



# St. Peter Claver Parish

Corner of Cochran & Stow Streets



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## PARISH SCHEDULE

### MASSES:

Saturday: 5pm Vigil ; 7pm(Español)  
Sunday: 8am; 10am; 12pm & 5pm;  
Holy Day of Obligation: TBA  
Weekdays: 7:30am (Monday to Saturday)  
Church open for Prayer: 7am to 7pm (Monday to Friday)

**DEVOTIONS:** Perpetual Help Novena,  
Wednesdays, 7pm, Mass on First Wednesdays

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Saturdays, 3 - 4:30pm (or by appointment)

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Sundays, 1:30pm; 4th Sunday - Spanish Baptism

### BAPTISM INSTRUCTION:

Please contact Parish Office

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

6 months prior notification needed

## Parish Mission Statement

*We, the parish of Saint Peter Claver, are a Catholic faith community within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Universal Church. Firm in the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and inspired by the example of our patron, we proclaim the kingdom of God to embrace everyone in love without discrimination of any kind. We are devoted to worship, to witness, and joyful service in the Spirit.*



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Parish Office Address:** 5649 Pittman St.  
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# Parish Information

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**"God relates to his people not as isolated individuals but as a people, a family, united with one another in deep bonds of love (Eph 4:1-6). We learn to give and receive God's love in and through our relationships with one another. As St. Augustine taught, when we say "amen" before receiving Holy Communion, we are saying "amen" not only to Christ the head, but to all the members of his body. So profound is this communion that it endures beyond death: we have fellowship not only with the members of the Church on earth but with the saints in heaven, who are cheering us on and helping us draw closer to Christ."**

-From [Unleashthegospel.org](http://Unleashthegospel.org)

The source and summit of our Catholic faith is the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, God gives us Himself, as food for our journey back to Him. God is truly present to us, body and blood, soul and divinity, in the Eucharist.

Can I hear an "Amen!" to that?



**Eucharistic  
Revival**

## St. Peter Claver BINGO - "The Friendliest BINGO in Town!"

Thursday Nights in the Parish Center



Doors open at 5:00pm - Games begin at 6:30pm - All games pay \$250  
Major Credit Cards accepted - Phone: (805) 526-2781

## Pastor's Corner

My dear Parishioners,

Greetings to all of you on this Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe!

This Sunday's feast of Christ the King concludes the ordinary time of the church calendar. Christ reigns now and forever.

Let us ask our Lord and King to keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division," "hatred," and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother," and our way of life will always be that of: Peace!

This last excerpt from the pastoral constitution on the Church in the modern world of the Second Vatican Council, might be a good reminder for us, as Christians to work for peace, (Gaudium et spes, nn. 88-90)

*The Christian duty of working for peace. Christians should cooperate, willingly and wholeheartedly, in building an international order based on genuine respect for legitimate freedom and on a brotherhood of universal friendship. This is all the more urgent because the greater part of the world still experiences such poverty that in the voices of the poor Christ himself can be heard, crying out for charity from his followers. There are nations—many of them with a Christian majority—which enjoy an abundance of goods, while others are deprived of the necessities of life, and suffer from hunger, disease and all kinds of afflictions. This scandal must be removed from among men, for the glory of Christ's Church and its testimony to the world are the spirit of poverty and the spirit of love.*

*Christians, especially young Christians, deserve praise and support when they offer themselves voluntarily in the service of other people and other nations. Indeed, it is the duty of all God's people, with bishops giving a lead by word and example, to do all in their power to relieve the sufferings of our times, following the age-old custom of the Church in giving not only what they can spare but also what they need for themselves.*

*Without being uniform or inflexible, a method of collecting and distributing contributions should be established in each diocese and nation and on a world-wide level. Wherever it seems appropriate, there should be joint action between Catholics and other Christians. The spirit of charity, far from forbidding prudence and orderliness in social and charitable action, in fact demands them. Those intending to serve the developing countries must therefore undergo appropriate and systematic training.*

*In order to foster and encourage cooperation among men, the Church must be present and active in the community of nations. It must work through its own public organizations with the full and sincere cooperation of all Christians in their one desire to serve all mankind.*

*This end will be more effectively achieved if the faithful are themselves conscious of their human and Christian responsibilities and seek to awaken among those in their own walk of life a readiness to cooperate with the international community. Special care should be taken to give this kind of formation to young people in their religious and secular education.*

*Finally, it is to be hoped that, in carrying out their responsibilities in the international community, Catholics will seek to cooperate actively and constructively with other Christians, who profess the same Gospel of love, and with all men who hunger and thirst for true peace.*

May the Lord look upon us with favor; making us fruitful and numerous to fulfill the covenant He made with us, and surely God will visit us in peace!

Peace,  
Fr. Riz



## Offer This Day To The Lord Parish Activities This Week

### Monday, November 27th

7:00 pm MSYM (YC)  
7:00 pm Misioneros Prayer Group (PC)

### Tuesday, November 28th

9:00 am Adult Bible Study (PC)  
**6:00 pm VIRTUS Recertification Session (YC)**  
7:00 pm Claver Coffeehouse (PC)  
7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (PC)  
7:00 pm Misioneros Retreat Meeting (PC)

### Wednesday, November 29th

9:30 am Women's Bible Study (PC)  
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (PC)  
7:00 pm Perpetual Help Novena (C)  
7:00 pm HSYM (YC)

### 7:30 pm Advent Evening of Reflection (WH)

### Thursday, November 30th

**12(noon) Fingerprinting (YC)**  
**4:00 pm Confessions (C)**  
6:00 pm Children's Choir (C)  
6:00 pm Saturday 5pm Choir (CLR)  
6:30 pm BINGO (WH, PC)

### Friday, December 1st - First Friday

**7:00 pm Holy Hour of Divine Mercy (C)**  
7:00 pm Parejas Para Cristo (PC)  
7:00 pm Spanish Choir Practice (PC)

### Saturday, December 2nd

9:00 am Christmas Choir Rehearsal (C)  
11:00 am Mass of the Anointing of the Sick (C)  
3:00 pm Confessions (C)  
5:00 pm Couples for Christ Advent Gathering (WH)  
6:00 pm K of C Advent Party (YC)  
6:15 pm Confessions (Spanish) (C)

(C) Church (CLR) Children's Liturgy Room (P) Plaza  
(PC) Parish Center (PO) Parish Office (WH) West Hall  
(YC) Youth Center (PL) Parking Lot (WL) West Lawn  
(SSR) School Staff Room (SPL) School Parking Lot

## Readings for the Week

*Mon., Nov. 27:* Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

*Tues., Nov. 28:* Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

*Wed., Nov. 29:* Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

*Thur., Nov 30:* Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

*Fri., Dec. 1:* Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

*Sat., Dec. 2:* Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

*Sun., Dec. 3:* Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

## On This Sunday We Celebrate

ALPHA See's Candies Fundraiser after all Masses

RCIA Sunday Session, 9:15am

Baptisms, 1:30pm



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, November 25th

5:00pm Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Alvarez (INT)  
Federico and Gregoria Tabino (RIP)  
7:00pm Chema J. Zepeda (INT)

### Sunday, November 26th

10:00am John Arellano (RIP)  
Chanel Zaragoza (RIP)  
12:00pm Nena Corpuz (RIP)  
Doris Blackburn (RIP)  
5:00pm James K. Takeda (RIP)  
Ponciano Arriola (RIP)

### Monday, November 27th

7:30am Carlos Holcomb (RIP)  
Gil Doble (RIP)  
Alyssa West (INT)

### Tuesday, November 28th

7:30am Roland Sylvestre (RIP)  
Ramona Perez (INT)  
Ginger Reilly (INT)

### Wednesday, November 29th

7:30am Scott and Joy Jones (INT)  
Arjuna Dominic (INT)  
Consuela Pascua (INT)

### Thursday, November 30th

7:30am Gary Clements (RIP)  
Rodney Neitzel (INT)  
Sister Angela Flavin, R.S.C. (INT)

### Friday, December 1st

7:30am Irma and Arturo Noches (RIP)  
Nora Alicia Santos (RIP)  
Addison Weitzman (RIP)

### Saturday, December 2nd

7:30am Jimmy Obcamp (RIP)  
Norma Dacumos (RIP)  
Loreta Yap Te (RIP)

## ***Growing Firm in the Hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ***

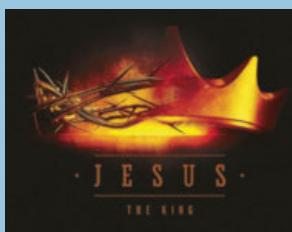
### **Offices of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry**

#### **Office of Faith Formation**

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Laura Diaz, Director of Faith Formation

Sarahi Magallanes & Kyle Colavitti, Administrative Assistants



*'...For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'*  
Matthew 25:35-36

¡Viva Cristo Rey! Long live Christ the King! On this last Sunday of the Liturgical Calendar we celebrate Christ our King. He is not a king who desires to conquer people through battle. He is not a king who wants all the riches of the world. No, our King desires to love and care for each of us. He wants us to live as He taught us, to care for those in need, to forgive, and to love each other. We receive our King in the Eucharist at Mass which gives us strength to be like Him. Talk as a family or with friends about how you will do acts to honor Christ the King each day this week. Through your acts will others be able to tell who your King is?

**Older Children's FR & HC (Spanish)** Wednesday, November 29th, from 7-8:15pm in the Catechist Lounge

**Elementary Faith Formation Sessions** Sunday, December 3rd, at 8am, 9:15am or 11:15am

**RCIA Session** Sunday, December 3rd, beginning with 10am Mass followed by a Session in the Parish Office.

#### **Office of Youth Ministry**

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Jessica Rude, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

**Act justly. Love mercy. Walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8**



*Thus says the Lord GOD: 'I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark.'* Ezekiel 34:11-12

In the first reading, we hear all about the goodness of God and how God promised to take care of the Israelites. God promises to take care of us as well, and asks us to do the same for others. The readings today remind us how important it is for us to do that work of caring for others. In fact, we'll be judged on how well we have done that. This is the last Sunday of the liturgical year and next week we'll begin Advent. Often as we approach December 31st and prepare for the coming new year, we take time to reflect on and evaluate the past year of our lives. You might try that to prepare for the new liturgical year as well. How have you seen God take care of you this past year? What can you do this week to show that care to others?

**Our Next Confirmation Session is December 10th.**

Years 1 and 2 will gather at 3:15pm and attend the 5pm Mass together.

**Middle School Youth Ministry Meets This Week!**

On Monday, November 27th, we will gather in the Youth Center from 7-8:15pm.

**High School Youth Ministry Meets This Week!**

On Wednesday, November 29th, we will gather in the Youth Center from 7-8:15pm.

### **Adults Becoming Fully Catholic**

#### **RCIA: The Rite of Acceptance and the Rite of Welcome**

 When Inquirers have reflected on their own faith journeys and decided that the Catholic Church is the right place for them, they celebrate the Rite of Acceptance if they are not baptized, and the Rite of Welcome if they are baptized. They assemble publicly with the parish community at a Sunday Mass, "declaring their intention to the Church and the Church, in turn, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members." (RCIA # 41) Call the Faith Formation Office at (805) 526-0680 for information, or drop in to Claver Coffeehouse 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the Parish Center, Room 7. Welcome!

## November 26, 2023 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

*"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink." ~ Matthew 25:35*

### December 8th - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. On Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, confessions will be heard from 4-4:45pm, with our Vigil Mass at 5pm. Masses on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> will be at 7:30am, 12(noon) and 7pm (Bi-lingual).



### Please pray for the souls of...

Mark Zorick, 11/13/23; Michael Paul Petlik, 11/30/21; Muriel Edenhofer, 11/29/21; Richard Fidermutz, 11/26/21; Christine Melanie Pascolocco, 11/30/20; Patricia Delling, 11/27/20; Lester "Jerry" Schumann, 12/2/20; John Villasenor, 12/1/20; James "Jim" Earley, 11/30/17; Daniel Hale, 11/28/17; Cyriel Jan Ockers, 11/27/17; Robert E. Miller II, 11/28/16; Germaine Piraino, 11/26/15; Henry Diaz Fuentes, 12/1/15; Henry Fuentes, 12/1/15; Mario Guevara Ortega, 11/30/13; Jeannine Pilling, 11/26/12; Sebastian Tatone, 11/27/11; Thomas Patrick Murphy, 11/26/09; Mary Boland, 12/2/09; Luigi Messina, 11/30/03; Roland Sylvestre, 11/28/00; Teresa Metro, 11/29/99; Celestine Vanderah, 12/2/99; Esther Rangel, 12/2/97; Helen Slattery, 12/1/97; Joseph Piraino, 12/1/96; Joseph Marotta, 11/27/95; Abel Arvizo, 11/26/94; Vicky Swayze, 12/2/94; Samuel Guerra, 11/26/93; Rose Chinoski, 11/28/92; Theodore Kazmiryk, 12/1/91; John Elpers, 11/28/88; Edna Duvelow, 11/29/86; Anthony Polino, 11/30/84; Louise Sampson, 11/29/83; Dominica Lovato, 12/2/81; Aaron McCombs, 11/30/79; Daniel Jaramillo, 11/30/74.

### LIVE THE LITURGY

God is always closer to us than we suspect. He is in every need we encounter and every person we meet. Never stop seeking His face.

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### MASS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK NEXT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

**Next Saturday, DECEMBER 2nd, at 11am**, our special Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be held for seniors and those in poor health. **The Anointing of the Sick** "is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived." If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced.



### Please pray for the health of...

Anne Marie Roessig; Sister Angela Flavin, R.S.C.; Michael Filippelli; Misty Filippelli; Imelda Siojo; Jojo Siojo; Jim Small; Lisa Holly; Alyssa West; Ramona Perez; Sylvia Flores; Bert Rosario; Ritchard Fuller; Margaret Gualano; David Grende; Perpetua Ponce Pura; Policarpio Ponce; Randy Miyake; Darlene Baumgartner; Sami Haddad; Kathy Ervin; Tom Lepore; Connie Morgan; Sherry Kimmet; Paula Barrett; Pat Ryan; Amy Petry; Bonnie Bellefontaine; Lucas Miller.

Names will remain on the list of "Pray for the Health of" for 4 weeks. If you wish to add a name please contact the Parish Office.

## Are You Interested in Becoming an Altar Server?



The Altar Server ministry is a very special group of young people in our parish who have answered God's call to ministry. As an Altar Server, you are one of the liturgical ministers with an important role during the Mass or other liturgical services. It is a privilege to minister as an altar server at Mass. Servers assist the priest at the altar and help the church community worship in the best possible way. We invite you to share this special privilege of becoming an active altar server in the parish. Altar serving isn't a volunteer role.

*You are responding to the call of God on your heart to serve the community as ministers.*

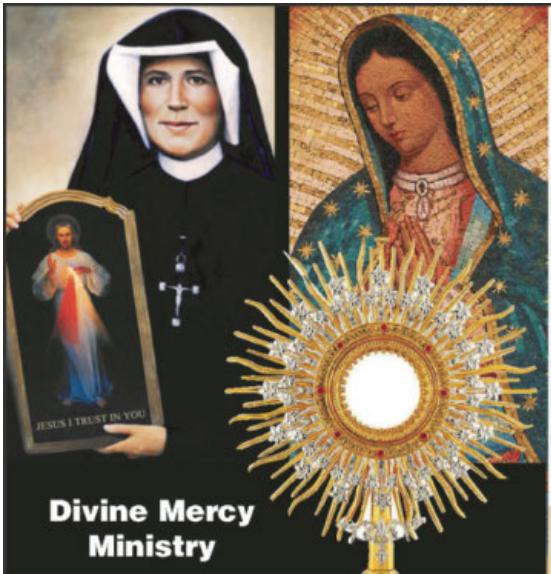
Altar Servers must have a strong desire to serve at the Altar of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

You must have made your First Communion and be a member of St. Peter Claver Parish. You must know how to genuflect, make the sign of the cross, be willing to pray aloud, and know the appropriate responses during Mass. It is most important as a server to be attentive, sit quietly during Mass, and show reverence at the Altar of the Lord. You must be willing to attend Mass regularly and serve on Sundays. If you have not already done so, please contact the Parish office to express interest in participating.

**Our next Training session** will be on **Monday, December 4th** from 6-8pm in the church. Looking ahead, there will be sessions on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, and Monday, June 10th, 2024, both from 6-8pm in the church.

We will post reminders as those dates approach.

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. -Psalm 23**



### Dec. 1 First Friday - Mass at 7:30 am.

#### ALL DAY AND OVERNIGHT ADORATION.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the church from 8 am.

#### HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY 7-8 pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet in song, prayer, and reflection.

#### ADORATION CONTINUES OVERNIGHT.

Benediction and Reposing of the Blessed Sacrament just prior to the First Saturday 7:30 am Mass.

Sign up this weekend in the vestibule to adore one hour on Dec. 1, during the day or overnight into Saturday.

### Dec. 2 First Saturday - Mass at 7:30 am.

#### ROSARY AND MEDITATION Following Mass.

Receive our monthly newsletter "Getting to Know you, St. Faustina".  
E-mail [stfaustinarelic@gmail.com](mailto:stfaustinarelic@gmail.com) or scan this code.



## RIDE WITH US TO THE CATHEDRAL FOR THE ARCHDIOCESAN SIMBANG GABI!

**Friday, December 15th**



The Filipino Catholic Community of St. Peter Claver has secured a bus to travel to and from the

Annual Simbang Gabi Mass that will take place on Friday, December 15th, 6:30pm, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. The cost is \$25 per person - first come/first served. We will assemble at 3:45pm in the church parking lot; the bus leaves St. Peter Claver at 4pm. We will be picked up at the Cathedral at 9:15pm for the trip home. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information or to reserve your seat, please call Salome El Hussainy at (805) 300-9369.

## Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe - Our Lady of Guadalupe

### Tuesday, December 12th, 2023



The Hispanic Community of St. Peter Claver Church wishes to invite you to this special day in which we honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas! Please join us for Mañanitas, or "Morning Serenade" at 5am on Tuesday, December 12th. We will pray the Rosary in procession that evening at 6pm and celebrate Holy Mass at 7pm, after which we will have a reception in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Parish Hall. Come celebrate with us!

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, "What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?"

I'm a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King

Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king's most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, "this is our king" is to say, "we exist as a community, and we have a future." Kingship isn't primarily about the power of one person or family. It's about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are one in Him. We are, and we will be as long as He is. And since He will be our risen King forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and His Church will endure forever. What good news! It's not a waste of time to crown a king.

We do it all the time. Let's be sure to crown the right one — the One whose kingdom never ends.

— Father John Muir  
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## Did You Know?

**How do groomers work?** - Groomers start by picking out a potential victim, often a child who is emotionally vulnerable or isolated, or with low self-esteem. Then, groomers will start to slowly build a relationship — bonding over an alleged shared interest and expanding relationships out to build trust with the victim's family and friends. Groomers work hard to make themselves appear trustworthy and safe, to gain better access to their victims. From there, they can isolate their victims and perpetrate abuse. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "The Many Stages of Grooming" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

## VIRTUS Recertification and Fingerprinting

The Archdiocese requires that all persons, whether paid or volunteer, who have regular contact with minors or vulnerable adults complete and maintain VIRTUS certification and be fingerprinted. Our parish is offering the **VIRTUS recertification training "Keeping the Promise Alive"** on Tuesday, November 28th, at 6pm, in the Youth Center for anyone with an upcoming expiration of their "Safeguard the Children" training. If you need to know your certification status, call the Faith Formation office at (805) 526-0680 and they will check it for you. **Sign-ups are required** - please call the Parish Office at (805) 526-6499 to reserve a spot.

**Participants must be on time for the session; there will be no late entry.**

**Fingerprinting** will be on Thursday, November 30th, from 12(noon) until 6pm in the Youth Center.

**An appointment is required**; please call the Faith Formation office at (805) 526-0680 to make your appointment.



## ¿Sabia Que?

**¿Cómo funcionan los acosadores sexuales?** - Los acosadores sexuales comienzan seleccionando a una víctima potencial, que a menudo es un niño emocionalmente vulnerable o aislado, o con baja autoestima. Luego, los acosadores comenzarán a construir lentamente una relación, conectándose a través de un supuesto interés compartido y extendiendo las relaciones para generar confianza con la familia y los amigos de la víctima. Los depredadores trabajan duro para parecer dignos de confianza y seguros, para obtener un mejor acceso a sus víctimas. A partir de ahí, pueden aislar a sus víctimas y perpetrar el abuso. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS®, "The Many Stages of Grooming" (Las muchas etapas para atraer a una víctima de abuso) en [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).



# Our Christmas Giving Tree

During the wonderful season of Christmas, let us remember  
the children, senior citizens, and special needs individuals  
who are less fortunate than ourselves.

To give from the heart to those less fortunate reflects the way of Jesus.

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