

January

30
2022



Before I formed you
in the womb I knew you,
before you were born
I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations
I appointed you.

Jeremiah 1:5

Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

REV. EBEN M. MACDONALD -PASTOR

REV. CYPRIAN CARLO -PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

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From the Desk of Father Mac

Today kicks off National Catholic Schools Week (CSW), an annual celebration of Catholic education in the U.S. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.

As we begin Catholic Schools Week, I want to express my deep gratitude to our principal Ms. Feather Gentry, and our vice-principal Mrs. Angelica Pugliese for their outstanding leadership of our school during the pandemic. I also want to thank the dedicated teachers and staff of St. Cyril of Jerusalem School who have worked so hard to continue to educate our children in these challenging and uncertain times. The efforts of our teachers and administrators during this difficult time has been nothing short of heroic!

The pandemic has created extraordinary challenges for our school and for Catholic Schools across the country. Sadly, over 150 Catholic Schools in the U.S., including 6 in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles have permanently closed their doors due to the economic downturn, declining enrollment, and other challenges caused by the pandemic. Now, more than ever, we need to recognize and celebrate the importance of Catholic Education in the life of the Catholic Church in our country!

12 Reasons to choose Catholic Schools

Courtesy of the National Catholic Education Association:

- 1) We offer an education that combines Catholic faith and teaching with academic excellence
- 2) We partner with parents in the faith formation of their children
- 3) We set high standards for student achievement and help them succeed
- 4) We provide a balanced curriculum that integrates faith, culture, and life
- 5) We use technology effectively to enhance education
- 6) We instill in students the value of service to others
- 7) We teach children respect for self and others
- 8) We emphasize moral development and self-discipline
- 9) We prepare students to be productive citizens and future leaders
- 10) We have a 99 percent high school graduation rate. 85 percent of students go to college
- 11) We cultivate a faculty and staff of people who are dedicated, caring, and effective
- 12) We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all

Next Sunday February 6, St. Cyril School will host an Open House from 11am to 1pm. We invite anyone with school-age children to come and meet our teachers and staff, tour our facilities, and discover the great things our school has to offer in providing an affordable and high-quality Catholic education. Please share the word with your friends, neighbors, and co-workers who have school-age children! And please pray for our teachers, administrators, students, and school families during these challenging times.

In Christ,

REVEREND EBEN MACDONALD, PASTOR

Fr. Mac



Our next Red Cross Community Blood Drive is set for **Sunday February 20 from 8am to 2pm in the parish hall.**

The American Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis - its worst blood shortage in over a decade, posing a concerning risk to patient care. Doctors have been forced to make difficult decisions about who receives blood transfusions and who will need to wait until more products become available. Blood and platelet donations are critically needed to help prevent further delays in vital medical treatments.

Please schedule your blood donation today. To make your life-saving appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code **SCJCC**.

BE A HERO, DONATE BLOOD

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY

*Candlelight procession and Rosary
on Saturday, February 5th 2022
immediately following
the 4:00 p.m. Mass.*

Our Blessed Mother said to Sister Lucia of Fatima:

"I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess; receive Holy Communion; recite five decades of the Rosary; and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

The aim of the devotion is to unite humankind to God through Mary's heart. The object of the devotion being to love God and Jesus better by uniting one's self to Mary for this purpose and by imitating her virtues.

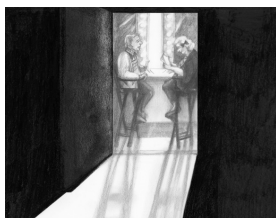
All are welcome!

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This Wednesday, February 2, 7:00–8:00 p.m.
Topic: FRIENDSHIP



"Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down." - Oprah Winfrey

For further information
Robert-Hanley.com/TheFiresideFellowship.php

Or call us at (818) 366-7263



Weekly Collection
Sunday, January 16th

Total: \$ 11,159
Weekly Goal: \$15,000
Weekly Deficit: \$3,841

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MAY GOD REWARD YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



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4:00 pm Martha G Gorrow, *RIP*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH

8:00 am - People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*

10:00 am - Bob Seylaz, *RIP*

12:00 pm - Luvia Rojas, *RIP*

MONDAY, JANUARY 31ST

7:30 am - Omar Rodriguez, *RIP*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

7:30 am - Franco-Oliva Family, *SPEC. INT.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

7:30 am - Brian Smith, *SPEC. INT.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

7:30 am - Danielle Alcock, *SPEC. INT.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

7:30 am - Janice Guerriero, *SPEC. INT.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

7:30 am -Dae Yang Kang, *RIP*

SAFEGUARDING THE CHILDREN

DID YOU KNOW?

LA CATHOLICS ARE WORKING FOR CHILD PROTECTION



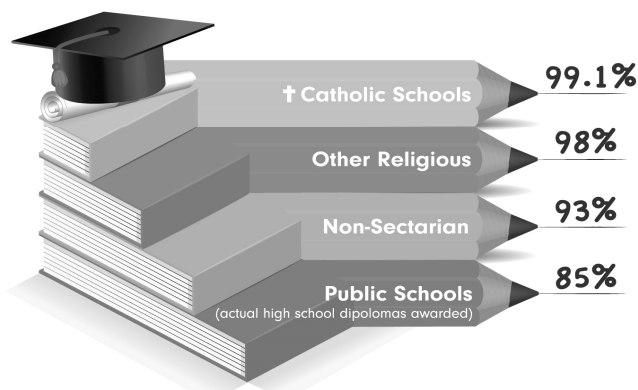
Did you know that the Archdiocese of Los Angeles requires all staff members, and volunteers who work in any capacity with or around children, the elderly, or people with special needs, to complete the **VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children for Adults** program? This program helps prevent child sexual abuse by raising awareness among staff and volunteers, and educating them on warning signs of abuse, potentially unsafe or inappropriate scenarios, and how to respond to suspicious behavior. Adults who undergo VIRTUS® training are also learn the five steps to help prevent child sexual abuse. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/>.

NCEA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS

A quick take on issues and statistics

U.S. Graduation Rates

A look at national high school graduation rates.



Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Church

SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays:	4:00 PM
Sundays:	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 NOON
Sunday 12 Noon Mass	LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK
Vigil of Holy Days	7:00 PM
Holy Days	7:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM
Weekdays (MON-SAT)	7:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENCE/RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8:00-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

TUESDAYS FOLLOWING THE 7:30 AM MASS

HOLY ROSARY

DAILY AFTER 7:30 AM MASS & MONDAYS AT 7PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND SUNDAYS, 2PM—PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

WEDDINGS

MUST CONTACT THE PRIEST AT LEAST 6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

MONDAY –FRIDAY, 9:00AM -4:30PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

8-9 AM FIRST FRIDAYS

Pray For



Regina Hagan
Mickey Pappas

Sheldon Payne
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Maureen O'Connor
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And health care
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responders

*Anyone affected By
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January 30, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 | 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13 |
Lk 4:21-30

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Wait, what? One moment the people of Nazareth embrace Jesus, but as soon as he challenges them the crowd turns on a dime, and moves toward throwing him off a cliff. The Son of God, also the son of a carpenter, goes from hometown hero to *persona non grata* just like that, prefiguring his death on the cross and giving credence to his admonition that “no prophet is accepted in his own native place.” From the earliest moments of his public ministry as recorded in Luke, Jesus’ love for us is prominent. He never faltered. He never wavered. He moved forward to continue his mission of fulfilling God’s will for him, and be a sacrifice once and for all for our sins. Perhaps we have had a similar experience of being the “hero” for someone, only to somehow end up the goat. It is not easy to remain steadfast in our daily mission to love as Jesus loved. Today’s readings assure us that God will give us the grace to do so.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It can be challenging to square Paul’s eulogy of love with the reality of day-to-day living with a spouse, family members, and friends. Love is patient ... *except when I’m late getting out to the car for church again*. Love is kind ... *except between crabby siblings who want to watch different shows on Netflix*. It is not quick-tempered ... *unless you thoughtlessly back into my car in the driveway*. It occurs to me that perhaps Paul’s words aren’t entirely about us, but about the perfect love of God. It’s pretty amazing to think that God loves us in all the ways Paul describes. As we open our hearts to God’s love and deepen our relationship with Jesus through prayer, we may find that love spilling over into our daily interactions. For when we are kind, we love; when we are patient, we love; when we are not quick-tempered, we love.

PRAY Although our love for one another is imperfect, we must strive to love as Jesus loved each day, and there is no better place to start than prayer. Ask a friend or family member this week if they have any concerns you can include in your prayers. Or request a Mass for someone who is going through a tough time or who has recently died.

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