

March 17, 2019

Second Sunday  
of

Lent

The Lord God said to Abram,  
“Look up at the sky and  
count the stars, if you can.  
Just so shall your descendants be.”

Genesis 15:5

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## Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

### Renovation update...

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

This week the footing for the church vestibule was poured. Ongoing projects include installation of the fire sprinkler system, installation of roof tiles on the north side, and work on the canopy between the church and auditorium. Trellis outside the restrooms behind the auditorium have been completed.

OLA begins new recycling program –  
Your cooperation is needed to make it a success!



Pope Francis has called upon us to be good stewards of God's Creation through the careful use of resources. We can help reduce what goes into the landfill by separating and recycling our trash.



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## Journey with teens this summer

### Hello OLA Community!

It is my great pleasure to officially announce that we have committed to working with Young Neighbors in Action (YNIA) and Just5Days (J5D) for our 2019 Summer Mission Trips! Our high school mission trip through YNIA will take place at their service site in Oakland, California, from July 7<sup>th</sup> to July 12<sup>th</sup> and middle school mission trip through J5D at their service site in Las Vegas, Nevada from June 24 to June 28.

During our trips we serve those most in need through environmental, direct assistance and construction service projects. On each trip we have also have the opportunity to celebrate mass, the sacrament of reconciliation, communal prayer and socialize with other missionaries from across the United States. Most importantly these trips remind us that growing in our faith means learning to serve others.

Our first parent and teen meeting was last week, but do not fret! We still have a limited number of spaces open. If you are interested in joining us on Mission Trip, please contact me as soon as possible. Middle and high school teens as well as adult chaperones interested in serving with us this summer, should speak with me as soon as possible.

Lastly, as members of OLA we will all be journeying together on this mission. We need you, we need your support and, most especially, we need your prayers. We will continue offering “shares” at \$25 each which enables benefactors to attend our Shareholder’s Dinner after our mission trip to witness what their investment has accomplished in the lives of our missionaries. Thank you for your continued support of our Young Church!

– *Jesus Rodriguez, OLA Youth Ministry Coordinator*



## Gratitude and our Lenten practices

The reason for all of our fasting and prayer and almsgiving during Lent is to be reawakened to all God has done for humanity, and to all that our Lord has done for each of us personally. It is all too easy to get lulled into complacency in our daily routines, to “sleepwalk” through life, getting up and getting ourselves out the door, going to work, returning home for dinner and dishes, meetings or sports activities, and finally flopping on the couch to watch TV until bedtime. While there is nothing inherently sinful in this routine, as Christian stewards, we are called to so much more!

This Lent, let us train ourselves, or more precisely, allow Him to train us to say “Yes” to His will and to offer our lives back to Him in gratitude. In so doing, we, too, will become “transfigured.” This is what it means to live fully awake; this is a stewardship way of life and it is glorious indeed. – *The Catholic Steward*



**We thank Dr. Paul Ford for his marvelous insights on Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving offered during our Parish Mission. You may access his notes and quotations at [www.olaclaremont.org](http://www.olaclaremont.org).**

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## Fiesta 2019

Our Fiesta Committee has been working behind-the-scenes to arrange the important elements of our 2019 Fiesta in May.

All that is required now is the support of the community with raffle tickets sales, sponsorships and volunteers. Please pick up your Fiesta raffle tickets this weekend and consider a 2019 Fiesta sponsorship.

## Parking caution!

Parking citations were issued by the Claremont Police Department to cars illegally parked across red zones or driveways on Ash Wednesday. Please be sure to park within legal parking spaces on the street when coming to weekend Masses.

## Parish office closed

The parish office will be closed Friday, March 22, so that staff may attend the Religious Ed Congress.

## community life



## St. Joseph Table is Sunday!

Harbinger of spring is our St. Joseph Table hosted by Italian Catholic Federation Sunday, March 17, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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 making fresh *canolli* for sale at \$3 each. Take some home to enjoy! Italian sausage sandwiches will be sold for \$5 outside church, and carry-out will be available.

## Lenten Fish Fry every Friday

Every Friday in Lent, Knights of Columbus will host a Fish Fry in the auditorium from 5 to 7 p.m. Enjoy flaky fish filets, along with an assortment of sides, at very reasonable prices. A family rate is also available... great company, great food and the added benefit of supporting the good words of K of C.

## Highlights

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

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**First Early Bird Deadline** for Fiesta raffle ticket returns is *this* Sunday, March 17.

### St. Joseph Table is here!

- Italian Sausage Sandwiches are only \$5 each.
- Purchase delectable baked goods for your table.
- Enter a raffle to support the good works of ICF.

**Newcomers to the parish** should call the parish office if they do not receive a postcard invitation mailed this week.

**Secular Franciscans** invite you to “come and see” what it means to follow St. Francis.

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## WOW for March meets earlier

Newcomers are always welcome at OLA’s **W**idows **O**r **W**idowers and other singles gatherings. This casual social and support group will meet Thursday, March 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the OLA convent

Enjoy dinner and optional game play for those who enjoy a little competition. (Bring \$2 in quarters if you wish to play.) Invite a friend! All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you!

The menu this month is a pasta dinner with salad, beverages and dessert for only \$10. RSVP by Wednesday, March 27 to Jo Pearring at (909) 626-0489 or Jean O’Donnell (909) 624-3392.

Mass Intentions/Readings  
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# worship &

**MONDAY, March 18**

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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

6:30am †There Le, †Martha & Peter  
 †Antonia Ladores

5:30pm †Peter & Anna, †Mary Vinh  
 †Brandi Brown

**TUESDAY, March 19**

St. Joseph

*2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a*

6:30am †Souls of the Unborn, †Rosa

5:30pm †Mary, †Raul Angeles  
 †Joseph & Ann Dang

**WEDNESDAY, March 20**

Spring begins

*Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31 Mt 20:17-28*

6:30am Peace for Family  
 †Juan V. Arreglado

5:30pm †Kakuji Morishita

**THURSDAY, March 21**

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

6:30am †Antonio Ladores, Antonia  
 Ladores, Thelma Marcelo

5:30pm †Francisco Barba  
 †Alberto Norales

**FRIDAY, March 22**

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

6:30am

5:30pm †Michael Till, Sr., Fr. Charles  
 Ramirez, Gretchen Augustyn

**SATURDAY, March 23**

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

*Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*

8:00am Lane Woodward, †Phong Bui,  
 Gretchen Augustyn

4:00pm †Jerry Eugene Perry,  
 †Dr. Bill McQuillan  
 Pauline Jean Boyens

5:30pm Mick & Marylou Brown  
 †Mora-Ortega Family  
 †Mana de Jesus Sarmiento

**SUNDAY, March 24**

Third Sunday of Lent, First Scrutiny

*Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9*

7:00am

9:00am †Jerry Lobo, †Joseph & Ebbie  
 de la Torre, Teresa Garza

11:00am †Jerry Eugene Perry,  
 †Fr. Frank Leon Gelskey,  
 †Erma Erickson

1:00pm

3:00pm For the People of the Parish

5:00pm

7:00pm †Josefina Galarza d'Ortiz

†Deceased

## Damien High

High/Middle school students and parents are invited to the spring open house and athletic spotlight Thursday, March 21, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Meet administrators, faculty, admission staff, current students and coaches. Individual spots will be highlighted, and tours are available.

For more information, contact Damien High at (909) 596-1946 ext. 834 or you may email [outreach@damien-hs.edu](mailto:outreach@damien-hs.edu).

## Bishop Amat

Information Night is Tuesday, March 26, for Bishop Amat High School. Students and parents may learn more about academic, athletic and extra-curricular programs at 7 p.m. in the library. Tours are offered at 6 p.m.

Entrance test is scheduled Saturday, March 30 at 9 a.m.

For more information, contact Ms. Josie Saik at (9626) 962-2495, ext. 7435 or go to [www.bishopamat.org](http://www.bishopamat.org).

**The Heights is open to all high school teens and takes place in the Youth Room after the 5 pm Teen Mass.**

**Jesus Rodriguez, Coordinator of Youth Ministry**  
**(909) 626-3596, ext. 4215**

Follow us on Instagram @theheightsola



**See Page 2 for Summer Mission Trip**

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 any of our gatherings. You may email [youngadultsunit-ed01@gmail.com](mailto:youngadultsunit-ed01@gmail.com) or call Patrick at (626) 622-5381 for location. Join our Facebook group: *Young Adults of OLA*. Also, view updates on Instagram @youngadultsunited. Get reminders on your phone... Enter 81010 and text @yau1



**Ongoing** – Communion service and prayer with patients at a local convalescent home every Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**March 20** – We will be hosting small group discussions. Connect with like-minded young adults in a low pressure environment while finding new ways to improve your life. This month we gather at Taco King from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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## Via Crucis rehearsals



Our Hispanic Community has begun practices for the annual *Via Crucis* (outdoor Way of the Cross). This year the production will be bilingual, and English speakers are invited to join the cast. For information, contact Abel Reynoso at (909) 827-5324.

## Secular Franciscans host 'Come and See' meeting

Do you have the desire to live a Gospel life in a secular world?

Are you interested in finding a simpler and more peaceful lifestyle modeled after St. Francis of Assisi?

Have you heard about "third orders" or "secular orders" and wondered what that meant?

The Holy Spirit Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans at OLA invites you to a "come and see" meeting Tuesday, March 19, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the convent.

More information is available from Claudia Thompson, Minister, at (909) 576-5632, or Myrna Kildare, Fraternity Member, at (909) 518-9628.



## Religious Ed Congress

The 61st annual Religious Education Congress in Anaheim is set for March 22-24, 2019. Youth Day is March 21. The theme is *Thirsting for Justice*. Visit [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org) to register for \$85. Includes...

- Choice of 300 workshops on a variety of topics of interest to educators and all Catholics;
- Exhibits by Catholic vendors as well as religious and lay organizations;
- Fourteen liturgies in a variety of cultures/languages/styles;
- Exhibits by local artists that capture the sense of God's trustworthiness;
- Free lunchtime and evening concerts by popular artists.



## Guidelines for 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.

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 during Lent.

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## VIRTUS training

The next VIRTUS adult training for prevention of child abuse is planned Friday, March 29, at 7 p.m. in Room 14. The Spanish class is Wednesday, March 27, at 7 p.m. in Room 12.

This is the initial 3-hour training called *Protecting God's Children* which is required of all ministers, volunteers and staff.

Please come early to complete paperwork. For more information, contact Magali Amezcua at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4211.

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# outreach

## Support local homeless shelter

The local homeless shelter, *Hope for Home*, operated by Volunteers of America, has made a significant difference in the lives of our most desperate neighbors. The program offers housing, food, clothing, and array of services toward employment, rehabilitation and stability.

You can help ongoing efforts by bringing donations of non-perishable items to the shopping cart or trailer outside our temporary worship place.

OLA volunteers also provide a meal for 200 once a month at the VOA shelter. For more information about that program, contact Tony Soto at (408) 497-1221 or email [tonysotosales@gmail.com](mailto:tonysotosales@gmail.com).



## Prayer Requests

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

**Recent:** Dave Adermed, Flora Ebol, Vera Flores, Virginia Hill, Shanta Jayaweera, Javier Lopez, Amy McQuillan, and Maria Navarro

**Previously:** Dcn. Gustavo Arellana, Dianne Arcadipane, Estella Arellano, Charlie Aresman, Elza V. Barba, Guadalupe Bustamante, Lisa Carranza, Theresa Chase, Marie Chavez, Robert Chavez, Dor'thea Ann Collins, Tierry & Elmiro Domond, Hal Finnegan, Alfred Hernandez, Vicky Hernandez, Billy Hicks, Mary Gaitan, Sr. Feliz Gil Jimenez, Maria G. Guerrero, Enrique Juarez, Jesse Lopez, Vickie Magallanes, Sue McCoppin, Antonia Porcell, Daniel Ramos, Mary Raya, Esther Rodriguez, Rita Salvata, Fanny Sanchez, Dick Santia Donavon Santiago, Deacon Bob and Kathy Steighner, Sylvia Stephens, Angela Vega, Vencek Family, Amelia Villanueva, Wendy Villegas, and Ignatius Francis Wong

### **For our beloved deceased...**

Cynthia Asinas, wife of Robert Asinas, mother of Paula and Steve Asinas, Katrina Wong and Natasha Sanchez; David Morales, cousin of Lydia Carl; Rita Salvata, mother of Diane Pierce Salvata; Catholic relief workers and missionaries killed in the recent airline crash in Ethiopia; and for the family and friends who mourn their loss

*A letter to the world from  
Pope Francis*

## Laudato Si

*"I urgently appeal to those in positions of social, economic, political and cultural responsibility to hear the cry of the earth, and to attend to the needs of the marginalized."*

Pope Francis

This Lent consider the challenge Pope Francis puts before us. Be part of the Christian simplicity movement. Learn what personal habits harm God's creation.

- Cut back on personal consumption. Adopt a less-is-more attitude throughout Lent. Ask yourself: Do I need it?
- When you need to purchase, consider shopping for used items. So much can be found at local thrift shops, Craigslist, the Freecycle Network, or used products online.
- Notice when you toss something away. Where is away? It's going somewhere on the planet. This Lent reduce consumption; reuse whatever you can; and learn to recycle. Otherwise it goes into the landfill.

*Liturgical Press 2015*

Parish Offertory Collection	
Weekend March 9-10	\$19,112
Online	\$ 3,817
Total	\$22,929
Budget	\$26,790
Under Budget	\$ 3,862

# Administration 7

YOU can help OLA be a better steward by recycling!



## FOOD/ORGANIC WASTE

New! Organic material, is plant, and food waste.



**RECYCLE WASTE:**  
Items made of paper and plastic, metal or paper.



**LANDFILL WASTE:**  
All those items that cannot be recycled or turned into compost.

OLA has a new recycling system to comply with City guidelines and reduce trash that goes into the landfill. All existing plastic bins and trash cans will be replaced inside and outside our facilities. The large bottle recycling boxes will stay in classrooms also for Student Council recycling.

**Inside** – In classrooms there will be two cans – one can for recycling and one for landfill waste. **Please, NO FOOD waste in the classrooms!**

**Outside** – There will be cans placed in threes, for recycle, landfill and food/organic waste. Please take care to place your waste in the proper cans.

**Auditorium** – Cans that are in the auditorium will still be used as marked, for recycle and for trash (landfill items).

**Kitchen** – There will be three cans available to separate food/organic and recycling from landfill.

Please make sure that any liquids are emptied out before the container is thrown away. Water and liquids can be poured onto the grass or into planter beds.

Your cooperation is needed to make this a success!  
Listen to Pope Francis and hear “the cry of the earth”

## Información semanal

### Miercoles:

Grupo de Dios (Oración )  
4 p.m., el Salon de Reflexión

Grupo de Oración  
(Cristo Vive)  
Reunión de Coro y Lideres,  
7 p.m. el Salón 11

### Jueves:

Cristo Vive (Oración)  
7 p.m., el auditorio

### Viernes:

Angeles de Fe (Jóvenes)  
7 p.m., el Salón de Jovenes

Camino de Fe (Jóvenes  
Adultos) 7 p.m., el Salón  
Felician (Biblioteca)

Encuentro Matrimonial  
7 p.m., el Convento

Coro  
6:30 p.m., el Salón 15

### Presentaciones

Primer domingo del mes

### Cumpleaños

Último domingo del mes

### Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA)

RICA es una jornada de preparación sacramental para todos los adultos que necesitan bautismo, primera comunión o confirmación.

**Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial** al (909) 626-3596 ,ext. 0, o visitenos para más información para bodas, quiceañeras y bautizos.



## Grupo de Jovenes

Nuestro objetivo es motivar a todos los adolescentes de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción y crear una comunidad ayudando, aprendiendo, inspirando conociendo y poniendo en práctica el servicio. Crear un ambiente divertido, cómodo, animador y espiritual entre los adolescentes a fin de apoyar en los problemas que la juventud vive diariamente, guiándonos con El Espíritu Santo y dejándonos llevar por Dios.

Están invitados a reunirse con nosotros todos los viernes de 7:00pm a 9:00pm en el salón Youth Center/Juction Para mas información comunicarse con Angelica Gomez (909) 450-1795

## Encuentro Matrimonial

Dense el regalo de vivir el fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial. Para más información favor de comunicarse con Armando y Lucrecia López al (909) 236-8606. Habrá una noche de información el lunes, 18 de marzo a las 7 p.m. en el auditorio de nuestra parroquia.



## Segundo domingo de cuaresma

No es difícil imaginar, en esta época de guerras, que grupos malvados tiendan a la destrucción de la humanidad y locuras políticas, que las palabras de san Pablo fueron tan precisas, aún para el tiempo en que vivió. Pareciera que el mundo nunca cambia. Pablo dice “muchos se comportan como enemigos de la cruz de Cristo. Para los que piensan en cosas terrenas, su destino es la perdición. . . “(Filipenses 3: 18, 19). El resultado es la destrucción de personas inocentes y del planeta mismo. Pero Pablo dice a los filipenses: “Somos ciudadanos del cielo, de donde esperamos como salvador a Jesucristo el Señor” (3:20). Él “transformará nuestro cuerpo frágil en un cuerpo glorioso semejante al suyo” (3:21). Nota que él dice “cuerpo” en lugar de “cuerpos”. Él habla acerca de la completa comunidad de creyentes, quienes, siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús y Pablo, vendrán a la gloria de Dios. Así que “¡Manténganse firmes en el Señor!” (4:1). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

# 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. Email [bulletin@olaclaremont.org](mailto:bulletin@olaclaremont.org).**

Interested in the Catholic Church? We invite you to one of our Inquiry sessions. Call Michael Ramirez at (909) 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 AND Spanish Baptisms, please contact the parish office at (909) 626-3596, ext. 0.

**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

3:00 – 3:45 p.m. English/Spanish  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. English

## 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 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday

Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6 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.

## OLA Catholic School

611 W. Bonita Ave., Claremont, CA 91711

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

Office hours: Mon-Thurs 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fridays 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Principal Bernadette Boyle

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

## Parish Staff

Rev. Charles J. Ramirez, Pastor

Rev. Ron Clark, Associate Pastor

Rev. Paul Phan, Associate Pastor

Rev. Chris Troxell, Associate Pastor

Deacon Jim and Karen Allgaier

Deacon Joe Domond

Deacon Bob and Kathy Steighner

Deacon Art and Nadine Escovedo, retired

Neomi Torres, Director of Parish Administration (x4203)

Victor Hernandez, Director of Faith Formation (x4213)

Dcn. Jim Allgaier, Outreach/Stewardship Coord. (x4216)

Jesus Rodriguez, Youth Ministry Coordinator (x4215)

Mary Muñoz, Coordinator of Music Ministry (x4263)

Jean McKenna, Communications Coordinator (x4217)

Bing Macavinta, Bookkeeper (x4232)

Katy Salisbury, Administrative Assistant (x4268)

Karina Pardo, Laura Aguilera, Melly Grigolla and

Elizabeth Preciado, Receptionists (x0)

Roberto Roman, Spanish Choir

Tinh Nguyen, Vietnamese Choir

## Second Sunday of Lent

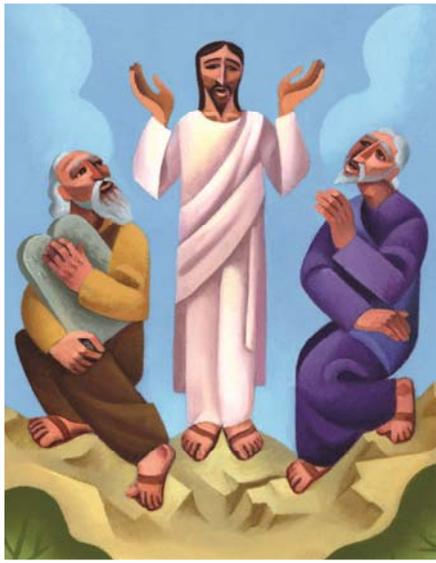
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*Today's Readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-26.*

Take a few moments to pray with the Gospel. What image stays with you? My imagination was captured by the words "dazzling white." What does this look like? Placing myself in the story, I began to wonder what it would have been like to accompany Jesus to this place. Would I have understood what was happening, or, like Peter, would I have wanted to set up camp and remain in the presence of God's glorified Son? The words "dazzling white" brought to mind the white garment at Baptism and how when we come out of the waters of rebirth, after having died with Christ, we are clothed in dazzling white, a sign of our resurrection with him. Baptism isn't just a ritual we enact but a covenant with God, a covenant that demands faithfulness and action. We must come down from the mountain and journey with Christ and serve his people. Baptism changes us and redefines our relationship with God.

During this Lenten season, the whole Church walks with those preparing for Baptism. As we journey, each of us is asked once again to die to self so as to be open to the Light of Salvation. This Lenten journey will prepare us to renew our covenant at the Vigil of Easter so that we might recommit ourselves to the covenant made in Baptism and faithfully carry out Christ's works. If possible, find your baptismal garment or some pictures from your Baptism and use them in your prayer with this Gospel.

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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 5, Adoration continues overnight until Saturday at 7:45 a.m.**

#### **Lenten Fish Fry: March 22**

A traditional menu is offered by Knights of Columbus on Fridays, March 15, 22 & 29, April 5 & 12 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.

#### **Stations of the Cross: March 22**

##### *Every Friday in Lent*

- 7:15 p.m. Knights of Columbus (except Good Friday)
- Spanish *Via Crucis* in the church from 4 to 5 p.m.

#### **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.

**Check out Lenten features on the parish website at [www.olaclaremont.org](http://www.olaclaremont.org)**

### Private Confession

#### **Saturdays during Lent**

**9:00 to 10:00 a.m.**

**2:45 to 3:45 p.m.**

**6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

*Also by appointment  
Contact Parish Office*

### Prayer Warriors

The OLA Prayer Warriors have resumed weekly meetings from 6:45 to 9 p.m. in church. All are welcome to join them in praise and intercession as they take up the needs of our faith community and personal needs..

### Reflection from Father Tom

This sign, hanging next to my door, is a reminder every time I leave my room that the three core disciplines of Lent all are some form of simplifying – letting go of whatever is superfluous. Almsgiving, through works of charity and service embodying justice, is being present to others; fasting removes clutter and creates space for God's self-emptying love to fill; and prayer is the act of consciously and intentionally letting God be God in my life. – TW



**You are invited to subscribe to Fr. Tom Welbers' newsletter at <https://eepurl.com/bksot>  
Fr. Tom is the former pastor of OLA now in retirement.**