



St. Pancratius

CHURCH

OCTOBER 12, 2025 | TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Monday 12:00pm - 4:00pm
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Saturday Closed
Sunday 8:00am - 1:30pm

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 6:30am
Saturday: 8am, 4:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 6:30am, 8am, 9:30am (*Español*) & 11am

Confessions

Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm
First Friday: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Adoration

Monday-Friday 5:00pm-7:00pm

Rosary

Monday-Friday 6:15pm





Stewardship of Treasure

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection	Church	School	Family Ministries
Sept. 7	\$12,299.08	\$185.00	\$540.00
Sept. 14	\$11,001.08	\$351.00	\$200.00
Sept. 21	\$9,553.64	\$603.50	\$155.00
Sept. 28	\$8,123.75	\$170.00	\$80.00
Faith Direct Sept. 5	\$ 10,785.00	\$400.00	\$245.00
Faith Direct Sept. 15	\$7,366.00	\$230.00	\$70.00
Total Offertory	\$59,128.55	\$1,939.50	\$1,290.00
Goals for September	\$62,494.00	\$1,609.00	\$1,142.00

Thank you for your generosity

We also thank all those who contributed to this week's flower fund! Donations can be made directly to the parish. Please make sure to indicate it's for the flower fund.

Called to Renew Campaign Update

(as of 9/30/25):



Parish Goal: \$670,000.00
Total Pledged: \$1,793,299.96
Total Paid: \$962,756.37

***Per campaign policy:** Fifty percent of every dollar collected will be returned to the parish to be used for projects mentioned on their respective case statements. Once the goal is reached, the parish will receive 100% of each dollar collected above goal.

DID YOU KNOW?

About the Take It Down Act

The federal TAKE IT DOWN Act was recently signed into law. It criminalizes the publication of nonconsensual intimate images, including AI-generated images. Anyone who publishes or threatens to publish such images online can be charged with a crime and prosecuted. Websites are also required to take down nonconsensual intimate images, if a victim asks, within 48 hours of the request. This new law is important for protecting minors and all potential victims of sexual abuse or violence. To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article "The Take It Down Act: Combating Non-Consensual Intimate Imagery and Sexual Exploitation" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

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¿SABÍA USTED?

Sobre la Ley "Take It Down"

La ley federal "TAKE IT DOWN" ha sido recientemente promulgada. Penaliza la publicación de imágenes íntimas no consentidas, incluidas las generadas por inteligencia artificial. Cualquier persona que publique o amenace con publicar este material en Internet puede ser acusada de un delito y ser perseguida judicialmente. Los sitios web también están obligados a retirar las imágenes íntimas no consentidas, si la víctima lo solicita, en un plazo de 48 horas desde la solicitud. Esta nueva ley es importante para proteger a los menores y a todas las posibles víctimas de abusos o violencia sexual. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo de VIRTUS® "La Ley Take It Down: Lucha contra las imágenes íntimas no consentidas y la explotación sexual" ("The Take It Down Act: Combating Non-Consensual Intimate Imagery and Sexual Exploitation") en lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

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In today's Gospel we hear that only one of those healed returned to glorify God and to give thanks to God. It is true, that when we have a grateful heart we know that everything is a gift from God.

To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



Dear St. Pancratius Family,

This upcoming Sunday, the central theme of the Gospel is gratitude. We are called to let gratitude shape every moment of our lives. The Church teaches that every joy, sorrow, need, and circumstance can become an offering of Thanksgiving. St. Paul says, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thess 5:18). The very word *Eucharist* means "thanksgiving," and the celebration of mass is the summit of our gratitude to the Father. As Pope Francis reminded us, thanksgiving is the heart of the most essential Sacrament, the Eucharist, which turns our lives into a continuous "thank-you" to God.

In this spirit I invite you to:

- **Remember God's goodness daily.** Psalm 107 opens with a call to give thanks for the Lord's steadfast love, a reminder that every breath is a gift.
- **Offer prayers of thanksgiving.** The Catechism teaches that the prayer of thanksgiving flows from the realization that "all that one is and all that one has is a gift from God." Let your petitions be mingled with gratitude, as St. Paul exhorts in Philippians 4:6.
- **Live the gratitude of the Eucharist.** By participating in the Mass, we join the Church's universal thanksgiving, for "The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father" (CCC 1360).
- **Share gratitude with others.** A grateful heart spreads hope; as Pope Francis said, "If we are bearers of gratitude, the world will become better" (General Audience 30 December 2020).

May our lives be a continual hymn of praise, echoing the ancient prayer of the Church: "We give thanks to You, O Lord, for all Your wonderful works" (Psalm 75:1). Let us foster an attitude of gratitude, giving thanks to God and making the world a better place.

In Christ,

Father Miguel

Querida Familia de San Pancracio,

El tema central del Evangelio de este domingo es la gratitud. Estamos llamados a dejar que la gratitud moldee cada momento de nuestras vidas. La Iglesia enseña que cada alegría, tristeza, necesidad y circunstancia puede convertirse en una ofrenda de Acción de Gracias. San Pablo dice: "'Den gracias a Dios en todo, porque esta es la voluntad de Dios para con ustedes en Cristo Jesús' (1 Tes 5:18). La palabra Eucaristía significa 'acción de gracias', y la celebración de la misa es la cumbre de nuestra gratitud al Padre. Como nos recordó el Papa Francisco, la acción de gracias es el corazón del Sacramento más esencial, la Eucaristía, que convierte nuestras vidas en un continuo "gracias" a Dios.

Con este espíritu, los invito a:

- **Recordar la bondad de Dios a diario.** El Salmo 107 comienza con un llamado a dar gracias por el amor inagotable del Señor, un recordatorio de que cada respiro es un don.
- **Ofrecer oraciones de acción de gracias.** El Catecismo enseña que la oración de acción de gracias surge de la constatación de que "todo lo que uno es y todo lo que uno tiene es un don de Dios". Que sus peticiones estén impregnadas de gratitud, como exhorta San Pablo en Filipenses 4:6.
- **Vivan la gratitud de la Eucaristía.** Al participar en la Misa, nos unimos a la acción de gracias universal de la Iglesia, porque "la Eucaristía es un sacrificio de acción de gracias al Padre" (CIC 1360).
- **Compartan la gratitud con los demás.** Un corazón agradecido infunde esperanza; como dijo el Papa Francisco: "Si somos portadores de gratitud, el mundo mejorará" (Audiencia General, 30 de diciembre de 2020).

Que nuestra vida sea un canto continuo de alabanza, haciendo eco de la antigua oración de la Iglesia: "Te damos gracias, Señor, por todas tus maravillas" (Salmo 75:1). Cultivemos una actitud de gratitud, dando gracias a Dios y haciendo del mundo un lugar mejor.

En Cristo,

Padre Miguel

BULLETIN SERIES ON THE FUTURE SANCTUARY UPDATES

The Meaning of Our New Altar

An altar is the central point of every church — the heart of the sanctuary — because it symbolizes Christ Himself and represents both the table of the Last Supper and the altar of sacrifice at Calvary. Every Mass centers on this sacred table, where heaven and earth meet in the mystery of the Eucharist.

Traditionally, an altar is constructed from a single slab of stone and consecrated with a relic of a saint. It is adorned with sacred furnishings — a crucifix, candles, and linen cloths — that reflect reverence and beauty, all pointing to Christ's presence among His people.

Our new altar, pictured for you, will be made of marble and hand-carved wood with a gilt finish. At its center is an image of the Lamb bearing a cross — the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. The word *Sanctus* (Latin for "Holy") is inscribed as a reminder of the hymn we sing at every Mass: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts..."

These are the same words shouted by the crowds in Jerusalem as Jesus entered the city on Palm Sunday — words that draw us into the mystery of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection each time we celebrate the Eucharist.

The Relic of St. Candidus

Within this new altar will be placed the relic of St. Candidus, the same relic that rested in our old altar. While little is known about the movement of his relics, historical records tell us that the relics of St.

Candidus were enshrined in the Serra Chapel at San Fernando Mission in late 1992. They were originally brought from Rome by Bishop Thaddeus Amat, the first Bishop of Monterey-Los Angeles, around January 1868.

Upon his return from the Eternal City, Bishop Amat entrusted the relics to the Lazarist Fathers of St. Vincent's College in Los Angeles, likely removing a small portion of bone to be placed in local altar stones. Since the 1860s, it is estimated that over 90% of altar stones in Southern California contain relics of St. Candidus — a humble but powerful reminder of our connection to the communion of saints and the early Church.

The relic is placed within an altar stone engraved with five crosses — one in the center and one at each corner — representing the five wounds of Christ.

Why the Priest Kisses the Altar

You may have noticed that priests and deacons kiss the altar at the beginning and end of Mass. This ancient gesture expresses love, reverence, and union with Christ, whose sacrifice the altar represents, and honors the saints whose relics lie within it. Every kiss upon the altar is a sign of the Church's devotion to her Lord, who offered Himself once and for all for our salvation.

As we await the consecration of our new altar, may this moment deepen our appreciation for the sacredness of the Eucharist and renew our love for the mystery we celebrate: Christ our Priest, our Victim, and our Altar.



SERIE DE BOLETINES SOBRE LAS ACTUALIZACIONES A FUTURO DEL SANTUARIO

El Significado de Nuestro Nuevo Altar

El altar es el punto central de toda iglesia —el corazón del santuario— porque simboliza a Cristo mismo y representa tanto la mesa de la Última Cena como el altar del sacrificio en el Calvario. Cada Misa se centra en esta mesa sagrada, donde el cielo y la tierra se unen en el misterio de la Eucaristía.

Tradicionalmente, un altar se construye con una sola losa de piedra y se consagra con la reliquia de un santo. Se adorna con objetos sagrados —un crucifijo, velas y manteles de lino— que reflejan reverencia y belleza, todo ello señalando la presencia de Cristo entre su pueblo.

Nuestro nuevo altar, que se muestra en la imagen, será de mármol y madera tallada a mano con un acabado dorado. En su centro se encuentra la imagen del Cordero con la cruz: el Cordero de Dios que quita el pecado del mundo. La palabra *Sanctus* (del latín «Santo») está inscrita como recordatorio del himno que cantamos en cada misa: "Santo, Santo, Santo, Señor Dios de los ejércitos...".

Estas son las mismas palabras que gritaba la multitud en Jerusalén cuando Jesús entró en la ciudad el Domingo de Ramos; palabras que nos sumergen en el misterio de su Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección cada vez que celebramos la Eucaristía.

La Reliquia de San Cándido

En este nuevo altar se colocará la reliquia de San Cándido, la misma que reposaba en nuestro antiguo altar. Aunque se sabe poco sobre el traslado de sus reliquias, los registros históricos indican que

las reliquias de San Cándido fueron consagradas en la Capilla Serra de la Misión de San Fernando a finales de 1992. Originalmente, fueron traídas desde Roma por el obispo Tadeo Amat, primer obispo de Monterey-Los Ángeles, alrededor de enero de 1868.

A su regreso de la Ciudad Eterna, el obispo Amat confió las reliquias a los Padres Lazaristas del Colegio de San Vicente en Los Ángeles, probablemente extrayendo una pequeña porción de hueso para colocarla en las lápidas del altar local. Desde la década de 1860, se estima que más del 90% de las lápidas del sur de California contienen reliquias de San Cándido, un humilde pero poderoso recordatorio de nuestra conexión con la comunión de los santos y la Iglesia primitiva.

La reliquia se coloca dentro de una lápida grabada con cinco cruces, una en el centro y una en cada esquina, que representan las cinco llagas de Cristo.

Por qué el sacerdote besa el altar

Quizás hayan notado que los sacerdotes y diáconos besan el altar al principio y al final de la misa. Este antiguo gesto expresa amor, reverencia y unión con Cristo, cuyo sacrificio representa el altar, y honra a los santos cuyas reliquias reposan en él. Cada beso en el altar es un signo de la devoción de la Iglesia a su Señor, quien se ofreció de una vez por todas por nuestra salvación.

Mientras esperamos la consagración de nuestro nuevo altar, que este momento profundice nuestro aprecio por la santidad de la Eucaristía y renueve nuestro amor por el misterio que celebramos: Cristo, nuestro Sacerdote, nuestra Víctima y nuestro Altar.



**FOOD &
BEER**

**COSTUME
CONTEST**

**GRAND
RAFFLE**

PTO PRESENTS

FALL FEST

**TRUNK OR
TREAT**

OKTOBERFEST

**ST. PANCRATIUS
SCHOOL CAMPUS**
3601 SAINT PANCRATIUS PL.
LAKEWOOD, CA 90712



SATURDAY, OCT. 18
4:00 PM - 9:30 PM
(COSTUME CONTEST AT 5:30PM)
(TRUNK OR TREAT 6:30PM-8:30PM)

St. Pancratius Parish School 2025 Fall Raffle

A decorative swirl of autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red, starting from the top right and curving down towards the left, framing the title.

It's that time again! St. Pancratius School is having its annual Fall Raffle.

Ways you can help:

- 1) Purchase raffle tickets after the Sunday morning masses on Sunday, September 28th and Sunday, October 5th.**
- 2) Have a business or a family sponsor our Fall Raffle to help defray our event costs. Pick up a flyer by the church doors or download a copy of the sponsorship flyer on our school website at www.stpanschool.org.**

Drawing will be held on Saturday, October 18th at St. Pancratius School during our Trunk or Treat event. Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$50.00 for a book.

Thank you for your support!

Grand Prize \$3,000.00 Cash

2nd Prize \$1,500.00 Cash

3rd Prize \$1,000.00 Cash

4th Prize \$500.00 Cash

A decorative swirl of autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red, starting from the bottom left and curving up towards the right, framing the prize list.

Tamales Fundraiser

Sunday, October 12th after Masses
All proceeds will be used for Our Lady of Guadalupe's Feast Day celebration on December 12th.

Venta de Tamales

**Domingo, 12 de octubre
despues de Misas**
Todo lo recaudado se utilizara para la celebraci3n de Nuestra Se1ora de Guadalupe el 12 de diciembre.

St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 26th
11am-2pm

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TOUR PMA CAMPUS AND CLASSROOMS
MEET FACULTY, COACHES, & LEADERSHIP
FIND OUT ABOUT CLUBS, ATHLETICS,
& EXTRACURRICULARS
LEARN ABOUT OUR EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM
& SCHOLARSHIPS

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OCTOBER SCHEDULE

CHURCH CLOSED DURING THE WEEK DUE TO RENOVATIONS

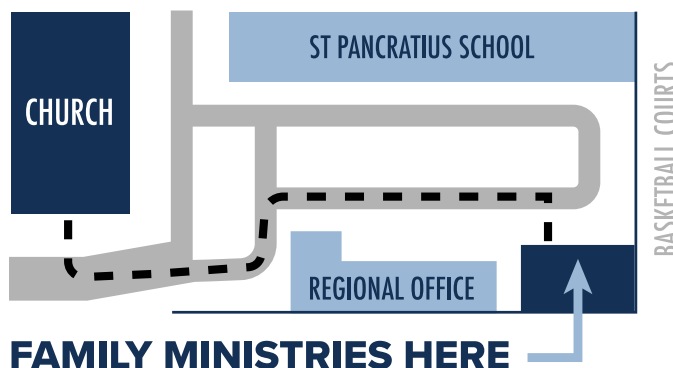
MONDAY - FRIDAY

6:30AM MASS

MOVED TO THE FAMILY MINISTRIES CENTER
NO LIVESTREAM

ADORATION 5PM - 7PM

MONDAYS in the Family Ministries Center
TUESDAYS - Canceled
WEDNESDAYS - Canceled
THURSDAYS - Canceled
FRIDAYS in the Family Ministries Center



**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
MASSES IN THE CHURCH**

Las renovaciones en la Iglesia continúan este mes de octubre. La iglesia seguirá cerrada de lunes a viernes. La Misa de 6:30 a.m. se celebrará en el Centro de Ministerios Familiares. Habrá Adoración Eucarística los lunes y viernes de 5pm a 7pm en el Centro de Ministerios Familiares.

Helping The Homeless

We will be providing food and clothing to our homeless brothers and sisters in Downtown LA on **Sunday, October 12, 2025**. If you would like to join us, please meet behind the rectory garage at 1:15 pm. If you have any questions, please contact George McCurdy 562-477-0485 or Mary McCurdy 562-477-7494. The Feed the Homeless Ministry at St. Pancratius is very grateful for all your support and kind donations each month.

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, WE ONLY NEED DONATIONS OF:

- Hygiene Supplies (toothpaste, wash cloths, bars of soap, travel size shampoo, lotion, deodorant, hand sanitizer)
- Socks
- Towels
- Blankets
- Women's and Men's T-Shirts
- Women's & Men's Jeans

PLEASE NOTE: NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES



Serious Illness Group

Join us on Monday,
October 13th at 6:30pm

All are welcome (including spouses, care-givers, friends & relatives). We encourage you to bring a poem, scripture reading or anything that brings you comfort. These faith-based meetings are held at the Tanner Residence: 5530 Wagner Ave, Lakewood.

Please Contact Diane if you have any questions: 562-896-2405.

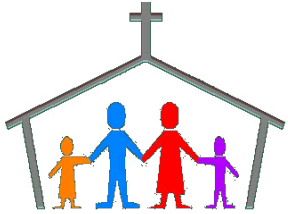


Pilgrim Image of Fatima

The Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima is available to visit the homes of our parishioners throughout the year. This is a beautiful opportunity to welcome Our Lady into your home and dedicate some time to prayer and reflection. To sign up, please contact Marlene De Vera (562-541-4796). Let us open our hearts and homes to Our Lady's message of peace and conversion.

Virgen Peregrina de Fatima

La Imagen Peregrina de Nuestra Señora de Fátima está disponible para visitar los hogares de nuestros feligreses durante todo el año. Esta es una hermosa oportunidad para recibir a la Virgen en su hogar y dedicar un tiempo a la oración y reflexión. Para inscribirse, simplemente anote su nombre en la lista ubicada en la entrada principal de la iglesia. Abramos nuestro corazón y hogar al mensaje de paz y conversión de Nuestra Señora.



COMMISSIONED BY JESUS
*"We commit ourselves to the Mission of
Jesus Christ.....We care for those in need..."*



ST. PANCRATIUS "WRAPS OF LOVE"
WINTER COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 16, 2025

FOR NEEDY HOMELESS
ADULT MEN AND WOMEN (ONLY) [NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES]

NEW OR GENTLY USED:
COATS / JACKETS / SWEATSHIRTS
(PLEASE NO SWEATERS)
WARM BEANIES / GLOVES / UMBRELLAS
BLANKETS / SLEEPING BAGS / TARPS / TENTS

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE
"DRIVE AND DROP"
BEHIND THE ST. PANCRATIUS RECTORY GARAGE

AFTER EACH MASS ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

*...Amen, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers,
you did it to me.*
(Matthew 25:40)

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY
Sponsored by the Ministries of St. Pancratius



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CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR **ST. PANCRATIUS SCHOOL**

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND | 4-8PM
5310 LAKEWOOD BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA, 90712

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **V2XKZPK**
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For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

LIFE

Our Sign of Hope



There is perhaps no more beautiful celebration than when parents bring their newborn child to the waters of baptism. Parents, godparents, family, and friends share in this sacrament with incomparable joy. For in baptism, we share in Christ's death and resurrection, and through the outward signs of water and oil, are made *children of God* and given the hope of eternal life with Him.

"The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope."¹ Through our Lord Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious. "Hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite not knowing what the future may bring."² Because of this Christian hope, we can face the unknown trials of life with faith rather than fear.

We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today."³

Sadly, there is a devastating absence of hope today. We see this most profoundly in a sweeping disregard for human life in its most vulnerable forms and stages. Abortion and assisted suicide are products of

"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us." Romans 5:5

hopelessness and despair. Yet even amid the increasing attacks on human life, we know that the "storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death."⁴

We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened. For "hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross."⁵

Having been "buried with Christ in Baptism, we receive in his resurrection the gift of a new life that breaks down the walls of death."⁶ Confident of God's presence within us, may we share the Gospel of Life with those most in need of hope, knowing that "the grace of God precedes and accompanies his people as they press forward firm in faith, active in charity and steadfast in hope."⁷

¹ Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 20.

² Ibid, 1.

³ Pope Leo XIV, Vatican News, May 26, 2025: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/pope-leo-xiv-africa-day-pilgrimage-blessing-vatican-basilica.html>.

⁴ Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 25.

⁵ Ibid, 3.

⁶ Ibid, 20.

⁷ Ibid, 6.

VIDA

nuestro signo de esperanza



Tal vez no haya una celebración más hermosa que la de los padres cuando llevan a su hijo recién nacido a las aguas del bautismo. Padres, padrinos, familiares y amigos participan de este sacramento con una alegría incomparable. En el bautismo participamos de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo y, por los signos externos del agua y el óleo, somos hechos hijos de Dios y recibimos la esperanza de la vida eterna con Él.

“Jesucristo, muerto y resucitado, es el centro de nuestra fe y la garantía de nuestra esperanza”.¹ Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, nuestros pecados son perdonados, la muerte es vencida y la vida es victoriosa. “Anida la esperanza como deseo y expectativa del bien, aun ignorando lo que traerá consigo el mañana”.² Gracias a esta esperanza cristiana, podemos enfrentar las pruebas desconocidas de la vida con fe en lugar de temor.

Estamos llamados a ser signos de esperanza para todas las personas, especialmente para aquellas cuya bondad, valor y dignidad se ven socavados. Como miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, llevamos esta esperanza con nosotros mientras continuamos la misión de Jesús en la tierra. El papa León XIV nos anima: “Qué importante es que cada bautizado se sienta llamado por Dios a ser signo de esperanza en el mundo de hoy”.³

Lamentablemente, hoy en día existe una devastadora ausencia de esperanza. Vemos esto más profundamente en un desprecio generalizado por la vida humana en sus formas y etapas más vulnerables. El aborto y el suicidio asistido son producto de la desesperanza y la desesperación. Sin embargo, incluso en medio de los crecientes ataques contra la vida humana, sabemos que

“Y la esperanza no quedará defraudada, porque el amor de Dios ha sido derramado en nuestros corazones por el Espíritu Santo, que nos ha sido dado”.
Romanos 5,5

las “las tempestades nunca podrán prevalecer, porque estamos anclados en la esperanza de la gracia, que nos hace capaces de vivir en Cristo superando el pecado, el miedo y la muerte”.⁴

Se nos ha confiado un mensaje de esperanza para la mujer que tiene un embarazo inesperado o para el hombre a quien se le diagnostica una enfermedad terminal. En estos momentos difíciles, debemos llevar la presencia de Dios, dando testimonio de Su amor e inspirando una renovación de la esperanza en aquellas personas que tienen el corazón agobiado. Porque “la esperanza efectivamente nace del amor y se funda en el amor que brota del Corazón de Jesús traspasado en la cruz”.⁵

Al haber sido “en el Bautismo, en efecto, sepultados con Cristo, recibimos en el resucitado el don de una vida nueva, que derriba el muro de la muerte”.⁶ Confiados en la presencia de Dios dentro de nosotros, compartamos el Evangelio de la Vida con los más necesitados de esperanza, sabiendo que “la gracia de Dios precede y acompaña al pueblo que camina entusiasta en la fe, diligente en la caridad y perseverante en la esperanza”.⁷

¹ Papa Francisco, *Spes nos confundit*. 20

² Ibid. 1.

³ Papa León XIV, Vatican News, 26 de mayo de 2025: <https://www.aciprensa.com/noticias/113725/vaticano-papa-leon-xiv-recuerda-que-la-fe-en-cristo-no-es-solo-de-domingos>.

⁴ Papa Francisco, *Spes nos confundit*. 25

⁵ Ibid. 3.

⁶ Ibid. 20.

⁷ Ibid. 6.



ST. PANCRATIUS PARISH SCHOOL



Voted Lakewood's
Best Elementary
School!

We are now accepting applications for the

2025 -2026 school year.

Please call the school office at
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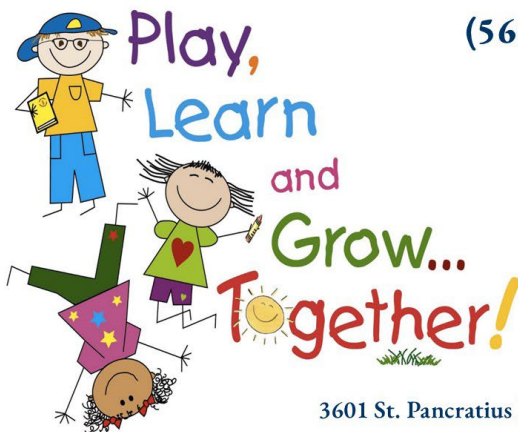
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