Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” “Here I am,” I said; “send me!”

Isaiah 6:8

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It was C’ead Mile Failte, that is, “100,000 Welcomes” to our Irish-born Regional Bishop David O’Connell on his first pastoral visit to OLA. He celebrated the Mass for Catholic Schools Week on Sunday.

Thriving Marriages: Enjoy a happier, stronger relationship!

OLA proudly presents marriage enrichment for all couples – those seriously dating, engaged, or married any number of years. Thriving Marriages is a series of five workshops planned for 2016 beginning Sunday, Feb. 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the auditorium. This workshop is an exceptional opportunity in our parish – don’t miss it!

Our outstanding guest speakers for the series are Dr. John Yzaguirre and Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, acclaimed presenters at the Religious Ed Congress in Anaheim. They have packed 30 years of clinical and ministry experience as counselors into a popular program and book entitled Thriving Marriages. They offer a distinctly Catholic vision and a practical roadmap to couples seeking joy and unity in marriage. More information is available at the website www.ThrivingFamilies.com.

Note that free child care will be offered for children ages 3 to 11 years old on the OLA campus, supervised by a licensed and trained leader and volunteer assistants. Make reservations at $20 per couple or $10 per person on the patio the weekends of Feb. 6-7 and Feb. 13-14 after all Masses. Bring a check payable to “OLA” and fill out the registration form at the parish or school offices. Or go online to www.olaclaremont.org for a form. We must know in advance if you need child care! For details, contact Deacon Joe Domond at jdomond@gmail.com or (909) 816-7207.
Liturgical Events
A blessing for married couples will be part of all Masses next weekend.

LENTEN SCHEDULE...
• Ash Wednesday services
• Eucharistic Adoration
• Stations of the Cross
• Lenten Speaker Series
• St. Lucy’s Retreat

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Meetings
• St. Vincent de Paul Society meets Monday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. in the school library.
• Fiesta Committee convenes Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Sapienza Room.
• NOTE: OLA School is dismissed early at 12:30 p.m. this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 10-12.
• Lectors Prepare and Share Thursday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Sapienza Room.

Don’t miss the K of C Fish Fry
Friday, Feb. 12, 5 to 7 p.m.

Adult Meal $7 – Child/Senior $5
Super Meal $9
Family Deal $25 (7-pieces fish/10sides)
Mac n Cheese Bowl $3
Clam Chowder Bread Bowl w/ two sides $5
Bottled Water/Dessert $1 – Wine or Beer $2

Meals include flaky fish filets, fries, mac’n’cheese, or coleslaw, rolls with butter, and coffee/lemonade/water

Other dates are Feb. 26, March 4, 11 & 18.

Attention kids!
T-shirt Contest
You are invited to enter the Fiesta T-Shirt Contest and win a wristband for free rides all three days of Fiesta (May 6, 7 and 8)! Take a standard, 8.5 X 11 sheet of white paper and use your imagination to illustrate the Fiesta theme – Olé OLA Fiesta! Use elements of Hispanic culture such as guitars and folkloric dancers, tacos and burritos, piñatas and loteria games. Write your name and phone number on the back and submit your drawing to the parish, faith formation or school offices. The winning entry will be printed on our 2016 Fiesta tee shirts. Deadline is Monday, Feb. 29.
**Mass Intentions/Readings**

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Week of Feb. 7 2016/ Year C

**MONDAY, Feb. 8**
St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, and Chinese New Year
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
6:30am ✪ Rita Love
8:15am ✪ Steve Stapleton
5:30pm ✪ Maria Hue

**TUESDAY, Feb. 9**
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
6:30am ✪ Maria Dinh Thi Kinh
8:15am ✪ Maria Mendoza
5:30pm ✪ Giuse Phat

**WEDNESDAY, Feb. 10**
Ash Wednesday Fast and Abstinence
Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
6:30am People of the Parish
8:15am People of the Parish
5:30pm People of the Parish

**THURSDAY, Feb. 11**
Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of Sick
Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
6:30am Hugo Reynoso
8:15am ✪ Giuse Ly
5:30pm ✪ Giuse Thu

**FRIDAY, Feb. 12**
Lincoln’s Birthday
Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19;
Mt 9:14-15
6:30am ✪ Florence Young
8:15am ✪ Nettie Gelskey
5:30pm ✪ Giuse Cong

**SATURDAY, Feb. 13**
Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
8:15am ✪ Peter Keena
4:00pm ✪ Ancestors
5:30pm ✪ For the Souls of the Unborn

**SUNDAY, Feb. 14**
1st Sunday of Lent
Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15;
Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
7:00am ✪ Heath McGarry
9:00am Knights & Ladies of Columbus
11:00am ✪ Eleanor Kuchar
1:00pm For People of the Church
3:00pm ✪ Giuse Hoa Nguyen
5:00pm ✪ Giuse & Phero
7:00pm Collective Intentions

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**Young Adult Ministry**

“Dear young people, dream of great things.”
— Pope Francis

Are you between the ages of 18 and 35? You are welcome to regular meetings usually held Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at OLA. E-mail youngadultsola@gmail.com for details or join our Young Adults of OLA Facebook group. We just want to let all young people know that they are welcome, believers, nonbelievers, those who are going through rough times, those who love God, and those who don’t know Him. Come spend time with people of your age. It is time to learn from others and form long-lasting friendships in faith.

**Coming up!**
Feb. 11: Discuss *Emotional Virtue* by Sarah Swafford
Chapter 5: The Altar Switch
Chapter 6: What is Emotional Virtue?

**Utturn** is thrilled to announce it has currently raised $3,500 toward our $12,00 goal for our Summer mission trip to Reno, Nevada! It is not too late to invest in the young people of OLA. You can purchase shares online or at the parish office at any time. If you are interested in joining us as a missionary our next info meeting will be on Thursday, February 18th from 6-7pm in the Junction.

**Teresa Arredondo**
Utturn Coordinator
Youth@olaclaremont.org
Office: 626-3596, ext. 215

**Sunday, February 7**
Dinner and Utturn Teen Ministry from 6:30-8:30pm in The Junction
Not watching the Big Game this Sunday? Then join us for the final night in our “Alive and Dangerous” series.
Theme: Dangerous Lent

**Sunday, February 14**
Teens are invited to join us as we take Valentines to the residents of Claremont Manor from 2:45-3:45 p.m. Please contact Teresa if you are interested.
Teen Mass at 5 p.m. Dinner and Utturn Teen Ministry Join us for a celebration of everything Saint Valentine!
Funeral Pre-planning Workshop
Saturday, Feb. 20, 1 to 4 p.m.

Giving your family a clear understanding of your choices regarding your end-of-life care and the details that you think are important for your funeral will be appreciated by your loved ones as “the perfect gift.” Planning ahead and actually documenting your personal information will save your family time, money, and stress.

Our annual Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop will be hosted Saturday, Feb. 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. by the OLA Bereavement Ministry. Guest speakers will offer insight into all aspects of preparing for “end of life” care and identify the legal documents needed to assure that your wishes are followed. Catholic guidelines for funeral or memorial services will be explained. Finally, trained professionals will offer a tool to help you begin a conversation with your family about your decisions. All are invited to this free program which includes a “take-home” information packet. For details, contact Lynne Stella at 985-3765.

Fasting/abstinence guidelines

In an earlier era, the emphasis during Lent was on sacrifice, fasting and repentance. Today, our Lenten experience continues to emphasize sacrifice and soul-searching, but it is also a time for spiritual growth, acts of mercy and preparations for the great feast of Easter!

Catholics 18-59 years of age in good health must fast (only one full meal) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics age 14 and older must abstain from meat Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

During Lent, we will “fast” from noise and observe ten minutes of silence prior to Mass. The assembly will be dismissed in silence with a bell, but no hymn.

Mercy is the theme of Apostolate

Pope Francis has opened the door to begin the Year for Mercy to remind us that the heart of Sacred Scripture is His mercy for sinners. A new group at OLA, Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy, invites you to join them in a series of gatherings that focus on the theme of Divine Mercy.

Meetings are held twice a month on Mondays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 17. They are a welcoming, informal environment that sparks individual spiritual growth. For details, email OLAEADM@gmail.com.

Feb. 22: Diary of St. Faustina
March 7: Divine Mercy Feast*

*Note that Divine Mercy Sunday is April 3, the first Sunday after Easter.

Adult Awareness Training
The next Virtus Adult Awareness Training is planned Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. in Room 15. This class to educate active parishioners about how to recognize and prevent child abuse is required of all volunteers and staff in both parish and school.

The class is about three hours in length. Please arrive early to complete paperwork. No reservations are necessary. For more information, contact Magali Amezcua at 626-3596, ext. 211.

OLA has a committee that meets regularly to consider issues of child protection and safety on our campus. The Safeguard the Children Committee consists of administrators, teachers, parish staff, and parishioners with a background in counseling, safety and related fields.

OLA School at math contest

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**40 Days for Life**

“40 Days for Life” is a community-based campaign that takes a peaceful but determined approach to oppose abortion. Its tools are prayer, fasting and community vigils from Feb. 10 through March 20.

Twenty-three countries participate in the campaign which tries to show local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods.

OLA parishioners are invited to pray for our local 40 Days for Life Campaign or join in the peaceful prayer vigils at the Pomona Planned Parenthood Clinic at 1550 N. Garey Ave. from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day in Lent. For more information, contact Steve Perez (campaign leader) at (909) 660-0564 or email him at pomonaprolife@gmail.com. You may also contact Terry Moore of OLA for Life at (909) 981-9216. May God touch your heart with care for the protection of the life of the unborn!

**Bundle Sunday and more**

Bring donations to Bundle Sunday next Sunday at the OLA parking lot from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. you may call (888) 552-7872 for pick-up of larger items. Proceeds benefit the good works of St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Greater Los Angeles Area.

**Divine Mercy Mission**

Holy Name of Mary Parish is the host of a three-day parish mission, Feb. 15-17, on the topic of Divine Mercy. The presentations are offered at both 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Holy Name of Mary Church is located at 724 E. Bonita Ave., in San Dimas. Presenter is Fr. Mark Baron, a Marian Father of the Immaculate Conception. His religious community is entrusted with spreading the message and devotion of Divine Mercy.

For information, call 599-1243.

**Winter shelter for homeless**

Holy Name of Mary (see above) is also the location of a two-week shelter for the homeless sponsored by East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless or ESGVCH. Call Holy Name if you would like to assist, or consider a donation to the coalition at www.esgvch.org.

**Prayer Requests**

**For our sick and suffering…**

**Recent:** Don Backofen, Norma Flores, Francisca and Ruben Pacheco, Glenn Thompson, Kathy Martinez


**For our beloved deceased…**

Beatriz Alvarez, mother of Rosa (Miguel) Munoz; Teresa Dominic, sister-in-law of Patty Amato and Dan East; Martha Himmler, mother of Craig and Josette Himmler; Lizette Llamas, daughter of Sandra Llamas; and for the family and friends who mourn their loss.
Esta semana

Lunes, 8 de febrero
Servidores Cristo Vive
7 p.m. en el salón 11

Martes, 9 de febrero
Junta de Liderazgo
7:30 p.m. en la rectoría

Miércoles, 10 de febrero
Grupo de Dios (Oración)
4 p.m. en el salón reflexión

Jueves, 11 de febrero
Cristo Vive (Oración)
7 p.m. en la iglesia

Viernes, 12 de febrero
Hola Ángeles (Jóvenes)
7 p.m. en el junción
Encuentro Matrimonial
7 p.m. en el convento
Coro
7 p.m. en la librería

Venta de burritos y tacos
después de Misa. Los invita- mos a pasar al auditorio.

Presentaciones
Primer domingo del mes

Mañanitas
Último domingo del mes

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 sies 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.

Suyo en Cristo...

¿Están ustedes preparados para el Miércoles de Ceniza? ¿Cómo vivir ese día con devoción y sin temor? Primero, que sientan ánimo pero ninguna obligación de ir a misa ese día. La iglesia no obliga la misa en Miércoles de Ceniza. Para los domingos y algunas fiestas sí la obliga, pero ese día no. El segundo punto es semejante al primero: es bueno pero no necesario recibir ceniza. Hay una superstición acerca de esto, que dice que el que no recibe ceniza en su frente se va a morir ese año o cuando menos algo malo le va a pasar. –¡Imagínense si Dios fuera así, vengativo e injusto! Tenemos que decir no a la superstición y sí a un Dios misericordioso, que acepta nuestro arrepentimiento, que es el significado de recibir ceniza, y se alegra de que estamos volviendo una vez mas a Él, sin presión, sin temor.

Padre Chris Troxell

Miércoles de Ceniza
10 de febrero

Misas, en la iglesia con la distribución de ceniza
6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 11 a.m.
5:30 p.m. (Ingles)
7:00 p.m. (Español)
8:30 p.m. (Vietnamés)

Servicios en el auditorio con la distribución de cenizas
4:15 p.m. (Ingles/Español)
6:00 p.m. (Ingles)
7:30 p.m. (Ingles/Español)

Guía para el ayuno y abstinencia

En una época anterior, el énfasis en la Cuaresma era el sacrificio, el ayuno y el arrepentimiento. Hoy en día, nuestra experiencia Cuaresmal sigue haciendo énfasis en el sacrificio y el examen de conciencia, pero también es un momento de crecimiento espiritual, los actos de piedad y los preparativos para la gran fiesta de Pascua!

Católicos, 18-59 años de edad, en buen estado de salud debe estar en ayunas (sólo una comida completa) el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo. Además, todos los católicos de 14 años y mayores deben abstenerse de la carne el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los viernes de Cuaresma.
We continue our 2016 honor roll of those who have completed annual pledges. We thank the following for their sustained support of our parish mission and ministries. It’s not too late to make a commitment and help the parish manage its financial resources carefully. Pledge cards may be found on the Welcome Cart and at the parish office. We thank the following for blessing our community with their contributions:

Lisa Cervantes
Gabriel Costa
Michelle Chatigny
Susan B. Hyland
Miss Gertrude Kleekamp
Mr & Mrs Erwin Reymundo
Mr & Mrs Frank Salcedo
Lucy Crow
Mr. & Mrs. John Satterfield
Cloud Family
Olga Anglin
Domingo & Nora Sabado

Patricia French
Marvin & Blanca Urbina
Yvonne Reaza
Doug & Laurie Lama
Mr & Mrs Bruce Dane
Mr & Mrs Dennis Buenaventura
Mr & Mrs Kevin H. Nguyen
Viet Nguyen
Tania Siu
Bryan Jalad
Javier and Sandra Ramirez
The Guedea Family

Mr & Mrs Joseph Hawkes
Andre Humphrey & Jocelyn Martinez
Denis & Patricia Stellenberg
Annabella & Filipina Mabilen
Granville & Tess Henry

**Parish Offertory Collection**

| Weekend Jan. 30-31 | $22,070 |
| Online donations | $3,122 |
| **Total** | $25,192 |
| **Budget** | $26,046 |
| **Under budget** | $(854) |

*Note: Last year at this time we had $75,357 in pledges.*

**Together in Mission Report**

Every gift to *Together in Mission* matters. We come together to make sure our Catholic faith is available to all who seek it, especially in the poorest 80 parishes and 63 schools in the Archdiocese.

TIM Goal \[147,800\]
TIM 2016 Pledges* \[59,869\]
TIM Paid-to-Date \[27,204\]

*Note: Last year at this time we had $75,357 in pledges.*

How to give…

Fill out the pledge form inside the *Together in Mission* brochure at entrances to the church. Return it during the collection at any Mass. Or return it to the parish office. Use the QR code above to donate online or visit the website…

[ourmissionla.org/give.](http://ourmissionla.org/give)
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. See “Adult Formation” on Page 7 for the weekly schedule.

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.

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 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. 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 John and Joyce Tullius
Deacon Joe and Rita Domond
Deacon Art and Nadine Escovedo
Deacon Bob Steighner, Liturgy Coordinator (x234)
Kathy Steighner, Christian Initiation Coordinator (x221)
Neomi Torres, Dir. of Administration (x203)
Teresa Arredondo, Youth Ministry Coordinator (x215)
Sandra Rojas Leonor, Administrative Secretary (x231)
Bing Macavinta, Bookkeeper (x232)
Jean McKenna, Bulletin/Communications (x217)
Trevor Thomson, Contemporary Ensemble
Roberto Roman, Spanish Choir
Dong Le, Vietnamese Choir
Jeff Brown, Contemporary/Youth Ensemble

Bulletin deadline is Sunday for the following weekend. Bring copy to the parish office or email bulletin@olaclaremont.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: First Friday, March 4, Adoration continues overnight until Saturday at 8 a.m.

Lenten Fish Fry: Feb. 12
A traditional menu is offered by Knights of Columbus on Fridays, Feb. 12 & 26, March 4, 11 & 18 in the auditorium from 5 to 7 p.m. Prices are $5/small, $7/medium, $9/large portions. Proceeds benefit charitable works of the Knights. See Page 3.

Stations of the Cross: Feb. 12
- 11:30 a.m. OLA School students
- 7 p.m. Knights of Columbus

Divine Office (15 minutes)
This traditional prayer, also known as Liturgy of the Hours, is based on the Psalms. The group gathers Monday through Friday before the 8:15 a.m. Mass and after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Fasting and abstinence guidelines on Page 5.

Ash Wednesday
The Church embarks on a forty-day retreat to prepare for the celebration of Easter. We join with the elect, those preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation at Easter, in slowing down and considering the how our lives need to be transformed. Where has sin consumed your heart and distracted you from your relationship with God? Sin sneaks in and often becomes habit. We are invited to examine each area of our lives to uncover this darkness. We are asked to change our hearts and turn back to God. The words of the prophet Joel still ring true today. We need to repent and return to the Lord. Conversion isn’t easy and doesn’t happen overnight. It requires discipline, perseverance, and practice. The three disciplines of the Lenten season, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, help us open ourselves to God’s goodness and can draw us closer to the heart of Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus instructs us not to publicly flaunt how we pray, fast, or give alms. Consider how you will set aside time for prayer, and to what you might give alms as a way of deeply entering the season of Lent and purifying your heart.– © Text/Art: Liturgy Training Publications

OLA Ash Wednesday
Masses in church
- 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 11 a.m.
- 5:30 p.m. (English)
- 7 p.m. Spanish
- 8:30 p.m. (Vietnamese)

Prayer services in auditorium
- 4:15 p.m. (English/Spanish)
- 6 p.m. (English)
- 7:30 p.m. English/Spanish

Weekly Confession: See Pg. 9

Ash Wednesday Retreat
St. Lucy Priory hosts its annual Ash Wednesday retreat for women and men Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with Valimar Jansen. Msgr. Peter O’Reilly presides at the 11 a.m. Mass with ashes. Bring a sack lunch; coffee and tea are provided. No reservations are needed, but a free-will offering is appreciated.
For details, contact parishioner Ellen Carlson at 624-2058.

Looking ahead: Lenten Speaker Series at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 17 – Katie Tassinari
Mercy in the Life of our Church
(Feb. 25-28: Religious Ed Congress)

Wednesday, March 2 – Bob Hurd
Mercy in Music and Scripture

Wednesday, March 9 – Trevor Thomson
Mercy in our Mass

Wednesday, March 16 – Kevin Kho
Mercy in the Mission Field