

# SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH

8100 Chapman Avenue, Stanton CA 90680 | (714) 893-2766 | [www.stpolycarp.org](http://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

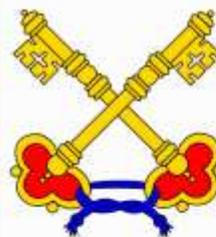
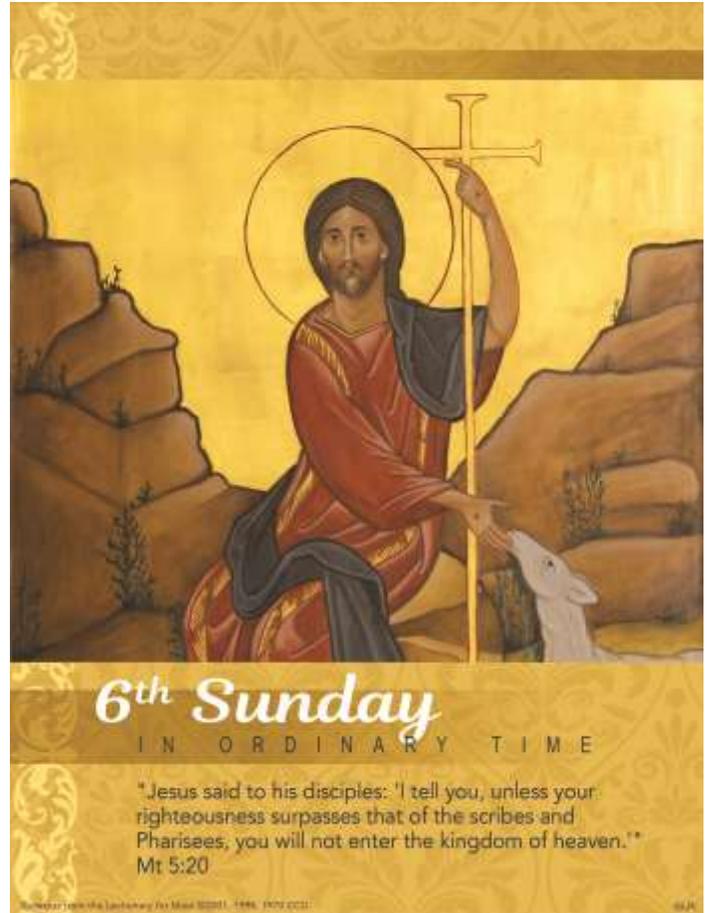
1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

*Sunday*

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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BULLETIN: [editor@stpolycarp.org](mailto:editor@stpolycarp.org)



## **POPE'S INTENTION - FEBRUARY**

*For Children with Incurable Diseases*

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

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

**Saturday, February 14, 2026**

5:00 PM Johnny Hernandez✠; Clarita Espartero✠  
7:00 PM Phero✠, Teresa✠ & Souls✠;  
Finding of Phuoc Dai Nguyen

**Sunday, February 15, 2026**

7:30 AM John C. Norton✠; All Souls in Purgatory✠  
9:00 AM Juan Perez✠ & Pedro Lamas✠;  
Maria Achig✠ & Luis Quingaiza✠  
11:00 AM Hiep Thi Hoang (healing)  
1:00 PM Ignacio✠ & Celia Soto✠; Humberto &  
Lupita Vazquez (49th anniversary);  
Jose Manuel Nares Lemus✠ &  
Jose Luis Cortes✠  
4:00 PM Mary Giao Hong✠; Thanksgiving  
6:00 PM Melecio Brito✠ & Hipolita Ocampo✠;  
Guadalupe Romon and Family

**Monday, February 16, 2026**

6:30 AM Daniel✠ & Anne Robledo✠; All Souls✠  
8:30 AM Thomas✠ & Thanh Nguyen✠  
6:30 PM Jose Manuel Lemus Naves✠ &  
Jose Lemus Cortes; Thanksgiving for the  
family of Lorenza Acuna;  
Edward Michael Martinez (well-being)

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

6:30 AM Honorio Urban✠ & Socorro Enriquez✠  
8:30 AM Francis Xavier✠ & Anna Maria✠  
6:30 PM Pray for the parishioners

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

6:30 AM Carlos Hernandez✠; Maria H. Lopez✠  
8:30 AM Pedro Davila✠; Toma Thuyet Pham✠ &  
Maria Beo Pham  
4:00 PM Pray for all Souls  
6:00 PM Pray for the Parishioners  
8:00 PM Pray for our Priests

**Thursday, February 19, 2026**

6:30 AM John the Baptist✠ & Anna Maria✠;  
Thanksgiving✠  
8:30 AM Fr. Alberto Miramontes✠;  
Catalina Nguyen Thi Toan✠  
5:00 PM Pray for the parishioners

**Friday, February 20, 2026**

6:30 AM Jose Maria Alonso✠ & Willie Decker✠;  
Josue Magana Martinez (birthday)  
8:30 AM Dolores Becerra Luna✠ &  
Juana Rodriguez Luna✠;  
Catarina Hong Pham✠  
6:30 PM Maria Inez Ramirez (birthday);  
S. Anne Chuyen✠

**Saturday, February 21, 2026**

8:30 AM Rodrigo de Jesus✠ & Regina Velasco✠

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/  
1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28,  
33-34a, 37  
**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/  
Mk 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/  
Mk 8:14-21  
**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13,  
14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25  
**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/  
Mt 9:14-15  
**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Lk 5:27-32  
**Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/  
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



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Feb 7/8 Masses	\$ 20,075.00
Feb 7/8 Online Giving	\$ 3,298.81
<b>Total collection:</b>	<b>\$ 23,373.81</b>

**National Needs 2nd Collection—\$9,484.00**

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

**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/Wednesday	1 PM—5:30 PM
Friday	1 PM—5 PM
Sunday	8 AM—3 PM

**Vietnamese Religious Education**

**(714) 620-7895**

Monday/Wednesday/Friday	2 PM—5:30 PM
Saturday	10 AM—1 PM

## Las lecturas de la semana del 15 de febrero

**Domingo:** Eclo 15, 15-20/Sal 118, 1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34/  
1 Co 2, 6-10/Mt 5, 17-37 o 5, 20-22. 27-28.  
33-34. 37

**Lunes:** Sant 1, 1-11/Sal 118, 67. 68. 71. 72. 75. 76/  
Mc 8, 11-13

**Martes:** Sant 1, 12-18/Sal 93, 12-13. 14-15. 18-19/  
Mc 8, 14-21

**Miércoles:** Jl 2, 12-18/Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14 y 17/  
2 Co 5, 20-6, 2/Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18

**Jueves:** Dt 30, 15-20/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6/Lc 9, 22-25

**Viernes:** Is 58, 1-9/Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6. 18-19/Mt 9, 14-15

**Sábado:** Is 58, 9-14/Sal 85, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 5, 27-32

**Domingo:** Gn 2, 7-9; 3, 1-7/Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 17/  
Rom 5, 12-19 o 5, 12. 17-19/Mt 4, 1-11

## Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 15 de febrero

**Domingo:** 6º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

**Lunes:** Día de los Presidentes (EEUU)

**Martes:** Los Siete Santos Fundadores de la  
Orden de Los Servitas

**Miércoles:** Miércoles de Ceniza

**Sábado:** San Pedro Damiano, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

**Domingo:** 1er Domingo de Cuaresma

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

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflexión:** La ley de Moisés era como una buena cubierta, admirablemente construida. Podías decir "Raqa", tu corazón se llenaba de ira y la ley no se rompía. Pero esa ira pisa fuertemente. Con el tiempo, se vuelve demasiado difícil de soportar. Y esa tabla, esa ley, ese corazón, se romperá. Solo espera.

## El Carpintero y la Ley

Mi esposo y yo no podíamos creer nuestra suerte: nuestra nueva casa tenía una cubierta. Era más de lo que un par de millennial arruinados se habían atrevido a soñar. Descansando en los muebles de nuestro patio tomando café y viendo pasar los autos, nos sentimos como Kennedy en Hyannis Port. Habíamos llegado.

Bueno, hasta que comenzó a desmoronarse.

Para ser justos, mi esposo sabía que esto iba a suceder todo el tiempo, porque es una persona que usa palabras como "viga" y "soporte de peso" correctamente. Echó un vistazo a la cubierta durante la visita de puertas abiertas y supo que no cumplía con el código. "Vamos a tener que reforzar esto en algún momento", me dijo. "¡Lo que sea!" Respondí, soñando despierta con luces centelleantes y fiestas en el porche.

Efectivamente, nuestro segundo verano en la casa, tuvo que arrancar las tablas de superficie podrida. El mayor problema era que las vigas estaban demasiado separadas; Cuando

pisábamos las tablas, se arqueaban y casi se agrietaban, sin el apoyo adecuado debajo. Pero no íbamos a rehacer toda la cubierta, en realidad no somos los Kennedy. Nosotros (está bien, él) simplemente arrancamos las tablas de la superficie, agregamos las vigas necesarias y reemplazamos la plataforma con madera más nueva, mejor y más fuerte.

En pocas palabras, mi esposo no vino a abolir la cubierta, sino a cumplirla.

La ley de Moisés era como una buena cubierta, admirablemente construida. Podías decir "Raqa", tu corazón se llenaba de ira y la ley no se rompía. Pero esa ira pisa fuertemente a las tablas que no están adecuadamente respaldadas. Con el tiempo, la ira se vuelve demasiado difícil de soportar. Y esa tabla, esa ley, ese corazón, se romperá. Solo espera.

Y cuando lo haga, verás por qué: no había nada debajo, sosteniéndola.

Así que Dios envió a un carpintero para reforzar la ley. El carpintero fabricó vigas a partir de la prudencia, la fortaleza, la justicia y la templanza, virtudes fuertes que pueden soportar toda una vida de agresiones, si se mantienen adecuadamente.

Y la ley aún se mantiene.

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

En la Palabra de Dios de hoy, Jesús nos invita a observar una ley más perfecta. Nos llama a aprender a cumplirla, dando ejemplos concretos de cómo debemos comportarnos. El Salmo de hoy nos recalca lo siguiente: "Felices los de conducta intachable, los que caminan en la ley del Señor. Felices los que guardan sus mandatos y lo buscan de todo corazón" (Salmo 118:1-3). La dicha de ser feliz consiste en saber comportarse correctamente en cada circunstancia de la vida. ¿Cómo lograrlo? ¿A qué debemos aferrarnos para ser verdaderamente felices? Ya escuchamos las Bienaventuranzas el domingo antepasado, y con ellas hemos comenzado a practicar cómo vivir en esa felicidad que proviene de Dios. Guardar los mandatos del Señor, es decir, los Mandamientos, es la base de la moral cristiana, y el camino seguro hacia la Sabiduría de Dios. Esto significa estar conectados con Él siempre, por medio de la oración y los sacramentos.

San León Magno, en su sermón número 92 (1, 2, 3), decía: "La virtud cristiana puede superar la de los escribas y fariseos, no por la supresión de la ley, sino por entenderla en un sentido más profundo. Por eso el Señor, al enseñar a sus discípulos la manera de ayunar, les dice: 'Cuando ayunen, no anden cabizbajos como los hipócritas, que desfiguran su rostro para hacer ver a la gente que ayunan. Les aseguro que ya han recibido su paga.' ¿Qué paga, sino la alabanza de los hombres?" Señor, enséñanos a estar abiertos de todo corazón a tu Espíritu, ya que solo Él podrá empujarnos a practicar el amor, la justicia y la paz. ©LPi

# Lời Cảm Ơn

Ban Tổ Chức Tết Bính Ngọ xin trân trọng gửi lời tri ân đến quý Cha, quý Hội Đồng Mục Vụ, quý Ân Nhân và toàn thể Cộng Đoàn đã quảng đại nâng đỡ, chung tay hỗ trợ và đồng hành trong chương trình làm **bánh chưng – bánh tét**, cũng như đã nhiệt tâm ủng hộ **Gian Hàng Tết** của Giáo Xứ trong mùa Xuân Bính Ngọ 2026.

Nhờ sự hy sinh, tấm lòng quảng đại, tinh thần phục vụ, và những đóng góp quý báu của quý vị, các hoạt động chuẩn bị và gây quỹ của giáo xứ đã được thực hiện cách tốt đẹp, thể hiện rõ nét tinh thần **hiệp nhất** và **yêu thương**. Mọi đóng góp, dù lớn hay nhỏ, đều là những hạt giống ân tình giúp cộng đoàn tiếp tục sứ mạng phục vụ và xây dựng đời sống đức tin.

Ban Tổ Chức xin ghi nhận và trân trọng từng tấm lòng đã góp phần làm nên thành công của chương trình.



# Tâm Tình Chúc Xuân Bình Ngọ 2026

Hòa chung niềm hân hoan của Năm Mới, Hội Đồng Mục Vụ kính chúc quý Cha, quý Sơ, Thầy Phó Tế, quý Hội Đoàn, Đoàn Thể, quý Ân Nhân và toàn thể quý Cộng Đoàn một mùa Xuân Bình Ngọ 2026 tràn đầy sức sống mới và tình yêu trong Đức Kitô; được đón nhận bình an thánh thiện từ Thiên Chúa và niềm vui rạng ngời trong mọi công việc.

Nguyện xin Chúa Xuân và Đức Maria Mẹ Thiên Chúa, thương gìn giữ, ôm ấp và tuôn đổ muôn phúc lành trên từng gia đình trong cộng đoàn, để năm mới trở thành thời khắc của hiệp nhất, yêu thương và phục vụ trong Thánh Ý Chúa.

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**Thứ Hai - Ngày 16/2/26 - 29 Tết**

**6:30pm THÁNH LỄ GIAO THỪA**

Do Đức Cha Tôma Nguyễn Thái Thành Chủ tế  
Sau Thánh Lễ sẽ có đốt pháo và phát lộc Xuân

Thánh



**Thứ Ba - Ngày 17/2/26 - Mừng 1 Tết**

**6:30pm** Thánh Lễ

**CẦU BÌNH AN CHO NĂM MỚI**

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**Thứ Tư - Ngày 18/2/26**

**LỄ TRO**

Giữ Chay - Kiêng Thịt

Có hai Thánh Lễ tiếng Việt **4:00pm** và **6:00pm**

Tết



**Thứ Ba - Ngày 19/2/26 - Mừng 3 Tết**

**5:00pm** Thánh Lễ

**THÁNH HÓA CÔNG ĂN VIỆC LÀM**

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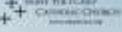
**Chúa Nhật - Ngày 1/3/26 - 13 Tết**

**TIỆC MỪNG TÂN NIÊN**

Ngay sau Thánh Lễ lúc 4:00pm tại Hội Trường

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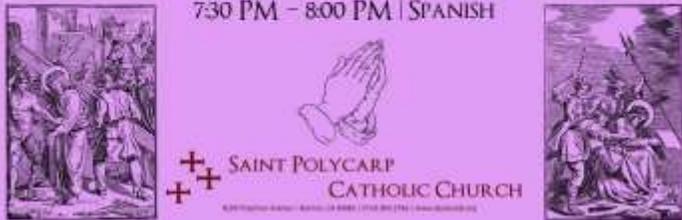

  
**OUR OFFICE IS CLOSED**
  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026**
  
**WE WILL HAVE 6:30 AM AND 8:30 AM ENGLISH MASSES. NO CONFESSION HOUR IN THE EVENING**
  
**VIETNAMESE VIGIL LUNAR NEW YEAR MASS**
  
**@ 6:30 PM. (NO SPANISH MASS)**



SAINT POLYCARP WARMLY INVITES THE ENTIRE PARISH COMMUNITY TO JOURNEY TOGETHER IN PRAYER AND REFLECTION ON THE PASSION OF CHRIST THROUGH THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS. ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE AS WE WALK TOGETHER IN FAITH DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON.

SCHEDULE
  
 EVERY FRIDAY BEGINNING FEBRUARY 20, 2026, THROUGH MARCH 27, 2026

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM | ENGLISH
   
 6:00 PM – 6:30 PM | VIETNAMESE
   
 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM | SPANISH




  
 SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH

**February 18, 2026**

MASSES - in the church
   
 6:30 am (English)
   
 8:30 am (English)
   
 4:00 pm (Vietnamese)
   
 6:00 pm (Vietnamese)
   
 8:00 pm (Spanish)

Ash Services only - in the hall
   
 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
   
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm (English/Spanish)




  
 SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH


**Pro Sanctity Movement**


**Lenten 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 (Feb. 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26) after 8:30 AM Mass until 10:30 AM

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

Pro Sanctity is an international Catholic lay movement founded by the Servant of God, Guglielmo Giaguinta, in 1947. Its mission is to lead our brothers and sisters on the path of holiness and to elicit in everyone a total response of love to God's infinite love. Pro Sanctity offers people specific spiritual opportunities to help them respond to this universal call in three ways: personal holiness, communal holiness, and societal holiness. The Apostolic Oblates are consecrated women who support and spread the message of Pro Sanctity, assisting in bringing about a "world of saints; a world of brothers and sisters."




  
 PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

**PSA 2026 REPORT**
  
 AS OF 01/27/2026

**# PLEDGES RECEIVED: 69**
  
**AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$22,690.00**
  
**TOTAL PAID: \$16,899.00**
  
**OUR 2026 PSA GOAL: \$109,760.00**



*Thank You!*


  
 SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Funerals**

**Wedding Banns**
  
 02/14—Joel Gomez & Nayeli Pablo
   
 02/28—Alejandro & Catalina Olmedo

## St. Polycarp Annual Men's Retreat

Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center  
Sierra Madre

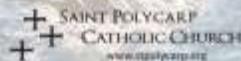
**March 20-22, 2026**

Men from our parish are invited to make their annual retreat at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre. The Center provides a private room and bath, delicious meals, beautifully landscaped grounds and the guidance of the Passionist Retreat Team. The atmosphere of this silent, preached retreat will help you to relax, reflect and rejuvenate spiritually.

This year's theme-  
*"Faith: Trusting in the God Who Waits for You"*

Reservations can be made by contacting our parish retreat representative:  
Ralph Gonzalez at 714-761-3089 or 714-815-1753.

A \$50 deposit is required.



## LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION

Very Reverend Christopher H. Smith, Rector Emeritus, Christ Cathedral  
**LENT 2026: A TIME OF POSSIBILITY, VISION  
AND THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE**

Saturday, February 28, 2026  
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

St. Cecilia Church/Msgr. Sammon Hall  
1301 Sycamore Ave., Tustin, CA 92780  
8:00 - 8:20 AM - Registration  
8:30 AM - Mass

9:15 AM - Continental Breakfast  
9:45 AM - Lenten Presentation by Fr. Christopher

Previewing the Gospel stories from three Sundays of Lent this year, we will journey with Jesus as He meets the Samaritan woman at the well of possibility, extends His healing touch of vision to the man born blind, and raises Lazarus from the dead, giving us the promise of eternal life which changes everything.

Suggested Donation \$20.00  
Presented by Serra Club, City of Orange  
**Reservations - Deadline Feb. 23, 2026**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send form & check made to: Serra Club, City of Orange  
to: Beverly Truzzolino

Call /text 714-642-6455 for address, questions or Zelle



**Lenten Retreat for Adults**  
Wednesday, February 25th 9:30 am – 12 pm or  
Wednesday, February 25th 6:30 pm – 9 pm  
Sign up now. Registration is online.  
Suggested donation \$25.00  
Please register by February 20th.



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www.joyfulapostolate.org  
RetreatCenter@joyfulapostolate.org



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**Family**  
(Noun)

Family means loving each other  
and always protecting each other

*Heavenly Father, you have given us a model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth. Help us, O Loving Father, to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace, and joy reign. May it be deeply contemplative, intensely Eucharistic, and vibrant with joy. -St. Teresa of Kolkata*

**Beginning Experience**  
Listen, accompany, heal

Are you grieving the loss of your marriage through death, divorce or separation?

**March 13 - 15, 2026: Weekend**

Contact Carol at (714)528-1487 x221 or  
Melissa (bilingual, Spanish) at (949)697-3352



beginning-experience-of-orange-county.org or 950C2015@gmail.com



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Congregation of the Queen  
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Vocation Director, Sr. Dulce Aguilar, OP, Cell (209) 406-8111 or dulce@msjdominicans.org



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# SUMMER FUN

**JUNE 14 TO JULY 9 - 2026**

FOR BOYS ENTERING 3<sup>RD</sup> TO 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
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- Faith Formation
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- Extracurricular Activities
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# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

No one does he command to act unjustly,  
to none does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)

### Psalm:

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

### Second Reading:

Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden,  
which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.  
(1 Cor 2:7)

### Gospel:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses  
that of the scribes and Pharisees,  
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)

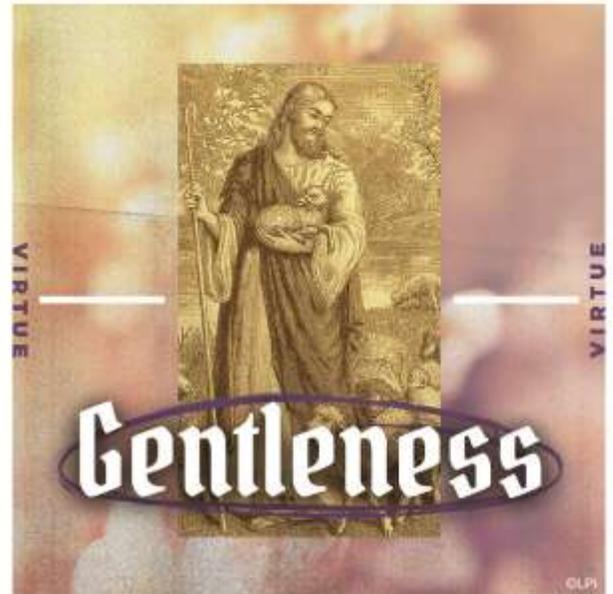
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus does not want us to live within the law — he wants the law to live within us. God's law, fulfilled by His Son, is rich soil. We must let it nourish the words and the decisions of our Christian life — only then will it flow forth into the world.

## Observances for the week of February 15, 2026

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** Presidents' Day  
**Tuesday:** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order  
**Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday  
**Saturday:** St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent



## Virtues, Explained!

Gentleness disposes us to receive the inspirations of the Spirit, who "reveals to men who Jesus is" (CCC 152). In cultivating a spirit of gentleness, we more closely resemble Christ, who was unfailingly gentle, even in the face of violence and death

## Blessing of Love

Heavenly Father,  
Ignite us with Your love.  
Reveal to us Your will,  
guide us in Your path.  
Pour Your blessings upon us,  
You who are the giver of every  
good thing.  
Help us to live, work, act, and  
speak  
in ways that bring honor and  
glory to You.  
Amen.

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “*Raqa*,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily. Over time, it becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it’ll break. Just you wait

### The Carpenter and the Law

My husband and I couldn’t believe our luck: our new house had a deck. It was more than a couple of broke millennials had ever dared to dream. Lounging in our patio furniture drinking coffee and watching the cars drive past, we felt like Kennedys at Hyannis Port. We had arrived.

Well, until it started falling apart.

To be fair, my husband knew this was going to happen all along, because he’s a person who uses words like “joist” and “weight-bearing” correctly. He took one look at the deck at the open house and knew it wasn’t up to code. “We’re going to have to reinforce this at some point,” he told me. “Whatever!” I replied, daydreaming about twinkle lights and porch parties.

Sure enough, our second summer in the house, he had to rip the rotting surface boards off. The biggest issue was that the joists were too far apart; when we stepped on the boards, they bowed and almost cracked, lacking adequate support beneath. But we weren’t going to redo the whole deck — we’re not *actually* Kennedys. We (okay, *he*) simply ripped the surface boards off, added the necessary joists, and replaced the decking with newer, better, stronger wood.

Simply put, my husband did not come to abolish the deck, but to fulfill it.

The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “*Raqa*,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily on boards not adequately supported. Over time, the anger becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it’ll break. Just you wait.

And when it does, you’ll see why: there wasn’t anything beneath, holding it up.

So God sent a Carpenter to reinforce the law. The Carpenter crafted joists from prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance — strong virtues that can withstand a lifetime of battery, if properly maintained.

And the law still holds.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Why is the Church against stem cell research, especially if it offers the possibility of cures for diseases like Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s?

### Answer:

Like so many issues, the truth about stem cell research is more complicated than a few sound bites and vague promises of cures. For the Church, the problem is with *embryonic* stem cell research, not the research itself. The destruction of human life, even for a seemingly noble cause, is never acceptable. The ends cannot justify the means. Stem cells can be obtained in other ways, including from the placenta as well as from adults. So research is possible without the destruction of other life.

On the other hand, stem cell research shows much promise, but no concrete results. Some scientists also dispute what diseases might be cured by new discoveries. The research is still in its early stages. The question for our country is whether we should invest a lot of money in research now, looking for cures that will probably remain out of reach for most people, or should we invest that money in other programs with more immediate benefits, especially those that stress prevention and education. It is indeed a complex issue that requires close scrutiny and investigation before we jump to inaccurate conclusions or make decisions based on good, but misinformed, intentions.



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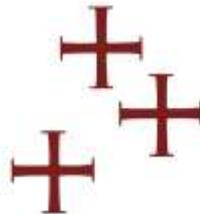
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