

# 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. Quỳền Nguyễn (Sunday Help)
- Rev. Hoàn Nguyễn, C.M.  
(Vietnamese Chaplain)
- Deacon Charles & Tess Ngo

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
-Matthew 5:3*



## PARISH OFFICE

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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

*February 1, 2026  
Fourth Sunday  
In  
Ordinary Time*

## *Prayer and Worship*

### **Monday, Feb. 2nd**

8:30 a.m. RIP Juana Tigno and Milagros Cruz  
S.I. Ricardo Morales

### **Tuesday, Feb. 3rd**

8:30 a.m. RIP Iolanda Scala and Ron Nimmrich  
S.I. Father Freddie Chua

### **Wednesday, Feb. 4th**

8:30 a.m. RIP Mary Chang and Kenneth Fon

### **Thursday, Feb. 5th**

8:30 a.m. RIP Erwin Leh  
S.I. Lorna Nyffeler

### **First Friday, Feb. 6th**

8:30 a.m. RIP Marie-Marthe Nguyen  
S.I. The Han and Park Families  
S.I. John Campbell

### **First Saturday, Feb. 7th**

5:00 p.m. RIP Herminio Avendano  
S.I. Father Eugene Herbert

### **Sunday, Feb. 8th**

8:00 a.m. RIP Nazareno de Leon  
RIP Marie-Marthe Nguyen  
S.I. The Gutierrez Family  
S.I. The Rubin Family  
10:00 a.m. S.I. Monsignor Timothy O'Connell  
S.I. The Tigno Family  
12:00 p.m. RIP Fernando Lucero Burciaga  
S.I. Pro Populo

### **Monday, Feb. 9th**

8:30 a.m. S.I. Annunciation Parishioners

### **Tuesday, Feb. 10th**

8:30 a.m. S.I. Annunciation Parishioners

### **Wednesday, Feb. 11th**

8:30 a.m. S.I. Annunciation Parishioners

### **Thursday, Feb. 12th**

8:30 a.m. S.I. Carlos and Patricia Aermanza

### **Friday, Feb. 13th**

8:30 a.m. RIP Gerhard Stegmeier  
RIP Marie-Marthe Nguyen

### **Saturday, Feb. 14th**

5:00 p.m. RIP Irene Gaw Gonzalo  
S.I. The Busante Family

### **Sunday, Feb. 15th**

8:00 a.m. S.I. The Baclit Family  
S.I. The Novoa Fami  
10:00 a.m. RIP John Grunder  
S.I. Father Michael Callanan  
12:00 p.m. S.I. Pro Populo

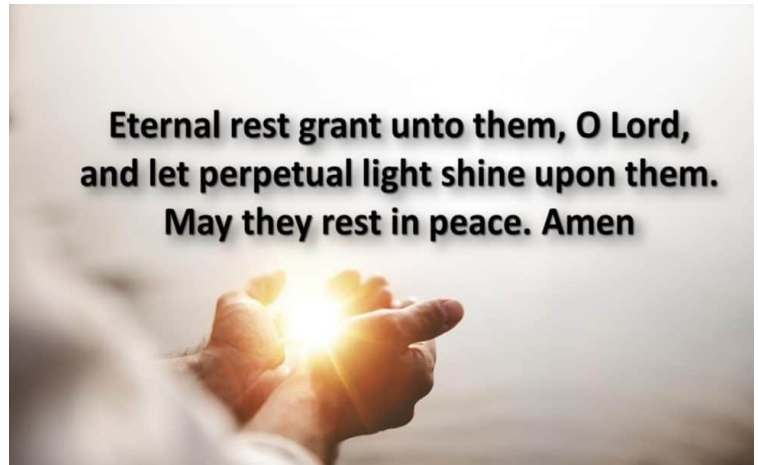


### *Please Pray For:*

Mark Avenson  
Danielle Gutierrez  
Pat Arkosy  
Julia Witherby

Phyllis Frasher  
Pam Werner  
Jill Shook  
Luis Romero

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



### *Born to Eternal Life*

Marina Rios

Funeral Service Pending

*May They Rest In Peace*



### *Lord, Protect Them*

Navy  
Army  
Marines  
Air Force  
Coast Guard

# 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

## Communion to the Sick

If you or a loved one would like to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist brought to your home, please contact the parish office and arrangements will be made.

Comuni3n a los enfermos

Si usted o un ser querido desea recibir el sacramento de la Sagrada Eucaristía en su hogar, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial y se harán los arreglos necesarios.



## Called to Renew: December, 2025

Annunciation Parish  
Parish Goal: \$ 755,000.00  
Total Pledged: \$ 1,157,675.00  
Total Paid: \$ 638,268.46

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

Jan. 25, 2026: \$ 6,616.00  
Last Year: \$ 9,430.00  
Online Giving: \$ 1,076.00

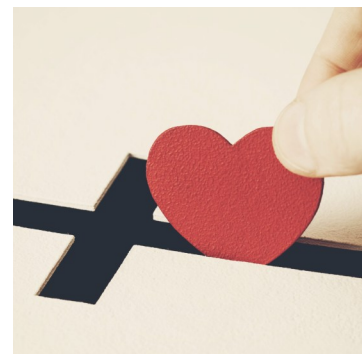
## TOGETHER IN MISSION - 2026

Parish Goal: \$ 44,256.00  
Amount Pledged: \$  
Amount Paid \$  
Difference UNDER Goal:  
\$ 44,256.00

## Online Giving

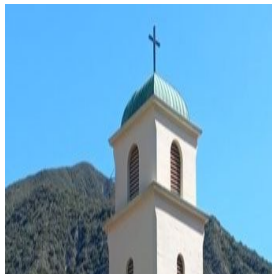


Make your online donation here.



## Faith: Trusting in the God Who Waits for You

Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center, 700 N. Sunnyside Ave., Sierra Madre CA 91024 offers weekend retreats for men, women, married couples, and young adults. Please contact the parish office for dates.



## Adult Confirmation Classes—Registration Now Open:

Our Religious Education Office will be offering a 9-week Confirmation class for adults seeking this Sacrament. If you have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion, you are eligible for these classes and, upon completion, will be included in our Confirmation Mass that will be held in the Spring of 2026. Classes will meet every Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., beginning Feb. 3rd. Registrations are now open. For additional information, or to register, please contact the R.E. Office at (626) 446-1625.



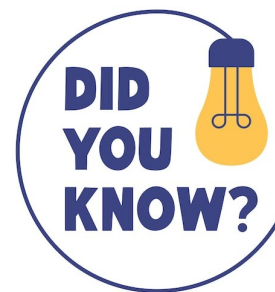
## Valentine's Day Couples Dinner & Mini Retreat

Marriage requires courage in unexpected ways—to face uncomfortable personal issues together, to accept the imperfection of the other and to continue to love no matter what. Marriage isn't about being perfect or becoming perfect. Rather, it is the challenge of facing the unexpected, the unwanted, and even sometimes the tragic, along with the good times and the joys of the treasured moments. We will discuss ways of deepening your courage. This is a great way to spend Valentine's Day. Saturday, February 14, 2026 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. \$150 per couple/ Includes dinner  
Mary & Joseph Retreat Center, 5300 Crest Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275  
For more information, contact José at (310) 377-4867 ext 250 or [jsalas@maryjoseph.org](mailto:jsalas@maryjoseph.org)



## Did You Know? Facts About the Missing Children Hotline

Since the Missing Children 24-hour hotline (1-800-THE-LOST or 1-800-843-5678) launched 41 years ago, countless children have been safely found and brought home. The hotline has received over 5 million calls in the last 41 years. During national emergencies and disasters, the National Center for Missing and Endangered Children has helped find lost children, working with emergency responders to reunite families. For more information about the Missing Children Hotline, visit <https://www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/isyourchildmissing>



## ¿Sabía Que? Datos Sobre la Línea Gratuita Nacional para Menores Desaparecidos

Desde el inicio de la línea gratuita nacional para menores desaparecidos (1-800-THE-LOST ) hace 41 años, innumerables niños han sido encontrados y devueltos a casa. La línea nacional ha recibido más de 5 millones de llamadas en los últimos 41 años. Durante emergencias y catástrofes nacionales, El Centro Nacional para Niños Desaparecidos y Explotados ha ayudado a encontrar a niños perdidos, colaborando con los equipos de emergencia para reunir a las familias. Para más información sobre la línea nacional para menores desaparecidos, visite <https://www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/isyourchildmissing>.



## Sunday Readings February 1, 2026

**1st Reading:** Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13  
**Psalm:** 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12a

## Living Rosary

St Therese Church at 1100 E. Alhambra Road, Alhambra invites you to join them for a living Rosary in front of their church on Saturday, February 7th beginning at 6:30 PM. They are looking for participants that can recite the Rosary in different languages. For more information, you can refer to flyers posted at the entrances of the church.

## Rosario Viviente

La Iglesia Santa Teresita, ubicada en 1100 E. Alhambra Road, Alhambra, los invita a unirse a ellos para un Rosario Viviente frente a la iglesia el sábado 7 de febrero, comenzando a las 6:30 p. m. Están buscando participantes que puedan rezar el Rosario en diferentes idiomas. Para más información, pueden consultar los volantes colocados en las entradas de la Iglesia.

## This Is The Hour For Love

Jesus was the genuine article, the real deal. He practiced what he preached, and the Beatitudes delivered during his Sermon on the Mount were his guide for living. Jesus lived them, offering comfort, satisfying hunger, extending mercy, bringing peace. He also lived the persecution and insults. The spiritual qualities the Beatitudes enumerate are a road map of sorts. Live according to these blessings, and you are living a life that is pleasing to the Heavenly Father, one that will lead to him. Up until now, the Jews had the 10 Commandments to keep them on the path to God. Jesus is now giving them the eight Beatitudes. It won't be easy. Jesus warns that others will "insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me." But this is cause for rejoicing, "for your reward will be great in heaven." This life is preparation for the next. Its suffering is transient; the joy we experience with God the Father is eternal. Its blessings will pale in comparison to the blessings of everlasting life. Let us pray that we live this life in a way that will lead us to God in the next. May we offer blessings to the poor, hungry, mourning, and persecuted among us through support of Together in Mission so that they may see God's face in their affliction. Annunciation's assigned goal amount this year is \$44,256. As always, any monies collected above this amount is returned to our parish. If you receive a mailing with your pledge card recently, you can bring it with you next weekend. There will also be envelopes in the pews next weekend. We extend heartfelt thanks for this and look forward to another successful year!

## Esta Es La Hora Del Amor

Jesús fue auténtico, el verdadero ejemplo. Practicó lo que predicó, y las Bienaventuranzas proclamadas durante su Sermón del Monte fueron su guía de vida. Jesús las vivió: ofreció consuelo, sació el hambre, extendió misericordia y promovió la paz. También vivió la persecución y los insultos. Las cualidades espirituales que enumeran las Bienaventuranzas son una especie de hoja de ruta. Vivir conforme a estas bendiciones es vivir una vida que agrada al Padre Celestial, una vida que conduce a Él. Hasta entonces, los judíos contaban con los Diez Mandamientos para mantenerse en el camino hacia Dios. Ahora Jesús les ofrece las ocho Bienaventuranzas. No será fácil. Jesús advierte que otros "los insultarán y los perseguirán y dirán falsamente toda clase de mal contra ustedes por causa mía". Pero esto es motivo de alegría, "porque su recompensa será grande en el cielo". Esta vida es preparación para la siguiente. Su sufrimiento es pasajero; la alegría que experimentamos con Dios Padre es eterna. Sus bendiciones palidecen en comparación con las bendiciones de la vida eterna. Oremos para que vivamos esta vida de tal manera que nos conduzca a Dios en la próxima. Que podamos ofrecer bendiciones a los pobres, hambrientos, afligidos y perseguidos entre nosotros mediante el apoyo a Together in Mission, para que puedan ver el rostro de Dios en medio de su aflicción. La meta asignada a la Anunciación para este año es de \$44,256. Como siempre, cualquier cantidad recaudada que exceda esta cifra será devuelta a nuestra parroquia. Si recibió recientemente un envío por correo con su tarjeta de compromiso, puede traerla con usted el próximo fin de semana. También habrá sobres en las bancas el próximo fin de semana. Extendemos nuestro más sincero agradecimiento por su generosidad y esperamos con ilusión otro año exitoso!



## Christian Service Center

To our valued church family and community: We appreciate the overwhelming support and donations of physical goods you have provided. Your kindness has stocked our ministry supplies!

At this moment, we have reached our capacity and do NOT have the storage space for additional items. We are pausing the collection of donated goods until further notice. We are still accepting non-perishable food donations. If you have any items to donate, we recommend that you drop them off at Savers Community Donation Center at 16 E. Live Oak Ave., Arcadia. Do NOT drop them off in front of the office.

Your financial contributions remain vital and are always welcome, as they allow us to purchase specific and immediate needs. You can give through weekly offerings. Thank you for your continued grace and support.

## Centro de Servicio Cristiano

A nuestra valiosa familia de la iglesia y comunidad: Agradecemos el enorme apoyo y las donaciones de bienes físicos que nos han brindado. ¡Su generosidad ha abastecido los suministros de nuestro ministerio! En este momento, hemos alcanzado nuestra capacidad y no contamos con espacio de almacenamiento para recibir artículos adicionales. Por ello, estaremos pausando la recolección de donaciones de bienes hasta nuevo aviso. Si tiene artículos para donar, le recomendamos llevarlos al Savers Community Donation Center, ubicado en 16 E. Live Oak Ave., Arcadia. Sus contribuciones financieras siguen siendo vitales y siempre son bienvenidas, ya que nos permiten adquirir necesidades específicas e inmediatas. Puede donar a través de las ofrendas semanales. Gracias por su continuo apoyo y generosidad.



## Senior Social

All seniors 55 and over are invited on Monday, February 1st to join us for a few hours in fellowship with other seniors in our parish. Please bring your lunch; drinks and desserts will be provided. Event will be in the Parish Office Conference Room from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Hope to see you there!

## Social para Personas Mayores

Todos los adultos mayores de 55 años están invitados el lunes 1 de febrero a acompañarnos durante unas horas de convivencia con otros miembros mayores de nuestra parroquia. Por favor traigan su almuerzo; las bebidas y los postres serán proporcionados. El evento se llevará a cabo en la Sala de Conferencias de la Oficina Parroquial, de 11:30 a. m. a 1:30 p. m. ¡Esperamos verlos allí!





### Saint of the Day: Brigid of Kildare

Brigid was born out of wedlock, the daughter of a pagan chieftain named Dubthach and a Christian slave woman named Broicsech. The chieftain sold the child's pregnant mother to a new master, but contracted for Brigid to be returned to him eventually. According to de Blacam, the child was probably baptized as an infant and raised as a Catholic by her mother.

Thus, she was well-formed in the faith before leaving Broicsech's slave-quarters, at around age 10, to live with Dubthach and his wife.

Within the new circumstances of the chieftain's household, Brigid's faith found expression in feats of charity. From the abundance of her father's food and possessions, she gave generously to the poor. Dubthach became enraged, threatening to sell Brigid. But the Christian king understood Brigid's acts of charity and convinced Dubthach to grant his daughter her freedom.

According to tradition, around 480 Brigid founded a monastery at Kildare. She is credited with organizing communal consecrated religious life for women in Ireland. She founded two monasteries; one for men, the other for women.

On Feb. 1 Catholics in Ireland and elsewhere will honor Saint Brigid of Kildare, a monastic foundress who is – together with Saint Patrick and Saint Columcille – one of the country's three patron saints.

St. Brigid directly influenced several other future saints of Ireland, and her many religious communities helped to secure the country's conversion from paganism to the Catholic faith. She is traditionally associated with the Cross of St. Brigid, a form of the cross made from reeds or straw that is placed in homes for blessing and protection. Some Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox Christians also celebrate her feast.

According to one of the more credible biographies of Brigid – Hugh de Blacam's essay in "The Saints of Ireland," on which the following account is based – most historians place her birth around the year 450, near the end of Saint Patrick's evangelistic mission.

St. Brigid of Kildare died around 525. She is said to have received the last sacraments from a priest, Saint Ninnidh, whose vocation she had encouraged. Veneration of Brigid grew in the centuries after her death, and spread outside of Ireland through the work of the country's monastic missionaries.

She is patroness of many things, including poetry, learning, healing, protection, blacksmithing, livestock, and dairy production. In her honor, a perpetual fire was kept burning at Kildare for centuries.

### 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 Target, Walmart, gas stations, grocery stores, Visa, Home Depot, Starbucks, Apple Store, restaurants, 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](http://RaiseRight.com). Scrip is available at the Parish Office Monday through Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm and designated Sundays after Mass.

### 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, gasolineras, supermercados, Visa, 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](http://RaiseRight.com). Las tarjetas 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.





# Youth Ministry's Valentine's Day Bake Sale

Cakes  
Chocolates  
Cupcakes  
Cookies  
Brownies  
Cheesecake  
and so much more!

February 7th  
After the 5:00pm Mass

February 8th  
8:00am - 12:00pm  
Annunciation Church

See you there!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Sunday, Feb. 1st</b>	* 8:00 am (RP) Women's Ministry Donut Sales	* 8:00 am (B1,C1,C2,H) Confirmation Classes	* 10:00 am (CH) OCIA Dismissal	* 5:00 pm (CH) Fili- pino Mass * 6:00 pm H,HK) Filipino Mass Re- ception
<b>Monday, Feb. 2nd</b>	* 11:30 am (OC1) Senior Social Group	* 3:00 pm (OC1) Rosary Prayer Group	* 5:30 pm (CH) Grupo de Oración * 7:00 pm (H,HK) REMA	* 7:00 pm (H,HK) REMA * 7:00 pm (ORE) R. E. Meeting
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 3rd</b>	* 9:15 am (PC) Meditation Group	* 6:00 pm (OC2,OC5,OC7, OK) Spanish Bible Study * 7:00 pm (OC1) Pastoral Council	* 7:00 pm (B2) IPM Choir Practice * 7:00 pm (H,HK) 12:00 pm Choir Practice	* 7:00 pm (B1,C1) Family Catechesis * 7:00 pm (C2) Adult Confirma- tion
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 4th</b>	* 6:00 pm (B2) 10:00 AM Chor	* 6:30 pm (OC1) Divine Mercy Prayer Group	* 7:00 pm (H,HK) Confirmation 2 Parent Meeting	
<b>Thursday, Feb. 5th</b>	* 3:00 pm (B1,B2,C1,C2,OC 1,OC2,OC4,OC6) R.E. Classes .	* 5:00 pm (C2) Older Communicants * 5:00 pm (HK) Y.M. Bake Sale Prep. * 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
<b>First Friday, Feb. 6th</b>	* 7:00 pm (H,HK) Nite Adoration	* 7:00 pm (C2) Mariachi Rehearsal	* 7:00 pm (OC1) Encuentro Matri- monial	* 8:00 pm (CH) Nite Adoration
<b>First Satur- day, Feb. 7th</b>	* 5:00 pm (CH) Y.M. Bake Sale	* 5:00 am (CH) Youth Mass		

<p><b>KEY</b>          B1,C1, C2- Meeting Room          B2 - Music Room          CH - Church          H - Hall          HK - Hall Kitchen</p>	<p>ORE - Religious Education Office          OC1, OC2 - Office Conference Room          OK - Office Kitchen          PC - Parish Chapel          RP - Rectory Patio          SPL- School Parking Lot</p>
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