

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28b

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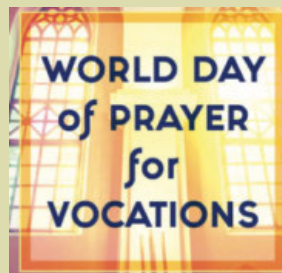
We are
the **sheep**
of **His flock.**
PSALM 100



Somos **ovejas**
de **Su rebaño.**
SALMO 100



World Day of Prayer for Vocations



Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations.

Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious

life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Wishing all our moms,
grandmothers, aunts,
godmothers, stepmoms,
foster moms a beautiful and
blessed Mother's Day!

God Bless You!



May 11, 2025



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Worship



4th Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday...World Day of Prayer for Vocations...Happy Mothers' Day!

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday".

The brief Gospel passage recounts Jesus saying, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." It speaks of relationship as the Shepherd would confidently assure his sheep... "No one can take them out of my hand". "I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Today we also celebrate Mother's Day! This beautiful and pregnant image of the shepherd-sheep relationship is significantly portrayed and enfleshed in the relationship of Mother and Child. "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast..." (Is. 49,15)

We praise & bless the Lord the gift of our mothers!... And from our community we greet all our mothers, **Happy Mother's Day...and we love you!**

As well, this day is also a **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Every vocation is sacred and precious, but on this day, we pray especially for priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. The church needs more shepherds whose hearts reflect the heart of Jesus the Good Shepherd."

Fr. Tony

Pentecost Sunday—June 8 at 11:00am

(Combined masses: 10:30am, 12:00pm and 1:30pm)

Prayer for the Conclave

Father Most Holy,
Our God and King,
Protect Your Church in this time of transition. Guide the Cardinals in their sacred duty. Grant them Wisdom and Courage, Hope and Charity, and the Faith they need to discern Your Holy Will.
Creator of all that was, is, and is to come—
You alone know the heart of the one You have chosen as the next successor to Saint Peter. Reveal Your will to the College of Cardinals. Open their hearts to Your inspirations.
Open our hearts to receive, with faith and obedience, the one whom You will raise up to sit on the Chair of Saint Peter.
May he be a man of deepest compassion, a man of profound faith and hope, a man whose charity shines forth, permeating the darkness of this world with the light of Christ.
You are God Most High, the God of the living and the dead, the Great I AM, the Alpha and the Omega, Eternal Being and Source of all that is.
May Your holy will be done, now and forever. Amen. Alleluia.



Fr. Mario Celestine, along with our devoted Altar Servers celebrating the 1:30pm Spanish Mass last Sunday, May 4th.

We are... Pilgrims of Hope: Strengthened by the Holy Spirit Returning to Jerusalem

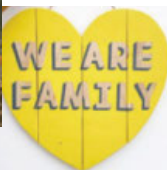
Come and immerse yourself in a sacred journey of renewal and faith as we anticipate the coming of the Holy Spirit and celebrate the birth of the Church—**Pentecost Day**. This **retreat** is an opportunity to rediscover the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit, reconnect with the essence of our spiritual roots, and deepen our commitment to our faith.

Join us on Saturday, May 31, 2025, as we begin with 8:00 AM Mass and continue our day of reflection, prayer, and fellowship until 3:00 PM.

Let us come together as a community of believers, seeking renewal and inspiration, as we embark on this meaningful pilgrimage of Hope.



E ducation



Dear Parish Family,
We are delighted to share with you that families from the Religious Education program gathered for their **Spiritual Retreat** in preparation for receiving the **Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist**. We all enjoyed seeing families together, learning, sharing, and celebrating our catholic faith. Let us keep these families in our prayers so that their faith formation experiences would lead them to deepen their relationship with God and strengthen their family bonds.
We also thank our dedicated catechists, who always respond with kindness and humble service, **José and Ceci Mendoza**, who prepared the delicious lunch, and our dear **Father Tony**, who accompanied us and celebrated a beautiful mass.

Thank you, Lord, for all the blessings!

Gaby Coria, D. Min.

Parents/Children's **RETREAT** Saturday, May 3, 2025 at the Vellucci Hall

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

Gavin Jacob Bello — *Altar Server*

At just 13 years old, Gavin Jacob Bello is one of our seasoned altar servers, having begun this ministry at a very young age. What drew him to serve was a heartfelt desire to deepen his faith and participate more fully in the Mass.

Though he was nervous at first, serving has helped him grow in confidence, teamwork, and communication. Gavin finds deep joy in assisting at Mass, especially during the Eucharistic Prayer and when receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist — moments he calls the heart of the celebration.

Balancing school, soccer refereeing, and altar serving takes planning, but Gavin remains committed. He continues to discern his vocation and prayerfully hopes to serve the Church as a priest someday.

Gavin treasures the friendships, faith, and sense of belonging that altar serving brings. If you see him at Mass, please say hello and thank him for his faithful service to our parish community.

Thank you, Gavin, for your joyful dedication, inspiring witness, and the gift of your service to our parish family!



Parent & Children's Retreat (First Communion Families, and Catechists)



Saint Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic Parish Community



**SHARE GRACE, GIVE HOPE
JOIN THE RED BAG PROGRAM!**

Be a part of our Grace initiative! Through the Red Bag Program, we invite you to donate canned goods and non-perishable food items to help those in need. Your generosity makes a difference in our community.

How You Can Help:

TAKE a red bag every 3rd Sunday of the month
FILL it with canned goods and non-perishable items.
RETURN & PLACE in our Church Vestibule!



Each one,
Teach one...
Each one, Take
two!



Ana Alcantara Raquel and Family—offering gifts at the 10:30am Mass Sunday 5/4/25

T emporalities

We thank our May
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*In thanksgiving for 10th anniversary of
El Shaddai (Walnut) &
for healing of Rey Lacson & Noel Jose*

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Wantah Family

*In thanksgiving for Catherine's birthday & in
loving memory of Henny Susan Mokoginta*

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*In thanksgiving, healing & special intentions,
birthday blessings*

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Besin Family

*In loving memory of
Erlinda Libor Besin - 2nd anniversary*

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Week Ending May 4

Plate \$ 5,523

Envelopes 5,803

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Total \$ 18,258

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Upcoming Dates

First Communion—Sunday, June 1st

Confirmation – Tuesday, June 10

Next Sunday May 18 –
Second Collection

Cardinal McIntyre Fund

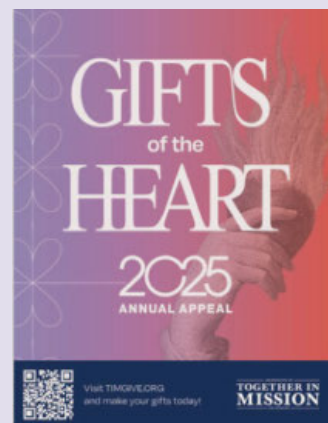
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| Amount Paid: | \$18,203.90 | 17.9% |

A Community of Believers: Sharing Our Faith with One Heart and Mind

We pray to God in different ways, we call Him a different name but there is one God, one faith, one Father of us all (Ephesians 4:4-6). We are called to do various tasks to do the work of God in the community we serve. Let us be worthy of this call and seek each other with humility and respect. Let us thank God for all the good things He has done: the food that sustains us, the clothes that we wear, the shelter of our homes, the family who takes good care of us, the friendship that we treasure, and the work that fulfills us. We thank the people who worked hard to bring all the necessities into our land – our grocery workers and bakers; the police officers, the firemen, and the paramedics who keep our community safe.

We thank for the leadership of our community who shares our values and to those who do not agree with us. We pray for protection and guidance in our daily activities, wisdom in our decision making, and for a safe community to live in.



We pray for all parents that their love and affection, be a source of loving obedience and discipline; their chastity and fidelity be an inspiration to their children. We pray for all children to experience the joys of friendship, to develop self-respect, respect for others, to obey their parents and those in authority.



We pray for our environment to make us responsible caring stewards: using effective ways to propagate nature

to be used for food and sustainable “go green” lifestyles; to conserve energy, maximize the water, land, and air resources; to live simple, balanced lives to protect natural habitats, keep our surroundings clean, and to always reuse, reduce, recycle as often as possible.

We pray for peace as we become aware of the threats in our world today and to have the sense of urgency to activate the forces of goodness, of justice, and of love. We pray for all of us and all those in authority that we may learn to bear with one another, to be generous with our time, talent, and treasure, honesty to admit our faults, and humility to correct them. All these we bring to our heavenly Father. Amen.

Sheila Sobretudo, SLR coordinator, Zacchaeus Discipleship Program

Photos from the **Mayor's Prayer Breakfast** at Walnut Senior Center last Thursday, May 1, 2025. SLR leaders/volunteers joined the community along with representatives of our neighbors, (Walnut Methodist, St. Stephens Baptist, Vineyard of Hope and Buddhist Educ. Foundation, etc.). A beautiful gathering of prayer, music and fellowship!

Holy Mass Schedule*

Monday to Friday: 7:00am & 7:00pm

Saturday: 8:00am & 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 7:30am , 9:00am, **10:30am, 12:00pm, **1:30pm(Spanish), & 6:30pm
(*livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube)

Confessions:

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

First Friday : 7:30-8:30pm

Saturday : 3:30pm to 4:30pm

*subject to change—call for special masses Parish Office 909-595-9545

Come and spend an hour with Jesus

Let us 'stay' with Jesus in the Eucharist

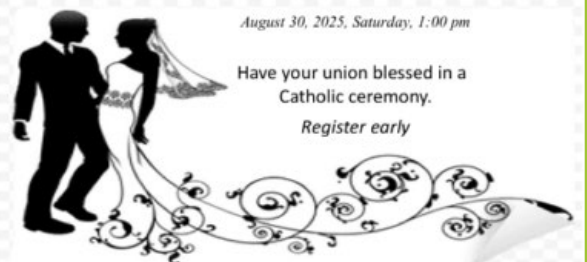


SLR GROUP WEDDING

August 30, 2025, Saturday, 1:00 pm

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GROUP WEDDING — Aug. 30, 2025

Contact: **Cecille G.** 818-421-6505

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| May 11 – June 7 | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
| 11 4th Sunday of Easter <i>Mother's Day</i> Chinese Mass – 3:30 pm | 12 Sts. Nereus & Achilleus Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena 6:30 pm | 13 Our Lady of Fatima St Lorenzo Ruiz Novena 6:30 pm Praying Over by Clergy & Lay Parishioners 7:00 pm | 14 St Matthias Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 6:30 pm | 15 St Isidore Bible Timeline Spanish 6:00 pm St. John Room Thursday Bible 7:00pm St. Luke | 16 Confessions 7:30 – 8:30 pm |
| 18 5th Sunday of Easter Red Bag Distribution | 19 Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena 6:30 pm | 20 St Bernadine of Siena St Lorenzo Ruiz Novena 6:30 pm Praying Over by Clergy & Lay Parishioners 7:00 pm | 21 St Christopher Magallanes Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 6:30 pm | 22 St Rita of Cascia Bible Timeline Spanish 6:00 pm St. John Room Thursday Bible 7:00pm Baptismal Preparation Class 7:00 – 9:00 pm St. Mark | 23 Confessions 7:30 – 8:30 pm |
| 25 6th Sunday of Easter Baptism – Spanish 3:00 pm Red Bag Collection | 26 St Philip Neri Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena 6:30 pm Memorial Day | 27 St Augustine of Canterbury St Lorenzo Ruiz Novena 6:30 pm Anointing of the Sick 7:00 pm | 28 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 6:30 pm | 29 St Paul VI Bible Timeline Spanish 6:00 pm St. John Room Thursday Bible 7:00pm St. Luke | 30 Confessions 7:30 – 8:30 pm |
| | | | | | 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Bible Timeline 9:00 am |
| June 2025 | | | | | |
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
| 1 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD First Communion 9am & 12pm | 2 St Marcellinus & St Peter Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena 6:30 pm | 3 St Charles Lwanga & Companions St Lorenzo Ruiz Novena 6:30 pm Lifting & Burning of Petitions 7:00 pm | 4 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 6:30 pm | 5 St Boniface Bible Timeline Spanish 6:00 pm St. John Room Thursday Bible 7:00pm St. Luke | 6 St Norbert Confessions 7:30 – 8:30 pm |
| | | | | | 7 Bible Timeline 9:00 am |



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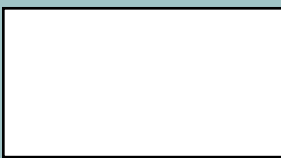
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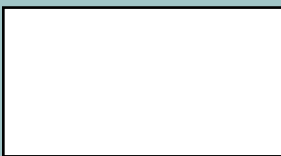
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