



News from the Office of Religious Education

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

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November-December

2025



Join the Changing Seasons: Scripture Readings for the Liturgical Year Cycle A

I grew up in New England and what I love the most is the changing seasons. The passage of the year is noted in color and shifting life: lush green trees in summer transform in fall to the most beautiful landscape God can create. Autumn gives way to majestic, quiet winter, everything blanketed in snow that in spring when it seems as if the world has died, life buds once more until the first purple crocus pokes its blossoms through the snow.

This is how I think about our beautiful liturgical year. Each day marked by color and celebration of everyday life that shifts and changes each year in the grace of God's order.

Changing Seasons reads the Scripture of our liturgy and shows us how our lives are ordered through Christ's time. Walk with us as we journey through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and so our own.

Sponsored by the Catholic Bible Institute, Instituto Biblico Catolico, and the Office for Divine Worship

Upcoming Events

November 15 - AMS: Evangelization & Catechesis

November 18 - Liturgia Y Palabra de Dios - Adviento y Navidad

November 19 - Changing Seasons: Liturgical Presentation on Advent & Christmas

November 22 - AMS: Bridges to Better - Spiritual & Synodal Re-Framing of Conflict in Ministry

November 25 - San Pedro PCL Monthly Meeting: OCIA Presentation w/ Office of Divine Workshop

December 2 - Advent PCL Retreat

December 11 - AMS: The Art & Science of Leading Effective Teams

December 13 - AMS: The Process of Catechesis - The Pedagogy of Faith

December 15-17 - Parish Advent Retreat

2026

January 17 - AMS: Methodology in Catechesis and Faith Development

January 24 - CBI Bible Talks: Hastening the Kingdom (2 Peter 3:11-13)

Starting January 2026

One Mission One Faith Cohort 12

Religious Education Congress



RECongress 2026

February 19-22

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From the Regional Coordinators



Happy Fall. The Regional Coordinators, Deacon Douglas Zuniga (San Fernando), Terri Palmer (San Pedro), Mayra Torres (OLA), and Juan Pablo Garcia (Santa Barbara) would like to thank all the pastors that supported their PCLs and catechists in attending our Regional Congresses. We enjoyed seeing all of you there, enjoying the workshops, joining us for liturgy, and visiting the exhibitors. We look forward to seeing all of you next year. The Regionals are happy to announce that this year San Pedro, San Fernando, San Gabriel, and OLA regions will have a joint Advent Retreat for PCLs on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at St. Peter's Italian Church in Los Angeles. More information will be provided to the PCLs in the very near future with registration information.



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FEBRUARY 19-22, 2026
19-22 DE FEBRERO DE 2026



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**YEARS OF DRAWING HEARTS TO JESUS,
TRANSFORMING LIVES, AND SENDING US OUT TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL**

YOUTH DAY

REAL LOVE CARRIES THE CROSS...

A day for young people in High School with 2 schedule options
NEW for 2026: A Middle School Option

\$50

\$45 BEFORE JANUARY 9TH

ADULT DAYS
DÍAS DE ADULTOS

WRAPPED IN MERCY, HOPE RENEWED

ABRAZADOS EN MISERICORDIA, ESPERANZA RENOVADA
BAO BỘC LÒNG NHÂN TỬ, HY VỌNG CANH TÂN

\$90

\$80 BEFORE JANUARY 9TH
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PCL MONTHLY MEETING



*FR. JUAN OCHOA
AND ODW -TEAM*

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2025

10AM-NOON

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

MEETING ID: 990 3908 0240

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7:00PM-9:00PM

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

MEETING ID: 985 1731 7633

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WORKSHOP/MEETING

Highlighting ways to
adapt the OCIA for
our children and
teens



***INVITE YOUR LEAD
CATECHISTS AND PASTORS***

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REUNIÓN DE PCLS 16



FR. JUAN OCHOA
Y EQUIPO DE OCD

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MARTES, 25 DE NOVIEMBRE 2025

10AM-MEDIODÍA

[Enlace de Zoom](#)

ID DE LA REUNIÓN: 990 3908 0240

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7:00PM-9:00PM

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TALLER/REUNIÓN

Destacando formas
de adaptar el OCIA
para nuestros niños y
adolescentes



**INVITA A TUS CATEQUISTAS
DE OCIA Y PASTORES**

"THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MINISTRY OF CATECHESIS..."

need catechist formation?

A Catechist is a Christian who receives a particular calling from God that, when accepted in faith, empowers them for the service of the transmission of faith and for the task of initiating others in the Christian life.

lacatholics.org/catechist-formation/

Catechist Formation Programs

Catechist Certification

One Mission One Faith: A basic catholic teaching and ministry formation process founded under the pillars of missionary discipleship and accompaniment. This is Phase I of III for Catechist Certification, and it is also offered as ongoing formation for anyone who serves in the life of the Church.

Vision and Skills for Faith Formation: A catechists and ministry leaders training on knowledge and skills to revive their faith formation processes. VSFF continues the accompaniment, discipleship, catechumenate, and adults at the center models from OMOF and the Directory for Catechesis. This is Phase II of III for catechist certification.

Practicum Phase: After taking both OMOF and VSFF catechist will have the opportunity to observe 2 certified catechists and be evaluated by one approved catechist to complete the certification process.

Advanced Ministry Studies

For those who would like to form themselves under the pillars of theological foundation, evangelizing catechesis, pastoral ministry applications, pedagogy and methodology and the Art of Accompaniment.

This program will provide participants with the opportunity to be formed to exercise different roles at parish or archdiocesan level. Upon completion of classes and process of discernment, ministers will be commissioned and certified with one of the following certifications in collaboration with the California Catholic Conference of Bishops and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

1. Advanced Ministry Studies Certificate
2. California Master Catechist Certificate

Classes can also be taken independently or all together as part of ongoing formation. For more information, please contact us.



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with us!



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"TODA LA COMUNIDAD CRISTIANA ES RESPONSABLE DEL MINISTERIO DE LA CATEQUESIS..."

¿Buscas formación para catequistas?

La persona catequista ha recibido un llamado particular de Dios para servir en la transmisión de la fe. La persona catequista es "testigo de la fe y custodio de la memoria de Dios; al experimentar la bondad y la verdad del Evangelio... la persona catequista guarda, nutre y da testimonio de la nueva vida" que ha encontrado en Jesús.

lacatholics.org/formacion-catequistas/

Certificación de catequista



Una Misión Una Fe: Un proceso básico de enseñanza católica y formación ministerial fundado bajo los pilares del discipulado misionero y el acompañamiento. Esta es la primera de tres fases para la Certificación de Catequista, y también se ofrece como formación continua para cualquier persona que sirva en la vida de la Iglesia.



Visión y Habilidades para la Formación en la Fe: Una formación para catequistas y líderes ministeriales sobre conocimientos y habilidades para reavivar sus procesos de formación en la fe. VHFF continua los modelos de acompañamiento y discipulado estimulados en UNA MISIÓN UNA FE y recomendados en el Directorio. Esta es la segunda fase para la certificación de catequista.

Fase Práctica: Después de tomar ambos UMUF y VHFF el catequista tendrá la oportunidad de observar a 2 catequistas certificados y ser evaluado por un catequista aprobado para completar el proceso de certificación.

Certificación para el Liderazgo Ministerial

La Oficina de Educación Religiosa ofrecerá un programa integral de tres años de formación, capacitando a los participantes para un liderazgo ministerial animado en la persona de Jesús Palabra, Maestro y Pastor.

Más información sobre nuestro nuevo programa en la página de web: <https://lacatholics.org/maestro-donde-vives/>

MAESTRO, ¿DÓNDE VIVES?



Conéctese con nosotros!



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HIGHLIGHTS

Upcoming events and resources

Connecting Scripture

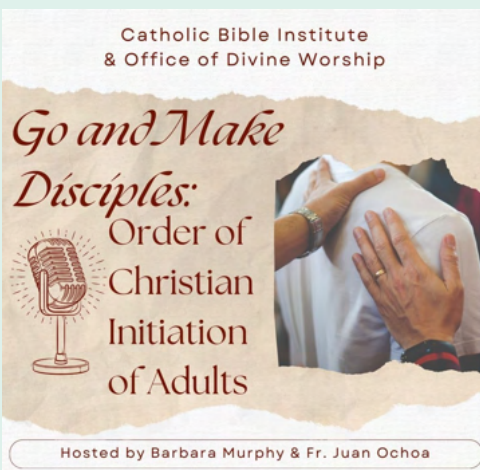


and Life

Hosted by Barbara Murphy
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CBI Podcast **Connecting Scripture & Life**

Connecting Scripture and Life podcast explores the way God speaks in different times and places with the same wisdom that lead to a happy life. Scripture teaches us how to live. Through conversations with people who love, teach, and live it we will explore our own lives in the pages of the sacred.



Listen now on



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Summer Bible 2026

SAVE THE DATES

Talk Nights: June 22 - 25, 2025 at 7pm - 8:30 pm

Retreat: June 27

In-Person. All evening talks are in the church.

Incarnation Catholic Church

1001 N. Brand Ave. Glendale, CA 91202

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BIBLE TALK SERIES

The Catholic Bible Institute's Bible Talks Series brings teachers of Scripture to people in the pews. Their love and passion for the Bible helps guide us all into a deeper relationship with Jesus so that we will go and make disciples of the world. Please join us for these wonderful talks with exceptional teachers who have dedicated their professions and lives to the word of God. All talks via Zoom. Join us for FREE!!

October 22, 2025 - Wednesday, 7pm - 8:30 pm PST

The Prophet Jeremiah

January 24, 2026 - Saturday, 9 am - 10:30 am PST

Hastening the Kingdom (2 Peter 3:11-13)

March 28, 2026 - Saturday, 9 am - 10:30 am PST

The Psalms of Lament: Prayers for Hard Times

April 25, 2026 - Saturday, 9 am - 10:30 am PST

"I Treasure your Word in my Heart": Liturgical Music as a Means of Biblical Interpretation

May 23, 2026 - Saturday, 9 am - 10:30 am PST

Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, and the Christian Life



ONLINE VIA ZOOM

FREE No registration required

Zoom Meeting ID: 973 5493 7723

Passcode: 750566

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CHANGING SEASONS

Scripture Readings of the Liturgical Year

A series of online workshops that follows the cycle of the liturgical year that forms our lives, gives them structure to live the way, truth and life.

November 19, 2025 - Advent and Christmas

Fr. Juan Ochoa, Director of Office for Divine Worship

January 7, 2026 - Ordinary Time

Sr. Monica Cardona, VDMF

February 11, 2026 - Lent through Palm Sunday

Fr. Juan Ochoa, Director of Office for Divine Worship

March 18, 2026 - Triduum and Easter

Sr. Monica Cardona, VDMF



ONLINE VIA ZOOM **7-8:30 pm PST**

FREE No registration required

Zoom Meeting ID: 912 7326 0147

Passcode: 708837



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LITURGIA Y PALABRA DE DIOS

Lecturas bíblicas del Año Litúrgico- A

Esta serie de entrenamientos se guía por el ciclo del Año Litúrgico a través del cual celebramos y vivimos el acontecimiento salvífico del misterio pascual de Cristo en nuestra vida y en el mundo por medio del culto divino y la Palabra de Dios

18 de noviembre, 2025 Adviento y Navidad
P. Juan Ochoa – Director de Oficina de Culto Divino

6 de enero, 2026 Tiempo Ordinario
Hna. Monica Cardona, VDMF

10 de febrero, 2026 Cuaresma-Domingo de Ramos
P. Juan Ochoa – Director de Oficina de Culto Divino

17 de marzo, 2026 Triduo-Tiempo Pascual
Hna. Monica Cardona, VDMF



En línea a través de Zoom **7-8:30 pm**
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ID de Junta Zoom: 988 9997 5295
Clave: 672960



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YM Team

The Youth Ministry (YM) Team in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles (ADLA) exists to form missionary disciples of Jesus Christ confirmed in the Holy Spirit by aligning ministry with youth to the Archdiocesan vision of evangelization. We support, empower, affirm, and challenge the efforts of parish communities in the areas of Young Adolescent Ministry (Middle School) and Youth Ministry (High School, including confirmation preparation). We accompany pastors, those who coordinate ministries with youth, adults who serve youth and youth themselves to live out the archdiocesan vision of ministry with young people so that young people and their families are empowered to live as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ in His Church.

Youth Day 2026 – Real Love Carries the Cross...

Youth Day is an annual event for youth that kicks off the **Religious Education Congress**. Youth Day creates an environment where young people coming from various locations throughout the Archdiocese come together with their chaperones to find community, make meaningful connections, be inspired and most importantly, grow in their relationship with Jesus. Throughout the day, participants will have the opportunity to experience the broader Church, inspiring speakers, interactive exhibits, praise & worship, prayer and a liturgy that will leave them inspired and challenged to live as missionary disciples in their homes, schools, parishes and communities.



New for Youth Day 2026! The event will now serve youth in middle school (6-8th grade) and high school (9-12th grade). There will be programming that will be specifically designed for youth in high school and a separate experience designed with middle school (6-8th grade) youth in mind. The middle school option will have limited capacity. Please make sure to register early!



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