Dying to Ourselves So That We Might Rise in Christ

Those who desire to make the most of the Lenten and Easter Seasons realize that it takes time, prayer, patience, and God’s grace to make a difference. This means first that time is that precious gift that allows for the real transformation. The forty days of Lent followed by the fifty days of our Easter Season provides grace to work in us. Prayer, our intimate conversation with God, informs the spirit. Patience, a virtue that is so elusive, is offered to us who are filled with impatience and the need for instant results. Finally, God’s grace, imparted to us in all the ways the Lord loves us, allows us to be embraced and comforted. In this process, then, we discover that dying to ourselves is possible through fasting, prayer, and works of charity. This is our Lenten observance and program. After this comes the ability to discover that we let go of the old self to put on the new person in Christ. Easter allows us to meet the Lord who clothes us in His mantle of new life. Easter is the time for entering into the great Mystery that God saves us from sin and death and offers us life changing transformation. Therefore, what we seek to “give up” is replaced with greater Faith, Hope, and Love.

During this Season of Grace, may the Lord offer us all a real experience of surrendering what is not of the Spirit so that we may embrace the Spirit of life and love in Jesus the Christ.

Blessings to all,
Fr. Leon Hutton, Pastor
Fr. Joe Choi, Parochial Vicar
& all the Deacons and Staff of OLA
**Lenten Weekday Schedule**

**Mondays**
- Mass: 6:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m.
- Confessions: 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesdays**
- Mass: 6:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m.

**Wednesdays**
- Mass: 6:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m.
- Confessions: 5:30 p.m. (except Mar. 25th)

**Thursdays**
- Mass: 6:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m.

**Friday**
- Mass: 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

**Labyrinth Walk:**
- 12:45 p.m. at Community Memorial Hospital

**Soup Suppers:**
- 6:00 p.m. in Mulcahy Center
- Served by OLA Ministries, Free/No RSVP

**Stations of the Cross**

Followed by Exposition & Benediction:
- 7:00 p.m. English in Church
- Spanish in St. Julie’s Chapel

*Living Stations of the Cross by OLA School: Mar. 20th
**Living Stations of the Cross by OLA Youth: Apr. 3

**Saturday**
- Mass: 8:00 a.m. & 5:15 p.m. (vigil)
- Confessions: 8:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

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**Lenten Highlights**

**Burning of the Palms:** Feb. 25th
- 8:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. in Marian Plaza
- Please drop off in advance any palms blessed in previous years’ Palm Sunday celebrations that you wish used for Ash Wednesday.

‘Fat Tuesday’ Celebration & Dinner Dance: Feb. 25th
- 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. in Mulcahy Center
- See website or mobile app for details. Proceeds from the evening will be donated to the OLA Building Fund.

**Ash Wednesday:** Feb. 26th
- 5:30 a.m. – Liturgy of the Word & distribution of ashes
- 6:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m. – Mass & distribution of ashes
- 9:30 a.m. – OLA School Mass & distribution of ashes
- 11:30 a.m. – SBHS Mass & distribution of ashes
- 4:15 p.m. – Religious Education Liturgy of the Word & distribution of ashes
- 5:30 p.m. – Mass & distribution of ashes
- 7:15 p.m. – Mass [Spanish] & distribution of ashes
- No Confessions

Mercy Prayer Tree
- Tree and prayer cards will be in the Sanctuary to submit and pick-up prayer requests.

The University Series:
- Feb. 27th – April 3rd
- 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- A multi-parish adult education program offered during Lent. 90 seminars will be held at 13 Catholic Churches from Simi Valley to Newbury Park to Ventura.
- Please see University Series Catalog in the vestibule for details.

The Luminous Images Prayer Service: Feb. 29th
- Immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
- A guided scriptural reflection on the meaning of our salvific history as depicted through the images, signs and symbols of our Church’s beautiful stained glass windows.

Penance Service: Mar. 25th
- 7:00 p.m.
- Sacramental confession, mixing public prayer and individual confession to one of multiple priests from neighboring parishes.
- No confessions at 5:30 p.m.

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“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” - Luke 24:5 (RSV-CE)