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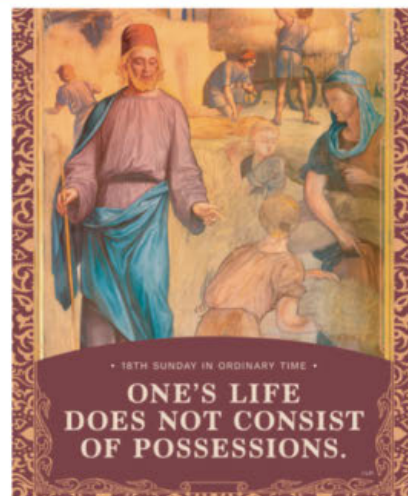


IF TODAY YOU
HEAR HIS VOICE,
HARDEN NOT
YOUR HEARTS.

18th Sunday in ordinary time
August 3, 2025



PSALM 95



Inside Today's Bulletin:

- **Reflections from Fr. Vincent:**
Within this issue, Father offers in-depth reflections.
- **Mission Cooperative Appeal TODAY!** Welcome Fr. Andrew, guest speaker. Let us all support the Seminary in Tanzania!
- 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!**



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ALL THINGS COME TO PASS, GOD LIVES ON FOREVER

Everything in this world is fleeting, nothing lasts forever. Life is short and death is certain. Everything has a beginning and definitely comes to an end. All things change and nothing stays the same.

The Book of Ecclesiastes, particularly the words of Qoheleth, emphasizes the vanity and transience of worldly pursuits, including wealth, pleasure, and even human achievements. It tells us that in the end, everything in this world will have no value and meaning at all.

Our Catholic faith strongly affirms God's eternal nature, God who is unchanging and everlasting. It teaches us that through our faith in Jesus Christ, in His passion death and resurrection, we are called to live a holy life through God's grace that we may come to inherit eternal life.

As believers and disciples of Christ, we are strongly encouraged to focus on spiritual realities rather than becoming overly attached to earthly possessions or achievements. We are called to cultivating a relationship with God, practicing virtues, and seeking to live according to God's will.

Hence, let us live our lives constantly seeking God and His Kingdom, living each moment to the fullest in the here and now with obedient faith, enduring hope and merciful love.



Sheila Sobretudo SLR Coordinator,
Come Down Zacchaeus Program

HOPE and Happiness

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." (Luke 12:15)

As a Girl Scout in 6th grade, the first motto is, 'Be prepared!' Be ready to help wherever it is needed. The expectation is to always have all the necessities handy to survive in the worst situation one must face. At an early age, scouting is one example of preparing the young for a life of bigger challenges. I heard my mother tell the girls in the family to be prepared for married life – "To study hard, have a profession, get a good paying job, be savvy with money, and never be dependent on your husband's income and support. You'll never know what will happen to your married life. Will he always be there to support you? Will he be faithful to you? You must be ready to face these hardships." This was not the advice I needed to hear at an early age. But I studied hard, completed a degree, practiced my profession, worked, and spent my money wisely. Saving money for retirement is part of the new employee orientation when I started working here in the USA. Now that I am retired, I read the retirement advice from Medicare and investment plans that I should have this much amount of money to retire comfortably. Some investors have lured me to secure my money into money winning strategies, so I don't lose any in case the market goes into a financial stress. How about you? What is your anxiety in life? Is it investment, an incurable diagnosis, old age, alcohol, smoking, illicit drugs, fame, glory, pornography, or politics? Our readings today remind us about vanity, greed, and how to take care of our possessions. Jesus asked the rich man, "the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?". All things that we possess cannot be accommodated in the final resting place. What about our soul? Our hope is to be with God, our Father who has prepared a dwelling place for us.

"Seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:2)

In Christ,
Sheila Sobretudo

Sunday

Special collection
August 2 and 3



MISSION
COOPERATIVE APPEAL
FOR SEMINARY IN
TANZANIA



Mission Appeal: As a young Missionary Community, they have many needs. At present, they are facing the challenge of meeting the tuition fees for 77 major seminarians diligently studying both Philosophical and Theological Studies at Jordan University in Morogoro, Tanzania. Any assistance they can get from this Mission Appeal will help support the formation of these young men who will soon move into the priesthood. Those who will directly benefit can't thank you enough for your consideration in this. Your generous financial and spiritual help will make the difference. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal.

Please welcome Father Andrew Siasa, a religious priest from the Apostolic Life Community of Priests in the Opus Spiritus Sancti, who will speak at all weekend Masses at our Parish of St. Lorenzo Ruiz Church on August 2-3, 2025. Fr. Andrew was ordained a priest in 2014 in Moshi, Tanzania. Since his ordination, he has served in parish ministry as the Administrator of a parish in Tanzania and has worked at the seminary as a teacher, Vice Rector, and Spiritual Director. Currently, Fr. Andrew is a graduate student at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



the seminarians of the Apostolic Life Community of Priests in Tanzania



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.



Support 2496



Altar Server Training
(Wednesday, July 23)
at church. Welcome home new volunteers. Thank you, Coordinators Christine, Loralyn...and Deacon Brian!



EDUCATION



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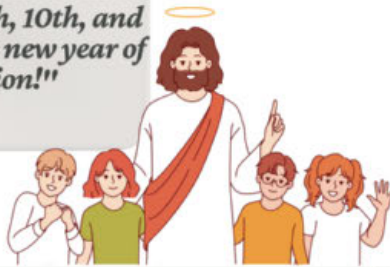


Sundays at 10:30am Mass



"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..

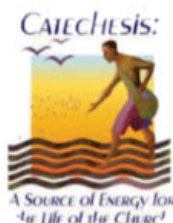


For more information, including registration forms and schedules, please check our website at saintlorenzo.org or refer to our weekly bulletin.

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

What is the VIRTUS program?

The core of VIRTUS Program is preventing child sexual abuse by educating adults about the issue and equipping them with tools to create safer environments.

Please mark in your Calendar the next VIRTUS SESSION will be held on **August 27 at 6:00 pm in Vellucci Hall** Interested must register by **August 23rd.**

Please contact **Gaby Coria** at: (909) 757-1520 or by email: Gabycoria@saintlorenzo.org

VIRTUS training is often mandatory for adults who work with children in various settings, including churches, schools, and other organizations. Key Elements: The program emphasizes recognizing warning signs of abuse, controlling access to children, monitoring programs, being aware of children's behavior, and communicating concerns. The VIRTUS Program is designed to be proactive rather than reactive, aiming to prevent abuse from occurring in the first place.

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.



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 (**livesstreamed 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



Harbor Night - Last Saturday, July 26, St. Lorenzo Young Adults gathered for an intimate night of fellowship, praise & worship, and adoration.

GROUP WEDDING FUNDRAISER HIGHLIGHTS SUNDAY 7/27



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!

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
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YOUTH



"Mark your calendars!"



**Confirmation Classes kick off
on September 9th & 10th.**

*Get ready for a new year of
faith formation!"*



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 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Who do children talk to about abuse?

Studies show that when children know that adults are willing to believe them, and advocate for them, children are more willing to come to adults with their problems. This is why other safe adults, like teachers and youth ministry volunteers, are essential to child protection. If a child discloses abuse, it is critical for a safe adult to provide a listening ear and help when needed, including reporting to the right people and authorities. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Disclosures Part 1: Why are Disclosures Important?" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

¿SABÍA QUE?

¿Con quién hablan los niños sobre el abuso?

Los estudios demuestran que cuando los niños saben que los adultos están dispuestos a creerlos y defenderlos, se sienten más dispuestos a compartir con ellos sus problemas. Por lo tanto, otros adultos de confianza, como los profesores y los voluntarios de la pastoral juvenil, son esenciales para la protección de los niños. Si un niño revela un abuso, es fundamental que un adulto de confianza le escucha y le ayuda cuando sea necesario, incluyendo la denuncia ante las personas y autoridades apropiadas. Para saber más lee el artículo de VIRTUS® "¿Por qué es importante la denuncia del abuso" (Disclosures Part 1: Why are Disclosures Important) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



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

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

during SLR Picnic!

AUGUST 9TH
10AM TO 1PM

See you all there!



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



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- 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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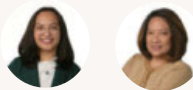
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