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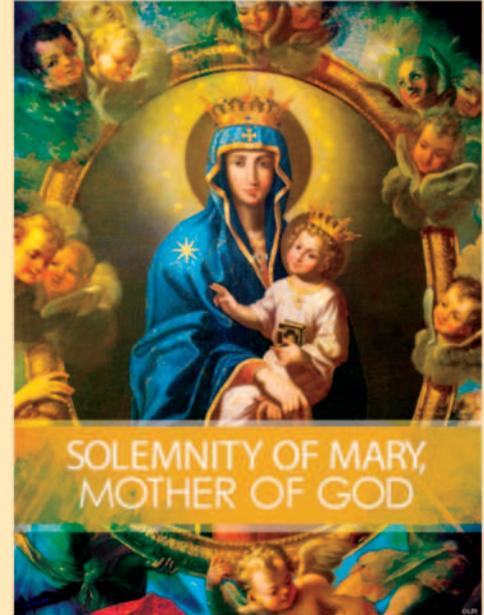
St. Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic Parish Community



## THE HOLY FAMILY

He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled. - Mt 2:23

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
MOTHER OF GOD

## MOTHER OF GOD & NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

- WED. DEC. 31 - 7:00PM
- THURS. JAN 1 -8:00AM, 10:00AM AND 12:00PM  
(NO EVENING MASS)

**DECEMBER 28, 2025**

Wishing you  
a *blessed*  
New Year

## St. Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic Parish Community

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## NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy New Year to all! Welcome Home...welcome home to 'where earth meets heaven'.

We usher in the New Year with the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Mother of God, the mother of life. The celebration of this feast has indeed evolved in various ways trying to adapt to and adopt the needs of time. It used to be called Octave of Christmas, the 8th day, in the sense that what we really celebrate is Christmas. Then, we had the Feast of Circumcision of the Lord as a faithful Jew; the naming of the baby Yeshua – Jesus, a savior to us. As well, we have prayer for World Peace. Our experience of course is more drawn to the New Year.

In our civic calendar, the New Year starts with the month of January from the Roman god Janus that has two faces, one looking backward, the other forward. As we connect the dots, it is very pregnant time to look back to the past year of 2025 with so much gratitude. Like Mary, we treasure what God has done for us reflecting and relishing at the many blessings this past year. However, the past has also been a difficult time – the struggles, the conflict, the pain, the sickness, dying and death.

In our community we have to embrace 'the plight and the fear of the unknown of our immigrant sisters and brothers who are not documented.

Amidst all, however, we believe that the Lord is most faithful...His name Immanuel --- 'God with us'! With gratitude to the past, we look forward to much hope into the future – hope of making a new beginning in life. We continue to be pilgrims of Hope as we are 'beckoned' to our true Beacon of Hope – our glorious and victorious Lord. Indeed, God has already made that new beginning for us by being born on Christmas day.

As pastor of our community, I praise and bless the Lord. I thank Him for our blessed and beautiful community of St. Lorenzo Ruiz. I invoke the priestly blessing of Aaron and his sons to the people: 'The Lord bless & keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you! The Lord look upon you and give you peace!' The Lord continue to cradle and lullaby our faith community of St. Lorenzo Ruiz.

Again, blessings and graces of the New Year 2026!

Fr. Tony

## Feast of the Holy Family 2025

We are a Family...One Family, One Parish 'Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Pray for us.'

To our Parishioners, Friends and fellow Pilgrims:

As we close the year 2025 with the significant feast of the Holy Family, let us answer the call to be 'family'---One Family, One Parish. The gift of Christmas is manifested not just to the shepherds of Bethlehem but to all of us. Christmas is not an event – it is a way of life. God's love becomes a family with the gift of Jesus, the Immanuel.

As Pastor of our community, I reflect and relish at our many graces and blessings as a community. I thank the Lord for our beautiful family community of St. Lorenzo Ruiz. Indeed, we are blessed! Amidst all our regular and special Parish events, devotions, and celebrations, we have embraced our vision, our sojourn, our program to bring the Faith Home and become one family, one community. "Zacchaeus come down quickly, for today I must stay in your house" With Jesus, our house becomes a home – a family of relationships and love.

We continue our spiritual journey, to bring the Faith Home. Let us go 'small'...be nourished by 'the Word'...be conscious of how we are 'graced' and become a 'grace' to each other...be continually formed and grow'...and 'Welcome Home' one another embracing each one who comes to us with the heart of the Father.

Welcome Home... where earth kisses Heaven. We become a Family.

Fr. Tony



## Message from Associate Pastor Fr. Vincent Liwag

Dear beloved Parishioners,

Greetings of peace and goodwill! As we are to start a new year in our lives, we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Mother of God, who is also our beloved Mother. We celebrate her profound faith, true humility and total obedience in offering and giving her whole self to God. We celebrate her being full of grace and being blessed amongst women. We call upon her who leads and brings us close to our Lord, Jesus Christ. We entrust ourselves to her maternal protection as our Mother of perpetual help, consolation and good counsel.

May we live together as one community of faith as we share to one another God's gift of joy, prosperity and peace. Let us continue to make God's Word alive and active in our lives as we celebrate our faith in the Holy Eucharist and bring it home through our loving concern and compassionate care especially to those who are in most need.

A blessed and grace-filled new year to all of you!

Keeping you in prayers,

*Fr. Vincent*

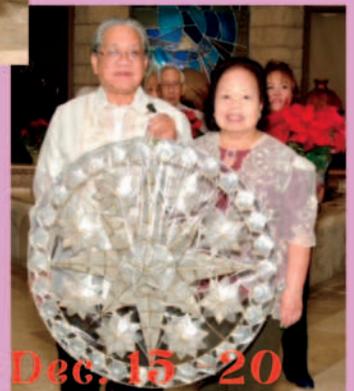
## Lighting the Advent Candle



The Vargas Family @ 1:30 Sun. Mass  
12/21/25



The Orpiano  
Family  
@ 6:30pm  
Sun 12/21/25



**Simbang Gabi (evening masses) participants Dec. 15 - 20**

# EDUCATION

As a faith community, we LEARN and EDUCATE ...  
We are a PROPHETIC community.



Rel Ed Wednesday Class - children led by Teachers Judy and Erik lighting the Advent candles



CHILDREN'S  
PROGRAM PARENTS  
SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 24  
FAMILY  
MISSION DAY

9:00AM TO 1:00PM.

THE  
RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION  
PROGRAM  
CHRISTMAS  
BREAK  
DEC. 23 TO  
DEC. 31  
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CLASSES  
RESUME  
JANUARY 6.



The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is an annual 4-day event, drawing Catholics from across the nation and around the globe. RECongress is sponsored by the Office of Religious Education, a department of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

RECongress is a dynamic gathering of the global church, welcoming all to meet Jesus through connection, learning, and worship.

RECongress inspires, transforms, and sends us out to spread the joy of the Gospel, to be a voice for justice and to serve the needs of the world.

The themes of this year are: For Youth Day, "Real Love Carries the Cross...", and the Adult Days, "Wrapped in Mercy, Hope Renewed"!

Join us from **February 19-22, 2026**. Registrations are already open. For more information please contact Gaby Coria email [Gabycoria@saintlorenzo.org](mailto:Gabycoria@saintlorenzo.org). (909) 757-1520.

THEME FOR 2026

REAL LOVE  
CARRIES THE  
CROSS...

# TEMPORALITIES

We strive to be economically **STABLE**  
and **SELF-RELIANT**.

## SPONSORS NEEDED FOR HOSPITALITY SUNDAY!

Help keep our  
Sunday tradition sweet!

We are looking for generous  
sponsors to help provide donuts  
and coffee after each Mass as part  
of our beloved Hospitality Sunday.



Each week parishioners gather after Mass to  
connect, share fellowship and welcome new faces  
to our church family. This small act of kindness  
brings our community closer together - and you can  
be a part of it!

Contact Sheila Sobretodo at (626) 327-1380.

THANK  
YOU!  
❤️



## 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 to Friday: 6:45am & 6:45pm

First Friday: 7:30-8:30pm

Saturday: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

*Schedule is subject to change.  
Call the Parish Office for special masses.  
909-595-9545*

## LITURGICAL SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

### Sponsors of Light

Dolly Aggabao & Family in loving  
memory of Antonio Aggabao

### Sponsors of Wine

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Milo in thanksgiving & gratitude  
for all the blessings

### Sponsors of Bread

Ed & Evelyn Galicia in healing  
intentions & thanksgiving

### Sponsors of Word

Wantah Family in thanksgiving



Las Posadas  
last Monday,  
Dec. 22, 2025

## STEWARDSHIP WEEK

Our collection summary will be  
posted after the holidays. Thank you  
and Blessings to you and your family



# ONLINE GIVING THROUGH PARISHSOFT (FORMERLY FAITH DIRECT)

## A Simple Way to Give Back This Advent

Advent is a season of hope, peace, joy, and love. This is a perfect time to reflect on the blessings in your life and consider how you might share them with others. One meaningful way to do this is through eGiving.

eGiving is a simple, secure way to give online, making it easy to support our parish all year long. Please consider eGiving to support our parish and sustain ministries, programs, and services that strengthen our community and serve those in need every day.

It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up:

- Call ParishSOFT Customer Service at 866-930-4774 option 6
- Scan the QR code
- Text "Give" to 909-324-5514

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.



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Fr. Tony gets a quick visit from good friend Beverly (12-19-25)



**Word Made Flesh**  
(Thursday morning Bible Group) with the Filipino Ministry last Thursday, Dec. 18th.

## YOUTH

*We give special care to the YOUTH of the parish.*



Youth & Confirmation classes

*Enjoy your break from  
Dec. 23-31  
Classes resume Jan. 6*

## LA RECONGRESS Youth Day



**6:30AM-8:30PM**

**\$60 before Jan 9  
\$70 before Jan 23**  
Lunch & transportation included, bring extra cash for dinner at Downtown Disney



**FEB. 19  
2026**

Register at the Confirmation Office  
Mon-Wed: 6:00PM-8:30PM



## Upcoming Celebrations

**"THE MORE YOU HONOR ME, THE MORE I WILL BLESS YOU"**

**JOIN US IN THE NOVENA DEVOTION AND SPECIAL CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST HONORING**

**SANTO NIÑO  
(HOLY INFANT JESUS)**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026**

**PRE-LITURGY PROCESSION, 4:15 PM  
EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION, 5:00 PM**

### NOVENA SCHEDULE:

- JAN. 1, THURS 6:30 P.M.
- JAN. 2, FRI 6:30 P.M.
- JAN. 3, SAT 6:00 P.M.
- JAN. 4, SUN 6:00 P.M.
- JAN. 5, MON 6:30 P.M.
- JAN. 6, TUES 6:30 P.M.
- JAN. 7, WED 6:30 P.M.
- JAN. 8, THURS 6:30 P.M.
- JAN. 9, FRI 6:30 P.M.



**ROSARY MAKERS  
CHRISTMAS PARTY -  
DEC. 6**



*Stay with me Lord  
Encounter Peace,  
Encounter Jesus*

**Join us for  
Friday Adoration**

following 7:00pm Mass

In Eucharistic Adoration, you meet Him face to face. For one hour, you can lay everything before the Lord who loves you completely.

*"Could you not watch  
with Me one hour?"  
(Matthew 26:40)*

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