



St. Pancratius CHURCH

OCTOBER 5, 2025 | TWENTY-SEVENTH 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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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

Rosary

Monday-Friday 5:00pm-7:00pm
Monday-Friday 6:15pm



LIFE

Our Sign of Hope

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October 2025
respectlife.org/celebrate

[CLICK HERE](#) to read this year's reflection.

[HAGA CLIC AQUÍ](#) para leer la reflexión de este año.



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?

AI-generated explicit images

With the rising use of AI, explicit nonconsensual images can be generated easily and without the victim's knowledge. An offender now may not even need an explicit image to work from. When threatened with explicit AI-generated images being published or distributed online, victims often succumb to demands for money, in-person meetings or worse. This can affect anyone, regardless of age or gender – but children are most at risk. For more information, 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?

Imágenes explícitas generadas por IA

Con el aumento del uso de la inteligencia artificial, se pueden generar fácilmente imágenes explícitas no consentidas sin el conocimiento de la víctima. Ahora, es posible que el agresor ni siquiera necesite una imagen explícita para actuar. Cuando se ven amenazadas con la publicación o distribución en línea de imágenes explícitas generadas por IA, las víctimas suelen sucumbir a las demandas de dinero, reuniones en persona o cosas peores. Esto puede afectar a cualquier persona, independientemente de su edad o género, pero los niños son los que corren mayor riesgo. 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 Jesus tells his disciples, "When you have done all you have been commanded, say: We are unprofitable servants; we have only done what we were obliged to do."



This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned, for indeed we are only doing "what we are obliged to do".

Dear St. Pancratius Family,

It is October! This month we celebrate some “heavy hitters” among our friends in heaven: St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the Guardian Angels, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Faustina, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Luke, St. John Paul II, and St. Jude. All of them lead us toward the great celebration of All Saints’ Day on November 1st.

October is also the Month of the Rosary, with October 7th marking the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Many of us have rosaries at home—some even wear them as a sign of devotion—but the true value of the rosary is in using it for prayer. The rosary is a powerful way to guard our hearts from the evil one and to meditate on the mysteries of Christ's life with Mary, His Mother, as our guide.

If you are unsure how to begin, here's a helpful link with simple steps: [How to Pray the Rosary](#). Remember, the rosary can be prayed alone, with family, or as a community—and every time we pray it, we join countless saints who loved this prayer before us.

Jesus gave us His Blessed Mother as He hung on the Cross, and through her intercession we are never without a mother's love and protection. Let us turn to her often, especially this month, and draw close to Christ through the gift of the rosary.

In Christ,

Father Andrew

Querida Familia de San Pancracio,

¡Es octubre! Este mes celebramos a algunos grande santos entre nuestros amigos del cielo: Santa Teresita de Lisieux, los Ángeles Guardianes, San Francisco de Asís, Santa Faustina, Santa Teresa de Ávila, Santa Margarita María Alacoque, San Lucas, San Juan Pablo II y San Judas Tadeo. Todos ellos nos guían hacia la gran celebración del Día de Todos los Santos, el 1 de noviembre.

Octubre también es el Mes del Rosario, y el 7 de octubre se conmemora la festividad de Nuestra Señora del Rosario. Muchos tenemos rosarios en casa —algunos incluso los usan como signo de devoción—pero el verdadero valor del rosario reside en usarlo para orar. El rosario es una manera poderosa de proteger nuestros corazones del maligno y de meditar en los misterios de la vida de Cristo con María, su Madre, como guía.

Si no sabes cómo empezar, aquí tienes un enlace útil con pasos sencillos: [Cómo rezar el Rosario](#). Recuerda, el rosario se puede rezar solo, en familia o en comunidad, y cada vez que lo rezamos, nos unimos a innumerables santos que amaron esta oración antes que nosotros.

Jesús nos dio a su Santísima Madre mientras colgaba de la cruz, y por su intercesión nunca nos falta el amor y la protección de una madre. Acudamos a ella con frecuencia, especialmente este mes, y acerquémonos a Cristo a través del don del rosario.

En Cristo,

Padre Andrew

CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE

By God's grace—and through your generosity in the Called to Renew (CTR) Campaign—we are making important updates to our parish. A portion of the funds collected is currently being used to upgrade the church's lighting, painting, flooring, and pews. This work will continue through the month of October.

We are also excited to share artistic renderings of what awaits St. Pancratius in the summer of 2026. Granda, a liturgical design company based in Spain, will assist in updating our sanctuary. They will be fabricating custom fixtures, including statues, a new baptismal font, ambry, tabernacle, sanctuary lamp, altar, ambo, and chairs. The stained glass in the sanctuary will also be renewed with images of saints.

Nothing will go to waste—items currently in the sanctuary will be repurposed either in the church or school, or donated. In addition, the unused confessional will be transformed into a devotional nook dedicated to the Sacred Heart and Divine Mercy.

This is only the beginning of what is to come. Patio and hall projects are still ahead as part of our Called To Renew commitments. With your continued prayers, generosity, and support, we will move forward step by step—preserving and enhancing our parish as a place of worship and community life for many years to come.

ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LA RENOVACIÓN DE LA IGLESIA

Gracias a Dios y a su generosidad en la Campaña Llamados a Renovar, estamos realizando importantes mejoras en nuestra parroquia. Parte de los fondos recaudados se está utilizando para mejorar la iluminación, la pintura, el suelo y las bancas de la iglesia. Este trabajo continuará durante el mes de octubre.

Nos complace compartir representaciones artísticas de lo que le espera a San Pancracio en el verano de 2026. Granda, una empresa de diseño litúrgico con sede en España, colaborará en la renovación de nuestro santuario. Fabricarán elementos a medida, como estatuas, una nueva pila bautismal, un ambón, un tabernáculo, una lámpara del santuario, un altar, un ambón y sillas. Los vitrales del santuario también se renovarán con imágenes de santos.

No se desperdiciará nada: los objetos que se encuentran actualmente en el santuario se reutilizarán en la iglesia o la escuela, o se donarán. Además, el confesionario sin uso se transformará en un rincón de devoción dedicado al Sagrado Corazón y a la Divina Misericordia.

Esto es solo el comienzo de lo que está por venir. Los proyectos del patio y el salón siguen en marcha como parte de nuestros fondos de Llamados a Renovar. Con sus continuas oraciones, generosidad y apoyo, avanzaremos paso a paso, preservando y fortaleciendo nuestra parroquia como lugar de culto y vida comunitaria por muchos años.

Artistic Rendering of
St. Pancratius Sanctuary



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.

**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)

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



OCTOBER SCHEDULE

CHURCH CLOSED DURING THE WEEK DUE TO RENOVATIONS

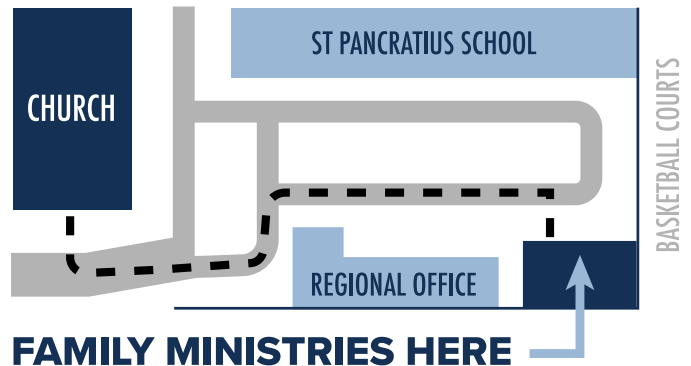
MONDAY - FRIDAY

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.



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 celebración de
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el 12 de diciembre.



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.



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
(562) 634-6310 if you are interested in
enrollment or a campus tour.

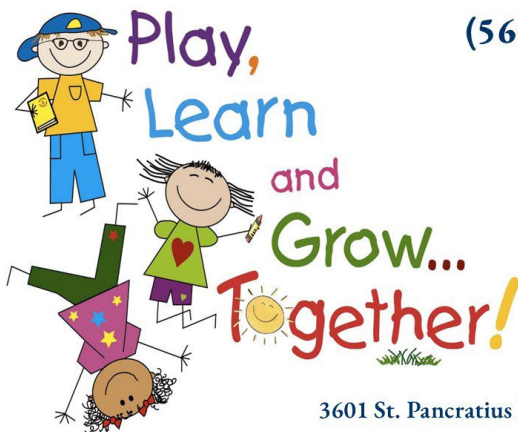
Small Class Sizes

Stem Lab

Spanish, Music, PE

Christ Centered Curriculum

Financial Aid Available



3601 St. Pancratius Place Lakewood, CA 90712 www.stpanschool.org

Tuition Assistance for a Catholic Education



(562) 634-6310

3601 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood, CA 90712

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.