

SECOND SUNDAY OF

# Lent

MARCH 12, 2017

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Community

*From the cloud came  
a voice that said,  
“This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am  
well pleased;  
listen to him.”*

*Matthew 17:5*

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# 2 A modest proposal



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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.

I ask you to consider something more for this Lenten season. Consider joining me in fasting ALL the Wednesdays of Lent and spending time before the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday evening for one hour.

We have much to pray about... The Needs of OUR Parish... A nation divided... A world at war... People dying of hunger... Babies being killed in the womb... Children being abused and forgotten... Not to mention all that's going in YOUR family... One hour each Wednesday evening... is it too much?

## Adoration “Tip of the Week”

**Week 2:** Spanish Adoration, Wednesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in church

In which language does God speak, most clearly, to you?

Spoken, Written, Other People, Art, Music, Nature?

**Week 3:** Families with Young Children - March 22

**Week 4:** Teens and Young Adults - March 29

**Week 5:** Traditional Adoration - April 5

Italian Catholic Federation: You don't have to be Italian to join!



## Italian roots nourish multi-cultural group

*Tony was stationed in Italy after the war. Now he is part of the ICF team hosting our March 19 St. Joseph Table.*

Tony Federico has been a member of the Italian Catholic Federation (I.C.F.) since 1976, and yes, his parents immigrated from Calabria, Italy. He operated a wonderful restaurant in the Claremont Village at the time and provided freshly-made Italian sausage for a popular Fiesta booth at OLA run by the I.C.F.

Now retired, he tells a story, well known around OLA, about the time he met actress Sophia Loren while stationed in Italy after the war. She was only 13 years old, entertaining the troops, and on the cusp of her international career which earned her two Oscar awards. He was 18.

Tony also tells the story of the fresh *cannoli* that has been served at the St. Joseph Table for ten years. At first they tried filling the pasta with spoons, and then tried squeezing plastic bags. Finally, Tony suggested they use his sausage-filling machine, and it worked like a charm!





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## Liturgical events

**Join OLA Book Club** discussion of Matthew Kelly's book, *Resisting Happiness*, this Sunday in the auditorium after morning Masses.

**For a complete Lenten calendar:** Spiritual reflection, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions during Lent, Stations of the Cross, and Divine Office... **See Back Page**

**We welcome candidates** in the Christian Initiation community who are preparing for reception of the sacraments at Easter.

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## Meetings

- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** convenes Monday, March 13, at 7 p.m. in the school library.
- **Benedictine Oblates** gather Wednesday, March 15 in the Reflection Room at 6:30 p.m.
- **Leadership Night** begins at 7 p.m. in the auditorium, followed by a meeting of the **OLA Pastoral Council**.
- **Italian Catholic Federation** assembles Friday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the convent.

## Highlights

**Burrito Sale** is this Sunday until 3 p.m. Come enjoy a burrito and join the discussion of Matthew Kelly's book, *Resisting Happiness*;



**St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be collecting donations for the needy in our area after all Masses this weekend.

**This is Bundle Sunday** from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the north end of the parking lot.

**WOW! goes out to eat** this month and welcomes older single adults to come along.

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**Join Father Tom** in Ireland next September.

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## community life

**St. Joseph Table**  
Sunday, March 19  
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**OLA Auditorium**  
Easter breads and cakes  
Italian pastries and  
other spring treats

Learn to make *pizelles*  
and *sfinges*... take some  
home to enjoy!

Support the good works  
of the Italian Catholic  
Federation, including  
school scholarships.



Vince's Spaghetti in Rancho Cucamonga will donate 20% of all orders for the Ladies of Columbus from 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 22. Pick up a flyer at the parish office or on the Welcome Cart.

Drop anchor at K of C Fish Fry  
Friday, March 17, 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**

Mass Intentions/Readings  
Second Sunday in Lent  
Week of March 12, 2017/ Year A

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# worship and

## MONDAY, March 13

*Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;  
Lk 6:36-38*

6:30am For Recuperation,  
✠Phanxico Xavier  
✠Gioan Baoxita & Daminh,

## TUESDAY, March 14

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

6:30am ✠Mark Bortscheller  
8:15am  
5:30pm Lauren Gomez

## WEDNESDAY, March 15

*Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16;  
Mt 20:17-28*

6:30am ✠Cecilia Cuc Tran, ✠Daminh,  
For Peace  
8:15am ✠Giuse Luong Van Huy,  
✠Marie Chaves  
5:30pm Thanks to God,  
Thu Thao Nguyen

## THURSDAY, March 16

*Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31*  
5:30pm ✠Rey Patron

## FRIDAY, March 17

St. Patrick  
*Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46*  
6:30am ✠Anne & Mateo Alphonso

## SATURDAY, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem  
*Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*  
8:15am ✠Maria Xuan Le, ✠Phong Bui,  
✠Msgr. William Barry  
4:00pm ✠Bob Beliveau  
5:30pm ✠Brandi Brown

## SUNDAY, March 19

3rd Sunday of Lent  
*Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;  
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*  
7:00am For the People of the Parish  
9:00am ✠Eddie Bustamante,  
✠Mimi Huisking, ✠Rick Surbeck  
11:00am ✠Kenneth & Eleanor Kuchar,  
Winton Yap  
1:00pm ✠Josefina Galarza Ortiz  
3:00pm ✠Anton & Ancestors,  
✠Phero Nguyen Duc Tieu,  
✠Fr. Phero Le Son Ha  
5:00pm Peace for Families

✠=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 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

Please keep all 95 of our Confirmation Year Two teens in your prayers as they journey on their retreat this weekend!

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

### Sunday, March 12

No Heights this Sunday

### Sunday, March 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

All high school teens are invited to join us for Summit Discipleship Group

### Sunday, March 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us for dinner and a night on Accompaniment and Partnership

### Sunday, March 26, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Summit Discipleship Group

### Sunday, March 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Dinner and a night of Ballroom Dancing!

### Wednesday, March 29, 7-8 p.m.

Teen and Young Adult Eucharistic Adoration in the Church





# faith formation 5



## A journey of faith together

The following candidates signed the Book of The Elect at the Rite of Sending at OLA, and then traveled to the cathedral in Los Angeles for the Rite of Election with Archbishop Jose Gomez. They are now our Elect, in the final stage of preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. The Scrutinies, ancient rites of personal introspection and purification, will be celebrated at the 9 a.m. Mass on the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Sundays in Lent.

Please take a name from the basket at the north door of the church and pray for that person, and for our entire OLA community, on the journey of faith together.



*Denise Castillo-Estlow  
Jose Cervantes  
Rebekah Fabian  
Stephanie Fernandez  
Trinity Flores  
Bunna Hak  
Matthew Larson  
Zachary Larson  
Nicholas Sanchez  
Sandra Sloan  
Jordin Smith  
Julien Smith  
Ty Stewart*

## Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence in Lent

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. NOTE: There is a dispensation from Archbishop Gomez for Friday, March 17, the feast of St. Patrick. Why not choose another day to practice penance and abstain from meat?

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!

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.

## Adult awareness training to prevent child abuse



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

- Tuesday, March 28 at 7 p.m., Rm. 17
- Tuesday, 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. Direct your questions 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.

## WOW reaches out to adult singles

Newcomers are welcome at OLA's **W**idows **O**r **W**idowers and “other singles” gathering. This casual social and support group goes out to dinner Thursday, March 23, at 5:30 p.m. The destination is Eddies Italian Eatery, 1065 W. Foothill Blvd., Claremont. Invite a friend! To better inform the restaurant of the number of guests, **please reserve your place by Wednesday, March 22**, by calling Jo Pearring at (909) 626-0489 or Jean O'Donnell at (909) 624-3392.

## Pray for our Medical Mission to Haiti

OLA's Deacon Joe Domond is leading a medical mission trip to Haiti from March 15 to April 4. Please pray for the safety and success of this team of doctors, dentists, eye specialists, nurses, physical therapists and helpers. Please pray for Joe, Rita and Therese Domond, Bibi Yusuf, Zalina Sheonarine, Lucienne Durmah, Erica Luber, Marilyn Ibanez, Sheila Mendon, Jean Baptiste Afrcot, Sr. Hermione Domond, Garreau, Innocent, Anne-Rose Ulysse, Carmel Pradel and Valentine Martelly.

## César Chávez Breakfast is March 24

This annual fundraiser for scholarships at the Fairplex Center in Pomona is sponsored by the Latino and Latina Roundtable. See the reservation forms on the OLA Welcome Cart.

## 40 Days for Life

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide campaign of fasting, and peaceful and prayerful vigils beginning Ash Wednesday and continuing to its conclusion 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](mailto: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!



## Come see the land of St. Patrick with Fr. Tom Welbers

I'm going to Ireland for eleven days in September. It would be wonderful to welcome you on this delightful journey to the land of Saint Patrick!

The dates are September 4-14, and the cost, including air travel from LAX, is \$2,899 (plus taxes, fees, and tips). Contact me at (909) 367-452 or [thomas.welbers@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.welbers@gmail.com) or and visit <http://tomwelbers.wordpress.com/irelandsept2017> for details.

Flyers may also be found on the Welcome Cart or at the parish office.

**Fr. Tom, former pastor at OLA**



Esta semana

**Lunes, 13 de marzo**

Servidores Cristo Vive

7 p.m. en el salón 11

**Miércoles, 15 de marzo**

Grupo de Dios (Oración)

4 p.m. en el salón reflexión

Cristo Vive (Coro)

7 p.m. en el salón 11

**Jueves, 16 de marzo**

Cristo Vive (Oración)

6:45p.m. en el salón 11

**Viernes, 17 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.

**¡Conozca Sus Derechos!**

**¡Consejos de inmigración gratis!**

**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](mailto:ccarrillo@uncommongood.org) / [epreciado@uncommongood.org](mailto:epreciado@uncommongood.org)**



**[www.uncommongood.org](http://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.

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# Administration

## Parish Offertory Collection

March 4-5	\$25,754
Online	\$ 4,310
Total	\$30,064
Budget	\$26,388
Over	\$ 3,676



Return your paid raffle tickets by Sunday, March 12 to get 10 free tickets!

If you have not already done so, please pick up your set of raffle tickets to support our 2017 Fiesta.

Deadline for the First Early Bird Drawing is this Sunday, 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:** Jessenia Cisneros, Socorro Poveda, and Gloria Sanchez

**Previously:** Aaron Acosta, Abigail Aguilar, Jose Aguilera, Linda Almaraz, Helena Alvarez, Antonio Anabo, Elena Bass, Michael Berrett, Barbara Briones, Marcia Brunner, Dennis Bly, Harry Dingwall, Aby Juanita Duffy, Avery Dunn, Jr., Noah Edgington, Alice Egue, Alejandra Escobar, Manuel Espinoza, Paulina Estrada, Julieta Fajardo, Tony Federico, George Fitzpatrick, Sylvia Leon Flores, Aurelio Gamboa, Sr. Feliz Gil-Jimenez, Manuel Gonzalez, Martha Ho Thi Giao, Anna Gonzalez, Victor Gonzalez, Francis Gorge, Sabina Guadarrama, Jose Luis Gutierrez, Dolores Hart, Rose Ianno, Jan Johnson, Brian Kraus, Stephen McKenna, Bennie Medina, Sandra Morales, Hope Moreno, Leticia Nimith, Vicente Ortiz, Marguerite O'Tolle-Frontaine, Joe Parker, Theresa Paris, Richard Patterson, Andrew Paz, Kristyn Phoebe, Michael Portolesi, Pauline Regalado, Alberto Rodriguez, Emma I. Romero, Juan Romero, Magsaysay Romero Maria Salazar, Alicia Sambrano, Sylvia Stephens, Rosie Treztaz, Joseph Trolli, James Vanassa, Kathy Wells, Marta Zamora and Maria Zavala

**For our beloved deceased...** Lorraine Spargo, mother of Stephanie Smith, sister of Karen (Dcn. Jim) Allgaier; John Stephens uncle of Cal Stephens; and for family and friends who mourn their loss



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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: Second Sunday in Lent 12

*Sunday's Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 33:4, 18, 20, 22 (22); 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9.*

Today we move from temptation in the desert to Transfiguration on the mountain. Along with Peter, James, and John, we stand basking in the light of Christ as he converses with Moses and Elijah. The vision in today's Gospel tells the three disciples, and us, who Jesus really is – the Son of God. Confronted with this wonder so unexpectedly, Peter, James, and John will need time to put the pieces together. We have the benefit of Matthew's description and centuries of Church reflection on the meaning of this event. God sent his divine Son to enter into conversation with us, to give us the courage and strength to follow him. In revealing this to us through the Transfiguration, God enables our own transformation.

Our destiny is written between two holy mountains: the mountain of Transfiguration, and the mountain of Calvary. Both suffering and glory accompany us on the holy road to Easter. During this season of Lent, as we try to lay aside distractions and focus on the most simple, essential truths, may the light of the Transfiguration guide our steps. Let us walk together with family, friends, strangers, the needy, and even enemies so that the journey may awaken in us a sense of solidarity with our neighbors, and spur us to work for the good and justice of all. May we have the courage to look into the face of the one who came to lead us out of sin and the shadow of death. May our acts of prayer, penance, and almsgiving be drawn together in a great song of praise.

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### *Lent by the week...*

#### **Friday Eucharistic Adoration**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Reflection Room every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday, from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. **NOTE: On First Friday, 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 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 burritos from our Spanish-Speaking Community, as well as tables for children's activities.

### **Join us for Eucharistic Adoration at 7 p.m.**

*(Private confession available during service.)*



**Wednesday, March 15**  
*Spanish Adoration*

**Wednesday, March 22**  
*Families with Young Children*

**Wednesday, March 29**  
*Teens and Young Adults*

**Wednesday, April 5**  
*Traditional Adoration*

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