



# St. Pancratius CHURCH

DECEMBER 14, 2025 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Pastor:** Fr. Andrew Chung

**Associate Pastor:** Fr. Miguel A. Cabrera

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Sam & Teresa Montoya

## **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

## **Office of Family Ministries (Faith Formation)**

Phone (562) 634 - 6111 ext. 302

## **St. Pancratius Elementary School**

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



Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return  
and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy;  
they will meet with joy and gladness,  
sorrow and mourning will flee. - Isaiah 35:10

*Volverán a casa los rescatados por el Señor,  
vendrán a Sión con cánticos de júbilo, coronados de  
perpetua alegría; serán su escolta el gozo y la dicha,  
porque la pena y la aflicción  
habrán terminado. - Isaías 35:10*



## Stewardship of Treasure

### WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection	Church	School	Family Ministries
Dec. 7	\$9,053.15	\$274.00	\$735.00
Dec. 14			
Dec. 21			
Dec. 28			
Nov. 30			
Faith Direct Dec. 5	\$792.00		
Faith Direct Dec. 15			
Total Offertory	\$9,845.15	\$274.00	\$735.00
Goals for December	\$52,191.00	\$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?

#### Watch out for fire dangers

Christmas is a popular time to decorate with candles and electric lights, both inside and out of the house. These decorations can be beautiful and festive but also come with the risk of fires. Parents should make sure to keep candles out of reach of children, and off surfaces where they could be easily knocked over. All lights should be checked for faulty wires or other defective parts that could cause a fire. For more information, read the "Holiday Safety" article on <https://www.nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/seasonal-safety/winter-safety/holiday?/>.

### ¿SABÍA USTED?

#### Cuidado con los peligros de incendio

La Navidad es una época popular para decorar con velas y luces eléctricas, tanto adentro como afuera de la casa. Estas decoraciones pueden ser muy bonitas y festivas, pero también conllevan el riesgo de incendios. Los padres de familia deben asegurarse de mantener las velas fuera del alcance de los niños y fuera de las superficies donde puedan darse vuelta fácilmente. Todas las luces deben revisarse en busca de cables defectuosos u otras piezas defectuosas que puedan provocar un incendio. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés, "Holiday Safety" (Seguridad durante las fiestas navideñas) en <https://www.nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/seasonal-safety/winter-safety/holiday?/>.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.



Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

Dear St. Pancratius Family,

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord always! We are turning the corner towards Christmas with the celebration of Gaudete Sunday. The violet vestments give way to rose, a gentle reminder that our waiting for the Lord is not marked by gloom but by hopeful joy. With Christmas just two weeks away, let this joy fill our hearts, even amid the busyness of the season or the challenges we face. I pray and hope your Advent thus far has been a fruitful journey. If it hasn't, it isn't too late to begin your path towards this great solemnity.

This Gaudete joy is God's gift to us today. In a world often weighed down by anxiety, let us rejoice that the Lord is near, drawing us into His merciful embrace. As we light the third Advent candle, commit to simple acts of joy: sharing a meal with family, forgiving a grudge, or serving the needy in our community. Confession is an opportunity to unburden our hearts and make room for Christ's light.

So a gentle reminder to make your way to confession here or another parish and prepare your hearts in the proper way to receive the fulness of graces offered in the season of Christmas.

We have our Posada, tree lighting and Nativity blessing this Sunday and hope you can join us. And of course our annual Simbang Gabi Mass at the Vigil Mass at 4:30pm next Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!

May the joy of the Lord be your strength as we prepare to welcome the Savior. Let us pray: Come, Lord Jesus, fill us with Your peace and gladness!

In Christ,

*Father Andrew*

Querida familia de San Pancracio,

*¡Alégrense, alégrense siempre en el Señor! Nos acercamos a la Navidad con la celebración del Domingo de Gaudete. Las vestiduras violetas dan paso al color rosa, un suave recordatorio de que nuestra espera del Señor no está marcada por la tristeza, sino por una alegría esperanzadora. A solo dos semanas de la Navidad, que esta alegría llene nuestros corazones, incluso en medio del ajetreo de la temporada o de los desafíos que enfrentamos. Oro y espero que su Adviento hasta ahora haya sido un camino fructífero. Si no lo ha sido, aún no es tarde para comenzar su camino hacia esta gran solemnidad.*

*Esta alegría de Gaudete es un regalo de Dios para nosotros hoy. En un mundo a menudo agobiado por la ansiedad, alegrémonos de que el Señor está cerca, atrayéndonos a su abrazo misericordioso. Al encender la tercera vela de Adviento, comprometámonos con actos sencillos de alegría: compartir una comida en familia, perdonar un rencor o servir a los necesitados en nuestra comunidad. La confesión es una oportunidad para aliviar nuestros corazones y hacer espacio para la luz de Cristo.*

*Así que les recuerdo que se acerquen al sacramento de la confesión aquí o en otra parroquia y preparen sus corazones de la manera adecuada para recibir la plenitud de las gracias que se ofrecen en la temporada de Navidad.*

*Tenemos nuestra posada, la iluminación del árbol navideño y la bendición del nacimiento este domingo y esperamos que puedan acompañarnos. Y, por supuesto, nuestra Misa anual de Simbang Gabi en la Misa de Vigilia a las 4:30 p. m. el próximo sábado, 20 de diciembre. ¡Esperamos verlos allí!*

*Que la alegría del Señor sea su fortaleza mientras nos preparamos para recibir al Salvador. Oremos: Ven, Señor Jesús, llénanos de tu paz y alegría.*

En Cristo,

*Padre Andres*





POSADA

TREE LIGHTING

BLESSING OF  
NATIVITY

REFRESHMENTS

PIÑATAS

# Waiting for Jesus



Sunday,  
December 14<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 p.m.

*Everyone is welcome for a  
joyful evening of prayer,  
fellowship, and family fun.*



COME AND  
JOIN US!

2025

# SIMBANG Gabi

Halina,  
Panginoon Hesus,  
Aming Liwanag at  
Pag-asa sa Gitna ng  
Kadiliman sa Mundo!

Come, Lord Jesus,  
Our Hope and Light  
Amidst the Darkness  
in the World!



ST. PANCRATIUS  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:30 p.m. Mass**  
**Reception to Follow**

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW FULL SCHEDULE  
IN LA ARCHDIOCESE](#)





## Sacrament of Reconciliation

### CONFESSIONS / CONFESIONES

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16  
 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17  
 6:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19  
 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20

## Schedule Changes

### OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. The office will re-open on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be NO Adoration on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> due to the School Christmas Program.

## Cambios de Horario

### OFICINA CERRADA

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el lunes, 15 de diciembre. La oficina reabrirá el martes 16 de diciembre.

### ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

No habrá Adoración el jueves, 18 de diciembre debido al programa navideño de la escuela.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MSGR KIELTY COUNCIL 10140

# 2025 Christmas Party

**Tuesday December 16 6 p.m.**

Dinner!  
 Games!  
 Gift Exchange!  
 50/50!  
 Trivia Quiz!  
 & More!

**K of C**

Msgr. Kielty Hall  
 St. Pancratius Church  
 Lakewood

**Potluck Dinner**  
 Ham & Turkey provided  
 Beverages provided  
 Please bring a main dish, side dish or dessert

**Secret Gift Exchange**  
 Please bring a WRAPPED gift, \$25 in value.  
 Gifts distributed by drawing  
 Secret Santa-style swapping allowed.

All Knights and their families invited -- bring a friend or prospective Knight!  
 RSVP: Tom Bray -- [tom.bray.home@gmail.com](mailto:tom.bray.home@gmail.com) or 951-756-3838

## Helping the Homeless

We will be providing food and clothing to our homeless brothers and sisters in Downtown LA on **Sunday, December 14, 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 DECEMBER, WE ONLY NEED DONATIONS OF:

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

**PLEASE NOTE: NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES**



# ST. PANCRATIUS CHURCH CHRISTMAS

## SCHEDULE / HORARIO

DEC **CHRISTMAS EVE / NOCHEBUENA**  
**24** 4:30pm Mass (English)  
*\*Livestreamed*

DEC **CHRISTMAS DAY / NAVIDAD**  
**25** 12:00am Midnight Mass (Bilingual)  
8:00am Mass (English)  
10:00am Mass (Bilingual)





# Rooted in Grace

## WIVES BIBLE STUDY

Growing deeper in faith, love, and marriage through God's Word.

A space for wives, engaged women, and those desiring marriage to connect, learn, and flourish in God's design for marriage.

Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him.



Colossians 2:7

**December 15 - 6pm**  
**December 22 - 6pm**  
**Location: Parish Hall**

ST. PANCRATIUS PRESENTS  
MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY  
**BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP**

SCAN QR CODE  
FOR CALENDAR



## Calendar Dates

No Bible Study on Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> due to 'Waiting for Jesus' Event.

**Location: Family Ministries Center**  
Monday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 5pm  
Sunday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 2pm  
Monday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 5pm  
Sunday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 2pm

## 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.



**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](http://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  
New Enrollment Initiative today!**



**(562) 634-6310**

**3601 St. Pancratius Pl., Lakewood, CA 90712**





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

*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](mailto:stpanbaseball@gmail.com)