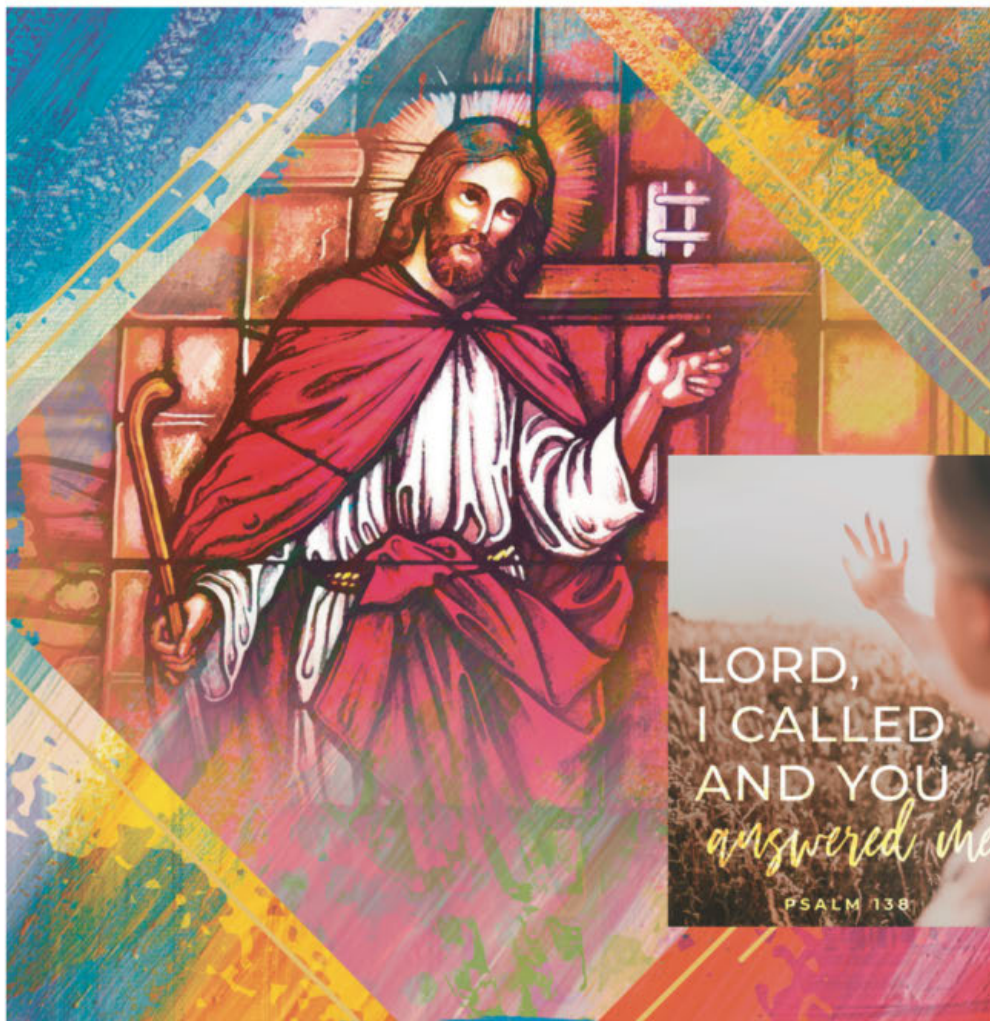




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St. Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic Parish Community



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He will get up to give him whatever he needs
because of his persistence." - Lk 11:8

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JULY 27, 2025

Inside Today's Bulletin:

- **Reflections from Fr. Vincent:** Within this issue, Father offers in-depth reflections.
- **Rel Ed/Confirmation Classes** kick off on **September 9th, 10th, and 13th**. Get ready for a new year of faith formation! Registrations will begin **August 9th!**
- **Rosary on the Beach: A Day of Faith & Fun!** Highlights inside truly embody our commitment to "Bringing the Faith Home" and making spiritual growth an engaging and joyful experience for all ages. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this event a resounding success!
- **Express Your Faith, Win \$500!** Poster contest on **Mercy and Mission: Honoring Those Who Live and Die for the Faith** inside this issue.
- It's the perfect chance to kick off our Religious Education year with a community picnic. Come enjoy delicious food, fellowship, and get ready to **register for the upcoming year**.
- **Don't forget!** This week is **Red Bag collection**. See inside for more information...

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Persistence and Perseverance in Prayer

That Jesus wants us to be constant in our praying – praying with passion and persistence. He wants us to be persistent in prayer and to have to wait patiently for answers from Him.

- Jesus wants us to know that God never gets tired of listening to His children!
- So, we are to keep on asking. This is what we do when we are certain that the one we are imploring is near and can hear.
- And we are to keep on seeking. This expects an action on our part. We have to actively look for the one we are imploring.
- And we are to keep on knocking. This expects further action after having located the one we are imploring. It pictures us as persistently banging on the door to get the person's attention.
- But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
- Jesus points out that we must have confidence first that God will certainly answer our prayers, and that God will always answer our prayers in a manner that is best for us.



Sheila Sobretudo SLR Coordinator,
Come Down Zacchaeus Program

God Never Fails “Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” (Luke 11:9)

Before I joined the SLR Family Prayer Group, my routine prayer was as simple as the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be. The first thing I learned from attending the group was a totally different format of prayer. It consisted of Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Supplication or ACTS. The Lord's Prayer that Jesus taught the Apostles captures the ACTS format. And I share with you a prayer that I pray with my family using ACTS.

We praise you, Lord, and we bless you. Forgive us for all the sins we have committed and omitted this day. Thank you for all the good things you gave us - the food that we eat, the clothes that we wear, the house that we live in, the family who loves us, and takes good care of us, the friends who bring us joy, and the work that gives us fulfillment. We pray, Lord, that you keep us away from harm and danger and protect us from every evil and from any illness. Help us Lord to see you through the work that we do and the people that we meet today. Amen.

This personal prayer is followed by the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be. Prayer is a constant dialogue with the Lord.

We pray and God listens! He answers them according to our needs. Prayer is listening to what God is asking of us (Fr. Tony). When we listen, we allow God to do his will and not ours. We allow God to be God. So, be persistent in prayer! Never allow a day to pass by without a conversation with the Lord. No matter how big the problem is, always remember there is a bigger God! SLR Parish offers various opportunities to connect with the Lord. There's daily mass, confession, novenas, Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet. The Tabernacle is open daily where you can spend time with Jesus. You can meditate on the Way of the Cross in the Garden of God or sit down in one of the statuary.

So, ASK - Ask, Seek, Knock for God never fails!
“ Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.” (Psalm 138)

EDUCATION



THE SLR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
ST. LORENZO RUIZ CATHOLIC PARISH COMMUNITY INVITES OUR CHILDREN TO



Sundays at 10:30am Mass



"Mark your calendars!"

RE/Confirmation Classes kick off on September 9th, 10th, and 13th. Get ready for a new year of faith formation!"



Register for Faith Formation 2025-2026!

It's almost time to register your child for our 2025-2026 Faith Formation programs! We're excited to announce that registration for First Communion, Confirmation, Continuing Education, and RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) will begin on August 9th. At Saint Lorenzo, we're dedicated to "Bringing the Faith Home," and our programs are designed to support your family's spiritual growth..

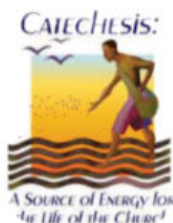


For more information, including registration forms and schedules, please check our website at saintlorenzo.org or refer to our weekly bulletin.

Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your child's faith journey!

Dear Parish Family!

Would you like to share your faith with the children of St. Lorenzo? It will only take a bit of your time to make a difference in others lives. If you feel God is calling you to this beautiful ministry... He probably is! Training will be offered.



"The call to the ministry of the catechist is a vocation, an interior call, the voice of the Holy Spirit."

Should you have questions, please contact Gaby Coria at gabycoria@saintlorenzo.org or (909) 757-1520

A big thank you to our dedicated Catechists (pictured below), Faith Punzalan and Rachel Johnson, and Assistant Leo Lazcano, who lead our Children's Liturgy every other week. They help make the Gospel come alive for our children!



Our community in action, pictured above, "Children's Liturgy: Led by Catechist Erik Romero. Bringing the word to our youngest members!"

Special Intentions of the Pope

Heavenly Father,
Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.
(Word Among Us)

SLR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

It takes many people with different talents and backgrounds for the Religious Education Ministry to continue flourishing within our community. We invite you to be part of the SLR Catechists team! Your time and talent will make a difference in the faith formation process of children, youth, and adults of our parish community.



For more information please click on the QR code or contact Gaby Coria or Ray Apodaca at: gabycoria@saintlorenzo.org



SERVICE



Holy Mass

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

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Our hearts are always filled with joy when our El Shaddai brothers and sisters join us for service! It's truly inspiring to witness the Gutierrez and Ricien families worshipping through service and praise. Their dedication and spirit are a beautiful testament to our shared faith.



Blessed by water and faith: Group Baptism highlights.



On Saturday, July 19, 2025, Father Vincent presided over the Sacrament of Baptism. We welcome our newest members into the Church!



Saint Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic
 Parish Community

FOOD DRIVE

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!

Together, we can be the hands and feet of Christ, spreading love and care to those in need.

"Each bag filled is a blessing shared!"



Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Virgin Statue Visit

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined us for the visit of the Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Virgin Statue from July 16-21, 2025. This special visit, graciously brought to us by Our Lady's Blue Army of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, was a profound opportunity for spiritual renewal and devotion.

Thank you for your presence and for making this a truly memorable and blessed event for our church community. We hope this experience brought you closer to the message of Fatima and deepened your faith.



TEMPORALITIES

We thank our July Liturgical Sponsors

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

STEWARDSHIP WEEK

Ending July 20

Plate \$ 4,975

Envelopes \$ 4,480

Faith Direct (Online) \$ 7,096

TOTAL: \$ 16,551



"When we give freely to God, we receive freely from God."



Want to help our Church grow with the Word of God?

Be a Word Among Us (Daily Reading Book) sponsor!

Please contact the Parish Office (909) 595-9545 or email

irenepuruggananSLR@gmail.com

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.

If you have any questions and/or you want more information, please contact the OCIA Director, Bob Kondrath by email or call



(bobkondrath@saintlorenzo.org) the Parish Office (909) 595-9545 and leave a message for Bob.

Sunday

AUGUST 2ND & 3RD
SECOND COLLECTION
MISSION APPEAL



Next weekend August 2 and 3, Fr. Andrew Siasa, a religious priest from the Apostolic Life Community of Priests in the Opus Spiritus Sancti, will speak at all masses here at St. Lorenzo.

The Mission Cooperative Plan (MCP) in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is an annual appeal that allows mission groups to preach at parishes and request financial support. The MCP is coordinated by the Propagation of the Faith/Mission Office and Pastors.



All of the seminarians of the Apostolic Life Community of Priests in Tanzania

IN CELEBRATION OF THE CANONIZATION ANNIVERSARIES OF ST. LORENZO RUIZ & ST. PEDRO CALUNGSOD

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JULY 22 - AUGUST 22

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CONTEST GUIDELINES:

- Open to individuals of all ages
- Language: English
- Must be original, unpublished work not submitted to other contests
- Poster must reflect the theme "Honoring Those Who Live and Die For The Faith—Inspired by Mercy and Mission", and include visual representation of both St. Lorenzo Ruiz and St. Pedro Calungsod
- Medium: Traditional (painting, drawing, mixed media) or digital artwork
- Size: 11" x 17" (portrait orientation)
- Send entry to FilMinSG@gmail.com: A high-resolution JPEG or PNG (for digital art) or a clear scan/photo (for traditional art). Include your name, phone number, the title of your artwork and a short artist's statement explaining the concept.
- Submission Deadline: August 22, 2025
- Winners Announced: September 8, 2025

The winning entry will be featured in official promotional materials for the Canonization Anniversary Celebration of St. Lorenzo Ruiz and St. Pedro Calungsod.



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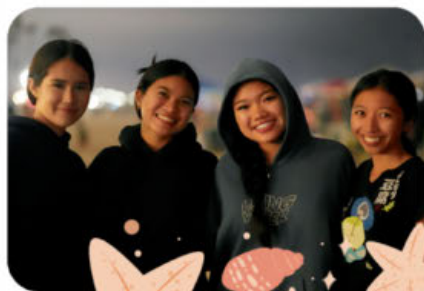
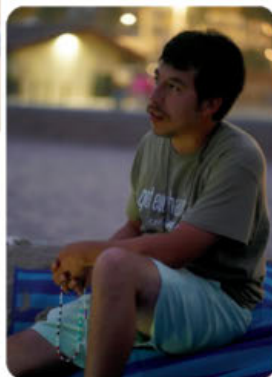
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We were so proud to see our youth lead the Rosary, a beautiful demonstration that not only deepened their faith but also inspired everyone present. Following this spiritual reflection, our young people enjoyed a wonderful time with various beach activities and fellowship.

St. Lorenzo Ruiz Adult Confirmation Program

Are you an adult Catholic (18+) who has received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion, but has not yet been Confirmed? Our Adult Confirmation Program fourteen Sunday's offers a journey of faith to prepare you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Seating at the first four rows on the left side pew near the choir area.

What you will gain:

A deeper understanding of Catholic teachings
Spiritual growth and renewal

A stronger connection to the Holy Spirit and the Church community



- [After Mass session until 11:30am]
- [MA registration fee of \$150.00]
- [Word Among Us 1 year subscription]
- Confirmation gown, book]
- [Write a story of your favorite human saint not any Angel. What virtues do you want to emulate or live out in your life like him or her.]

Ready to take the next step in your faith journey? For more information or to register, please contact [Susie Taon] at [909.595.9545] or [susietaon@saintlorenzo.org]. You can also visit [saintlorenzo.org/confirmation] for details and registration forms.

August 30, 2025 Saturday, 1:00pm

SLR GROUP WEDDING



St. Lorenzo Ruiz Group Wedding Team warmly invites couples to have their union blessed in a Catholic ceremony on **Friday, August 30th, 2025, at 1:00 PM.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your love and commitment within our faith community. We encourage you to register early to secure your spot for this special occasion.

For more information and to register, please contact:

SLR Wedding team -
"Dedicated to helping our couples prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony".



Cecile Graziani: 818-421-6505 or
cnagraziani@gmail.com
Edelle C.: 323-236-6032

We look forward to celebrating with you!

BECOME A VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Share Your Gifts: Volunteer at Our Parish! Looking for a way to connect, grow in faith, and serve others? Volunteering at St. Lorenzo Ruiz Parish is a rewarding experience! From helping with our youth programs to assisting with church events and outreach, there's a place for everyone. Ready to join us? Sign up today! Find more information and a sign-up form on our parish website [saintlorenzo.org].





St. Lorenzo's Final Summer Event

Picnic at the Park

and Religious Education Registration Kick-off
August 9th 10am-1pm @ Creekside Park

Bring your friends, family, and picnic lunch for a day of fun.
Drinks and Desserts Served



Register in
advance with QR Code

For more info email gabycoria@saintlorenzo.org



The morning group after the 7am mass and a farewell to Our Lady of Fatima. Thanks Fr. Nick & Fr. Andy for joining us this past weekend.

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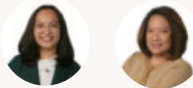
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