

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOLS

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Daily Rectory Office Hours:

9:00am—1:00pm, 2:00pm-5:00pm

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30pm (English)

Sunday Masses:

7:30am (English) 9:00am (Español)

11:00am (English) 1:00pm (Español)

5:30pm (English)

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Friday 6:30am & 8:00am

Saturday Morning 8:00am

First Friday/Primer Viernes:

6:15pm Mass & Adoration until 8:15pm/
Misa Bilingüe y Adoración hasta las 8:15

Confessions: Saturdays, 6:45pm

Friday evenings during Adoration

Adoration: Most Fridays, 6:15pm-7:15pm

Drive-in Visits to the Blessed Sacrament on the NW side of the Church. The parking lot Berendo gate is open from 6:00am-7:00pm weekdays and 7:00am-7:00pm weekends.

Daily Rosary: Monday-Friday 6:00am

Monday-Saturday 7:30am

Thursday 8:40am (Español)

First Saturday 7:00am; 8:30am (Español)

St. Anthony Novena: Tuesdays after 8:00am

Mass in English followed by Espanol

Rosario - Legión de María (Español)

Martes, 9:00am (Salón de Nuestra Señora)

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena:

Saturdays after 8:00am Mass in English.

Wednesdays after 8:00am Mass en Espanol.

For Online Giving



MARCH 9, 2025 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Parish Contacts

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St. Anthony Elementary School

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Youth Ministry

Kevin Agudo (209) 603-2270

Schedule on Instagram at [arkyouthministry_gardenaca](https://www.instagram.com/arkyouthministry_gardenaca)

Baptism/Bautismo

Baptisms: Infant Baptisms in English are held twice a month. Parents and Godparents must visit the Parish Office (Rectory) during office hours to:

- Register for the required Baptism Formation Seminar
- Submit a copy of the child's state-issued birth certificate

Bautismo: Los bautizos en espanol se llevan a cabo dos veces al mes. Los padres y padrinos deben visitar la oficina parroquial (rectoria) durante el horario de oficina para:

- Registrarse para el clase de formacion de Bautismo requerido
- Envíe una copia del certificado de nacimiento emitido por el estado del niño

Marriage/Arreglos para Boda

Engaged couples are strongly encouraged to contact the parish office for appointments and classes 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. / Parejas que desean casarse necesitan ponerse en contacto con la parroquia para empezar hacer arreglos por los menos seis meses antes de la fecha propuesta.

MARCH 19 – CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

- Looking for ways to prepare and manage your financial future? Avoid Probate: Protect your home and assets - On Wednesday, March 19, our parish will offer an informational seminar explaining the process of Catholic Estate Planning. This seminar will last 90 minutes.

Wednesday, March 19, 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the parish hall.

Representatives from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, an estate attorney and financial planner will be joining us to discuss these important topics:

- How to avoid costly probate fees
- The importance for individuals and couples to have a Will and Trust prepared
- Guardianship of minor children and children with special needs
- Catholic teachings on advance healthcare directives
- Vehicles and tools for charitable giving

Please RSVP to Brother Jose Luis Castaneda at jcastaneda@saintanthonygardena.org or leave a message for him at the rectory office phone number (310) 327-6440 to reserve a seat. Thank you for your consideration in attending this important meeting.

CALLED TO RENEW PROGRESS as of February 2025

Total Gifts Pledged – 318 individuals or families

Total Pledged - \$1,333,176.

Assigned Goal - \$790,000

Percent of Goal Pledged – 169%

Payments to Date - \$476,764

Percent of Total Pledged Paid – 35.76%

Percent of Assigned Goal Paid – 60.34%

Thank you again so much for your generosity to this archdiocesan and parish capital campaign which our parish began in January 2023. Please remember to make your monthly or quarterly payments on your 5-year pledge. **If you have not received an invoice or bill as your monthly reminder, please contact Br. Jose Luis in the rectory office during the week as soon as possible.**

MARCH 10-18 NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH — FEAST DAY: MARCH 19 –

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-st-joseph-304> or

<https://catholicnovenaapp.com/novenas/st-joseph-novena/#> or

Here is the prayer which some claim “has never been known to fail, provided that the request is for one’s spiritual benefit or for those whom we are praying for.”

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. O St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR / ACTIVIDADES DE CUARESMA – MARCA TU CALENDARIO

Weekday Masses – M-F: 6:30am, 8:00am; Saturday: 8:00am.

Mondays, March 3 through April 14, 7:00pm – 8:45pm - ALPHA

Friday Fish Frys / Pescado Frito – 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

Friday Stations of the Cross / Viernes Via Crucis – 6:15pm, Bilingual.

(On First Friday, March 7 & April 4 after the 6:15pm Bilingual Mass / El primer viernes 7 de marzo y 4 de abril después de la misa bilingüe de las 6:15pm.)

Holy Week / Semana Santa – April 13 - 20

Easter Sunday / Domingo de Pascua - Sunday, April 20

LENT – The holy season of Lent has begun. Below you will find the regulations of the Church regarding fast and abstinence. Please read them carefully. Last week’s bulletin contained numerous suggestions for various Lenten practices. They can be found at a link in the upper righthand corner of our parish website, www.saintanthonygardena.org. Please read them carefully and decide how you want to strengthen your spiritual life this year. Lent is truly a privileged time because it forces us to pause and reflect on how we are living our lives and whether we need to make some adjustments, especially regarding our spiritual practices. There are three practices that are encouraged for everyone in our parish: regular Confession, frequent Mass (perhaps several times during the week) and weekly Stations of the Cross. Our Stations of the Cross each Friday are at 6:15pm in both English and Spanish followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour and Confessions. Come and pray with your parish family.

REGULATIONS FOR LENT

Abstinence and Fasting - Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent. This applies to all people **14 and older**.

The law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday applies to all persons **18 or older and younger than 59**. Fasting means that one full meatless meal per day may be eaten. Two other meatless meals may be taken sufficiently to maintain strength, but together they should not equal a full meal. Liquids, including milk and fruit juice, may be taken between meals. If health or ability to work is affected, fasting does not oblige. Private, self-imposed observance of fasting on Lenten weekdays is strongly recommended. Parents should ensure that children who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence are taught an authentic sense of penance, conversion, and reconciliation.

Lenten Observance - Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass and in the Sacrament of Penance during Lent, and parishes are encouraged to provide regular and frequent opportunities for such participation. Likewise encouraged are devotions such as Stations of the Cross, vigils and prayer services (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, if opportune). Traditional practices - including increased prayer, Scripture and spiritual reading, alms, personal self-denial in food and drink, increased care, and service to the sick and needy - are also suggested.

Easter Duty - All initiated Catholics are bound by the obligations of receiving Communion at least once a year and to confess sacramentally all serious sins not previously acknowledged in individual Confession. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter duty season, which is from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday.

PRAYER, PENANCE AND CHARITY PROGRAM was enclosed in last week's bulletin and can be found at a link in the upper righthand corner of our parish website: www.saintanthonygardena.org. This program is a very practical, family-oriented way of encouraging growth in the spiritual life during our Lenten journey toward the great feast of Easter.

FRIDAY FISH FRY, STATIONS OF THE CROSS, HOLY HOUR, CONFESSIONS - The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Fish Fry every Friday during Lent. March 7th through April 11th, 5:00pm to 7:00pm. PRE-SALE Tickets: \$10.00 per plate. The price at the door is \$12.00. Tickets are sold by the Knights after all the Masses or purchased at the Rectory or School. Our Stations of the Cross each Friday begin at 6:15pm in both English and Spanish. (After 6:15pm Bilingual Mass on First Fridays.) They are followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour and Confessions. Come and pray with your parish family.

HOLY YEAR OF JUBILEE ACTIVITIES - First, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will join local Churches around the world in **24 Hours for the Lord**. A church in each of the 20 deaneries of the Archdiocese will remain open for 24 hours for confession and prayer from Friday morning, March 28 through Saturday morning March 29. See <https://www.hope.lacatholics.org/24-hours> for the locations and schedules. St. Margaret Mary in Lomita will host for our deanery and is the closest parish on the list to us.

Second, on Saturday, April 5, the Church will take to the streets of Los Angeles on a seven-mile **Pilgrimage of Hope**. The walk to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels will begin at 8:00am at All Souls Church in Alhambra, with stops at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Rose Hill and Our Lady Help of Christians. Upon arrival at the cathedral, Archbishop Gomez will celebrate Mass; bus transportation from the cathedral to All Souls will be available at 1:00pm. The relics of several saints, including the soon to be canonized Bl. Carlo Acutis, will accompany us on our journey.

ALPHA is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question about faith and is designed to create conversation. No matter where you are in your faith journey, everyone is welcome. Alpha is offered by thousands of parishes around the world, endorsed by Catholic Bishops and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Focusing on the kerygma—the initial proclamation of the Good News—Alpha introduces us to an encounter with Jesus. St. Anthony parishioners who have participated in past Alpha programs say that it has deepened their relationship with Jesus and connected them to new friends in our church community through food, inspiring talks, and good conversation. We invite you to take this next step where you get to walk with Jesus over these seven weeks, as you come to know more about who Jesus is for you and your life. **Alpha will be held on 7 Mondays from March 3 through April 14 from 7:00pm-8:45pm at the parish hall.**

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR KINDERGARTEN 2025-2026 - visit the school website <http://www.stanthonygardena.org> to

begin the Application process. Children entering Kindergarten need to be 5 on or before September 1, 2025. We look forward to showing you why St. Anthony of Padua School has been voted Best or Favorite in the Daily Breeze Best of the South Bay. If you have questions or would like a tour of the school, please call 310.329.7170

March 1-2: **DID YOU KNOW? - Talk to your children about photo sharing** - With a cell phone, a photo can be snapped anywhere – out on a walk, in the classroom, even in the locker room or a bathroom. So, it is important to talk to your children about when it is appropriate and when it is not to use a camera and how they should think about sharing images they take. Any image they send is shared permanently, and they cannot get those images back. If someone asks your child for an inappropriate photo, he or she should notify a trusted adult immediately. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “5 Keys to Monitoring Kids Online Activity” at https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/free/article.cfm?free_articles_id=1681.

March 8-9: **DID YOU KNOW? - Safe adults have superpowers** - If you are a safe adult in a child's life, you have the ability to provide a safe place for that child to disclose abuse, discomfort, or any other concerns. This gives safe adults the ability to work together to potentially stop abuse and change the course of a child's life. When children know that adults are willing to listen to them and advocate for them, they are more willing to share their problems and concerns. To learn more about how to use your “safe adult superpower,” read the VIRTUS® article “Superpowers: Safe Adults Have Them” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

COMING UP / PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

Mondays, March 3 through April 14, 7:00pm – 8:45pm - ALPHA

Fridays of Lent – Fish Fry and Bilingual Stations of the Cross

Wed., March 19, 7:00pm, parish hall - Free Estate Planning Seminar sponsored by the Archdiocese.

Miercoles, 26 de Marzo, 7:00pm, salon - Seminario gratuito de planificación patrimonial patrocinado por la Arquidiócesis.

Fri., March 28 – Holy Year / Jubilee 24 Hours for the Lord at St. Margaret Mary Church in Lomita.

Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday, April 13-20 - Holy Week

Mon., April 14 - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in downtown Los Angeles with Archbishop Gomez

Spy Wed., April 16 – Lenten Penance Service with Confessions and Adoration

Sat., May 3 – School First Communion Mass

Fri. – Sun., May 16-18 – Parish Fiesta

Sat., May 24 – RE First Communion Masses

June 8, 11:00am Mass/Reception – 50th Anniversary of Deacon Felix's Ordination as a Deacon by Cardinal Manning.

Fri., June 6 – School Graduation Mass and Ceremony

Fri., June 13 – Feast of St. Anthony of Padua & Blessings of the Bread

Sat., June 14, 5:30 – Confirmation Mass

Sun., June 22 – Corpus Christi Procession/Feast of Blessed Maria Ines Teresa of the Blessed Sacrament

July 26, 8:00am-4:00pm, in Spanish - Legion of Mary Retreat with Fr. Ed Broom

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