



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Dec. 14th	* 8:00 am (Patio) IPM Food Sales	* 10:00 am (CH) OCIA Dismissal	* 10:00 am (H,HK) Parol Making Activity	
Monday, Dec. 15th	* 3:00 pm (OC1) Rosary Prayer Group	* 5:30 ppm (CH) Grupo de Oración	* 7:00 pm (H,HK) REMA	* 7:00 pm (ORE) R.E. Meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 16th	* 9:15 am (PC) Meditation Prayer Group	* 6:00 pm (H,HK) Posadas	* 7:00 pm (B2) IPM Choir Practice * 7:00 pm (C2) 12:00 pm Choir Practice	* 7:00 pm (B1,C1) Family Catechesis * 7:00 pm (H,HK) Christmas Play Rehearsal
Wednesday, Dec. 17th	* 6:00 pm (B2) 10:00 AM and Youth Choir	* 6:30 pm (OC1) Divine Mercy Prayer Group		
Thursday, Dec. 18th	* 3:00 pm (B1,B2,C1,C2,OC 1, OC2,OC4,OC6) R.E. Classes * 6:00 pm (OC2,OK) Grupo de Oración Mtg.	* 6:00 pm (B2) 12:00 Choir * 6:30 pm (C2) Youth Ministry	* 7:00 pm (B1) BLD-LA * 7:00 pm (B2) IPM Prayer Class	* 7:00 pm (OC1) OCIA
Friday, Dec. 19th	* 7:00 pm (CH) IPM Adoration	* 7:00 pm (C2) Mariachi Rehearsal	* 7:00 pm (H,HK) BLD-LA	* 7:00 PM (OC1) Encuentro Matrimonial
Saturday, Dec. 20th	* 8:00 am (CH) Simbang Gabi Mass * 9:00 am (H,HK) Simbang Gabi Reception	* 10:00 am (CH) Christmas Play Rehearsal		

KEY
B1,C1, C2- Meeting Room
B2 - Music Room
CH - Church
H - Hall
HK - Hall Kitchen

ORE - Religious Education Office
OC1, OC2 - Office Conference Room
OK - Office Kitchen
PC - Parish Chapel
RP - Rectory Patio
SPL- School Parking Lot

ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

1307 East Longden Avenue. Arcadia CA 91006
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Pastor:
Rev. Freddie Chua

In Residence:

- Rev. Eugene Herbert (Pastor Emeritus)
- Msgr. Timothy O'Connell (Retired)
- Rev. Quỳn Nguyễn (Sunday Help)
- Rev. Hoàn Nguyễn, C.M. (Vietnamese Chaplain)
- Deacon Charles & Tess Ngo

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LITURGIES

Saturday Evening Vigil

5:00 PM (English)

Sunday

8:00 AM, 10:00am (English)

12:00 PM (Español)

3:00 PM (Vietnamese)

5:00 PM (Filipino) 1st Sunday of the month

Weekday Mass Schedule

8:30 AM

Holy Days

Vigil: 7:00 PM

8:30 AM and 7:00 PM



December 14, 2025
Third Sunday
Of Advent

Prayer and Worship

Monday, Dec. 15th

8:30 a.m. RIP John Ballard

Tuesday, Dec. 16th

8:30 a.m. RIP Joseph Ngon Truong
RIP Frances Adeva

Wednesday, Dec. 17th

8:30 a.m. RIP Joseph Ngon Truong

Thursday, Dec. 18th

8:30 a.m. RIP Marie Smith

Friday, Dec. 19th

8:30 a.m. RIP Ramon Rondilla, Jr. and Sr.

Saturday, Dec. 20th

5:00 p.m. RIP Milagros Cruz
RIP Steve Rabelo
RIP Filiberto Ruiz

Sunday, Dec. 21st

8:00 a.m. RIP Steve Rabello
S.I. Marge Brown Carlson
S.I. Teresita Camiling
10:00 a.m. RIP Bruce Schmidt
12:00 p.m. RIP Teresa Carlos
RIP Isaac Treto
RIP Rosa Maria Garcia
RIP Jose Aguilera

Monday, Dec. 22nd

8:30 a.m. S.I. Eric Rabello

Tuesday, Dec. 23rd

8:30 a.m. RIP Joseph Ngon Truong

Wednesday, Dec. 24th

8:30 a.m. S.I. Annunciation Parishioners
4:00 p.m. S.I. Annunciation Parishioners
8:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass
11:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Hours and Carols
12:00 a.m. S.I. Annunciation Parishioners

Thursday, Dec. 25th Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. S.I. Annunciation Parishioners
10:00 a.m. S.I. Annunciation Parishioners
12:00 p.m. S.I. Annunciation Parishioners

Friday, Dec. 26th

8:30 a.m. RIP Steve Vasari
S.I. Angelo and Aurora Macatula

Saturday, Dec. 27th

5:00 p.m. RIP Steve Rabello
RIP Alice Jesusita Benioff
RIP Susan Clemente del Fierro

Sunday, Dec. 28th

8:00 a.m. RIP Steve Rabello
S.I. Bernabe-de Leon Family
S.I. Marisol and Ador Camiling
S.I. Imelda and Antonio Baclit
10:00 a.m. RIP Joseph Ngon Truong
12:00 p.m. RIP Marie Smith



Prayers

Please Pray For:

Brian Adamski
Danielle Gutierrez
Joe Adamski
Nicole Abriel
Miriam Hedgepath



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen

Born to Eternal Life

Mary Pat Wiard
12/16/2025 @ 11:00 AM
Annunciation
Richard Blake
Son of Joan Schmidt
Funeral Service Pending

May They Rest In Peace



Lord, Protect Them

Navy
Army
Marines
Air Force
Coast Guard

Advent Penance Service



Servicios de Penitencia de Adviento

Local Advent Penance Services will be taking place in parishes in the general San Gabriel area. Services begin at 7:00 p.m.

- † Monday, Dec. 15th at St. Frances of Rome (Azusa)
- † Monday, Dec. 15th at Epiphany (So. El Monte)
- † Wednesday, Dec. 17th at Holy Angels (Arcadia)
- † Wednesday, Dec. 17th at Our Lady of Guadalupe (El Monte)
- † Thursday, Dec. 18th at ST. Christopher (W. Covina)
- † Thursday, Dec. 18th at Immaculate Conception (Monrovia)
- † Friday, Dec. 19th at Nativity (El Monte)
- † December 22nd at Sacred Heart (Covina)

All are encouraged to go to Confession during the Advent Season to better prepare ourselves for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank You!

Dear Annunciation Parish,

My name is Matthew Ramirez and I am a member of Youth Ministry. Last weekend, I held a fundraiser at the front of the church selling churros, hot chocolate, and stuffed animals to raise funds for my Eagle Scout Project. Thank you for your generous support. With those funds, I was able to complete my Eagle Scout Project. I made 4 wooden benches for the church and have put 2 near the Parish Hall and 2 near the Religious Education Classroom. I hope you all enjoy using the benches.

Thank you very much for all your support!

From,
Matthew Ramirez



Scrip Available in the Parish Office

Did you know when you buy scrip it is a dollar-for-dollar program? It spends like cash when you use a scrip gift card at one of our over 300 participating merchants! We have scrip for Door Dash, Airbnb, Southwest Airlines, Home Depot, Starbucks, Apple Store, and many more! These gift cards can be used across the United States. Special orders can even be placed for large orders or merchants that are not regularly in stock. Purchasing scrip helps raise funds for our Parish, the Religious Education program, and many other ministries.

For a full list of participating merchants visit RaiseRight.com. Scrip is available at the Parish Office Monday through Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm.

Scrip disponible en la oficina parroquial

¿Sabías que cuando compras vales es un programa dólar por dólar? ¡Gasta como dinero en efectivo cuando usa una tarjeta de regalo de scrip en uno de nuestros más de 300 comerciantes participantes! ¡Tenemos vales para Walmart, Target, Southwest Airlines, Home Depot, Starbucks, Apple Store, restaurantes y muchos más! Estas tarjetas de regalo se pueden usar en todo Estados Unidos. Incluso se pueden realizar pedidos especiales para pedidos grandes o comerciantes que no están regularmente en stock. La compra de vales ayuda a recaudar fondos para nuestra parroquia, el programa de educación religiosa y muchos otros ministerios.

Para obtener una lista completa de los comerciantes participantes, visite RaiseRight.com. Los vales están disponibles en la Oficina Parroquial de lunes a viernes de 8:00 a.m. a 4:30 p.m. y domingos designados después de misa.



Envelope Update

As many of you are aware, we have been having issues with the delivery of our tithe envelopes. I reached out to the company in charge of creating and shipping the envelopes, below you will see their response

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your patience while we've been working to find solutions to keep mail deliveries moving smoothly through the USPS.

I understand this may not be the answer you were hoping for, but please know that we are working diligently to help resolve the issue. We've recently received an increase in calls regarding delayed mail deliveries, and I completely understand how frustrating this has been.

It appears that many churches, including yours, are being affected by delays caused by mail being held up in USPS sorting facilities. Recent updates from the Postal Service indicate that several factors are contributing to these issues — including staffing shortages, changes to sorting operations, facility consolidations in some areas, and even weather-related disruptions.

However, we're happy to share that a good majority of your envelopes are now back in motion and on their way to parishioners' homes. This is a very positive sign that the backlog is beginning to clear, and deliveries should continue improving in the coming days.

Our Postal Manager recently attended a USPS conference and shared these concerns directly with postal representatives. We continue to work closely with the USPS to address the situation and ensure mail continues moving more efficiently.

Thank you again for your continued patience and understanding as we work through this. Please know that we're doing everything we can to help find a lasting solution.

Warm regards,

Billie Jo Sents
Account Manager
Cathedral Letter Concepts



SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

Celebrated the third Saturday of the month. Please contact the parish office for registration and catechesis information.

1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion

A 2-year program for 1st Grade - 12th Grade. Please apply through the Office of Religious Education

Confirmation

A 2-year program for high school aged students. Please apply through the Office of Religious Education

Marriages

Contact the Parish office upon engagement; at least 6 months is needed for preparation for this joyous sacrament.

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the parish office for the Anointing of the Sick, the sacrament intended for the seriously ill or dying, which brings our Lord's special presence and companionship in serious time of need.

Communion to the Sick & Homebound

Annunciation Eucharistic Ministers to the sick provide Communion home visits. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Weekly Confession

Saturday: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
or by appointment



Called to Renew: November, 2025

Annunciation Parish

Parish Goal: \$ 755,000.00

Total Pledged: \$ 1,158,675.00

Total Paid: \$ 1,157,675.00

Thank you very much for your support to the parish needs and support of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. If you are not up to date on your pledge, remember that all your gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.



Last Week's Offertory Collections

Dec. 7, 2025: \$ 6,573.00

Last Year: \$ 6,777.00

Online Giving: \$ 1,040.00

TOGETHER IN MISSION - 2025

Parish Goal: \$ 45,038.00

Amount Pledged: \$ 61,098.00

Amount Paid \$ 58,606.00

Difference OVER Goal:
\$ 13,568.00

Online Giving



Make your online donation here.

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Psalm: 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Isaiah 35:4)
2nd Reading: James 5:7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Join us for Las Posadas

We invite you to celebrate the traditional Christmas reenactment of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. All are welcome to come and participate in this cultural event that recognizes the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem and their attempts to find a place to stay on Tuesday, December 16th from 6:00 PM-9:30 PM in the parish hall. Food, drinks, piñatas, and gifts will be provided.

Únete a nosotros en Las Posadas

Los invitamos a celebrar la tradicional recreación navideña del viaje de María y José a Belén. Todos están invitados a participar en este evento cultural que reconoce el viaje de María y José de Nazaret a Belén y sus intentos de encontrar alojamiento. El martes 16 de diciembre, de 6:00 a 9:30, se celebrará en el salón parroquial. Se ofrecerá comida, bebidas, piñatas y regalos..



Simbang Gabi Mass

Annunciation will celebrate a one-day Simbang Gabi Mass on Saturday, Dec. 20th at 8:00 a.m. A reception will follow after the mass in the parish hall. All are welcome!

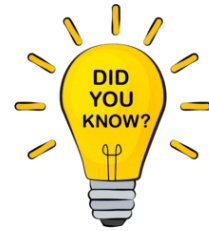


Did You Know? Watch Out for Fire Dangers

Christmas is a popular time to decorate with candles and electric lights, both inside and outside of the house. These decorations can be beautiful and festive, but they also come with the risk of fires. Parents should make sure to keep candles out of reach of children, and off surfaces where they could be easily knocked over. All lights should be checked for faulty wires or other defective parts that could cause a fire. For more information, read the "Holiday Safety" article on <https://www.nsc.org/community-safety-topics/seasonal-safety/winter-safety/holiday?/>.

¿Sabía Que? Cuidado con los Peligros de Incendio

La Navidad es una época popular para decorar con velas y luces eléctricas, tanto adentro como afuera de la casa. Estas decoraciones pueden ser muy bonitas y festivas, pero también conllevan el riesgo de incendios. Los padres de familia deben asegurarse de mantener las velas fuera del alcance de los niños y fuera de las superficies donde puedan dar vuelta fácilmente. Todas las luces deben revisarse en busca de cables defectuosos u otras piezas defectuosas que puedan provocar un incendio. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés, "Holiday Safety" (Seguridad durante las fiestas navideñas) en <https://www.nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/seasonal-safety/winter-safety/holiday?/>.



Christian Service Center

This December, we will be providing Christmas funds for 150 families with residences, 3 homeless families, and 95 homeless single adults. We are asking for your support again to assure adequate funding to provide for our neighbors in need. Please make your donation by using the special envelopes included in your monthly envelope package or the blue envelopes in the pews, being sure to check the box next to Christian Service Center. Thank you for your support.



Centro de Servicio Cristiano

Este diciembre, proporcionaremos fondos navideños para 150 familias con residencias, 3 familias sin hogar y 95 adultos solteros sin hogar. Solicitamos su apoyo de nuevo para asegurar una financiación adecuada que permita ayuda financiera para nuestros vecinos necesitados. Por favor, haz tu donación utilizando los sobres especiales incluidos en tu paquete mensual o los sobres azules de los bancos, asegurándote de marcar la casilla junto a Centro de Servicio Cristiano. Gracias por tu apoyo.

Christmas Family Mass

Family Mass here at Annunciation will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 24 at 4:00 Pm. This Mass is especially for our parish families – children, parents, grandparents, and all who wish to share in the wonder of Christmas together. Let's fill our church with the sound of family joy as we welcome Jesus into our hearts. Bring your loved ones, share the blessing, and make this Christmas unforgettable.

Christmas Eve Vigil and Midnight Mass

Christmas Eve Wednesday 12/24 **beginning at 11pm** we will end our Advent season as we prepare to welcome Emmanuel, God with us! When we gather as a community with vigil candles lit, sharing the Christmas story through carols and prayer, we enter into the incredible awe and wonder of this holy night. Let us be caught up in this solemn time before midnight, enfold-ing ourselves in the mystery, and fully prepare to open our hearts and spirits as we welcome Christ, Our Lord in the mass at midnight!

Vigilia de Nochebuena y Misa de medianoche

Nochebuena, miércoles 24/12, **a partir de las 23:00**, terminaremos nuestra temporada de Adviento mientras nos preparamos para dar la bienvenida a Emanuel, Dios con nosotros. Cuando nos reunimos como comunidad con velas de vigilia encendidas, compartiendo la historia navideña a través de villancicos y oraciones, entramos en el increíble asombro y maravilla de esta noche sagrada. Dejémosnos llevar por este momento solemne antes de la medianoche, envolviéndonos en el misterio, y preparémonos plenamente para abrir nuestros corazones y espíritus al dar la bienvenida a Cristo, Nuestro Señor, en la misa de medianoche.

Annunciation Church: Christmas Schedule

Wednesday, December 24, 2025:

8:00 PM Vietnamese Mass
11:00 PM Liturgy of the Hours/Carols
12:00 AM Midnight Mass English

**Thursday, December 25, 2025
(Holy Day of Obligation):**

8:00 AM English Mass

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

This weekend, our parish takes up the special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This annual appeal provides critical support for elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have served the Church for little to no pay. Now, their religious communities often lack sufficient retirement savings to cover the rising costs of care for their aging members. Your generous donation provides essential care, medicine, and daily needs for these faithful servants who have dedicated their lives to prayer, teaching, and ministry. Please give generously. You can use the donation envelope at the ends of your pew.

Fondo de Jubilación para la Colección Religiosa

El próximo fin de semana, nuestra parroquia se encargará de la colecta especial para el Fondo de Jubilación para Religiosos. Esta campaña anual proporciona un apoyo fundamental para hermanas mayores, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas que han servido a la Iglesia por poco o ningún salario. Ahora, sus comunidades religiosas a menudo carecen de ahorros suficientes para la jubilación que cubran el aumento de los costes de cuidado de sus miembros mayores. Su generosa donación proporciona cuidados esenciales, medicinas y necesidades diarias para estos fieles servidores que han dedicado sus vidas a la oración, la enseñanza y el ministerio. Por favor, dona generosamente. Puedes usar el sobre de donación que hay en los extremos de tu banco.

