

DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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Our Lady
of Lourdes

Embracing God's People • Equipping Disciples • Accompanying Believers



Our Mission

We are a community of believers, inspired by our faith in God and by our understanding that we are called, as people of faith, to be in relationship with all God's people (cf LG n9).

Embracing God's People ...We understand that God's people includes every person we might encounter, whether or not they believe as we believe, act as we act, or pray as we pray.

Equipping Disciples... As we grow from being a passive bystander to becoming an active disciple, our parish offers comprehensive opportunities for formation and encounter. An equipped disciple is not one that has a perfect life or an easy journey, but one who desires to grow in their relationship with Jesus through the different stages of life's journey.

Accompanying Believers...We strive to companion people on their life's journey, wherever it may take them, and to be a Christ-like support and witness.

School – TK through 8th Grade

Since 1959 Our Lady of Lourdes Parish School has been answering God's call to form the hearts and minds of the children entrusted to our care. We are a learning community where faith is fostered, service is valued, and character is built. From transitional-kindergarten through eighth grade we work collaboratively with parents to ensure matriculation to high schools of distinction and future success.

Experienced faculty members nurture their students in an environment of collaborative discovery and individual growth. Our campus offers diverse opportunities to foster active learning both inside and out of the classroom. Art, Music, Spanish, and PE support our rigorous core instruction.

Come and see why generation after generation of our families entrust the growth of their children to our parish school.

Principal - 818-349-0245

jgonyea@ollnr.org

Religious Education & Faith Formation – Pre-Primary through Elementary (Grades 1-8)

Opportunities for Family Faith Formation are offered twice a month on Sunday mornings. This includes, but is not limited to Sacramental (Reconciliation & Eucharist) Preparation. These opportunities to grow in faith, are designed to support parents, guardians and families in raising children of faith. Enriching the faith life of adult family members, we equip all in becoming disciples of Jesus.

Office: 818-349-1285

re@ollnr.org

Youth Formation

Our Lady of Lourdes Youth Ministry and Confirmation adopts a comprehensive approach to youth formation. We offer a variety of opportunities for young people looking to grow in faith. While growing in faith involves learning about our Church, our faith and our world, emphasis is given to facilitating our young men and women as they grow in their relationship with Jesus with the support and care of a parish community.

Youth Ministry Office: 818-349-1500 ext. 109

youthministry@ollnr.org

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Equipping the un-baptized adult or the adult baptized in another Christian faith who desires full communion with the Catholic Church, RCIA is a parish community process. Parishioners are actively involved in welcome, formation, hospitality, prayer and witness. Those seeking full initiation in our community are supported individually and communally through a time of preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

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RCIA Adapted for Children

Young people between the ages of 7 and 17 are supported and nurtured in their journey of faith as they prepare for full initiation in the Church. Our approach to assisting our young people to prepare for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist engages the whole family, which is the domestic Church. We work closely with families, supporting them as they grow together in faith and as they prepare for the celebration of sacrament within the household.

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COMMUNITY LIFE

Women's Council - A social, spiritual, and service organization for the women of the parish. Meets once a month Sept-June in Stroup Hall. All women of the parish are encouraged to join.

President: Mary Roehrick

WomensCouncil@ollnr.org

Men's Club - A social organization open to all men of the parish providing various social programs and activities. Meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month, Sept-June, at 6:30 p.m. in Stroup Hall.

President: Robert Villegas

MensClub@ollnr.org

Forever Young Seniors Club - Provide a social and spiritual environment for the benefit of seniors. Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month, Sept.-May, in the Moran Center after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Sr. Sharon Richards, SDSH 818-349-2836

AFF@ollnr.org

Festival Committee - Plans, organizes and runs the annual Parish Festival to build community and benefit Parish School.

Audry & Ray Purwadihardja

Festival.Chair@ollnr.org

Safe Guard the Children - Provides ongoing support, education, and awareness with the goal to prevent child sexual abuse and to address children's safety in our parish, school, homes and community.

Chair: Monica Alvarez

SafeGuard@ollnr.org

Scouting:

Boy Scouts - Provides a program that allows boys to become leaders through training and practice. Boys are taught to run weekly meetings and outings, to be responsible and to be good citizens through service projects. Assisting the scouts is a fully trained adult leadership team.

Cub (grades 1-5) Steve Engstrom

CubScouts@ollnr.org

Boy (grades 6 - age 17) Kurt Jacobsen

BoyScouts@ollnr.org

Girl Scouts - Provides program that allows girls to become leaders in our communities. Junior Girl Scouts learn to be responsible and good citizens through their daily life..

Leader: Julie Placencia 818-625-6407

GirlScouts@ollnr.org

OUTREACH

St. Vincent de Paul -a worldwide organization of lay Catholic men and women committed to living and growing in their Christian faith through prayer and personal involvement in charitable works. The Society's mission is accomplished through parish and community based groups called Conferences.

Sharon Borsage

svdpoll@ollnr.org

Feeding God's Children- Our parish answers the call to feed the hungry through this outreach ministry. A few Saturdays a year, we gather to put together thousands of food packages which provide tens of thousands of nutritious meals for the hungry.

Bill Williams

mealpack@ollnr.org

SFV Rescue Mission -Volunteers bring essential services and offer their time, talent and goodness of heart to SFV Rescue Mission outreach projects and help make a difference in the lives of the hurting and the homeless. Opportunities are ongoing, year-round and constantly changing.

Liason: Monica Hurney 818-281-8746

SFVRM@ollnr.org

MEND(MEET EACH NEED WITH DIGNITY) A multi-faceted social service agency in Pacoima. Volunteers needed in many service areas. MEND barrel is located in the narthex of the church for your much needed donations of non-perishable food.

Liason: Bob Mayers

818-360-5928

Respect Life Committee - Inspires reverence and respect for human life in all its stages through education and prayer.

Niamh Anderson

RespectLife@ollnr.org

Giving Tree (Christmas) - During Advent season we collect gifts and monetary donations to be distributed to needy families and various charitable organizations supported by the parish.

Michelle Richardson

818-700-2590

Sacristans of the Altar-Preparing, purifying and storing of ceremonial vessels and items supporting Sunday Eucharist, as well as setting-up for assigned Sunday Liturgies.

Roi Gonotirto 818-349-1500

Sacristans@ollnr.org

Martha's - Care for the altar, linens, vestments and sacred vessels used for Liturgy and other church celebrations.

liturgy@ollnr.org

Counters - Counting and depositing of the parish offertory.

Giulio Proietto 805-624-7467

Counters@ollnr.org

Choirs

Family Choir - 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Open to all family members age 7 and up. Rehearsals held 8:00 a.m. Sundays in the School Music room.

Vocalists and instrumentals invited. Choir Dir:

Mary Janus 818-349-1500 x114

Liturgy@ollnr.org

10:30 am Choir - Traditional music choir. Rehearsals held Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.

Choir Dir: Joseph Cadabes

Music@ollnr.org

12:00 Choir - Open to all, rehearsal starts at 10:00 a.m. Sunday in the Music Room then proceeds to 12:00 noon mass in the church.

Choir Dir: Erick Infantas

12noonchoir@ollnr.org

Harmonia Choir - 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass Contemporary Choir. Open to all ages. Rehearsals held 4:30 p.m. Sundays in the Church. Vocalists and instrumentalists invited.

Choir Dir: Mary Janus 818-349-1500 x114

Liturgy@ollnr.org

Theatre Repertoire of Our Lady of Lourdes (TROLL) - A repertoire group that stages an annual musical production providing the parish with quality theater and opportunity for family participation. Parishioners are invited to participate in front and behind the curtain.

Mary Engstrom

TROLL@ollnr.org

Bridge - Meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to play Bridge.

Dorothy Boudreau 818-993-8437

CSUN Newman Club - A Catholic ministry group at non-Catholic universities serving students attending CSUN.

Email: catholicnewman@gmail.com

Chaplain: Fr. David Loftus 818-349-1500

ParishCenter@ollnr.org

Anniversary Sunday - Receive a special blessing at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on the 2nd Sunday of your anniversary month. Call to RSVP and include your name and years married. Betty Peltier

818-363-0174

CARE IN TIME OF NEED

Bereavement - This ministry assists the bereaved family in all aspects of planning the vigil service and funeral liturgy for their loved one.

Mary Ann Cummins 818-701-5380

Bereavement@ollnr.org

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick and Elderly Take communion to homes every Friday morning for parishioners who are unable to attend mass. Also provide a communion prayer service at Magnolia Gardens Convalescent Hospital on Sundays. Catherine Wallace 818-886-6656

Crisis Counseling Referral Service - Those in crisis and in need of counseling may call the Parish Office for referrals.

Parish Center 818-349-1500

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Families Anonymous - A 12-step program for the family and friends of people with a substance abuse problem. Meet Friday evenings.

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O.A.S.I.S. - Catholic Charities' Older Adult Services and Intervention System. Parish teams give service and support to seniors who need help. The program helps seniors remain independent and connected to our community.

Liaison: Lilia Hughes 818-341-3314

OASIS@ollnr.org

Stephen Ministry – Providing Christ-Centered one on one care to those who are struggling or hurting. Call for Appointment: 818-349-1500 ext. 150 (Private voicemail)
Patti Whisnant and Mel Rissi stephenmin@ollnr.org

PRAYER LIFE AND LEARNING

Perpetual Adoration Chapel– A quiet, intimate place where you may give praise to God through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and where you may pray and listen to his message through his word. The blessed Sacrament is exposed every day from 6am to midnight. Become an adorer for 1 or more hours each week or just come for a visit.

Wendy Wilson 818-700-9621 Adoration@ollnr.org

OLL Prayer Group - A Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group open to everyone. Meets Mondays 7-9:00 p.m. in the Moran Center.

Naqi Zaki 818-472-1335 OLLPG@ollnr.org

Bible Institute - A seasonal six week Bible Study.

Carmen Schroeder 818-368-2393

Prayer Network - Coordinates with parish ministries to pray for individuals in need of prayers.

Marie Nolan 818-349-4093

Tuesday Morning Prayer & Breakfast-All families are invited on Tuesday morning to build families of faith. Come for prayer, community building and continental breakfast. A parent or grandparent must accompany all children. Meet at 6:45am in the Moran Center.

Chris Glaspy cglaspy@ollnr.org

San Fernando Vigil Adorers - Congregate together every Friday (8:00 p.m. to midnight) to worship, adore, and glorify our Lord. Promote evangelization by the transformation of our lives through prayer and fellowship.

Jovita Escano 818-746-9075 donabetia0122@gmail.com

Alpha - 13 week series of interactive sessions to discuss life and the Christian faith in an informal, fun and friendly environment

Mary Janus alphaoll@ollnr.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Breaks open the Word for children ages 6-12 during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday mass. The approach is child-friendly so the Word comes alive and is integrated into their lives. Youth lectors and adult leaders needed.

Mary Roehrick 818-701-0807 ChildLit@ollnr.org

ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's carried grace" 1 Peter 4:10

Altar Servers - Altar servers assist the priest during mass and other liturgical celebrations. Open to parish boys and girls in the fifth grade through high school that have received First Holy Communion. Training classes held in fall. Adult volunteers assist in training.

Dianne Walker 818-489-0042 Dwalker@ollnr.org

Altar Prep— Placing the corporal, missal, presider's chalice , Communion cups on to the altar at weekend and special masses. Families and Individuals are needed.

Mary Roehrick 818-701-0807 Altarprep@ollnr.org

Environment - The sub-committee, under the guidance of the Liturgy Committee, coordinates, plans and dresses the environment in the church, including floral arrangements, for each liturgical season and special feast days.

Stephanie Elana 818-723-7962 Environment@ollnr.org

Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist– Assit at parish liturgies in the distribution of the blessed Sacrament. Open to all confirmed parishioners who have successfully completed the parish training.

Judy Proietto 805-624-7467 EuchMin@ollnr.org

Lectors— Proclaims scripture at masses and liturgical events throughout the church year. Lector certification required

Kevin Krzwenski lectors@ollnr.org

Ushers– Provide a welcoming environment to all who enter God’s Church. Assist in offertory and other aspects of the liturgy as needed

Sandra Hart ushers@ollnr.org