



St. Pancratius CHURCH

DECEMBER 7, 2025 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Associate Pastor: Fr. Miguel A. Cabrera

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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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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

"A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths." - Matthew 3:3

*"Una voz clama en el desierto:
Preparen el camino del Señor,
enderecen sus senderos." - Mateo 3:3*





Stewardship of Treasure

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection	Church	School	Family Ministries
Nov. 2	\$8,260.80	\$115.00	\$414.00
Nov. 9	\$8,236.52	\$5.00	\$33.00
Nov. 16	\$8,168.25	\$368.00	\$20.00
Nov. 23	\$8,521.81	\$282.00	\$205.00
Nov. 30	\$7,788.73		
Faith Direct Nov. 2	\$13,006.00	\$400.00	\$220.00
Faith Direct Nov. 15	\$792.00		
Total Offertory	\$54,774.11	\$1,170.00	\$892.00
Goals for November	\$57,322.00	\$2,600.00	\$1,800.00

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?

Red flags in gift giving

'Tis the season for giving and receiving gifts, but some gifts are inappropriate for children to receive from adults. Talk to your children about appropriate gift giving – who they should give presents to and who they do not need to give to. Discuss when they should accept a present or not. This would be a good time to establish family rules about gift receiving. For example: friends and family may not accept gifts outside of established holidays, like a birthday or Christmas. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "An embarrassment of riches: establishing a framework for gift giving to kids" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Read the VIRTUS® article "An embarrassment of riches: establishing a framework for gift giving to kids" [here](#).

¿SABÍA USTED?

Señales de alarma en la entrega de regalos

Es época de hacer y recibir regalos, pero algunos regalos pueden ser inapropiados para que los niños los reciban de adultos. Hable con sus hijos sobre la forma adecuada de hacer regalos y a quién deben hacer regalos y a quién no. Hablen de cuándo deben aceptar un regalo o no. Es un buen momento para establecer normas familiares sobre la recepción de regalos. Por ejemplo: los amigos y familiares no pueden aceptar regalos fuera de las fiestas establecidas, como un cumpleaños o la Navidad. Para saber más lea el artículo en VIRTUS® "Una vergüenza de riquezas: establecer un marco para hacer regalos a los niños" (An embarrassment of riches: establishing a framework for gift giving to kids) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

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In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.



Dear St. Pancratius Family,

As we gather for the Second Sunday of Advent, the Church invites us to deepen our preparation for Christ's coming—not only in the joy of Christmas but in the renewal of our lives. John's voice echoes from the wilderness: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" (Matthew 3:2). This call is both urgent and hopeful, reminding us that true preparation begins with turning our hearts back to God, confessing our sins, and bearing "fruit worthy of repentance" (Matthew 3:8).

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist stands as the forerunner, baptizing with water and pointing to the One who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire (Matthew 3:11). His message challenges the complacency of the Pharisees and Sadducees, urging us not to rely on ancestry or status alone but on genuine conversion. Yet, this repentance opens the door to the beautiful vision from Isaiah: a shoot from the stump of Jesse, upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, bringing justice, righteousness, and a peaceable kingdom where "the wolf shall live with the lamb" (Isaiah 11:6). Imagine a world where harmony reigns, where the needy are delivered and the poor receive justice (Psalm 72:12). This is the kingdom Christ inaugurates, and Advent calls us to make straight paths for its arrival in our own lives.

St. Paul encourages us in Romans: "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15:7). In this season of waiting, let us examine our relationships—family, neighbors, and even those who differ from us—and extend Christ's mercy. As we light the second candle of our Advent wreath, symbolizing peace, may we commit to acts of kindness: forgiving a grudge, reaching out to the lonely, or simply listening with an open heart.

This Advent, let John's cry stir us to action. Attend Confession sometime during this Advent Season, reflect on Scripture daily, and prepare your home not just with decorations, but with prayer. Together, we await the Prince of Peace, who transforms our wilderness into a garden of hope.

In Christ's love,

Father Miguel

Querida familia de San Pancracio,

Al reunirnos en este Segundo Domingo de Adviento, la Iglesia nos invita a profundizar nuestra preparación para la venida de Cristo, no solo en la alegría de la Navidad, sino también en la renovación de nuestras vidas. La voz de Juan resuena desde el desierto: "Arrepiéntanse, porque ya está cerca el Reino de los cielos" (Mateo 3:2). Este llamado es a la vez urgente y esperanzador, recordándonos que la verdadera preparación comienza con la conversión de nuestros corazones a Dios, la confesión de nuestros pecados y "haciendo con obras su conversión" (Mateo 3:8).

En el Evangelio de hoy, Juan el Bautista se presenta como el precursor, bautizando con agua y señalando a Aquel que bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y fuego (Mateo 3:11). Su mensaje desafía la complacencia de los fariseos y saduceos, instándonos a no confiar solo en la ascendencia o el estatus social, sino en una conversión genuina. Sin embargo, este arrepentimiento abre la puerta a la hermosa visión de Isaías: un retoño del tronco de Jesé, sobre quien reposa el Espíritu del Señor, trayendo justicia, rectitud y un reino de paz donde "el lobo habitará con el cordero" (Isaías 11:6). Imaginemos un mundo donde reine la armonía, donde los necesitados sean liberados y los pobres reciban justicia (Salmo 72:12). Este es el reino que Cristo inaugura, y el Adviento nos llama a allanar los caminos para su llegada a nuestras propias vidas.

San Pablo nos anima en Romanos: "Por lo tanto, acójense los unos a los otros como Cristo los acogió a ustedes, para gloria de Dios." (Romanos 15:7). En este tiempo de espera, examinemos nuestras relaciones —familiares, vecinos e incluso aquellos que piensan diferente— y extendamos la misericordia de Cristo. Al encender la segunda vela de nuestra corona de Adviento, que simboliza la paz, comprometámonos con actos de bondad: perdonando un rencor, acompañando a quienes se sienten solos o simplemente escuchando con el corazón abierto.

Este Adviento, que el clamor de Juan nos impulse a la acción. Acudamos al sacramento de la Confesión en algún momento de este tiempo de Adviento, reflexionemos diariamente sobre las Escrituras y preparemos nuestro hogar no solo con decoraciones, sino también con oración. Juntos, esperamos al Príncipe de la Paz, que transforma nuestro desierto en un jardín de esperanza.

En el amor de Cristo,

Padre Miguel

ADVENT

ST. PANCRATIUS SCHEDULE 2025



Monday, December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

6:30 a.m. Mass (English)
8:15 a.m. Mass (with the school)
6:00 p.m. Mass (Bilingual)

Friday, December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:00 a.m. Mañanitas
6:30 a.m. Mass (Bilingual)
10:30 a.m. Mass (with the school)

Sunday, December 14

5:00 p.m. **Posada, Blessing of
the Nativity & Christmas
Tree Lighting**

Saturday, December 20

4:30 p.m. **Simbang Gabi**
Reception to follow

Sacrament of Reconciliation Confessions

3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6
3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13
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

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday through Friday
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*No Adoration on Thursday, Dec. 18
due to School Christmas Program*



SOLEMNITY OF THE
**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

6:30 AM (ENGLISH)

8:15 AM (WITH SCHOOL)

6:00 PM (BILINGUAL)



*Serious Illness
Group*

**Join us on Monday,
December 8th 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.

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!

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 or 951-756-3838



Guadalupe

*"¿No estoy yo aquí,
que soy tu madre?"*

12 de diciembre

6:00 a.m. Mañanitas

6:30 a.m. Misa Bilingüe | Bilingual Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass with the School Students

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

Mondays of Advent Parish Hall

December 8

(Starting with the Immaculate Conception Mass at 6pm)

December 15 - 6pm

December 22 - 6pm

Suggested Donation:
\$20 (to help cover the cost of supplies. Please bring to the session)

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.

ST. PANCRATIUS PRESENTS
MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

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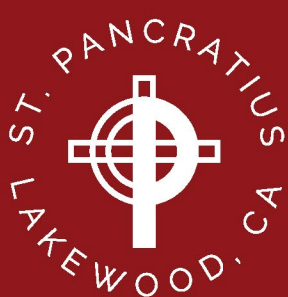
TREE LIGHTING

BLESSING OF
NATIVITY

REFRESHMENTS

PIÑATAS

Waiting for Jesus



Sunday,
December 14th
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 Church
Lakewood, CA

Saturday, December 20th
4:30pm Mass
Reception to Follow

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

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

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

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



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Best Elementary
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New Enrollment Initiative today!**



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