

"He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest...' (Mt. 13, 29-30)

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time JULY 23, 2023



Let us Bring the Faith Home...
Let us go **ZONEwise...**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

School Year 2023-2024

- First Communion
- Continuing Formation
- OCIC—*Order of Christian Initiation for Children*
- Confirmation

REGISTER
TODAY...

See inside for
more details!



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Worship

WE PRAY & WORSHIP.
WE ARE A PRIESTLY COMMUNITY.



GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

GROW: The parables were always my favorite Gospel readings when I was growing up. One we just heard, regarding the wheat and the weeds, was particularly comforting to me as a child. It was simple to understand, I thought: Those of us in God's Church were obviously the wheat and, of course, destined for salvation. We just needed to endure living among "the weeds" while we are in this world. As an adult, however, I realize that Jesus' message is much more challenging – much more convicting regarding my own failures and sins: I could be a weed! And while I certainly don't like that thought, I also don't like considering that *anyone* would be thrown into the "fiery furnace." After all, we are supposed to love one another and desire that they become part of the body of Christ and have eternal life. The reality of this world, however, is that temptation and sin surround us. Fortunately, Jesus gives us himself as the Bread of Life in the Eucharist, and we have the gift of mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation. These sacraments, as well as prayer, give us the "nutrients" we need to ensure that we remain the wheat God has sown in his field, and that we can help others be that too.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: While the sacraments can fortify our faith, what about our neighbors, friends or family who are not Catholic or who have fallen away from the Church? This is where evangelization comes in – inviting someone to join you at Mass or suggesting a religious book they might enjoy reading. If you don't think such a simple act could make much difference in the life of another, take heart in the parables contained in the long form of today's Gospel. In those, Jesus reminds us that it doesn't take much to spread the Good News of the kingdom of heaven. The smallest of seeds can turn into the largest of plants and a small amount of yeast can leaven much flour. And if we have moments where we lack courage or feel in need of assistance, St. Paul reminds us that "the Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness." Never underestimate the power of the Advocate: he can help us pray, can intercede for us, and provide what we need to be good seed in the world.

PRAY: Let us pray this week for the strength to live out our baptismal promise to reject evil, and to gain courage so as to be a witness to God, and to work toward building his kingdom on earth wherever and whenever we can.

POPE FRANCIS NAMES FOUR L.A. PRIESTS AS AUXILIARY BISHOPS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

(July 18) Pope Francis named Msgr. Albert Bahhuth, Ph.D., Father Matthew Elshoff, OFM. Cap., Father Brian Nunes and Father Slawomir Szkredka, Ph.D., S.S.D., auxiliary bishops of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The appointments were announced in Washington, D.C. at 3 a.m. PDT, by Cardinal-designate Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States.



From left: **Bishops-elect Albert Bahhuth, Matthew Elshoff, Brian Nunes, and Slawomir Szkredka.** (Credit: Angelus News/Laura Hipke/Archdiocese of Los Angeles)

Archbishop José H. Gomez held a **press conference last Tuesday, July 18, at 10 a.m., inside the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels**, to address the announcement and present the newly named auxiliary bishops.

"This is a day of joy for the family of God in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles," said Archbishop Gomez. "We give thanks to God, and we thank the Holy Father for this great blessing of new bishops. Each is a man of prayer who loves Jesus and has a deep desire to share God's love and to serve God's people. We are praying for them, and we entrust them to the tender care of Holy Mary, our Blessed Mother."

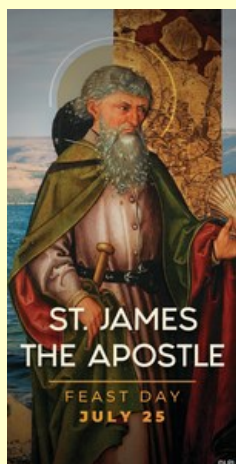
The faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to view the press conference at LACatholics.org/newbishops.

St Lorenzo Ruiz
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every FRIDAY
July 28 at 7:00pm
Mass, Divine Mercy,
Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Education

WE LEARN AND EDUCATE.
WE ARE A PROPHETIC PEOPLE

REGISTER
TODAY!



LET'S HANG OUT
WITH JESUS...with
SOMEONE!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

School Year 2023-2024

FIRST COMMUNION
CONTINUING FORMATION
OCIC

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CLASSES START WEEK
OF SEPT. 18, 2023



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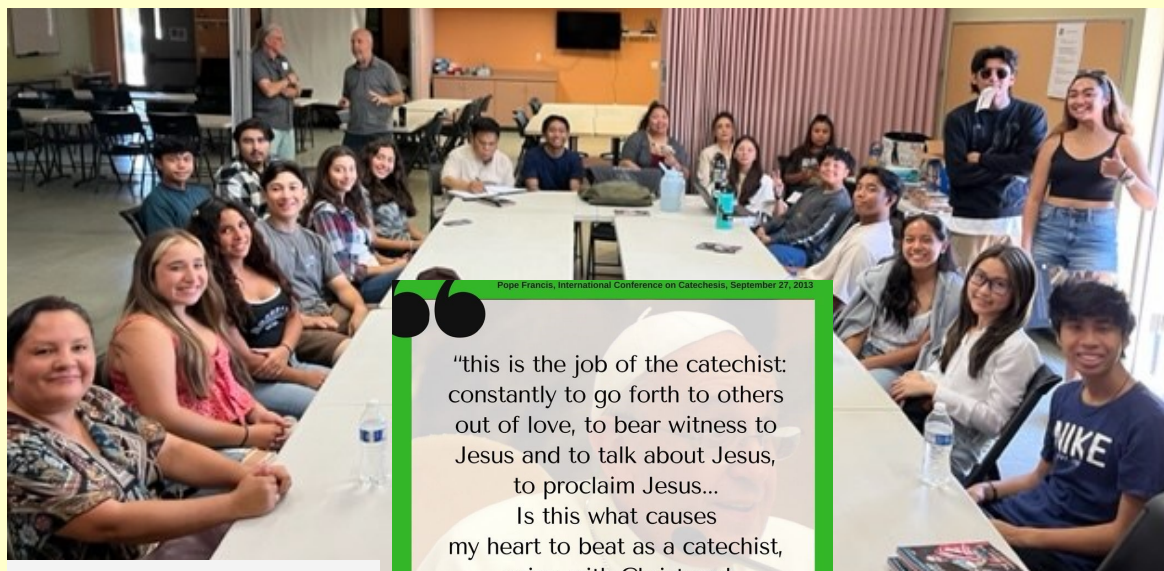


Questions? Call or text (626) 222-4674



Catechist
Recruitment last
Sunday, July 16
after masses.

Thank
you!
Volunteers!



Catechist
Formation
Sessions



Mon July
24 & Wed
July 26 @
6:00pm

Sts. Mark &
Matthew

Confirmation Catechists
Formation Session 1 held last
Monday, July 17

"this is the job of the catechist:
constantly to go forth to others
out of love, to bear witness to
Jesus and to talk about Jesus,
to proclaim Jesus...
Is this what causes
my heart to beat as a catechist,
union with Christ and
encounter with others?"

Pope Francis, Int'l. Conference Catechesis 2013

Be a Catechist!

Let us Praise His name and...



Family Prayer Group "Word Among Us"
Reflection and

Praise and Worship Meeting

"Word Among Us" Reflection every Wednesday
via Zoom except the last Wednesday of the
month at 8:00 p.m.

In-person Praise and Worship Meeting and
Fellowship on the last Friday of JULY from 7:30
p.m. -9:30 p.m. at the Evangelization Center.

Contact sheilasobretudo@gmail.com

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Registration is required. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. Instruction classes: every 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Group Baptisms every 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 am.

Bautismos en Español: Cada cuarto Domingo del mes a las 3:00pm. Para mas información por favor llame a la oficina parroquial.

Anointing/Visitation of the Sick Contact the Parish Office 909-595-9545 Unción a enfermos- Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial.

Matrimony Couples wishing to celebrate their wedding must contact a priest at least 6 months in advance prior to setting a date. This time is necessary to fulfill the prerequisites for receiving the sacrament.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Preparation for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. For information, call the Parish Office and leave a message for **Bob Kondrath**.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) For more information call the Parish Office and leave a message for **Linda Talcott**.

OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults – formerly called the RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)



prepares adults to receive one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation. The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist [Communion]. OCIA's primary focus is on people who have never been baptized as a Christian. OCIA also prepares adults to be received into the Catholic Church if they have been baptized in another Christian church. If a person was baptized as a Catholic but never received First Eucharist or Confirmation, they can also be a part of the OCIA. We also have people who have received all their Sacraments of Initiation, but just want to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith.

The OCIA meets every Sunday at St. Lorenzo Ruiz Church for one of the morning liturgical service (the Mass). Normally we stay for the readings and the homily (sermon) by the priest. After the homily, the priest will call forward all individuals who are in the process of learning about Catholicism and/or preparing to receive one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation, or those desiring to learn more about the practice of the Catholic faith. The priest also invites to come forward the sponsors and/or people who are supporting the individuals who are in the OCIA if they want to be part of the sessions. The priest gives a blessing to those called forward.

In our meeting room, we discuss the readings that were read in church, see how they apply to the teachings of the Church, and what differences the readings make in living our lives as Christians. We invite questions and participation by all those who attend the OCIA. We have had the sessions available on Zoom for those who were unable to join us in person during the pandemic, and also for people who are living out of the area, but plan to be a part of the OCIA.

The OCIA process is open-ended in that people begin at whatever time they want, and they stay in the process until they decide what they want to do about receiving sacraments or until they seem ready to move on. The usual time we celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation for adults (and for older children) is during the Easter season. We meet every Sunday throughout the year, unless some major celebration, such as Christmas, falls on a Sunday and it takes precedence.

If you have any questions and/or you want more information, please contact the **OCIA Director, Bob Kondrath** by email (bobkondrath@saintlorenzo.org) or by calling the **Parish Office** [(909) 595-9545] and leaving a message for Bob.

We thank our July
Liturgical Sponsors

Sponsor of Light

Tessie & August Gloria

*In thanksgiving for their
50th Wedding Anniversary*

Sponsor of Altar Bread & Wine

Maribelle & Audrey Marie
De Leon Hernandez

*Grant unto Teofilo 'Mars' Hernandez O Lord
eternal rest. May your light shine upon him forever.
May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Sponsor of the Word

Leriza Pascual

*In loving memory of Oscar Pascual &
In celebration of Oliver's birthday,
and in thanksgiving for retirement*

Temporalities



WE BECOME ECONOMICALLY STABLE
AND SELF-RELIANT...

Stewardship

Week ending July 16, 2023



Plate— \$ 4,685

Envelopes — 5,173

Faith Direct (Online) - 5,751

TOTAL \$ 15,609


Thank You for your **Generosity**

30th ANNIVERSARY

Shine His Light

2023 Annual Appeal

MAKE A 30TH ANNIVERSARY GIFT TODAY!



Visit TIMGIVE.org

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LOS ANGELES

Please help us support our struggling parishes and schools

We need your support!

Help us reach our goal!

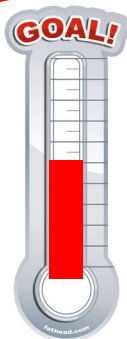
More than an average annual appeal

Together in Mission exclusively supports the most impoverished parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This annual appeal is an opportunity for people to join in action - as one united family. Join us in celebrating the generational support that has been sustaining faith communities for 30 years.

Goal: \$91,415

As of JULY 5, 2023

Paid: \$43,644 = 47.7%




GRILL + BAR

Saturday, July 29, 8:00-10:00 am

Applebee's Walnut
21625 Valley Blvd, Walnut, CA

Only \$12!

Pancakes Fried potatoes
Sausages Scrambled eggs
Coffee Orange juice

All proceeds will go towards St. Lorenzo Ruiz's Group Wedding Ministry expenses.

FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER



Tickets Available: Parish Office or
Volunteers outside (after Sunday mass)
Parish Office 909-595-9545

Group Wedding 2023

Do you wish your union to be blessed by God in the Catholic Church? If you were married in a civil or non-Catholic ceremony or are living together outside of marriage, we invite you to join the **St. Lorenzo Ruiz Church Group Wedding to be held on Saturday - October 7, 2023**, as part of our Fiesta Celebration.

Complete the registration form and submit at the Parish Office 909-595-9545. Thank you.

Youth

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

SLR Youth Ministry 2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

2023-24 Youth Confirmation Program REGISTRATION

Confirmation is a Sacrament of Initiation where students will solidify their relationship with God through the gifts of the Holy Spirit and commit their spiritual adulthood to following Jesus. This is a two-year program in which the teens will learn how to pray, read scripture, understand God's Word, and know how to apply his teachings to their own lives.

Classes begin September 12, 2023
Tues or Wed classes 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Fees

\$170 for 1 student
\$250 for 2 students
\$300 for 3 students

*additional \$35 sacramental fee for Year 2 students

Fees are to be paid to Confirmation staff outside the church after all weekend masses starting July 29 to August 27

Last Day to Register
August 27, 2023

No registration will be accepted after August 27, 2023

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER



SCAN ME

For more information, contact
Michael Mutuc, Confirmation Director
michaelmutuc@stlorenzo.org



AUG 12

DAVE & BUSTERS

Fresh Eats, Games and a whole lot of fun! Show off those mad skills! Come join us! 6PM in Santa Anita Mall in Arcadia. RSVP soon!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

MARY ANNE GARCIA, YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

PHONE: (626) 377-1591 or maryannegarcia@saintlorenzo.org

DID YOU KNOW?

It's all about the behavior

"It's all about the behavior" is a common reminder for safe adults to be aware that abuse can happen anywhere, and to anyone. Parents and caregivers must be vigilant to any warning signs of inappropriate behavior, even if a suspected abuser does not fit a stereotypical profile. The same is true of abuse victims — there is no demographic "failsafe," such as age, race, gender, background, income, etc., that prevents a certain person from being abused. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "It's All About the Behavior" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](https://www.lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

Todo se reduce al comportamiento

"Todo se trata del comportamiento" es un recordatorio común para que los adultos de confianza sepan que el abuso puede ocurrir en cualquier lugar y a cualquier persona. Los padres de familia y cuidadores deben estar atentos a cualquier señal de advertencia de comportamiento inapropiado, incluso si un presunto abusador no se ajusta a un perfil estereotipado. Lo mismo se aplica a las víctimas de abuso.

Mass Schedule*

Mon to Fri: 7:00am and 7:00pm

Sat: 8:00am, 5:00pm (*Vigil Mass*)

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am- *livestreamed*,
12:00pm, 1:30pm (*Spanish*) -*livestreamed*, 6:30 pm

Mass in Filipino: Every 1st Sunday, 3:00pm

Chinese Mass: Every 2nd Sunday, 3:30pm

Confession: Monday-Friday: 6:45am & 6:45pm,

First Friday: 7:30-8:30pm; Saturday: 3:30pm-4:30pm

Parish Office 909-595-9545

**subject to change – call for special masses*

No existe algo seguro, como una demografía, edad, raza, género, antecedentes, ingresos, etcetera, que impida que una determinada persona sea abusada. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® "It's All About the Behavior" (Todo se trata del comportamiento) en [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](https://www.lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

Join us for a prayer Vigil year round

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00 am—5:00 pm

Help to keep the chain of prayer unbroken

Dedicate one day a week of prayer and fasting for the unborn. This is a great way for churches and individual ministries fill a weekly 2-hour time slot

Contact: *Thelma Sison*

909-921-9366 (St. Lorenzo representative)

Be a Catechist!



The St. Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic Parish Community is...

Inviting You! Come and Share your Faith!

Be A Catechist and Grow in the Knowledge Of Your Faith with Our Children. Join our upcoming Catechist Formation Certification Sessions!!!

As a Baptized Catholic, we are called to serve. You are welcome to join other ministries too.

Call the office to volunteer:

909-595-9545

Susie Taon

St. Lorenzo Ruiz Formation Director



ALWAYS
Share
YOUR
Blessings



Several of our SLR Pilgrims
in Mexico (July 5-11) with
Archbishop Gomez &
Fr. Paul.



Sun. July 16, 2023

Hospitality Sundays—with our SLR Families

Share your blessings & make new friends!

**Join us to host or sponsor. Parish Office 909-595-9545 or
Email: sheilasobretudo@gmail.com**

