

April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday  
of

I put water in the desert  
and rivers in the wasteland  
for my chosen people to drink.

Isaiah 43:20

Lent

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## Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church



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Bishop-Elect Alex Aclan



Morning Mass

# 2 We examine our life with the Elect

Every time we celebrate the sacrament of Baptism, we ask the questions, “Do you renounce Satan? And all his works? And all his empty promises?” These are serious questions. We should consider them carefully before answering. And that is what the Elect, those preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, spend much of Lent doing.

For those who are making their final preparation for Baptism, Lent is a time of purification and enlightenment. They examine their lives in the light of God’s word and ask the entire Christian community to pray that whatever is weak and sinful within them may be eliminated and that whatever is good and holy may be affirmed. After the homily, in a litany of intercession, the assembly at the 9 a.m. Mass proclaims the power of Jesus over all sin. Then they pray over the Elect for their deliverance and strengthening. The presider, lays his hands on the heads of the Elect in an ancient sign of forgiveness, healing and empowerment.

And because the entire community will renew its baptismal promises at Easter, we too examine our lives in light of God’s word. Of course, this is something we should be doing throughout the year, but we focus on this self-examination in a special way during Lent. In every community that will baptize adults or older children at the Easter Vigil, special rites known as the “scrutinies” are celebrated at liturgy on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent. Readings from the Gospel of John have been used for centuries to prepare the Elect and the Church for Baptism. The readings focus on sin and redemption using the images of thirst and water, darkness and light, death and life. By examining ourselves through these readings, we come to know how we have become parched, how we have been blinded, how we have become deadened through sin. When we and the Elect are asked at Easter to renounce Satan, evil works and empty promises, our answer can be a thoughtful, strong and heartfelt “I do!”



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## National Child Abuse Prevention Month

# Protecting God’s Children



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. We are proud of the progress that OLA has made in protecting our children. Since 2001, the Safeguard the Children Committee has been working on a comprehensive program for promoting a safe environment for children, youth and vulnerable adults. Current members are Magali Amezcua, Mariela Arellano, Bernadette Boyle, Cindy Corrales, Victor Hernandez, Lan Nguyen, Jesus Rodriguez, Neomi Torres and Bill Young. The committee is seeking additional members who have expertise in law, public safety, or public health. Please contact Neomi Torres, our parish administrator, if you would like more information about this opportunity to serve OLA.

Since 2013, the number of adults who have completed the VIRTUS training program in prevention of child abuse is 1,460. The number of adults added to the official fingerprint register is 590. Over 1,000 children have been educated in protection awareness through *Empowering God’s Children*.

The National catholic Risk Retention Group provides parents with a free handbook to help them focus on practical steps to protect children from sexual abuse. View/Print this publication from the OLA website 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 Fiesta May 10, 11 and 12.

All that is required now is the support of the community with raffle tickets sales, sponsorships and volunteers. We are pleased to announce the latest list of sponsors for the 2019 Fiesta.

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## 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.

## On our website

View construction updates, the school's annual report, and Lenten events at [www.olaclaremont.org](http://www.olaclaremont.org).

## Highlights

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

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**OLA students** working on *Imago Dei* service projects will host “coffee ‘n’ donuts” to raise funds for an organ-transplant patient.

### Sign up to help VBS!

That's Vacation Bible School returning to OLA June 24-28.

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**Fiesta sponsors – You can join them.** It's not too late!

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**Request for flowers** for our Holy Week celebrations...

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## community life

## BUNNIES at Palm Sunday sale!

Real Easter bunnies (and plush bunnies) are featured at the annual Palm Sunday Sale hosted by the Secular Franciscans next weekend. The big sale is Sunday, April 14, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. after Masses. A pre-sale will offer some items on the patio outside church on Saturday.



Purchase Easter-themed baked goods and other treats, craft items, jewelry, plants and pottery. Most items are hand-made or home-grown and very reasonably priced!

Secular Franciscans are a lay order dedicated to simple living and serving the poor. Their sale supports the Amazon Water Project, Get On The Bus, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Hope Partners, OLA School scholarships, OLA youth field trip, seminarians, victims of human trafficking and Adopt-A-Family.

## Knights of Columbus



## LENTEN FISH FRY

## Don't miss it!

Final Fish Fry Friday in Lent will be April 12. “You won't be disappointed!” say Knights of Columbus who host this popular event from 5 to 7 p.m. in the auditorium. 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 works of the Knights.

Mass Intentions/Readings  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**Week of April 7, 2019 - Year C**

**MONDAY, April 8**

*Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];*  
*Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20*  
6:30am Fr. Peter Dennis  
5:30pm

**TUESDAY, April 9**

*Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30*  
6:30am  
5:30pm

**WEDNESDAY, April 10**

*Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;*  
*Jn 8:31-42*  
6:30am  
5:30pm Peace in Family  
‡Abandoned Souls

**THURSDAY, April 11**

St. Stanislaus  
*Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59*  
6:30am ‡Jaime & Julie Tiano  
‡Souls of Ancestors  
5:30pm Steve Yoss  
‡Guadalupe Daniel Ayala  
Clare Troxell

**FRIDAY, April 12**

*Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42*  
6:30am ‡Souls of Ancestors  
‡John the Baptist  
5:30pm ‡Julio Pardo Villanueva,  
Gretchen Augustyn

**SATURDAY, April 13**

San Martin I  
*Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56*  
8:00am ‡Eleanor Tessier, Carolina  
Sandoval, ‡Phong Bui  
4:00pm Palm Sunday Vigil Mass  
5:30pm Palm Sunday Vigil Mass

**SUNDAY, April 14**

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
*Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps*  
*22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;*  
*Lk 22:14-23:56 [23:1-49]*  
7:00am Palm Sunday  
9:00am Palm Sunday  
11:00am Palm Sunday  
1:00pm Palm Sunday  
3:00pm Palm Sunday  
5:00pm Palm Sunday  
7:00pm Palm Sunday

‡Deceased

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## Confirmation Day a real celebration!

Last Saturday Bishop-Elect Alex Aclan confirmed 90 teens and one adult from our parish. It was a beautiful Mass that marked the end of a two-year process for the candidates who began their journey in 2017. These 91 people made a choice and commitment to stick with the process. There were plenty of opportunities where they could have walked away or disregarded the sacrament as something that was not important. However, these young men and women chose to seek a relationship with God!

Our team of Confirmation leaders can attest that it was amazing to watch these young teens grow in their faith and seek God over the course of the past two years. Among the sessions, retreats, Masses, and service projects we were able to witness the teens actively practicing their faith while also making the effort to question those things they didn't understand. Their willingness to go deeper and seek answers reminds us all that the young Church is alive and well. Now that they are confirmed may the Holy Spirit continue to guide them in their faith and in life!

### PHOTOS ON FRONT COVER!

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

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

Follow us on Instagram @theheightsola



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

**YOUNG  
ADULTS  
UNITED**

- April 10 Adoration at St. Dorothy Church from 8 to 9 p.m. followed by dinner or coffee
- April 17 Small group discussion with like-minded young adults in a pressure-free environment; Taco King at 7:30 p.m.

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## ANNUAL REPORT

### OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

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## Adorn our worship space...

You may help beautify our worship space with a donation of calla lilies for Holy Thursday (April 18) or Easter lilies for the big feast day (April 21).

Bring your donation of flowers, either cut from your garden or purchased, to the parish office between Monday and Wednesday, April 15-17. Thank you!

## Vacation Bible School returns to OLA

It's time to plan a wonderful VBS experience for our children! OLA Vacation Bible School returns in 2019 after a hiatus of several years.

Many volunteers, from adults to teens to junior high students, are needed to make it a success. Sign up at [www.olaclaremont.org](http://www.olaclaremont.org).

In the meantime, families may prepare for fun June 24-28 for kids from Junior-K to (entering) Sixth Grade.

## View OLA School Annual Report

Our Lady of the Assumption School announces the release of its annual report, available online at [www.olaclaremont.org](http://www.olaclaremont.org). Take a moment to view this engaging record of the impressive achievements at OLA, one of the top schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

## Divine Mercy workshop is April 27

Mark your calendar for the workshop about Divine Mercy and the healing power of the Holy Spirit Saturday, April 27, at OLA. Sponsor is the Southern California Renewal Communities (RCSC). Featured speaker is Fr. George Reynolds from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the auditorium. go to [www.scrs.org](http://www.scrs.org) to register for \$20 until April 22.

## Prayer Requests

### Beyond OLA

#### Temple Beth Israel

In commemoration of *Yom HaShoah*, Holocaust Remembrance Day, a staged reading of excerpts from Anne Frank's diary will be hosted by Temple Beth Israel in Pomona, 3033 N. Towne Ave.

There is no admission charge for the program on Sunday, April 28 at 4 p.m. All are welcome!

#### Heads up on Martin Sheen

Featured guest at the third annual Speaker Series for Crossroads, Inc., will be Actor Martin Sheen on Saturday, June 8. Sponsors of the event will have access to pre-sale tickets. For details, you may email [info@crossroadswomen.org](mailto:info@crossroadswomen.org).

### For our sick and suffering...

**Recent:** Chrissy East, Helen Fitch, Delia Guerrero, Allyson Krahn-Contois, Adriana Morales, Jose Murillo, Dick Santia, and Louis Wold

**Previously:** Dave Adermed, Elba Alyassi, Dcn. Gustavo Arellana, Dianne Arcadipane, Estella Arellano, Charlie Aresman, Elza V. Barba, Guadalupe Bustamante, Christopher Carranza, Lisa Carranza, Roger Carillo, Celedonia Castillo, Theresa Chase, Marie Chavez, Tierry & Elmiro Domond, Flora Ebol, Hal Finnegan, Vera Flores, Proceso Garong, Paola Guzman, Ana Michelle Hageroort, Alfred Hernandez, Vicky Hernandez, Billy Hicks, Virginia Hill, Sr. Feliz Gil Jimenez, Enrique Juarez, Javier Lopez, Jesse Lopez, Cruz Martinez, Vickie Magallanes, Sue McCoppin, Amy McQuillan, Sandy Morales, Emmanuel E. Moreno, Daniel Ramos, Mary Raya, Esther Rodriguez, Johnny E. Rodriguez, Rachel Rodriguez, Rita Salvata, Fanny Sanchez, Phillip Sanchez, Deacon Bob and Kathy Steighner, Sylvia Stephens, Amelia Villanueva, Wendy Villegas, and Ignatius Francis Wong

### For our beloved deceased...

Paul Jaekel, husband of Georgeann Jaekel; Marco Antonio Rosales, father of Silvia Rosales; and for the family and friends who mourn their loss

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# outreach

## Earth Day in Claremont

Sustainable Claremont and the City of Claremont host the 11th Annual Earth Day Celebration in The Village Sunday, April 14, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (in conjunction with the Farmers Market).

This event brings together more than 75 exhibition booths, informational workshops, art and technology displays, school exhibits, live entertainment and much more!

The goal of Earth Day is to increase community awareness of environmental issues; showcase eco-friendly products, services, and organizations; provide hands-on learning opportunities; and bring the entire community together for a fun and meaningful celebration.

This year's theme is *Reimagining Our Resources* to highlight the many ways we can all live more sustainably, by reimagining the use of all of our resources, and reducing our waste.



Notable speakers at the recent Laudato Si Workshop hosted by OLA's JustAct Ministry were Michele McGrath (urban planner), Devon Hartman (Sustainable Claremont), Mary Tawadros (Volunteers of America), and Kami Gosvenor (Inland Valley Hope Partners).



## LADIES OF COLUMBUS TEA

Elegant tables and guests adorned the annual tea for Ladies of Columbus which transformed the auditorium into a canvas of spring colors. Chair-person Terri Thompson posed at her table before introducing the list of beneficiaries for the fundraiser: Shoes That Fit, Wounded Warrior Project, Crossroads Inc., House of Ruth, Homeboy Industries, OLA Fiesta, OLA youth group, OLA School, and OLA priests..



## Upcoming event for Ladies of Columbus

The Ladies of Columbus will be hosting an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship next Saturday, April 13, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 4095 Fruit Street in La Verne.

All women in the parish are welcome to attend and make new friends. Please bring a dish to share. There will be games and prizes as well.

RSVP to Alyssa Snyder at (909) 744-2696 or Andrea Cataldo at (909) 996-1388.

<b>Parish Offertory Collection</b>	
Weekend March 30-31	\$17,366
Online	\$ 2,353
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,719</b>
Budget	\$26,790
Under Budget	\$ (7,071)

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## JOIN OUR 2019 FIESTA SPONSORS

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### CHARITY / NON-PROFIT SPONSORS:

Dignity Group, Grady Jennings, Italian Catholic Federation #319, Ladies of Columbus  
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### Gifts & Product Donations

42<sup>nd</sup> Street Bagel Cafe , Aquarium of the Pacific, John & Sara Beemer, Candlelight Pavilion  
 The Eddie & Silvia Castro, Robert & Christine Johnson, Century 21-Marty Rodriguez  
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 Rancho Cucamonga Quakes Baseball, John & Carol Salter, Pete & Lynne Stella, Santa Anita Park  
 Physical Therapy and Pilates , The Village Eatery, Glendora, Vince's Spaghetti, Yogurtland, Claremont  
 The Body Center Physical Therapy and Pilates, Claremont

## 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)  
No juntas en abril; la próxima  
junta será 2 de mayo.

### 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,**

## Viernes de Adoración Eucarística



Los invitamos a todos a que vengan a la presencia del Santísimo Sacramento del Altar el día Viernes, 12 de Abril en el Salon Reflexion durante Cuaresma de 7 a.m. hasta 5:30 p.m.

## 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

## Las Acciones de Dios Ahora

Cuando los judíos celebran la Pascua, ellos siempre cuentan la historia del Éxodo en términos presentes, como si ellos mismos hubieran pasado por esa experiencia: cuando fuimos prisioneros en Egipto, cuando Dios nos liberó de la esclavitud e cruzamos por las aguas del mar. Haríamos bien en seguir su ejemplo y ver las obras de Jesús y su sacrificio como si fuera en el presente, pasándonos ahora. Creemos que las obras de Cristo, sus enseñanzas y su sacrificio en la cruz no solo fueron por sus seguidores de su tiempo, sino por todas las personas en todo tiempo. Cuando pensamos en esto en nuestras oraciones, nos hacemos una sola fe con la gran nube de testigos, los santos.

Nos hemos esforzado a través de esta Cuaresma para arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados y faltas, y seguir a Jesús más cercanamente. En la historia de hoy de la mujer descubierta en adulterio, vemos a Jesús perdonar a la mujer, salvándola de una muerte horrible y exhortándola a no pecar más. Esto es nuevo y revela algo que la ley no había permitido, el perdón. Desde luego, uno después de muerto ya no puede pecar, descubierto en los pecados de uno para siempre. Pero Jesús presenta los conceptos del perdón y la reconciliación.



# Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

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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

## Lent Saturday Confessions

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
2:45 – 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

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Today's Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11.* Over the course of the Lenten season, we have taken time to contemplate our sinfulness in order to respond to the call to repent. As the psalmist sings, we can rejoice at the marvelous things God has done in our lives. God's mercy is abundant, and when we are open to God's love, we can honestly approach Christ and seek forgiveness. The prophet Isaiah says that God will do something new; in the Gospel, we see this realized in Jesus' encounter with the adulterous woman. When she is accused before Jesus, he responds calmly, knowing that the scribes and the Pharisees were trying to test him. This encounter describes something new. Jesus' words allow the people to consider their sin before judging others. How often do we point to others' sins? Jesus' encounter reveals this woman's sin, but it also reveals God's abundant mercy. She is forever changed because she has been touched by God's grace in Christ. Jesus doesn't ignore the Law of Moses, but by his simple actions, he profoundly says that God's mercy and compassion are the higher authority. Are you surprised by Jesus' actions? I think this helps us ponder the mystery of salvation. God never ceases to amaze us and save us in deeper ways. The Lord truly has done great things for us and filled us with joy. Review the places you encounter the Lord this Lent and give thanks for the places you've been transformed and deepened in communion with the Body of Christ.

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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.

#### **Lenten Fish Fry: April 12**

A traditional menu is offered by Knights of Columbus on Fridays, 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: April 12**

*Every Friday in Lent  
except Good Friday*

- 11:45 a.m. OLA School students
- 7:15 p.m. Knights of Columbus
- 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)**

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

### **Saturdays during Lent until April 13**

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

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

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

*Regular confessions are located in the Parish Office.*

*Call for an appointment with a priest at (909) 626-3596, ext. 0.*

## Communal Reconciliation Service

**7:00 p.m. in church – Tuesday, April 16**

*Bilingual: English-Spanish service  
with an opportunity for private confession*

## 40 Days for Life

Join pro-life advocates Saturday, April 13, as they gather in solidarity with over 100 other prayer vigils from coast to coast to pray for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. Vigil will be held at the Planned Parenthood (Abortion) Facility in Pomona at 1550 N. Garey Ave., just south of the 10 freeway from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you cannot come in person, please pray for them. Victory rally for 40 Days is at St. Joseph Church, 1150 W. Holt Ave., Pomona. Contact Terry Moore at (909) 377-6094 for details.