. 23

*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!

First Sunday of Lent

What comes to mind when you think about the desert? It is often depicted as a wasteland and a land filled with danger. After Exodus, our ancestors wandered for 40 years in the desert, often losing faith and turning away from God. Often, giving in to unhealthy temptations isolates us from God's love and we are consumed with our selfish desires. The Gospel tells us that the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil. We learn that, in the face of temptation, he remains obedient to God. Jesus is forced to discern God's will and grow closer to the Father through prayer and fasting. The image of the desert often indicates a place for prayer, listening, and quiet presence. In this season, we must take time to enter the desert, trusting that the Holy Spirit will help reveal our brokenness and lead us to listen attentively to God and respond openly to God's invitation. It Like the Israelites, we too will be led to the Promised Land and share in God's bounty. Jesus is the path to truth and freedom. What is he asking of you? – © Text/Art: Liturgy Training Publications

Sunday Masses in 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 until after Easter. There will be no *Gloria*.

..."This is what it means to be faithful: not to never fall, but to *keep getting up*, that is, coming back to the Lord, converting our hearts every day in order to conform our lives to the word of God. To become a saint, whose life only makes sense in light of the Gospel of Jesus.

Pope Francis

Parish Lenten Mission Are We Really Christian?

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Monday – Thursday

Feb. 19-22

8 a.m. Confessions

6 p.m. Confessions

9 a.m. Mass & Mission

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.