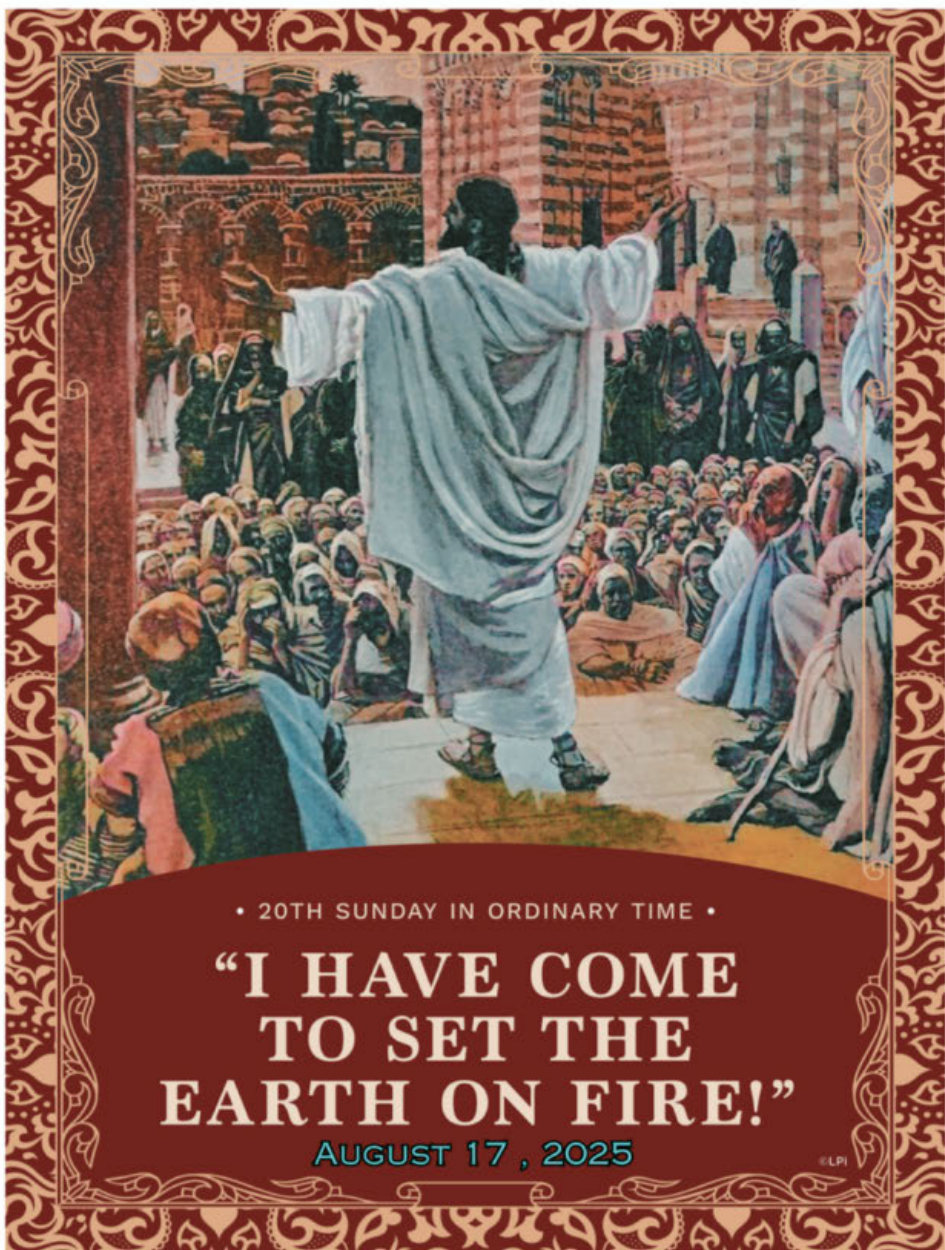




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• 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**"I HAVE COME
TO SET THE
EARTH ON FIRE!"**

AUGUST 17, 2025

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

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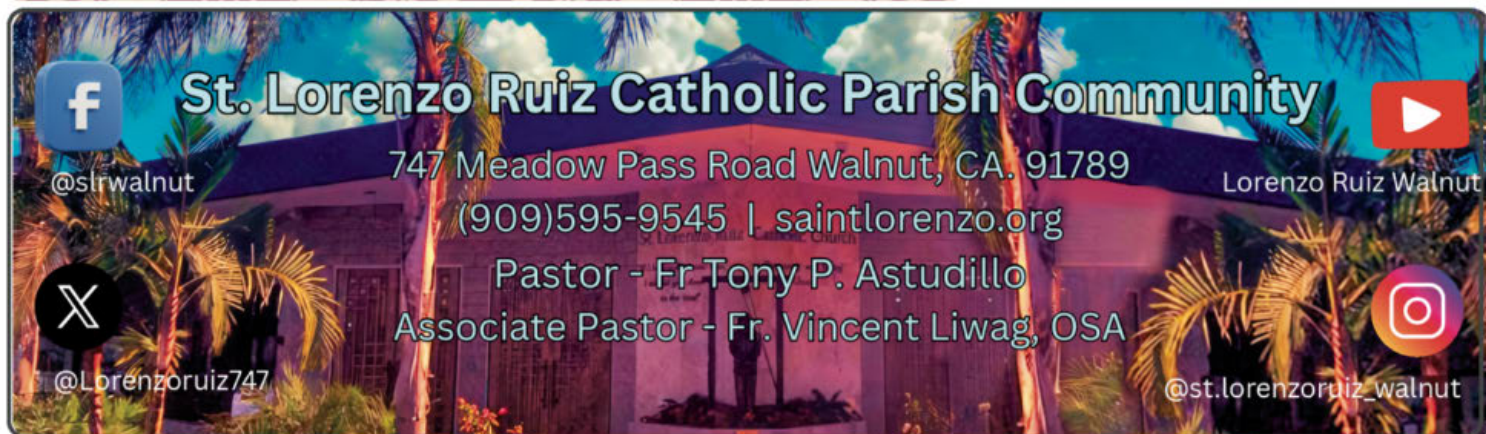
MONDAY-FRIDAY :

6:45AM & 6:45PM

FIRST FRIDAY : 7:30-8:30PM

SATURDAY : 3:30PM TO 4:30PM

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WE ARE UNITED IN CHRIST

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the Church is one because of her source: "the highest exemplar and source of this mystery is the unity, in the Trinity of Persons, of one God, the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit." The Church is one because of her founder: for "the Word made flesh, the prince of peace, reconciled all men to God by the cross, . . . restoring the unity of all-in-one people and one body." The Church is one because of her "soul": "It is the Holy Spirit, dwelling in those who believe and pervading and ruling over the entire Church, who brings about that wonderful communion of the faithful and joins them together so intimately in Christ that he is the principle of the Church's unity." (CCC, 813)

Saint Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians describes the Church as one body with many members distinct among themselves, but one with Christ their head: "For in one Spirit we are all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Gentiles, whether bond or free." (1 Cor. 12:13). He further explains the same truth in his Letter to the Ephesians and exhorts us to be "careful to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace", reminding us that there is but "one body and one spirit—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all." (Eph. 4:3-6).

Growing in unity through Christ involves cultivating love, humility, forgiveness, cooperation, patience, and wisdom within the Christian community, showing the character of Christ. It's a process of spiritual growth, where we grow and mature in our knowledge, understanding and love of Christ and His teachings, becoming more like Him and working together to build up the body of Christ.

In spirit, growing in unity through Christ involves embracing and sharing our faith; valuing diverse gifts; living-out the virtues of humility and love; and actively working on reconciliation and peace.



Noah Basit
Youth Minister/Lector

Today's readings invite us to reflect on what it truly means to follow God with courage, patience, and a heart full of trust in His promises. In the first reading from Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10, the prophet Jeremiah finds himself in serious trouble for speaking God's truth. His message was not what people wanted to hear, which led to him being thrown into a muddy pit, a dark and hopeless place. Jeremiah's story reminds us that being faithful is not always easy; sometimes it can lead to misunderstanding, discomfort, rejection, or even dangerous situations. Yet God did not abandon Jeremiah. He always provides help and sends people into our lives to lift us when we are stuck in our own "muddy pits" of fear, doubt, and hardship, just as He sent someone to rescue Jeremiah.

The Psalm reassures us that no matter how deep our struggles may be, God hears our cries, acts in His perfect timing, and restores our footing so we can walk forward in faith. In the second reading from Hebrews 12:1-4, we are encouraged to "run with perseverance the race that lies before us" by fixing our eyes on Jesus, who endured the cross for our salvation. This reading reminds us that following Christ is not a short journey but a lifelong race, where we must let go of sin, discouragement, and anything that weighs us down along the way. In the Gospel from Luke 12:49-53, Jesus speaks about bringing "fire" to the earth and how His mission will cause division even among families and friends. He is not encouraging conflict for its own sake. Rather, this "fire" is the purifying presence of the Holy Spirit; God's power cleanses and transforms our hearts.

As difficult and troubling as it can be at times, we have faith that God will be with us. Together, these readings remind us that living as disciples of Christ is not always comfortable, but it is always worth it. God asks us to be brave, courageous, to stay strong when our faith is tested, and to trust that He will guide us through every challenge. I continue to thank God for all the people that He has personally sent in my life as I walk in my faith journey. I'm blessed to call them my friends and family. The community that he has blessed me with and the friendships that have formed make my heart warm.

This week, let us pray for the courage to live our faith openly and the perseverance to keep our eyes on Jesus, no matter what comes our way. May we welcome the "fire" of the Holy Spirit to burn away fear, selfishness, and complacency so that we can live with love, kindness, and joy of true disciples.

EDUCATION



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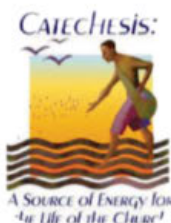
"Mark your calendars!"

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



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

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.

- [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.



Faith Formation

Register today!! Forms are available online.

Dear Parish Community, we are now accepting registrations for all groups: **First Communion, Confirmation, Adult Confirmation, OCIC and OCIA.**

You may download the Registration Form at: saintlorenzo.org/religious_education or visit the Rel. Ed Office during office hours:

Mondays 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturdays from 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Your Role in Faith Formation

Regular Sunday Mass Attendance:

We require consistent attendance from your child, and we'll be monitoring it. Active

Participation: Please actively participate in all Faith Formation program activities and events.

Monthly Parent Formation Classes: Attend our monthly Parent Formation classes. "Word Among

Us" Group Reflections: Participate in our "Word Among Us" group reflections.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS NOW OPEN

bringing the Faith Home



SLR Religious Ed Program

- First Communion Classes
- High School Confirmation Classes
- Continuing Formation Classes
- OCIC - Order of Christian Initiation for Children
 - ✓ Non-Baptized Children Grades 5-12
 - ✓ First Communion Grades 7-12

OFFICE HOURS FOR REGISTRATION (Form to begin registration process is available on the SLR Website under Education - completed form must be submitted in person accompanied by supporting documentation)
Religious Ed Office August Hours, Tuesday 1 pm - 5 pm, Saturday 9 am - 11:30 am
Confirmation Office August Hours, Monday thru Wednesday 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

For more info - Religious Education gabycoria@saintlorenzo.org
Confirmation gabrielaencinas@saintlorenzo.org OCIC lindatacott@saintlorenzo.org



SERVICE



UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

Friday Sept 26 - Volunteer Appreciation Mass 7:00pm

Saturday, Sept 27 - Fiesta Mass
10:00am, fellowship & entertainment

Sunday, Sept 28 - Shepherds' Mass
10:30am presided by Bishop Solis,
Ministry Fair 8:30am-3:00pm, Blessing of Animals 3:00pm

CONGRATULATIONS DEACON BRIAN 5TH DIACONATE ANNIVERSARY

August 22nd

Congratulations on your 5th anniversary as a Deacon, and thank you for your five years of dedicated service. Your commitment and hard work are a true blessing to the community.



As we celebrate our 5th anniversary to the Diaconate, thank you for your prayers...

-Deacon Brian & Ann Marie



Saint Lorenzo Rulz 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!

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!"

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.*



TEMPORALITIES

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Sponsor of the Word
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Sunday

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AUGUST 16 AND 17

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION



For people living in developing countries around the world, lack of access to traditional financial services keeps them from providing for their material needs. A Catholic Relief Services (CRS) program has created Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILCs) to address this lack by helping poor communities to pool savings, which then can be lent to SILC members to build or grow businesses at low cost. In Chad, Claudine, a mother of six, uses loans from her local SILC to buy large, lower-cost quantities of the ingredients she needs to make the beignets she sells at market. Before the SILC was established, Claudine was barely able to sell enough beignets to live. But now these cost savings allow her to care for her family and pay school fees.

Your support for The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps CRS address the needs of people in developing countries through innovative solutions that strengthen communities and equip them with resources and skills to prosper—and you also support five other Catholic organizations' outreach to other vulnerable people.



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LET US PRAY.

Jesus, teach us to recognize your presence in those who are in need. May we give of ourselves in service to them and so hasten the coming of the Kingdom you have promised, where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

YOUTH



"Mark your calendars!"

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& 10th.**

Get ready for a
new year of faith
formation!"



Religious Education registrations are
officially open! We're excited to welcome
new and returning families.

The summer events team—Gabriela
Encinas, Linda Talcott, Susie Taon, and
Gaby Coria—are ready to help you with the
registration process.



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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 **Wednesday, 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.



Last Saturday, Aug. 9, the Rel Ed team opened registrations for Faith Formation classes... and along with parents, kids enjoyed a morning of fellowship, picnic & games. (Creekside Park)





The St. Lorenzo Devotion Group with Fr. Tony after the 7pm mass and burning of petitions every first Tuesday of the month (8-6-25)

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

Word Made Flesh
Tuesday 8:00pm via Zoom

pictured below 8/12/25 session



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38-Year Canonization Anniversary

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SAINT PEDRO CALUNGSOD

13-Year Canonization Anniversary

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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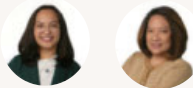
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