



# Our Lady of Refuge Catholic Church

22nd Week of Ordinary Time  
September 1, 2019

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### Our Lady of Refuge School

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### Office of Religious Education

562-597-3102  
[sre@start.olrs.org](mailto:sre@start.olrs.org)

### Mass Schedule

#### SATURDAY:

8:00 am, 5:30 pm (Vigil)

#### SUNDAY:

8:00 am, 9:30 am,  
11:30 am, & 5:30 pm

#### WEEKDAYS:

8:00 am

#### HOLY DAYS:

7:00 pm (Vigil), 8:00 am, 7:00 pm

### Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00-5:00 pm

### Adoration

First Wednesday of Month 7 pm

### Baptism

Thank you for baptizing your child,  
we have a program of preparation.  
Please contact the church office.

### Weddings

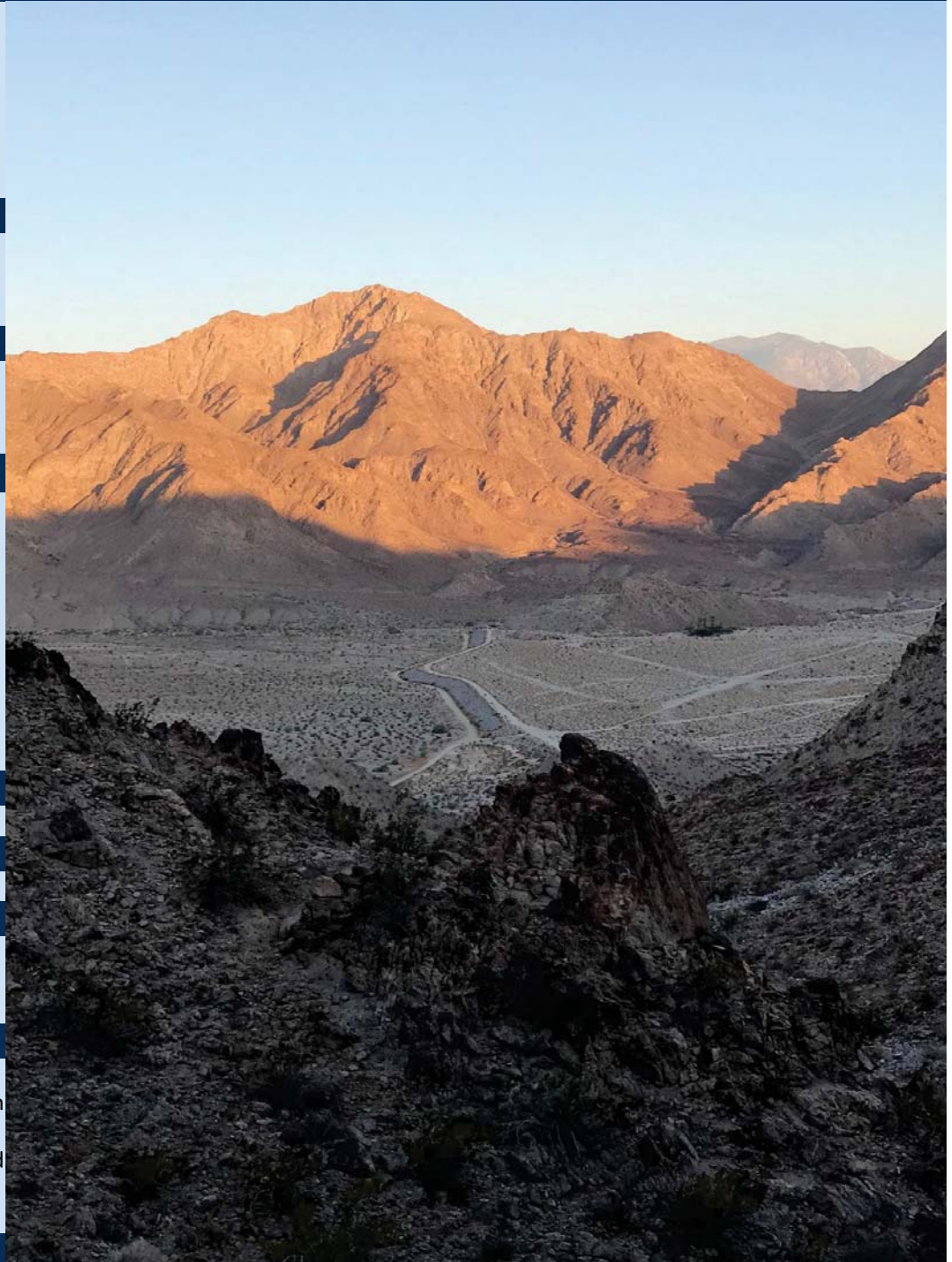
Thank you for considering a  
Catholic Marriage blessed by God in  
the Sacrament of Matrimony.  
6-months of preparation is required  
by the Catholic Church. Please call  
the office to schedule.

### Novena

Wednesdays after 8:00 am Mass

### Rosary

Weekdays before 8:00 am Mass



A picture Fr. Gerard took while hiking Tuesday in La Quinta,  
greeting the sunrise.

# September 1, 2019 - 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Greetings my good friends

This past week I attended a convocation of priests from the archdiocese of Los Angeles in La Quinta. Yes, the daily temperatures were hot averaging around 112°F, but with AC everything is possible. It was an amazing experience to witness over 500 priests together in one room, praying, sharing, talking, smiling, eating and just being in awe with so many all focused on the one thing, the Good News of Jesus Christ. The entire week was focused on our priesthood, the ups and downs, the struggles and joys. Priests shared from their hearts and sometimes with tears, why they are priests and what joy they receive from the ministry. We were young and old, Asian and Caucasian, African and European, Latin and Middle Eastern, all called by the same Lord. All following in his footsteps, all focused on the way which leads to total freedom. One theme which was constantly mentioned was you the parishioners in the pews who hold the treasure of your faith in your hearts. You inspire priests, you inspire me. By your faithful service to the lord despite priests weaknesses and failings, you keep the flame of faith burning brightly in your hearts and in churches all over the world.

I'm slowly creeping up to my one year anniversary here at OLR. I recall that first Sunday Mass I celebrated here and how I was inspired by your strong faith even in the midst of shock and dismay. You stood strong as a parish community, you inspired me that day, because I arrived in OLR somewhat broken as well. You welcomed me with open arms and loved me for who I am, a priest yes, but a human being just like yourselves.

Thank you for your faith, thank you for an amazing year, thank you for saying "yes" so many times, thank you for participating in so many meetings, thank you for your smiles, your prayers your love, your advice and wisdom, and your forgiveness.

These past days I have been praying for Deacon Roger, Susan Frost and Rob Eagan, 3 pillars in our parish. May the good Lord bless and heal us all, amen.

Love,

Fr. Gerard



**Pope Francis** @Pontifex

Whoever draws near to God will not stumble, but strives ahead: beginning anew, trying again, rebuilding.

## Welcome to Our Parish

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. Being registered makes things easier when it is time for infant baptism, weddings, funerals, affidavits when asked to be a confirmation or baptism sponsor. We can only do this if you are a registered, active and contributing member in the parish. Please call, visit the office or go online to our website to register.



Enrollment in Faith Direct has continued to grow at Our Lady of Refuge. There are now 85 families participating in electronic giving through Faith Direct's convenient tool. When combined with "bill pay" donations, total electronic giving at OLR represents about 27% of the offertory.

Giving through Faith Direct lowers the costs associated with our weekly collections by eliminating envelope fees and by requiring less effort to count and deposit money. Electronic giving is a secure way to transmit money while being environmentally conscious. Our parish receives your contribution when you are traveling, sick, or in a rush. Your contribution amount is flexible; as you can give by the week or month and designate donations for specific purposes. It also improves our cash flow and the ability to project our income to match our expenses.

Faith Direct enables parishioners to make contributions through either direct debit from a checking/savings account or through a credit card. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments. This allows you to budget with a 'set and forget' plan, as the donations recur on a defined schedule.

For those of you who have yet to consider online giving, enrollment will be a continuing effort. Please visit the OLR website at <https://www.ourladyofrefuge.org/>

As your shepherd, I encourage you to consider Faith Direct. Please help us make our parish financially strong again. Thanks to all of you for your continued support of our parish. In peace, Fr. Gerard

## Estate Planning

Please consider including Our Lady of Refuge Parish and School in your estate plan. Our correct legal title is: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, A Corporation Sole for the sole benefit of: (Our Lady of Refuge Parish and/or School) For further information, please contact Kimberly Jetton at (213) 637-7512. [www.ADLALegacy.org](http://www.ADLALegacy.org)

### **Eucharistic Ministers Needed**

Ministers of Holy Communion are entrusted with helping give the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass. Ministers of Holy Communion must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We are in need of ministers at this time. If you are feeling called to serve please contact the parish office 562-498-6641 or email Danny at [danny@start.ols.org](mailto:danny@start.ols.org) to schedule training.

### **Confirmation Team**

The OLR Confirmation Team is looking for adults and young adult volunteers to help with the formation of our High School Confirmation Candidates. Team members and small group leaders are needed. Sessions are on Tuesday Nights. This is a great way to help share the joy of our Faith. All training is provided, all you need is a willingness to say yes! For more information contact Religious Ed at 562-597-3102

### **Our Lady of Refuge Catholic School**

Welcome back to school to our students and their families! It is not too late to consider enrolling your child for this school year. Come see all the wonderful benefits a Catholic Education for your child can provide by scheduling a tour today. For more information or to schedule a tour please call 562-597-0819.

### **Upcoming Events - Save the dates!**

**Sept. 11** - Filipino-American Meeting, 6:45 PM Cafeteria  
**September 14** - Ice Cream Social, 6:30 PM, OLR Parking lot  
**September 15** - Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge  
**September 15** - Catechetical Sunday, 9:30 AM Mass  
**September 16** - Elementary Religious Ed. Begin  
**September 17** - Jr. High & Confirmation Sessions Begin  
**September 21** - OLR Class of 1969 Reunion  
**October 12** - Boomers Luncheon 12 PM - 2 PM, Cafeteria  
**October 26** - Holiday Affaire Arts and Crafts

### **OLR Emergency Plan**

I have appointed Art Pegg to coordinate an emergency plan for our parish, particularly the 5 Sunday Masses and major feast days. I am looking for 6 volunteers for each Mass. Art will provide training. In the light of the recent Mass shootings I want our parish prepared for an emergency. I encourage volunteers to call the rectory as soon as possible.

In the Peace of Christ, Fr. Gerard

### **OLR Class of 1969 Reunion**

The Our Lady of Refuge School Class of 1969 is planning a 50th reunion on Saturday, September 21. We would like to hear from as many classmates as possible. Class members can contact Bob Burtch at [burtch.bob@gmail.com](mailto:burtch.bob@gmail.com)

Check out the OLR Website: [www.ourladyofrefuge.org](http://www.ourladyofrefuge.org)

### **OLR Parish Picnic Thank You**

Thanks to all who came to the Our Family Picnic, it was a great day! A special thanks to the McCormick and Chowen Families for their efforts with Set Up and BBQing those delicious Hot Dogs. See Y'all Next Year, Penny & Steve Flint.

### **Adult Faith Formation & RCIA**

Our regular sessions resume on Wednesday, September 11th, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Religious Education Center. If you are interested (or know someone who might be) please email us at [OurLadyofRefugeRCIA@gmail.com](mailto:OurLadyofRefugeRCIA@gmail.com). You can also call or text John McGlynn at 562-618-8986.

#### **What is Adult Faith Formation & RCIA?**

This is the process by which adults (age 18 or over) become fully initiated members of our Catholic Community. This includes:

- Those who have never been baptized or are not Christian
- Those who have been baptized into another Christian tradition
- Those who have been baptized Catholic but have never completed First Communion and/or Confirmation

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to something more? Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming Catholic? For more information visit the parish website or email [ourladyofrefugercia@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofrefugercia@gmail.com)

### **Religious Education Registration**

Registration for Religious Education is open and classes begin soon! Please consider signing up as soon as possible. Classes are offered for Elementary (Grades 1-5), Jr. High (Grades 6-8) and High School. Please call 562-597-3102 for details about our programs and Sacrament preparation (First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion & Confirmation).

### **Knights of Columbus - Kids Soccer Challenge**

Save the date! Attention Boys & Girls Ages 9 through 14 Our Knights of Columbus Council 3052 will sponsor a Soccer Challenge on Sunday, September 15, 12:00 to 1:00 pm at Mayfair Park picnic area. 5720 Clark Ave Lakewood. Refreshments and certificates for all participants. For more information please contact Jamie Carvlin at 562-426-6397

### **Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women**

The Southeastern District of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) invites all women of the parish to a day of prayer and fellowship with other Catholic women in the area. Every Catholic Woman is a member and there are no dues. The next gathering will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at St. Cyprian Catholic Church, 4714 Clark Avenue, Long Beach, CA, 90808. The day begins at 9:30 am and includes a speaker, Mass, lunch, and concludes at 1:30 pm. The charge is \$15 per person. For reservations, please make your check payable to Anne Barnes and mail to 5512 Ryan Avenue, Lakewood, CA, 90712 before the September 12 deadline. For more information, call Ann Barnes at 562-633-7424.

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## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, September 1**  
 8:00 am OLR Parishioners (INT)  
 9:30 am Deacon Roger (INT)  
 11:30 am Matthew Pusateri (RIP)  
 5:30 pm Ian Ferrer (RIP)

**Monday, September 2**  
 Enrique & Francisca  
 Hernandez (RIP)  
 Allan Rosales (RIP)

**Tuesday, September 3**  
 Francisco Chaidez (RIP)

**Wednesday, September 4**  
 Sandra Chartier (INT)

**Thursday, September 5**  
 Mary Ellen Faubert (INT)

**Friday, September 6**  
 Lyle Anderson (RIP)

**Saturday, September 7**  
 8:00 am All Seminarians  
 5:30 pm John Russell (INT)

## Please Pray for:

Those in our parish who are sick and cannot be here with us today and their relatives.

Polyana Carneiro, Charlyn DeCoudres, Robert DeCoudres, Andrea Diego, Virginia Ellis, Deacon Roger Faubert, Susan Frost, Marie Fox, Henry Miles Grayson, Diane Halal, John King, Larry Larocco, Vanessa Ledoux, Edna Lia, Verónica Lomeli, Brenda Meicht, Lupe Montalvo, Diana Mortensen, Dick Nuttall, Ruth Nuttall, Daisy Ordoveza, Juliana Quickel, John Russell, Cathryn Smyth, Marco Solano, L. Tanguay, Scott & Lauren Williamson

Mass Intentions may be requested by calling the church office at  
 562-498-6641



Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." **With love for your neighbors who are at the margins, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use and consider donating items to SVdP thrift store in Long Beach.**

## Priest Schedule

|               | September 1 | September 8 |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| 5:30 pm Vigil | Fr. Gerard  | Fr. Gerard  |
| 8:00 am       | Fr. Gerard  | Fr. Gerard  |
| 9:30 am       | Fr. Gerard  | Fr. Gerard  |
| 11:30 am      | Fr. Raymond | Fr. Scott   |
| 5:30 pm       | Fr. Scott   | Fr. Scott   |

# Refuge

Young Adult Ministry

Join fellow young adults as we grow in faith and community!

We would love to see you at our next gathering!

**All** young adults ages 18-39 welcome!

[www.refugeyam.org](http://www.refugeyam.org) & [refugeyam@gmail.com](mailto:refugeyam@gmail.com)

## The Pope's Monthly Intention for August 2019

### The Protection of the Oceans

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.



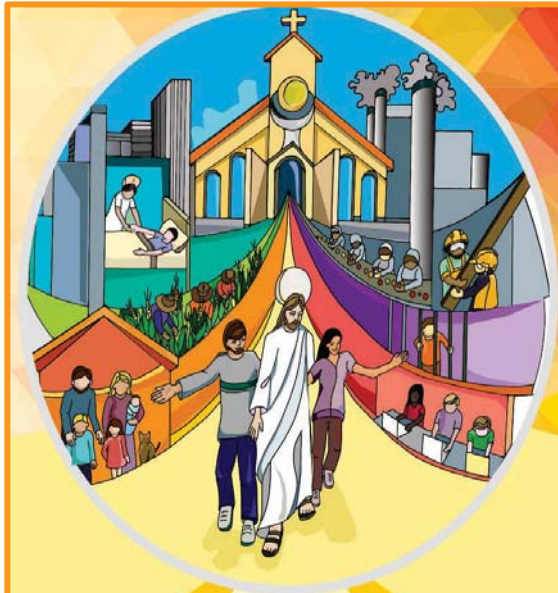
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 4:00 PM on Mondays to [olrbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:olrbulletin@gmail.com)



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14  
6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM  
IN THE OLR PARKING LOT

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house and fun for all ages!



## STAY WITH US

### Catechetical Sunday

Sunday,  
September 15,  
2019

Commissioning  
& Blessing of  
Catechists at the  
9:30 AM Mass

Reception  
following Mass in  
the Religious Ed  
Garden.



### Together In Mission

Parish Goal:

\$60,100.00

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