

**SLRC 20
VISION 20 ... towards
Communal Parish**

'Reimagining' EVANGELIZATION & devotion towards SHRINEHOOD

Dec. 1, 2019 - Nov. 22, 2020

"Zacchaeus, come down quickly ... for today I must stay at your house."



Happy New Year

WISHING YOU
A YEAR OF
IMMEASURABLE
BLESSINGS
AND JOY!

2020



January 05 2020

Behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

The Epiphany of the Lord

...And went home by another route...

St. Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic Parish Community

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From the Pastor's Desk



The Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2020

They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
— *Matthew 2:11b*

To our Parishioners, Friends & Benefactors,

As we enter the New Year 2020, as a Parish Community, let us look back with gratitude at the year 2019 for the many graces our good Lord has provided us...not just for the good times, but most especially during times of struggles and challenges where his love and presence has been significantly manifest.

Happy Epiphany!

Today's celebration marks the visit from the three Wise Men—more popularly known in the past as "Three Kings". The Magi, known in tradition as Balthasar of Arabia, Melchior of Persia, and Gaspar of India followed a star through the desert to Bethlehem in search for the new born king, to bring gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. As a child, I fondly remember my dad and mom chalking the tops of the doors with the initials of the three kings as a way of blessing those who visited us. Let us embrace and bless all those who come to us with the heart of the 'Prodigal Father' and the gift of Emmanuel- *God with us*. Welcome Home...*where earth meets heaven*.

The word epiphany, derived from the Greeks, means manifestation. What we celebrate today is the revelation of our Lord to the whole world. At Christmas, the baby Jesus, 'the *word made flesh*' - called Emmanuel, God with us, was gifted and revealed to his own people through the local shepherds. On the feast of Epiphany, the gift of Christmas was revealed as a gift to all nations through the visit of the Magi from all nations.

Reimagining and embracing the Epiphany story the feast calls all of us again to be so conscious that we are all children of the same Father. More and more we become a global village. Instead of posturing ourselves more so concerned with our own kind, just taking care of our own, let us embrace our differences not as weaknesses but as a gift and strength.

I imagine that following the star through the desert to Bethlehem and witnessing the manifestation of our Lord, the Magi did not have the same journey home. Just as Jesus was manifested, they too, were transformed and thus, took a different route home.

As we celebrate this Feast of Epiphany, let us reflect on how Jesus reveals Himself to us in our everyday lives. Just as he is revealed as the light to all the nations, how can we, as brothers and sisters in Christ, be the light for each other? Let us all go home by "another route".

I wish you a blessed and prosperous New Year!!

With Love and Prayers,

Fr. Tony

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Merry Twelfth Day of Christmas!

In the United States, today, the first Sunday after January 1, is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Jesus, also known as "Little Christmas." In the Eastern Christian Churches and many countries around the world, the Epiphany is always celebrated on January 6, and is as big a feast as, if not bigger than, Christmas. There is so much to celebrate and reflect on in today's feast.

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek word, **Epiphania**, which is compound of two Greek words **ἐπι (epi - "upon")** and **φανία (phania - "shining")**, thus it means "a shining upon" and it is sometimes translated as "manifestation" or "revelation." I like the more exact translation of a "shining upon."

For it fits in well with the theme of light shining upon the world. As I have mentioned in earlier reflections, there are four separate epiphantias (one in each of the four Gospels): 1) the birth of Jesus Christ and His manifestation to, or "shining upon," the Jewish shepherds (cf. Luke 2); 2) Jesus' manifestation to, or "shining upon," the Magi, the foreign wise ones (today's Gospel from Matthew); 3) Jesus' manifestation, or "shining upon," at His baptism by John the Baptist (Mark 1:7-11); 4) Jesus' manifestation or "shining upon," at the wedding feast of Cana where Jesus performed His first sign (miracle) (John 2: 1-12) .

The Giving Tree 2019

"The Giving Tree"

Once again, our dear San Lorenzo Ruiz Parish Community has demonstrated a great capacity to respond with love to share their blessings with other brothers and sisters. The response has been overwhelming! We received gifts of toys, cloths, groceries, gift cards, cash, Christmas cards, baby items and even personal hygiene products.

As a result of your abundant generosity we were able to provide Christmas gifts to 20 families! We will be donating personal items and other gently warm clothing to local families in need. We will also be donating baby goods to a local woman shelter!

Your kindness has undoubtedly made a difference in the lives of the benefited families who celebrated Christmas in beautiful and special way because they certainly experienced *Emmanuel* in their hearts and in their homes.

"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you... yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand." St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

By Gaby Coria

"El arbol de Dar"

Una vez más, nuestra querida comunidad parroquial de San Lorenzo Ruiz ha demostrado una gran capacidad de responder con amor para compartir sus bendiciones con otros hermanos y hermanas. ¡La respuesta ha sido abrumadora! Recibimos regalos de juguetes, ropa, despensa, tarjetas de regalo, efectivo, tarjetas de Navidad, artículos para bebés e incluso productos de higiene personal.

¡Como resultado de su abundante generosidad, pudimos ofrecer regalos de Navidad a 20 familias! Vamos a donar artículos de higiene personal y suéteres a las familias locales que lo necesiten. ¡También donaremos artículos para bebés a un refugio local para mujeres!

Sin duda, su bondad marcó una diferencia en la vida de las familias beneficiadas quienes celebraron la Navidad de una manera hermosa y especial porque seguramente experimentaron a Emmanuel en sus corazones y en sus hogares.

"Navidad es cada vez que dejas a Dios amar a otros a través de ti... si, Navidad es cada vez que sonríes a tu hermano y le ofreces tu mano." Sta. Madre Teresa de Calcuta.

Gaby Coria

Thank YOU for everything you have given us. These times have been hard and all of your gifts have helped us. I hope good karma happens to you and may God bless you.
Best wishes
- Child 1

Children say thank you.....

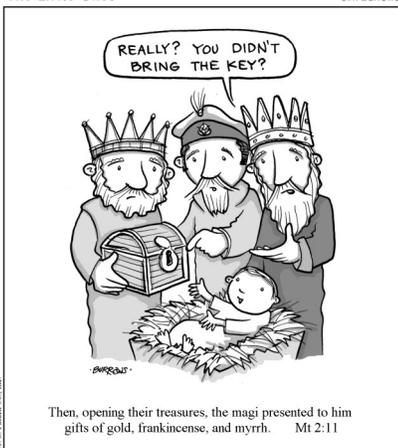
Thank you for all the love and support given to us during this time. We're really thankful and appreciative.
Once again
*Thank you
- Child 3

Thank you for the gifts & all the words of encouragement attached! Our current situation ~~is~~ is somewhat stressful, but we are so thankful to know that we have such a supportive community around us! May God bless all of you who have blessed us with your support, not just during this holiday season, but year-out!

Love,
- Child 2

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Thank You

(see more thank you notes on page 8)

Education

WE LEARN AND EDUCATE.

WE ARE A PROPHETIC PEOPLE

Catechist Faith Formation All of us are catechists !

- 1) **Creed** - our beliefs
- 2) **Liturgy and sacraments** - how we celebrate our communal faith
- 3) **Morality** - the ways we live out what we believe in our every day lives
- 4) **Prayer** - our relationship with God, both personally and communally.

In our new Church year, which began on December 1, 2019, we continue a course in deepening our understanding of the beliefs of the Catholic Church. This twelve-week course is **open to everyone**, since we are all catechists, but it is especially for those who are helping to share their faiths as catechists to our **children, youth, and adults. (A must for all our SLR Catechists).**

There will be three sessions for each of the four pillars: **Creed, Liturgy and Sacraments, Morality, and Prayer.** The sessions are held on Monday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The dates are:

Creed: (to be announced)

Liturgy: January 6, 13, 20 - 2020

Morality: January 27, February 3, 10 - 2020

Prayer: February 17, 24, March 2 - 2020

Please RSVP so we can make sure we have enough materials.
bobkondrath@saintlorenzo.org

Religious Ed Congress 2020

Anaheim

This year's theme...



Live Mercy – Be Holy

Mercy and Holiness are two aspects of God's essence, and God's invitation for us to live out in turn.

God insists, "Be holy, for I, your God, am holy" (*Leviticus 19:2*).

The Sunday readings that inspire the theme of the 2020 Religious Education Congress challenge us to continue believing in mercy and holiness in the midst of the struggle we experience in our personal lives, societies, Church, and our world. Mercy and holiness are inseparable for there is no holiness without mercy. The mercy of God is expressed through our acts of love, and when these acts are born out of compassion, we embody the call to be holy. When we respond to this invitation to be holy and merciful, we are blessed with the power to reignite the hope our world is aching for!

We invite you to participate in Religious Education Congress 2020 to continue deepening in this daring invitation to "**Live Mercy – Be Holy.**"

– Sr. Rosalia Meza, VDMF
Director, Office of Religious Education



WELCOME HOME January Wedding

Ryan Lee & Helga Lu
Jan. 18



9 Days for Life 2020 will take place Tuesday, January 21 - Wednesday, January 29.

9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information.

Sign up to receive the novena by email, text message, or an app at www.9daysforlife.com

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.**" The Church directs:

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or almsgiving. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides resources to help parishes, schools, families, ministries, and individual Catholics participate in this important day of prayer and penance.

Service

WE SERVE & WE SHARE.

WE ARE A KINGLY PEOPLE.

WELCOME HOME

Thank you to Marietta Policarpio & Nila Guerrero...our families sponsoring hosting today's Hospitality January 5th



Hospitality Sundays

"Meet and Greet" SLR Families and Friends!



Are you celebrating a Birthday, Graduation, Anniversary or just want to be a "Helping Hand" and leave your mark and make a contribution to our SLR Parish Community? We invite all...Families and Friends, Ministries and Groups, Small Businesses, Guests and Visitors to come and Host our Hospitality Sundays with Donuts and Coffee! It's a wonderful opportunity to "Meet and Greet" our St. Lorenzo Ruiz Parish Family!

What a better way to celebrate your special day, to open doors and invite new faces to help your ministry grow, to complete Community Service hours for Confirmation and High School students or promote your small business.

A photo of your group may be published in the Weekly Bulletin and Announcements.

We are looking to fill our Sunday Schedule beginning in February and the remainder of our 2020 New Year.

Sign-Up after mass today and reserve your special day to Host and/or Sponsor our Hospitality Sundays! Please contact Mary Anne Garcia, Hospitality Ministry Coordinator and see bulletin for more details.

Thank You!

Happy Holidays!

Mary Anne Garcia

Hospitality Ministry Coordinator

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E-Mail: maryanne.garcia007@yahoo.com



(pictures from Dec 29 Hospitality will be in our next bulletin issue due to early publisher deadlines)

2020 SLRC Vision 2020: Let us go "Home".... toward Communal Parish

- ◆ be **Nourished & Sustained** by the **Word**: read/reflect/pray on the Word daily and *liturgically*
- ◆ be a **Eucharist**: "Put flesh on the Word"...greeting/smiling at every one particularly at Church
- ◆ be a **Missionary Disciple**: "telling the story of Jesus", 'each one, teach one...each one, take two'

ST. LORENZO RUIZ THE FAMILY MAN,
PRAY FOR US!



Thank you Barredo & Trompeta families for hosting last Dec 22nd.

Welcome Home



Mass Intentions for the Week

Week of January 4-11

Date	Mass	Rest In Peace	Intentions
Sat 4Jan	5:00pm	Natividad Gallo Tan & Felisa Manuel Norma Sison Mabini Albenia De La Cruz Mercedes Cajulis	Santo Niño(PG)
Sun 5Jan	7:30am	Felipe Sanchez Mariano Cabasac Teresa Dimaguila	Fielmia Cabasac Bernadette Lim Lan Teodoro (HB)
	9:00am	Gertrudes Sayson	Josefa Matibag (healing) Efren Chya Marilyn Mack Imelda Ragasa
	10:30am	Emerson Reodica Castro Austin Pao-Kwei Chang Arthur Larrobis Remedios Tolentino Eustaquio Rey	
	12:00pm	Santos & Hector Recio James Quan	
	1:30pm	Manuel Arellano	
	6:30pm		
Date	Mass	Rest In Peace	Intentions
Mon 6Jan	7:00am	Sor Virginia Rosales	
	7:00pm		
Tue 7Jan	7:00am	Don Kong	Paul & Agnes Kintanar (Wedd. Anniv)
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Wed 8Jan	7:00am		Genoveva Martinez (HB)
	7:00pm	Albenia De La Cruz	
Thurs 9Jan	7:00am	Leticia Medina(40th day) Ronie F. Jacolbia	
	7:00pm		Eladio & Julia Diaz (60th wedd. Anniv.)
Fri 10Jan	7:00am		
	7:00pm		
Sat 11Jan	8:00am	Fred Lising	

PG=Presenting Gifts TG=Thanksgiving HB= Birthday

Paul Miller
Ric De La Cruz
Connie Param
Priscilla Tuazon
Elena Tan Carpio
Remedios Anonas
Gian Reyes

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

**Please continue praying and
caring for our sick family members,
friends, neighbors & parishioners.**

*Please contact Marilyn Estona at the
parish office or email
mestona@hotmail.com if you know of
any parishioner who is sick, hospitalized,
or homebound so that we may include
them in our prayers / arrange for Ministers
of the Sick to bring the Holy Eucharist to
them at home.*

**WELCOME
VOLUNTEER**
(WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE)

Why volunteer?

- Meet new people
- Develop new skills
- Help others in the community
- Learn something new
- Strengthen compassion for others
- Increase self-esteem & self-confidence
- Have fun!

All Are Welcome

Temporalities

WE BECOME ECONOMICALLY STABLE

AND SELF-RELIANT...

Thank you to our January Liturgical Sponsors



Sponsors of Light

Grace S. Tionko

*In loving memory of husband Jesus Tionko
& in celebration of birthday of Grace*



Sponsors of Altar Bread

Salumbides Family

*In loving memory of Anicia Salumbides, RIP &
all souls in Purgatory. Please pray for them.*

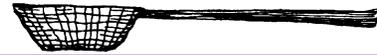


Sponsors of Altar Wine

Odette Bigornia

In thanksgiving for the gift of healing

Weekly Offering



Stewardship

Week ending Dec 22

Plate	\$ 4,763
Envelopes	\$ 6,535
Faith Direct	\$ 3,358
Total	\$ 14,656

Simbang Gabi (Dawn Masses)
Dec 21 & 22 \$953

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
Dec 24 & 25 \$ 21,758

Note: Due to early publisher deadlines and holiday schedule, we are posting Dec 29 summary next week

Thank you & happy new year!



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Today**



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Go to: faithdirect.net
Enter Church Code:
CA 839

Or call/visit the Parish office for assistance or any questions.

When will my account(s) be debited?

When you enroll in the Faith Direct program you can choose to have your monthly donations processed on the 4th, 15th, or both 4th and 15th. Your donations will be processed in one transaction for the total offertory, campaign and/or second collection donation amounts you have designated. Your church will receive your donations within five business days.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Christmas Break for Confirmation & Rel Ed Students is from Dec 16-Jan 6.

Classes will resume on January 7, 2020



St. Lorenzo Ruiz Devotion Ministry

Remember: EVERY TUESDAY, at 6:30PM, is the DEVOTION PRAYERS TO ST. LORENZO RUIZ



EVERY TUESDAY, at 7:00PM is TUESDAY HEALING MASS



From the SLR Community, we thank each one who shared their blessings this year...

Thank you notes from the families



OneLife LA

Welcome To The Sixth Annual Walk For Life

Saturday - January 18, 2020

La Placita/Olvera Street to LA State Historic Park

The mission of **OneLife LA** is to unite communities and inspire positive action through an annual event that promotes the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death.

For more information, please contact:
213-637-7690
onelifela.org

- christmas 2019
- ♥ my husband and I are very grateful for Sain Lorenzo Ruiz, for Father Tony, Father Elmer, Gabby, Jeri, and all the people that have thought of us this Christmas. Thank you for all your donations, and may our dear Lord Jesus bless you always. -Mrs.
 - ♥ Thank you. I Love you. Abby Gy. 0
 - ♥ Thank you so much that you have done for us and may God bless you and your family forever -Miguel Gil 16 yo.
 - ♥ Thanks for everything you do. Thank you very much. God bless you and your family -Gina 14 yo.
 - ♥ Thank you very much -Rafael 12 yo.
 - ♥ Thank you for the things you have given us. I am grateful for you guys being there to help us. God Bless you and your family always. ~ Daniel Gil 15
 - ♥ We are very grateful. Isay 2 yo.
 - ♥ Thank you for everything you gave to us -samuel 10 yo.

Merry Christmas!

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Rev. Elmer S. Empinado
Associate Pastor

OFFICE HOURS

M - F 8:30am to 7:00pm
Sat 9:00am-2:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Masses

8:00am

5:00pm (vigil)

Sunday Masses

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
12:00pm, 1:30pm (Esp), 6:30pm

Weekday Masses

7:00am and 7:00pm

Holy Days of Obligation

7:00pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Weekdays

15 min before daily mass

Friday

7:30pm to 8:30pm

Saturday

3:30pm to 4:30pm

Take a bag... a Food bag

As part of our **G.R.A.C.E.**, let us make it as our way of life to bring home a **food bag** every **third** Sunday and bring them back with grocery items to **share** with those in need on the **fourth** Sunday of the month.

TOGETHER IN MISSION



Update as of Dec 17

Goal: \$93,900

Our collection : 67% or \$ 62,897

Ways to give:

- 1) Fill out pledge form, give to Sunday ushers or drop off at the Parish Office
- 2) Call 213-637-7672 Mon-Fri between 8:00am-5:00pm
- 3) Go online: ourmissionla.org Click on GIVE NOW

Rachel's Vineyard

Retreat weekend for Healing after Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard retreat is for men and women struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The retreat is designed to help participants work through repressed grief and anger in a safe, nonjudgmental setting and come to acceptance, healing, and hope for the future. Developed in the Roman Catholic Tradition, it utilizes spiritual exercises and rituals to help grieve the loss of unborn children and to accept God's forgiveness.

All inquiries and registrations are confidential. www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard **January 17-19, 2020 Duarte, CA** Cost: \$300. per person For registration or more information please call and leave message:
323-577-5693 www.rachelsvineyard.org

SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

Our group's vision is to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Our goal is to become a source of spiritual strength, where you can process the grief, ease the pain and receive comfort as you recover from divorce. Please join our ongoing support group and no charge. Newcomers are welcome.

Where: **Holy Family Catholic Church**

1501 Fremont Avenue; Cardinal Manning Room

South Pasadena, CA 91030

More information contact:

Charley Cerutti; cpcjr2@gmail.com or 626-799-8908

GRACE

◇ *Is our Sunday Giving a Generous Response to Christ's Embrace?*

◇ *Does it change my way of life if I give a bit more?*

Mass for the Unborn & Deceased Children

*In Support of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Respect Life March/One Life L.A.*



Please Join **St. Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic Church** & The Knights of Columbus on this very Special Mass of Intention

Where: St. Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic Church
747 Meadow Pass Road Walnut, CA

When: **Thursday, January 16, 2020**
7:00 p.m.



Children's Living Gospel Mass 12/24



Christmas Midnight Mass



2019 Simbang Gabi (Dawn Masses) 12/21 & 12/22

