



SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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)

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

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

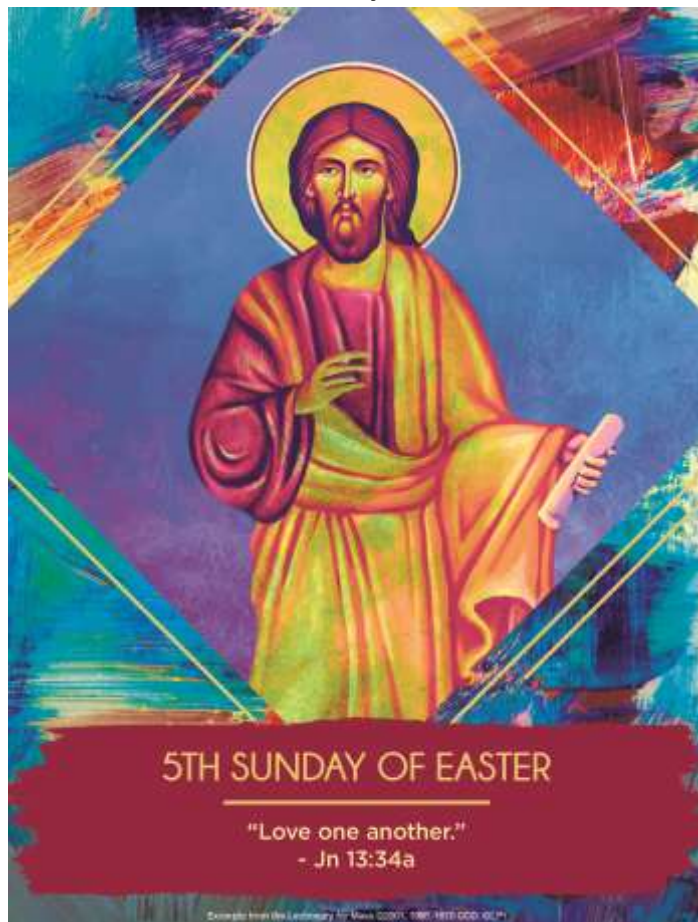
Sunday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

info@stpolycarp.org
BULLETIN: editor@stpolycarp.org

MAY 18, 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, May 17, 2025

5:00 PM Ronald Acosta† & Linda Hernandez†;
Mr. Sang (80th birthday)
7:00 PM Special Family Intention

Sunday, May 18, 2025

7:30 AM Quang Hien Nguyen† & All Ancestors†
9:00 AM Bonifacio Samayoa†, Marcelino Barriga† &
Souls in Purgatory†
11:00 AM Mark Lipski†
1:00 PM Victoria Gonzalez† & Rodolfo Duarte†
Rodrigo Serratos
4:00 PM Joachim Tran Ngoc Thuong†
6:00 PM Abundio Santos Perez†

Monday, May 19, 2025

6:30 AM Special Family Intentions
8:30 AM Anphongso T. Tran; All Souls†
6:30 PM Cruz Alejandro Perez Martinez & Jorge Salinas
(health and protection)

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

6:30 AM Gabriela Gutierrez Flores (health)
8:30 AM Salvador Marquez (health)

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

6:30 AM Parishioners of St. Polycarp
8:30 AM Teresa Nguyen (well-being)

Thursday, May 22, 2025

6:30 AM Priests and Staff of St. Polycarp
8:30 AM Parishioners of St. Polycarp

Friday, May 23, 2025

6:30 AM Priests and Staff of St. Polycarp
8:30 AM Parishioners of St. Polycarp
6:30 PM All Souls†; Peter† & Teresa†

Saturday, May 24, 2025

8:30 AM Priests and Staff of St. Polycarp

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11,
12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/
Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29



SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE



May 10/11 Masses	\$ 23,851.00
May 10/11 Online Giving	\$ 2,014.52
Total collection:	\$ 25,865.52

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



**Pope's Intention -
May**

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person
might find fulfillment, families might be
sustained in dignity, and that society might
be humanized.



PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL



PSA 2025 REPORT

AS OF 05/05/2025

PLEDGES RECEIVED: 311

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$121,522.00

TOTAL PAID: \$115,022.00

OUR 2025 PSA GOAL: \$98,000.00

Thank You!

SAINT POLYCARP
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Las lecturas de la semana del 18 de mayo de 2025

Domingo: Hch 14, 21-27/Sal 144, 8-9. 10-11. 12-13 (ver 1)/
Ap 21, 1-5/Jn 13, 31-33. 34-35
Lunes: Hch 14, 5-18/Sal 113, 1-2. 3-4. 15-16/
Jn 14, 21-26
Martes: Hch 14, 19-28/Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13. 21/
Jn 14, 27-31
Miércoles: Hch 15, 1-6/Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5/Jn 15, 1-8
Jueves: Hch 15, 7-21/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 10/Jn 15, 9-11
Viernes: Hch 15, 22-31/Sal 56, 8-9. 10 y 12/Jn 15, 12-17
Sábado: Hch 16, 1-10/Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 5/Jn 15, 18-21
Domingo: Hch 15, 1-2. 22-29/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (4)/
Ap 21, 10-14. 22-23/Jn 14, 23-29

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 18 de mayo de 2025

Domingo: 5º Domingo de Pascua
Martes: San Bernardino de Siena, sacerdote
Miércoles: San Cristóbal Magallanes, sacerdote,
y compañeros, mártires
Jueves: Santa Rita de Casia, religiosa
Domingo: 6º Domingo de Pascua

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

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Reflexión breve: Cuando amamos a alguien, queremos que se nos asocie con ellos; queremos que nos reconozcan de alguna manera como parte de *ellos* y, si amamos a Cristo, deberíamos desear ser reconocidos como pertenecientes a él. Deberíamos desear que quienes nos vean sepan que somos de Cristo.

Parecidos a Jesús

En una ocasión, escribí un artículo acerca de varias mujeres residentes de un hospicio local. Mientras recopilaba información para el artículo, descubrí que ellas habían crecido en el mismo barrio que mi abuela y que una de ellas, de hecho, era la mejor amiga de la infancia de mi abuela.

Cuando visité a esta mujer para fotografiarla, miró mi cara por un buen tiempo y pude ver en sus ojos que estaba buscando en su memoria a través de los años.

Ella dijo: “Te pareces a ella.”

En el camino de regreso a casa, lloré.

Mi abuela murió cuando yo tenía nueve años y, en los últimos años de su vida, padeció Alzheimer. Siempre me ha dolido profundamente el tiempo que perdimos, la relación que pudimos haber tenido. Tengo algunos fragmentos borrosos en mi memoria del tiempo antes de su enfermedad que me llevan a pensar que nos amamos mucho.

Que alguien que la conoció muy bien me haya dicho que me parezco a ella – siendo identificado como alguien que de alguna manera le perteneció a ella – fue una de las cosas más bellas que me han pasado.

Cuando amamos a alguien, queremos que se nos asocie con ellos; queremos que nos reconozcan de alguna manera como parte de *ellos* y, si amamos a Cristo, deberíamos desear ser reconocidos como pertenecientes a él. Deberíamos desear que quienes nos vean sepan que somos de Cristo. La única manera que podemos parecernos a Jesús es por medio del amor. Esa es su cualidad más identificable, su atributo más famoso. *Así es como todos sabrán que ustedes son mis discípulos.*

Cómo católicos, siempre estamos hablando acerca de encontrar maneras de vivir nuestra fe audazmente, sin arrepentimientos, públicamente. Muy bien – ¡pues deberíamos hacerlo! Sin embargo, si queremos que la gente sepa que somos católicos, deberíamos amarlos, heroica, temeraria y sacrificialmente.

Como Jesús nos ama.

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

La palabra amor está muy trillada, es usada con mucha facilidad en nuestro lenguaje. Al decirla, quizá no pensamos en lo profundo de esta palabra. Hacemos tantas promesas de amor falsas. A la esposa, al esposo, a los hijos, a los amigos y a tanta gente le decimos que la amamos cuando en realidad no es cierto. En este Domingo de Pascua, Jesús nuevamente lanza su invitación al amor, a dar la vida por el ser amado. *“Les doy un mandamiento nuevo: que se amen los unos a los otros. Ustedes deben amarse unos a otros como yo los he amado” (Juan 13:34).* Y agrega una frase más para que quede bien cimentado en nuestros corazones el significado de la palabra amor: *“En esto reconocerán todos que son mis discípulos: en que se aman unos a otros” (Juan 13:35).*

Esto es el amor evangélico; esto distingue mucho el significado de decir simplemente la palabra amor. El amor evangélico se vive en las dificultades más difíciles de la vida. Cuando los percances nos obligan a hacer cosas, aunque no queramos. Para así glorificarte en el sufrimiento de cualquier índole. Esta es la entrega que sublima tu Evangelio. Así es como se va aprendiendo a amar: la vida nos enseña a girar el corazón al amor. Reflexiona en lo siguiente: ¿En qué área de tu vida has experimentado el amor de Jesús? Si Jesús te dijera: *“ama como yo te he amado”*, ¿cuál sería tu respuesta? En concreto, solo Jesús puede ayudarnos a renovar nuestra forma de amar a los demás. ©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. ✚ Cộng Đoàn vẫn còn những **Chục Kinh Mân Côi Liên Kết** tại cuối Thánh Đường. Xin các gia đình cùng tham gia, để mọi người cùng hiệp thông nối kết.

3. **Mỗi năm vào dịp hè, Giáo xứ có tổ chức các lớp học hè cho các em từ 6 đến 17 tuổi.** Các lớp học bắt đầu từ ngày 2 tháng 6 cho đến ngày 31 tháng 7 năm 2025, bao gồm lớp học nấu ăn, lớp may vá, lớp kinh thánh và hàng thủ công, lớp đan móc, lớp đàn piano và nghệ thuật.

Lịch ghi danh bắt đầu từ hôm nay cho đến ngày 28 tháng 5 năm 2025. Để biết thêm chi tiết—Xin liên lạc văn phòng Giới Trẻ—hoặc văn phòng Giáo Xứ, - xem trên facebook, - instagram - hoặc email cho anh Joseph Đỗ tại địa chỉ jdo@stpolycarp.org

4. **HDMV sẽ có buổi họp vào Chúa Nhật ngày 18/5/2025 lúc 1PM tại phòng St. Polycarp.**

Xin các Hội Đoàn có mặt đông đủ và đúng giờ.

5. **Vé Số Gây Quỹ: Cộng Đoàn đang bán vé số số gây quỹ cho Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu La Vang 2025 tại Nhà Thờ Chánh Tòa 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.

6. ✚ **Thánh Lễ Ra Trường.** Thứ Bảy ngày 14 tháng 6, trong Thánh Lễ Vọng Chúa Nhật lúc 7PM hàng tuần của Cộng Đoàn, Cha Quản Nhiệm sẽ cầu nguyện cho các em trong Cộng Đoàn vừa tốt nghiệp Trung Học hoặc Đại Học trong năm 2025, và cùng với các con em cảm tạ ơn Chúa trong những năm tháng học vừa qua, và xin Ngài cho những ơn trợ giúp và thành công trong tương lai. Các con em được khuyến khích mặc áo ra trường trong Thánh Lễ này. Để cho việc chuẩn bị được chu đáo, xin ghi danh trước Thứ Hai, ngày 9 tháng 6 năm 2025, qua email: cdpolycarp94@gmail.com.

Giáo Hoàng Leo XIV



phương trong Dòng Augustinô".

SỰ NGHIỆP GIÁO HỘI

- 1982: Thụ phong linh mục.
- 1985–1986: Làm việc tại Peru, giữ chức Chương Ấn Tòa Giám Mục Chulucanas.
- 1987–1988: Trở về Mỹ, phụ trách mục vụ ơn gọi và truyền giáo cho Tỉnh Dòng Augustinô Chicago.
- 1988–1999: Quay lại Peru, đảm nhiệm nhiều vai trò: Giám đốc chủng viện Augustinô Trujillo, giảng dạy luật giáo hội. Linh mục giáo xứ, quan tòa giáo phận, giám đốc đào tạo.
- 1999: Được bầu làm Bề Trên Tỉnh Dòng Augustinô Chicago.
- 2001–2013: Đắc cử Bề Trên Tổng Quyền Dòng Augustinô (2 nhiệm kỳ).
- 2014: Được Đức Phanxicô bổ nhiệm làm Giám Quản Tổng Tòa Giáo Phận Chiclayo (Peru), sau đó trở thành Giám Mục Chiclayo (2015).
- 2018–2023: Phó Chủ Tịch Hội Đồng Giám Mục Peru, góp phần ổn định chính trị quốc gia giữa các khủng hoảng lật đổ tổng thống liên tiếp.
- 2020–2021: Kiêm nhiệm Giám Quản Tổng Tòa Giáo Phận Callao (Peru).
- 1/2023: Đức Phanxicô bổ nhiệm Ngài làm Tổng Trưởng Bộ Giám Mục – phụ trách tuyển chọn giám mục toàn cầu.
- 9/2023: Được phong Hồng Y.

(WGPMT) Thứ Năm ngày 08.05.2025, lúc 18:10 giờ Roma (23:10 giờ Việt Nam, 9:10 giờ Mỹ), Đức Hồng Y Trưởng đẳng phó tế Dominique Mamberti công bố: “Tôi thông báo cho anh chị em một niềm vui lớn lao: chúng ta có Giáo Hoàng!” Đức Hồng Y đáng kính và đáng trọng, ĐHY Franciscum, Hồng Y của Giáo Hội Rôma thánh thiện, Robertum, đã chọn cho mình tông hiệu là Lêô XIV Đức Hồng Y Robert Francis Prevost, cựu Tổng Trưởng Bộ Giám Mục có ảnh hưởng lớn, là một giám mục sinh tại Chicago, có quan điểm gần gũi với Đức Giáo Hoàng Phanxicô. Trước khi đảm nhận vai trò lãnh đạo Dòng Augustinô trong hai nhiệm kỳ liên tiếp, Ngài đã dành nhiều năm làm nhà truyền giáo tại Peru.

TIỂU SỬ VÀ HỌC VẤN

Sinh ngày 14/9/1955 tại Chicago, Illinois. Gia nhập Dòng Thánh Augustinô (OSA) năm 1977, Khấn trọn đời năm 1981.

- Học vấn:

- * Cử nhân Toán Học tại Đại Học Villanova (1977).
- * Thạc sĩ Thần Học tại Catholic Theological Union (Chicago).
- * Tiến Sĩ Luật Giáo Hội tại Đại Học Giáo Hoàng Thánh Tôma Aquinas (Rome), với luận án về "Vai trò của Bề Trên địa

Nguồn: <https://collegeofcardinalsreport.com/cardinals/robert-francis-prevost/>
Chuyên ngữ: BTT.GPBR.



RƯỚC KIỆU ĐỨC MẸ

11-5-2025

MỪNG NGÀY HIỀN MẪU

11-5-2025



Habemus Papam



2024-2025 CONCERT SEASON

Organ & Choral Scholars Concert

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 7:30PM • Christ Cathedral

Christ Cathedral's own Choral & Organ Scholars present a concert to conclude their year of studies, lessons, and practicing as part of the Cathedral Music Program. Our 2024 – 2025 Scholars are (left to right) Eduardo Iñiguez, Philip Hoang, Tese Sacher, Clare Donaldson, Dayris Lira, Agatha Teague, and Sema Kim (not pictured).

Find out more and donate to support Catholic Music education at christcathedralmusic.org/scholars

 This concert is a FREE event! For more information, scan the QR code or visit ChristCathedralMusic.org

 Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange



LEO XIV

NOTRE DAME
FOLK CHOIR

DRAWN BACK TO THE TABLE
A MUSICAL ADAPTATION OF THE PASSION AND RESURRECTION

FRIDAY
MAY 23 | 7PM CHRIST CATHEDRAL, ASBECUTUM • 1041 LEWIS ST, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92646

A beautiful offering will be taken up to support the choir's work. All donations are very welcome and a new offering of songs from "Drawn Back to the Table".

Scholarship not only

OUR OFFICE IS CLOSED

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

8:30 A.M. ENGLISH MASS ONLY

**NO ENGLISH MASS @ 6:30 A.M. NO SPANISH MASS @ 6:30 P.M.
NO CONFESSION HOUR**

INFO@STPOLYCARP.ORG (714) 893-2766 WWW.STPOLYCARP.ORG



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



"Feed on this bread of angels whence you will draw all the energy you need to fight inner battles. Because true happiness, dear friends, does not consist in the pleasures of the world or in earthly things, but in peace of conscience, which we have only if we are pure in heart and mind."

- BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

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"Alimentense de este pan de ángeles, del cual extraerán toda la energía necesaria para librar sus batallas internas. Porque la verdadera felicidad, queridos amigos, no reside en los placeres del mundo ni en las cosas terrenales, sino en la paz de conciencia, que solo tenemos si somos puros de corazón y mente."

- BEATO PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

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"Hãy ăn bánh này của các thiên thần, vì từ những miếng bánh này bạn sẽ có được tất cả năng lực cần thiết để chiến đấu với những trận chiến nội tâm. Các bạn thân mến, bởi vì hạnh phúc đích thực không hề tại nơi những lạc thú của thế gian hay những thực tại trần tục, nhưng ở nơi một lương tâm bình an, điều mà chúng ta chỉ có được nếu chúng ta thanh sạch trong tâm hồn và trí óc."

- CHÂN PHƯỚC PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

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Summer Classes 2025

SUMMER 2025 CLASSES

COME JOIN US FOR SOME FUN AND FREE CLASSES ON:

- ARTS & CRAFTS CLASSES
- SEWING CLASSES
- CHILDREN BIBLE CLASSES
- COOKING CLASSES
- PIANO CLASSES

CHILDREN BIBLE CLASSES; STUDENTS FROM AGES 6-11
*ARTS & CRAFTS, SEWING, COOKING, PIANO CLASSES;
STUDENTS FROM 7-16*

ALL CLASSES ARE LIMITED IN SPACE!!!
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MAY 28, 2025

Summer Classes Schedule 2025

CLASSES WILL RUN WEEKLY FROM:
JUNE 2, 2025 - JULY 31, 2025

MONDAYS: ARTS & CRAFTS CLASS FROM 2:00PM - 4:00PM
TUESDAYS: CHILDREN BIBLE CLASS FROM 2:00PM - 4:00PM
TUESDAYS: PIANO CLASS FROM 9:00AM - 10:00AM & 2:00PM - 3:00PM
WEDNESDAYS: COOKING CLASS FROM 2:00PM - 4:00PM
THURSDAYS: SEWING CLASS FROM 2:00PM - 4:00PM

REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN AND WE WILL
CONTINUE TO ACCEPT REGISTRATION UNTIL MAY
28, 2025. FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR REGISTER
YOUR CHILD PLEASE CONTACT THE YOUTH
MINISTRY OFFICE OR THE PARISH FRONT OFFICE.
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
JOSEPH DO AT jdo@stpolycarp.org.



Catholics in Southern California are invited to come together for Catholic Family Night at Angel Stadium!

On **Saturday, June 28**, the Angels will take on the Washington Nationals and you can enjoy a "Christmas in June" themed game with special recognition for the Diocese of Orange. There will be a pre-game tailgate under the Angels 'A', appearances from local clergy, religious, and ministry leaders and a post-game fireworks show. **Tickets are available now!**



Scan the QR code or visit rcbo.org/baseball to get your tickets and special Catholic Family Night merch today!



Beneath the Cross, one learns to love.
St. Padre Pio

2025



Encounter God
Private reflection time
Experience community living

Lovers of the Holy Cross
invite you to...

COME & SEE RETREAT
JULY 10-13
*more dates available upon request

DISCERNMENT RETREAT
JUNE 17-23



click here Retreats for women age 17-35 open to discerning God's will

WWW.LHCLA.ORG / (213)944-3095 OR (714)548-6205



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 8th - 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
- Visual Arts
- College Prep
- Easy Guitar
- Esports
- Essential Life Skills including:
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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. (Acts 14:27)

Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.
(Ps 145) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.
He will dwell with them and they will be his people
and God himself will always be with them as their God."
(Rv 21:4)

Gospel:

I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.
(Jn 13:34)

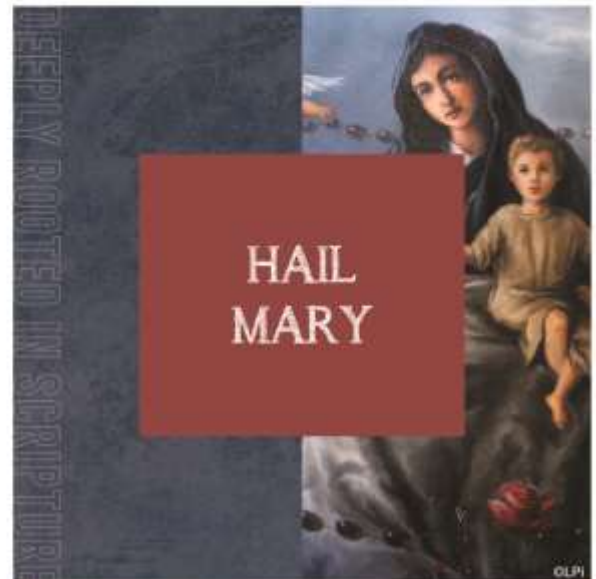
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

There is an invitation in the empty tomb and the abandoned burial cloths. What great things could we accomplish, if we only believe that Christ has conquered death? Go forth this Easter season, boldly embracing the hope of the resurrection.

Observances for the week of May 18, 2025

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
Wednesday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter



Devotions, Explained!

The words of the Hail Mary — undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord's Prayer — are deeply rooted in scripture, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11th century.

Prayer of Christian Love

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with Your love, the deepest, richest, purest love any of us has ever known. May Your love be our standard for love.
May Your love be what we bring and communicate to the world. May Your love define us as Christians, made in Your image and likeness.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: When we love someone, we want to be associated with them. We want to be recognized as *theirs* somehow. And if we love Christ, we should want to be known as belonging to him. We should want those who see us to know we are his.

Resembling Jesus

I once wrote an article about several women residents of a local nursing home. In researching the piece, I discovered that they had grown up in the same neighborhood as my grandmother, and that one of the women was, in fact, my grandmother's dearest childhood friend.

When I visited this woman to take her photograph, she took a long look at my face, and I could see in her eyes that she was reaching back in her memory across the years.

She said: "You resemble her."

I wept on the way home.

My grandmother died when I was nine, and for the last several years of her life she suffered from Alzheimer's disease. I have always deeply grieved the time we lost, the relationship we could have had. I have hazy fragments of memory from before her illness that lead me to believe we loved each other very much.

Being told I look like my grandmother by someone who knew her well — being identified as belonging to her in some way — was one of the more beautiful things to happen to me.

When we love someone, we want to be associated with them. We want to be recognized as *theirs* somehow. And if we love Christ, we should want to be known as belonging to him. We should want those who see us to know we are his.

The only way we can resemble Jesus is through love. It is his most recognizable quality, his most famous trait. *This is how all will know that you are my disciples.*

As Catholics, we are always talking about finding ways to live our faith boldly, unapologetically, publicly. Good — we should! But if we want people to know we are Catholic, we should love them. Bravely. Recklessly. Sacrificially.

As he loves us.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer:

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!



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