

St. Pancratius CHURCH

JANUARY 4, 2026 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Pastor: Fr. Andrew Chung

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Rectory

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Office Hours

Monday 12:00pm - 4:00pm
Tuesday-Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday Closed
Sunday 8:00am - 1:30pm

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Phone (562) 634 - 6111 ext. 302

St. Pancratius Elementary School

Phone (562) 634 - 6310
Principal Ms. Melina Ramirez
Website: www.stpanschool.org

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



"We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage."
Matthew 2:2

"Hemos visto su estrella en el oriente
y hemos venido a adorar al Señor."
Mateo 2,2



Stewardship of Treasure

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection	Church	School	Family Ministries
Dec. 7	\$9,053.15	\$274.00	\$735.00
Dec. 14	\$11,851.04	\$344.00	\$136.00
Dec. 21	\$9,746.61	\$618.00	\$135.00
Dec. 28	\$18,972.30	\$216.00	\$10.00
Faith Direct Dec. 5	\$792.00		
Faith Direct Dec. 15			
Total Offertory	\$50,415.10	\$1,452.00	\$1,016.00
Goals for December	\$46,200.00	\$1,620.00	\$1,005.00

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 10/31/25):



Parish Goal: \$670,000.00
Total Pledged: \$1,774,643.96
Total Paid: \$1,003,426.04

***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?

The challenge of complacency

Safe adults often move through the world with a heightened awareness of what could be suspicious behavior and warning signs – this may feel overwhelming. If they never encounter abuse, they could easily become complacent — thinking there is no potential for abuse because they have not seen it in their own lives. The antidote to complacency is to always remember the end goal: the safety and well-being of the children and vulnerable people in our parishes, schools, ministries and communities. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "The Challenge of Complacency" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

Read the VIRTUS® article "The Challenge of Complacency" [here](#).

¿SABÍA USTED?

El desafío de la complacencia

Los adultos de confianza suelen mover por el mundo con una mayor conciencia de lo que podría ser un comportamiento sospechoso o señales de alerta, lo cual puede resultar agobiante. Si nunca se encuentra con casos de abuso, podría caer fácilmente en la complacencia, pensando que no hay posibilidad de abuso porque no lo han visto en sus propias vidas. El antidoto contra la complacencia es recordar siempre el objetivo final: la seguridad y el bienestar de los niños y las personas vulnerables en nuestras parroquias, escuelas, ministerios y comunidades. Para mayores informes lea el artículo de VIRTUS® "The Challenge of Complacency" (El desafío de la complacencia) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

Lea el artículo de VIRTUS® "The Challenge of Complacency" (El desafío de la complacencia) [aquí](#).

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.



Dear St. Pancratius Family,

On this **Solemnity of the Epiphany**, as we rejoice in Christ's manifestation to all nations through the Magi's visit, our Church treasures a cherished tradition: the **blessing of homes with Epiphany chalk**. This simple yet profound practice invites Christ's light into our daily lives, marking our doorways as sacred thresholds of faith.

Rooted in popular piety, the custom involves inscribing above the door lintel a **cross of salvation**, the current year, and the initials **C + M + B** (for *Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar*, the traditional names of the Magi). These letters also stand for the Latin prayer "***Christus mansionem benedicat***"—"May Christ bless this house." Written with blessed chalk, often during family processions led by children, it echoes the Magi's journey to the Holy Family's home, where they offered gifts and worshiped the newborn King. This act, approved by the Church, expresses **Christ's blessing through the intercession of the Magi**, transforming ordinary homes into places of grace, charity, and evangelization.

The tradition draws from Scripture's imagery of light dawning on dwellings (Isaiah 60:1-6) and the Magi's adoration in the house at Bethlehem (Matthew 2:11), reminding us that every Christian home is a domestic church where Jesus is welcomed as Lord. In a world of uncertainty, it shields families under the Cross, fostering solidarity with strangers and echoing Epiphany's call to draw all peoples to Christ.

To bless your home this Epiphany, just follow the instructions provided with the chalk.

Let this mark be a daily witness: as you pass through your door, recommit to carrying Christ's light outward. May every home in our parish shine as a beacon of the Epiphany!

In the light of Christ,

Father Miguel

Querida familia de San Pancracio,

En esta **Solemnidad de la Epifanía**, mientras nos regocijamos en la manifestación de Cristo a todas las naciones a través de la visita de los Reyes Magos, nuestra Iglesia atesora una hermosa tradición: la **bendición de los hogares con tiza/gis de la Epifanía**. Esta práctica sencilla pero profunda invita la luz de Cristo a nuestras vidas diarias, marcando nuestras puertas como umbrales sagrados de fe.

Arraigada en la piedad popular, la costumbre consiste en inscribir sobre el dintel de la puerta una **cruc de salvación**, el año actual y las iniciales **C + M + B** (de *Gaspar, Melchor y Baltasar*, los nombres tradicionales de los Reyes Magos). Estas letras también representan la oración en latín "***Christus mansionem benedicat***"—"Que Cristo bendiga esta casa"—. Escrita con tiza/gis bendecido, a menudo durante procesiones que evocan el viaje de los Reyes Magos a la casa de la Sagrada Familia, donde ofrecieron regalos y adoraron al Rey recién nacido. Este acto, aprobado por la Iglesia, expresa la **bendición de Cristo a través de la intercesión de los Reyes Magos**, transformando los hogares ordinarios en lugares de gracia, caridad y evangelización.

La tradición se inspira en las imágenes bíblicas de la luz que amanece sobre las moradas (Isaías 60:1-6) y la adoración de los Reyes Magos en la casa de Belén (Mateo 2:11), recordándonos que cada hogar cristiano es una iglesia doméstica donde Jesús es acogido como Señor. En un mundo de incertidumbre, protege a las familias bajo la Cruz, fomentando la solidaridad con los extraños y haciendo eco del llamado de la Epifanía a atraer a todos los pueblos a Cristo.

Para bendecir su hogar en esta Epifanía, simplemente siga las instrucciones que se proporcionan con la tiza/gis.

Que esta marca sea un testimonio diario: al cruzar su puerta, renueve su compromiso de llevar la luz de Cristo al mundo. ¡Que cada hogar de nuestra parroquia brille como un faro de la Epifanía!

En la luz de Cristo,

Padre Miguel

IT'S TIME FOR



PANTHER BASEBALL

OFFERED THROUGH THE CATHOLIC BASEBALL LEAGUE



Open to boys and girls Ages 4 to 14

Season will be played February - May 2026
(Practices begin in late January)

Children will learn the fundamentals of baseball,
good sportsmanship, comradery and more importantly,
the teachings of the Catholic Church

REGISTER ONLINE BY JANUARY 24

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE

LEVEL	AGES	KEEP SCORE	RECORD KEPT	OTHER RULES
T - Ball	6 under	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Typically EK & Kindergarten - Each player bats every inning - Each player plays every inning - Players experience every position
D	8 under	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Instructional league - Flexiball baseballs are used - Players hit off pitching machine - Inning run limits
C	10 under	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pony Baseball league rules - Hardball baseballs are used - May not lead off bases - Pitching from a stretch - Pitching limits
B	12 under	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pony Baseball league rules - Hardball baseballs are used - Lead off bases and may steal any bases except home plate - Pitching from a stretch - Pitching limits - Balk rules apply
A	14 under	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pony Baseball league rules - Hardball baseballs are used - Lead off bases and may steal base - Dropped third strike is in effect - Pitching from a stretch - Pitching limits - Balk rules apply

Players can move up in divisions but typically not able to move down

FEES

Baseball Divisions A - D \$160 per child

T-Ball \$125 per child

(\$10 Discount per Additional Sibling Registered)

Checks payable to St. Pancratius

PLEASE NOTE: Once uniforms have been ordered or rosters have been submitted (whichever comes first), registration fees are no longer refundable.



Registration fee includes

- Jersey
- Hat
- Pictures
- Umpire Fees
- End of Season

Awards/Ceremony



If you are interested in coaching or being a team parent, please fill out a volunteer application. All coaches, assistant coaches, team parents and other volunteers must be VIRTUS certified and fingerprinted under the Archdiocese of Los Angeles before the beginning of the season.

For more information, text or call:

Rafael Zuniga (562) 307 - 3722

Email: stpanbaseball@gmail.com



Pro Life Rosary

January 6, 2026

Every first Tuesday of the month we pray a special Pro-Life rosary to promote the culture of life. The rosary takes place at 6:15 p.m. during Adoration.

ST. PANCRATIUS PRESENTS
MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

SCAN QR CODE
FOR CALENDAR

Calendar Dates

Sunday, Jan. 11th from 1pm to 2pm
Monday, Jan. 12th from 4pm to 5pm
Sunday, Jan. 18th from 1pm to 2pm

Location: Family Ministries Center

Pilgrim Image of Guadalupe

The Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe 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 compassion and hope.

Virgen Peregrina de Guadalupe

La Imagen Peregrina de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe 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 o comuníquese con Verónica Avalos. Abramos nuestro corazón y hogar al mensaje de esperanza y compasión de Nuestra Señora.



Helping The Homeless

We will be providing food and clothing to our homeless brothers and sisters in Downtown LA on **Sunday, January 11, 2026**. 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 DECEMBER, WE ONLY NEED DONATIONS OF:

- Hygiene Supplies (toothpaste, wash cloths, bars of soap, travel size shampoo, lotion, deodorant, hand sanitizer, Kleenex tissues)
- Bath 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,
January 12th 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.

You are cordially invited to visit our Open House!

Where: St Pancratius School

3601 St. Pancratius Place Lakewood, CA 90712

When: Sunday, January 25, 2026

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

**Visit our STEM Lab, Science Fair, Book Fair,
Library and Amazing Classrooms!**

**Pick up applications for the 2026-2027 school year, and
flyers for our TK/Kinder Information Night and Summer Programs.**

Visit our website: stpanschool.org



**Voted Lakewood's
Best Elementary
School!**

Tuition Assistance for a Catholic Education

**Your student could be eligible
for a tuition award!**

**A TK-8th Grade School. Ask us about the
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