



SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH

8100 Chapman Avenue, Stanton CA 90680 | (714) 893-2766 | www.stpolycarp.org

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith-based Catholic community whose members are enriched by the celebration of the Sacraments and opportunities to deepen our prayer lives. Guided by the Word of God and family values, we strive always to be a beacon of light for the lost, the lonely, the marginalized, and all those seeking the truth as we walk in the footsteps of those first disciples of Jesus and our patron St. Polycarp.

CLERGY

PASTOR

Rev. Viet Peter Ho

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Nicolaus Duy Thai

Rev. Luis Segura

DEACONS

Dcn. Ramiro Lopez

Dcn. Larry Leone

Dcn. Davis Tri Do

Dcn. Juan Ochoa

SUPPORT STAFF

BUSINESS MANAGER

Tom H. Ma

FAITH FORMATION (ENGLISH/SPANISH)

Sister Jessica Corral

FAITH FORMATION (VIETNAMESE)

Sister Mary Anne
Thiên Hương Nguyễn

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Sister Anna Anh Trâm Trần

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Kara Ford

YOUTH COORDINATOR

Joseph Do

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

5:00 PM English

7:00 PM Vietnamese

Sunday

7:30 AM English

9:00 AM Spanish

11:00 AM English

1:00 PM Spanish

4:00 PM Vietnamese

6:00 PM Spanish

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30 AM English (Mon-Fri)

8:30 AM English (Mon-Sat)

6:30 PM Spanish (Mon)

6:30 PM Vietnamese (Fri)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

9:00 AM - 10 AM (Fri)

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (Sat)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

7:15 PM (Monday)

9:00 AM (Friday)

3:30 PM (Saturday)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

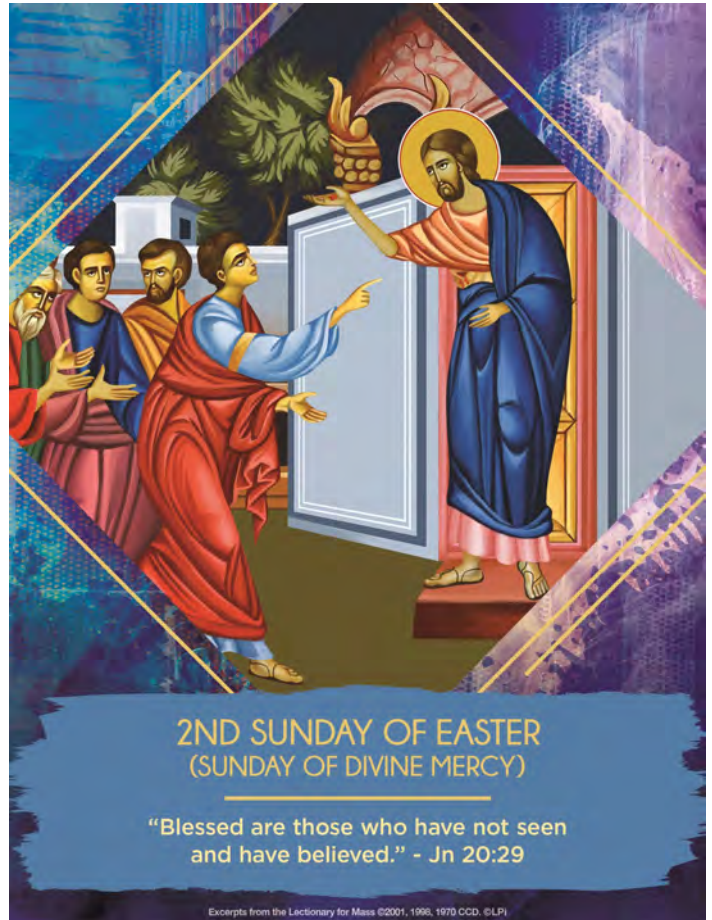
Sunday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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APRIL 27, 2025



FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS

English/Spanish Religious Education

(714) 892-3158

Monday & Thursday 2 PM—6 PM

Saturday 9 AM—1 PM

Confirmation Programs

(714) 890-5200

Tuesday & Friday 9:30 AM—5:30 PM

Sunday 9 AM—2 PM

Vietnamese Religious Education

(714) 620-7895

Tuesday & Wednesday 1 PM—4 PM

Friday 1 PM—5 PM

**MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE MISA/
XIN Ý LỄ CẦU NGUYỆN**

Saturday, April 26, 2025

5:00 PM Frank† & Phyllis Filipek†; Ross Martinez†
7:00 PM Special Family Intentions†

Sunday, April 27, 2025

7:30 AM Peter Mai† & All Ancestors†
9:00 AM Bonifacio Samayoa†; Ernest Hurst†
11:00 AM Cynthia Ramirez (health) & Rosie Casa
1:00 PM Maria Esther Ponce Hernandez†;
Maria Feliz de Haro† & Emerenciana Lizarraga†
4:00 PM Joachim Tran Ngoc Thuong†;
Phero Nguyen Ba Hanh†
6:00 PM Abundio Santos Perez†

Monday, April 28, 2025

6:30 AM Jose Lasam†
8:30 AM Francisco†
6:30 PM Ashley Calderon (15th birthday);
Jesus Gonzalez†

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

6:30 AM Peter†
8:30 AM Catarina Nguyen Thi Toan†

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

6:30 AM Alejandro Santos†; Kelvin Lieng
8:30 AM Monica Barrera†; World Peace &
For our country

Thursday, May 1, 2025

6:30 AM All Souls in Purgatory†
8:30 AM Gerardo G. Gaston†; Manolo D. Diaz†

Friday, May 2, 2025

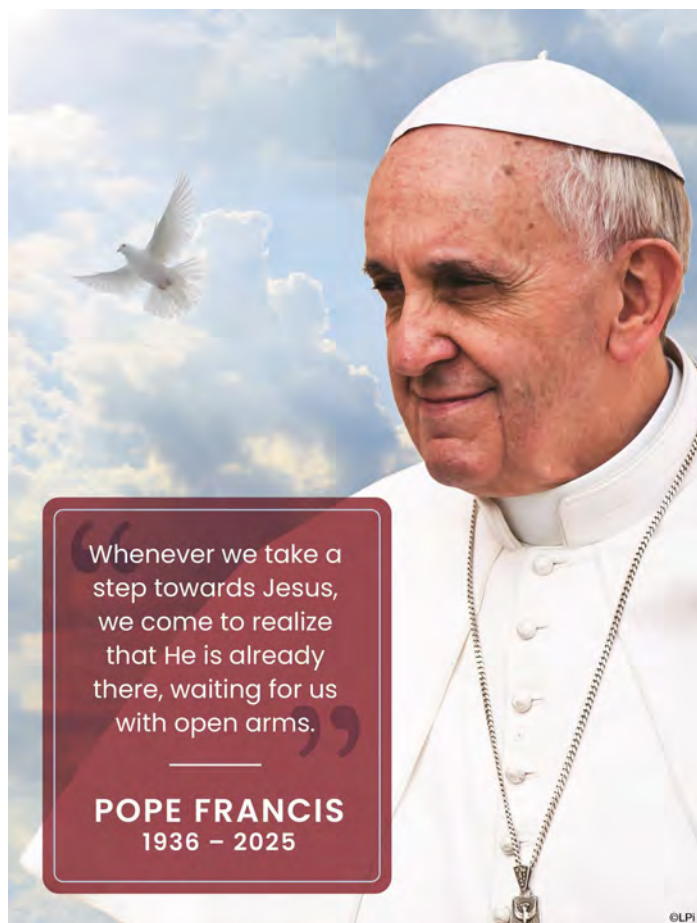
6:30 AM Peter Luu† & Duc Xa†
8:30 AM Special Family Intentions†
6:30 PM Living & Deceased† Vietnamese Sacred Heart
Choir Members

Saturday, May 3, 2025

8:30 AM Peter Trap Mai† & All Ancestors†

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/
Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12,
13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was the first pope from the Americas and the first Jesuit to lead the Catholic Church. Before his election as pope on March 13, 2013, he served as Archbishop of Buenos Aires, where he was known for his humility, simple lifestyle, and dedication to the poor.

Raised in a family of Italian immigrants, he studied chemistry before entering the seminary and joining the Jesuits. Ordained a priest in 1969, he later became the Provincial of the Jesuits in Argentina and played a key role in guiding the Church during a period of economic and social crises in the country. When he was appointed bishop in 1992 and archbishop in 1998, he prioritized evangelization, social justice, and pastoral outreach.

As pope, Francis emphasized mercy, care for the marginalized, and environmental stewardship. His papacy was marked by a call for a “poor Church for the poor,” interfaith dialogue, and reform within the Vatican. His teachings focused on compassion, the dignity of every person, and the need for a missionary Church.

On April 21, 2025, Pope Francis passed away, leaving behind a legacy of love, humility, and service.

Las lecturas de la semana del 27 de abril de 2025

Domingo: Hch 5, 12-16/Sal 117, 2-4. 13-15. 22-24 (1)/
Ap 1, 9-11. 12-13. 17-19/Jn 20, 19-31
Lunes: Hch 4, 23-31/Sal 2, 1-3. 4-7. 7-9/Jn 3, 1-8
Martes: Hch 4, 32-37/Sal 92, 1. 1-2. 5/Jn 3, 7-15
Miércoles: Hch 5, 17-26/Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/
Jn 3, 16-21
Jueves: Hch 5, 27-33/Sal 33, 2 y 9. 17-18. 19-20/
Jn 3, 31-36
Viernes: Hch 5, 34-42/Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14/Jn 6, 1-15
Sábado: 1 Co 15, 1-8/Sal 29, 2-3. 4-5/Jn 14, 6-14
Domingo: Hch 5, 27-32. 40-41/Sal 29, 2. 4. 5-6. 11-12.
13 (2)/Ap 5, 11-14/Jn 21, 1-19 o 21, 1-14

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 27 de abril de 2025

Domingo: 2º Domingo de Pascua
(de la Divina Misericordia)
Lunes: San Pedro Luis María Chanel, sacerdote y mártir;
San Luis María Grignon de Montfort, sacerdote
Martes: Santa Catalina de Siena, virgen y doctora
de la Iglesia
Miércoles: San Pío V, papa
Jueves: San José, obrero; Día nacional de la oración
Viernes: San Atanasio, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia
Sábado: San Felipe y San Santiago, apóstoles
Domingo: 3º Domingo de Pascua

(PRACTICANDO) CATÓLICA: RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Reflexión breve: La historia de la Resurrección suena increíble, pero muchas cosas son increíbles. Eso no quiere decir que sean falsas. Toma el ejemplo de Tomás: permanece cerca de las personas en quien confías, dispuesto a reconocer a Jesús cuando él se presente frente a ti.

Pregunta, pero no te desvíes

Mi hija me preguntó recientemente si está bien “preguntarse si todo el asunto sobre Jesús es cierto”.

No me sorprendió su pregunta; de hecho, la esperaba. Si estás criando a un niño de manera que sea un libre pensador, no quieres que acepte todo lo que dices sencillamente porque eres tú quien se lo dices. Le he prometido a mis hijos que siempre les daré la verdad acerca de Dios. Pero esto es todo lo que puedo hacer – darles la verdad a ellos. Al final, si la aceptan o no, es su propia decisión.

“Yo sé que es verdad”, me dijo ella, “pero es que a veces todo suena tan...increíble”.

Ella no está equivocada; sí suena increíble que un Dios todopoderoso nos haya podido crear sin otro motivo que,

por puro amor, que pudo ser tan generoso en darnos el libre albedrío para aceptar ese amor, que pudo ser tan misericordioso para no destruirnos cuando rechazamos su amor y, finalmente, que pudo ser tan fiel en ese amor para encarnarse y morir para salvarnos de las consecuencias de nuestras decisiones erróneas.

Pero son muchas las cosas increíbles y eso no significa que no sean ciertas.

Cuando Jesús dice: “Bienaventurados los que no han visto y han creído”, no está diciendo que Tomás es un tonto por cuestionar algo que parece un poco inaudito. Jesús está simplemente resaltando el hecho de que Tomás se dio el lujo que ninguno de los cristianos nacidos después de él, incluyendo a mi hija, tendrá: pudo ver la prueba con sus propios ojos.

Le dije a mi hija que está bien preguntarse, pero que no se desvíe. Le dije que siguiera el ejemplo de Tomás: mantenerse cerca de las personas en quienes confías, regresar a la calidez del cuarto superior, estar dispuesto a reconocer a Jesús cuando esté frente a ti. Y nunca tener miedo de creer.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

Hoy es Domingo de la Misericordia; celebramos la gran misericordia de Dios al darnos a su Hijo para que nos salvara por medio de su vida, pasión, muerte y resurrección. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, en su numeral 1225, nos lo explica de la siguiente manera: “*La sangre y el agua que brotaron del costado traspasado de Jesús crucificado (ver Juan 19:34) son figuras del Bautismo y de la Eucaristía, sacramento de vida nueva (ver 1 Juan 5:6-8): desde entonces, es posible ‘nacer del agua y del Espíritu’ para entrar en el Reino de Dios (ver Juan 3:5).* Con la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección, se derramó su Misericordia. Por eso, hoy cantemos, llenos de alegría y esperanza, el Salmo 117: ¡La misericordia del Señor es eterna. ¡Aleluya!

Señor, para dar un sincero testimonio de tu resurrección, enséñame a ser dócil como Tú lo fuiste en tu vida terrena, y principalmente en la cruz. Encontrarnos y reconciliarnos es el mensaje que el Evangelio nos trae en este segundo Domingo de Pascua. Nos narra, también, la falta de fe de Tomás, de su incredulidad al recibir la noticia de que el Señor había resucitado. Tuvo que verlo y tocarlo para comprender toda la misericordia de Dios viva en Jesús: “*Señor mío y Dios mío*” (Juan 20:28). Y ahora, nosotros tenemos la dicha de creer sin ver. Y Jesús nos llama dichosos por eso. Pero, a la vez, debemos de madurar en la fe y eso se logra pidiendo al Espíritu Santo que nos ayude a comprender los misterios del Jesús glorioso que serán lo definitivo para todos. ©LPi

THÔNG BÁO

1.✚ Trong năm Phục Hồi Lòng Sùng Kính Thánh Thể, **Cộng Đoàn có Châu Thánh Thể trong các ngày Thứ Sáu, bắt đầu từ 6PM**, sau đó 6:30PM có Thánh Lễ. Kính mời Cộng Đoàn Dân Chúa sắp xếp tham dự sốt sắng.

2. Vé Số Gây Quỹ: **Cộng Đoàn đang bán vé số gây quỹ cho Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu La Vang 2025 tại Nhà Thờ Chánh Toà Chúa Kitô.** Mỗi xấp có 5 vé được bán với giá \$20. Giải độc đắc là 1 chiếc xe Toyota Camry 2026 cùng nhiều giải thưởng khác. Xin liên lạc các hội đoàn hoặc mua sau Thánh Lễ ở cuối nhà thờ. Xin mọi người rộng tay mua ủng hộ.

3. **Chúa Nhật ngày 27 tháng 4 năm 2025. Chúa Nhật thứ 2 Phục Sinh cũng là Chúa Nhật kính LÒNG CHÚA THƯƠNG XÓT.** Cộng Đoàn sẽ tổ chức giờ Lăn Chuỗi Lòng Thương Xót Chúa vào lúc 3:15 chiều. Sau đó Thánh Lễ trọng thể lúc 4 giờ chiều. Kính mời Cộng Đoàn đến tham dự giờ Lăn Chuỗi tại Thánh Đường, để cầu cho nhân loại nhận ra LÒNG THƯƠNG XÓT CHÚA và cho mọi tín hữu hết lòng TÍN THÁC vào LÒNG THƯƠNG XÓT CHÚA.

4. **Tháng Năm, Tháng Hoa Kính Đức Mẹ.** Cộng Đoàn đã phát hành Chục **Kinh Mân Côi Liên Kết** và sẽ có ở cuối Thánh Đường sau mỗi Thánh Lễ. Cộng Đoàn cũng sẽ có **Rước Kiệu và Dâng Hoa Kính Đức Mẹ trước Thánh Lễ Chúa Nhật ngày 11 tháng 5 lúc 4pm.** Xin quý Ông Bà Anh Chị Em cùng hưởng ứng và tham gia. Xin các Hội Đoàn mặc đồng phục, mang theo cờ đoàn, và tập trung lúc 3 giờ chiều. Rước Kiệu sẽ bắt đầu lúc 3:15pm.

**Ý CẦU NGUYỆN THÁNG 4 NĂM 2025
CỦA ĐỨC GIÁO HOÀNG
PHANXICÔ.**

**CẦU NGUYỆN CHO VIỆC SỬ DỤNG
NHỮNG CÔNG NGHỆ MỚI.**

Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện cho việc sử dụng những công nghệ mới không thay thế những quan hệ giữa con người, nhưng tôn trọng phẩm giá và giúp họ vượt qua những khủng hoảng của thời đại chúng ta.

✚ TAM NHẬT THÁNH



“Xin Thiên Chúa là Cha Nhân Từ tha thứ những thiếu sót và lỗi lầm của người quá cố lúc còn sống nơi trần thế, để họ được về bên Thiên Chúa, hưởng vĩnh phúc trên Thiên Quốc.”



✝ CÁO PHÓ ✝

TRONG NIỀM TIN VÀO CHÚA KITÔ PHỤC SINH

Trân Trọng Báo Tin:

Đức Giáo Hoàng Phanxicô - tên thật là Jorge Mario Bergoglio

17 tháng 12 năm 1936 – 21 tháng 4 năm 2025

đã qua đời sáng Thứ Hai vừa qua,

Hưởng thọ 88 tuổi.

- *Ngài được sinh ra tại Buenos Aires, Argentina trong một gia đình có năm anh em di dân gốc Ý.
- *Từ khi nhỏ, Bergoglio đã biết được hai thứ tiếng Tây Ban Nha và Italia.
- *Bergoglio bắt đầu học Thần học sau khi có bằng Thạc sĩ Hóa Học của Đại Học Buenos Aires.
- *Ngày 11 tháng 3 năm 1958, Ngài gia nhập Dòng Tên ở Argentina.
- *Đến năm 1969, Ngài trở thành Linh Mục và sau đó đảm nhiệm nhiều vai trò khác nhau trong Giáo Hội.
- *Từ năm 1998, Ngài trở thành Tổng Giám mục của Tổng giáo phận Buenos Aires.
- *Đến năm 2001, Giáo Hoàng Gioan Phaolô II phong Ngài làm Hồng Y.
- *Được Đức Giáo Hoàng Biển Đức XVI thoái vị bổ nhiệm Ngài làm Giáo Hoàng vào ngày 19 tháng 3 năm 2013.
- *Vì Ngài sinh tại Argentina nên Ngài là vị Giáo Hoàng đầu tiên đến từ Châu Mỹ Latinh, đồng thời cũng là vị Giáo Hoàng đầu tiên không phải từ Châu Âu kể từ hơn 1200 năm qua và là tu sĩ Dòng Tên đầu tiên làm người kế vị Thánh Phêrô.
- *Tông hiệu của Ngài, Phanxicô, cũng là tông hiệu lần đầu tiên được một Giáo Hoàng dùng và nó được lấy từ tên của thánh Phanxicô thành Assisi.

***Xin mọi người cùng cầu nguyện lên Thiên Chúa, Đấng Tối Cao, chúc lành và đưa Ngài vào Thành Thánh Giêrusalem ở trên Thiên Quốc.**





SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE



Apr 19/20 Masses	\$ 32,282.00
Apr 19/20 Online Giving	\$ 2,614.20
Total collection:	\$ 34,896.20

Holy Thursday	\$6,555.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$8,394.00

*Thank you for your support! ¡Gracias por su apoyo!
Cảm ơn tấm lòng quảng đại của mọi người.*



PSA 2025 REPORT

AS OF 04/08/2025

PLEDGES RECEIVED: 207

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$77,846.00

TOTAL PAID: \$76,196.00

OUR 2025 PSA GOAL: \$98,000.00

Thank You!



In Loving Memory of

POPE FRANCIS



Please join our parish community at a memorial Mass for Pope Francis.

**Tuesday, 04/29/25
@ 7 PM**

Together with the whole Catholic Church we pray for the repose of the soul of our Holy Father.



"Especially from The Eucharist, grace is poured forth upon us as from a fountain."

- SACROSANCTUM CONCILIUM



rcbo.org/revival



Pro Sanctity Movement Prayer Group

Join us weekly on Thursday mornings for coffee and refreshments as we pray with the Sunday Gospel.

Where: St. Polycarp Room
When: Thursday Mornings after
8:30 AM Mass until 10:00 AM

No registration is needed.
Please contact Cathy McDonnell with any questions at 714-496-9597



PARISHES IN COLLABORATION



2ND COLLECTION



5/3/2025 - 5/4/2025

This collection is to assist parishes in the Diocese of Orange that exhibit ongoing needs that cannot be paid for by their ordinary income and have urgent needs (such as repairs and maintenance). Thank you for your generous financial support.



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cordially invites you to join in our kickoff of one year of celebration in honor of our 50 years of Spirituality, Leadership and Service in the Diocese of Orange at our

May Crowning & Spring Brunch

on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

at **St. John Neumann**

5101 Alton Pkwy, Irvine, CA 92604

9:00 am – 12:00pm

The parish has Mass at 8:30am for those interested.

Kindly RSVP by May 13, 2025 at www.odccw.org or contact Susan Navarrete at 949-345-9130 or by email: snavarrete150@gmail.com.

Cost is \$35 and pre-registration is required



Explore the possibility of being a Sister!
Search your Heart by staying with us, praying with us and serving those in need, side-by-side with our Sisters

May 21 – 26 2025
San Francisco Bay Area

For Single, Catholic Women between 18-40.



¡Explora la posibilidad de ser Hermana!
Quedate con nosotras... Ora con nosotras... y Descubre en tu Corazón la opción de Servir con nuestras Hermanas a los más necesitados

del 21 al 26 de mayo, 2025
área de San Francisco

Para muchachas católicas y solteras entre 18 y 40 años.

DAUGHTERS of CHARITY
OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



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<https://daughters-of-charity.com/retrats>



Join the
St. Catherine's Academy 2025 Summer Enrichment Program

With a variety of academic, and enrichment classes, spiritual experiences based on the Dominican Charism, athletics, leadership learning, and field trips, your son is sure to have a fun and memorable summer at SCA.

Daily Schedule

8:00 - 8:15am	Daily Prayer
8:15 - 10:15am	Core Subject Classes
10:15 - 10:30am	Recess & Snack (provided)
10:30 - Noon	Enrichment/Field Class
Noon - 1:00pm	Lunch (provided)
1:00 - 5:00pm	Afternoon Sports, and Field Trips

Morning Academics
The day will begin with morning prayer followed by a review in core subjects such as Reading and Math. The rest of the morning will be followed by elective courses. Small class sizes, engaging subject matter, and experienced faculty will ensure that your son will avoid the "summer slide" and will be prepared for his next level of study.

Core Subjects | 2:00-3:00pm - Students will be in a self-contained class concentrating on the core subjects. This will assist students who need remedial work as well as advanced possibilities.

Electives | 3:00-4:00pm - Students will be in two elective classes of their choice:

Art & Crafts - Explore drawing and color fundamentals in art class. Students are encouraged to explore their imagination creating beautiful works of art.

Geometry Art - Use lines and shapes to design geometric art, use color, patterns and texture to create symmetry and 2 Dimensional designs. Fun design concepts for the math-minded!

Swimming - Students will learn swimming basics, proper techniques, endurance training and water safety. We offer classes for all levels of ability. Enjoy the indoor pool with our certified swimming instructor.

Guitar - Each student will learn guitar basics, note reading, proper hand position and technique. Students are encouraged to bring an acoustic guitar or we will provide one.

STREAM - Using our new Aquinas Think Tank, students will be challenged to think critically and solve problems through a series of engineering activities.

Afternoon Activities
3:00-5:00pm - The fun continues with sports, team events, leadership training, and field trips. With a football field, indoor pool, gymnasium, basketball courts, and plenty of open space, our 8-acre campus is the perfect summer playground.

Off-Campus Field Trips | Students will also enjoy off-campus activities twice per week.

Evening Activities
As the sun goes down, our campus becomes a new playground with evening swimming, movie nights and more.

5-Day Residents | stay from Sunday night to Friday afternoon.

7-Day Residents | stay for the month-long camp enjoying a variety of outdoor activities on all three (3) weekends.

2025 Summer Program Packages

Package 1 - \$1,800 / 5-Day Resident
Students are dropped off at SCA by 7:30am and picked up at 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

Package 2 - \$2,025 / 7-Day Resident
Students are dropped off on Sunday June 15 and picked up on Friday June 19 at 5:00pm. Do not include weekends.

Package 3 - \$3,650 / 7-Day Resident
Students are dropped off on Sunday June 15 and picked up on Thursday July 10 at noon.

For more info or to apply visit StCatherinesAcademy.org/summer or contact our Admissions Department at admissions@StCatherinesAcademy.org

SUMMER CAMPS
ROSARY ACADEMY

FOR RISING 3RD-8TH GRADERS
CHECK LINK BELOW FOR CAMP SPECIFICS

CAMPS START JUNE 9
M-TH / 8AM-12PM OR 12:30PM-3:30PM

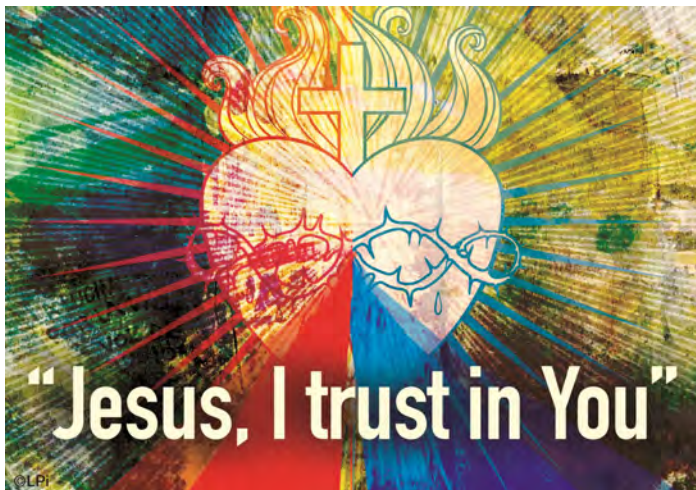
FOR A NOMINAL FEE, CAMPERS CAN JOIN THE LUNCH CREW EACH DAY FROM 12-12:30PM
CHECK WEBSITE FOR DAILY MENU

OFFERINGS INCLUDE:

- Master Chef Cooking Series
- Creative Writing Adventure Camp
- Rhythm Rockstars Music Camp
- American Sign Language Camp
- Girls Lead!
- Art Camps
- Reading Camps
- Dance
- Crochet
- Sports
- And more!

CHECK LINK BELOW FOR CAMP SPECIFICS

REGISTRATION OPENS 3/15/2025
www.rosaryacademy.org/summer-camps





SUMMER AT SM

ACADEMIC CAMPS
SPORTS CAMPS
TALON ACADEMY
PERFORMING ARTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL students:

ENRICHMENT COURSES:
For incoming 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. Courses include:

- Robotics
- Esports
- Visual Arts including:
 - Portrait Drawing in Charcoal
 - Comic Book Art and more!
- Easy Guitar
- Essential Life Skills including:
 - Financial Life Skills, Executive Functioning and more!

THE TAPA SUMMER CONSERVATORY:
Open to 5th – incoming 9th grade students. Introduction to all three aspects of the live theatre in the form of songs, monologues, scenes and production numbers.

SPORTS CAMPS: Visit: WWW.EAGLEYOUTHCAMPS.ORG for a complete list of all sports camps and to register.






INCOMING / RETURNING students:

ENRICHMENT COURSES:
For incoming 9th and returning students. Courses include:

- Robotics
- Math
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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. (Acts 5:12)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead.
He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid." (Rv 1:17)

Gospel:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Thomas needed proof to believe the amazing things that had happened. God, in His mercy, gave him that proof — but it was up to Thomas to accept it. Do we accept the proof we see of God's love every day?

Observances for the week of April 27, 2025

Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
Monday:	St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
Tuesday:	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
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Thursday:	St. Joseph the Worker, National Day of Prayer
Friday:	St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Easter



Devotions, *Explained!*

The rite of sprinkling, also called the Asperges rite, recalls the new life we receive in the waters of our baptism. Though most common during the Easter season, this rite can take place on any Sunday and is used in place of the penitential act.

Prayer of Divine Mercy

O Blood and Water that redeems and saves, have mercy on us!
O Blood and Water that heals and restores, have mercy on us!
O Blood and Water that strengthens and renews, have mercy on us!
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: It does sound unbelievable, the story of the Resurrection. But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true. Take Thomas' example: stay close to the people you trust. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you.

Wonder, Don't Wander

My daughter recently asked me if it's okay to "wonder if all the Jesus stuff is true."

I wasn't surprised by her question. I've expected it, in fact. If you're raising a child to be a critical thinker, you don't want them to accept everything you tell them simply because it comes from your lips. I have promised my children that I will always give them the truth about God. But that's all I can do — give it to them. Whether or not they accept it, ultimately, is their own choice.

"I know it's true," she told me. "But sometimes it just all sounds so...unbelievable."

She's not wrong. It *does* sound unbelievable that an all-powerful God could create us for no reason other than sheer love, that He could be generous enough to give us free will to accept that love, that he could be merciful enough not to destroy us when we reject that love, and finally that he could be faithful enough in that love to become flesh and die in order to save us from the consequences of our own poor choices.

But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true.

When Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," he isn't calling Thomas a fool for questioning something that sounds a little outrageous. He's just highlighting the fact that Thomas is afforded a luxury that none of the Christians born after him, my daughter included, will have: he gets to see proof with his own eyes.

I told my daughter it's fine to wonder — just don't wander. Take Thomas' example. Stay close to the people you trust. Return to the warmth of the upper room. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you. Never be afraid to believe.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If Jesus destroyed sin, why are sins still with us?

Answer:

We are the children of God, heirs of the Father's work, which is life. The struggle is between good and evil and the greatest weapon of evil is death. It is final — the end of hope and all possibility of change. Jesus must destroy death so that life, eternal life, might be possible. That is why Jesus dies: to take on sin's weapon and destroy it by his resurrection. It was not to satisfy God's sense of justice, but to meet sin on its own terms and defeat it.

Since we are heirs and coworkers with God, ours is the struggle with the remnants of evil, its last desperate attempt to overcome good. Like Jesus, we are about the Father's business in our daily life, carrying the message of salvation to everyone. We are strengthened in our struggle and come to realize the great gift of life with which we are graced. It is our hope that one day we will rejoice with the Father in a job well done!



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