

ORE Family Resources and Events

Immediate Relief

Archdiocese of Los Angeles Wildfire Victims Emergency Relief Fund Collection

<https://lacatholics.org/california-fires/>

The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank is working with government agencies, nonprofit and faith-based partners and others to respond to the fires throughout Los Angeles County. Accepting food donations between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at its two distribution centers: 1734 East 41st Street, Los Angeles, 90058, and 2300 Pellissier Place, Industry, 90601.

The Pasadena Community Foundation - The Eaton Canyon Fire Relief and Recovery Fund

https://pasadenacf.org/donate/?20250114_Res_Wildfire_Power_Shutoff_Email_811425end_of_tracking&et_cid=20250114_Res_Wildfire+Power+Shutoff+Email+8&et_rid=625818664

Los Angeles area YMCA's Centers for Community Well-Being

Several locations are accepting essential items donations.

https://www.ymcala.org/communityresponse?20250114_Res_Wildfire_Power_Shutoff_Email_811425end_of_tracking&et_cid=20250114_Res_Wildfire+Power+Shutoff+Email+8&et_rid=625818664

The Salvation Army is providing critical aid, like shelter, food, and support, across Southern California through their Emergency Disaster Fund.

https://socal.salvationarmy.org/southern-california/wildfires-in-los-angeles?20250114_Res_Wildfire_Power_Shutoff_Email_811425end_of_tracking&et_cid=20250114_Res_Wildfire+Power+Shutoff+Email+8&et_rid=625818664

Sacramental Preparation Formation Opportunities

In the San Gabriel Pastoral Region, the following parish Religious Education programs are accepting new students/families:

- St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church in Temple City will host Reconciliation services for children in 2nd year First Holy Communion preparation on March 8, 2025. For information, contact Director of Religious Education, Barbara Hansen: (626) 291-5900 Ext. 227 or Barbara@stluketemplecity.org.
- Nativity Catholic Church in El Monte will host Reconciliation services for children in 2nd year First Holy Communion preparation on March 15, 2025. For information, contact Sandra Jinesta at the Religious Education Office (626)448-8895.
- Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Claremont will host Reconciliation services for children in 2nd year First Holy Communion preparation in April 2025. For information, contact Director of Faith Formation, Ana Ibarra at (909) 624-1360/ aibarra@olaclaremont.org
- St Philip the Apostle Church in Pasadena is open for early registration. For information, contact Coordinator of Religious Education, Susie Lopez, email SLopez@stphiliptheapostle.org or call (626)793-0693 ext.108

In the Our Lady of the Angeles Region, families are encouraged to call neighboring parishes directly about availability for placement in Religious Education programs or sacramental services.

Families Praying at Home

Faith at Home is a weekly online publication developed by the Office of Religious Education. Use it to read the Sunday readings as a family and reflect on the message God has for your family.

<https://lacatholics.org/faith-at-home/>

Gospel Reflections is another source to use in prayerful reading of the Sunday Gospel.

<https://lacatholics.org/gospel-reflections/>

Gospel Weeklies is a family friendly publication developed by Bayard/Pflaum Publishing. The parent/teacher online pages are filled with wonderful lessons to use at home and are free.

- **English:** <https://www.gospelweeklies.com/family/>
- **Spanish:** <https://www.gospelweeklies.com/familias/>

Daily Devotions of Faith flipbooks for families to use at home.

- *Living Faith* January/February/March 2025 - <https://online.bayard-inc.com/books/cbco/>
- *Living Faith* January/February/March 2025 - <https://online.bayard-inc.com/books/uxni/>
- *Living with Christ* February 2025 <https://online.bayard-inc.com/books/hmge/>

Dealing with Trauma for Adults and Children

American Psychological Association

Article: *Recovering Emotionally from Disaster* - <https://www.apa.org/topics/disasters-response/recovering>

National Association of School Psychologists

Brief Trauma Facts: file:///C:/Users/nnmedina/OneDrive%20-%20The%20Roman%20Catholic%20Archbishop%20of%20Los%20Angeles,%20a%20corp%20sole/Documents/FIRE%20items/SSC_Brief-Trauma-Facts_2023update.pdf

Books for Adults: Available as audible books or hard copy

Surviving Wildfire: Get Prepared, Stay Alive, Rebuild Your Life (A Handbook for Homeowners) by [Linda Masterson](#)

The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma, [Bessel van der Kolk](#)

Books for Children: Available as Audible books or hard copy

The Fox and the Forest Fire, by Danny Popovici

Out of the Woods: A True Story of an Unforgettable Event, by Rebecca Bond

Surviving Natural Disasters: A Guide for Kids, by Santiago Publishing & Patrycja Figlarska

Special Events & Offerings: Where to go for fun family time?

Academy Museum: Family Matinees are **free** on Saturdays during the months of January and February. For calendar of family films and ticket information visit https://www.academymuseum.org/en/programs/series/family-matinees?j=426619&sfmc_sub=84380500&l=126_HTML&u=8881321&mid=110005634&jb=778&utm_source=sfmc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=250115_MKT_Free_Family_Matinee_Announcement_Insiders&utm_id=426619&sfmc_id=84380500cm_ainfo=&&&&&utm_source=sfmc&utm_content=158635&utm_id=4fdfd331-fcb2-4e0e-8a69-cb462832c976&sfmc_activityid=ebfa1adf-ad0b-4190-a391-254bc3065c39&utm_medium=email

California Science Center: **Free admissions** into all permanent exhibits and hands on activities. <https://californiasciencecenter.org/>

Descanso Gardens: Enjoy walking in the botanical garden and see the living museum. Train rides for children too! Offering **free admission** to families in the affected fire areas in the month of January & February. Show CA driver license for free admission. Open daily from 9am-5pm. <https://www.descansogardens.org/>