

Living as Beloved Disciples with Grace & Gratitude & Generosity

The Mission of the Holy Family Volunteer Program is to provide parishioners the opportunity to participate in the life of the parish, assist in sustaining parish activities, and show our gratitude by sharing our God-given gifts and talents with each other and our parish community.



“Msgr. Connolly gave a homily recently about a religious leader asking his students “how do you know when ‘the darkness is changing into light?’” There were many incorrect answers given; finally, the religious leader stated ‘You know darkness is changing to light when you are able to look into another person’s eyes and see yourself.’”

I see myself in the eyes of these people coming to me to have their tattoos removed. I have made many mistakes in my life and there have been wonderful people there to pick me up. These people at HomeBoy are God’s children and I also see Jesus when I look in their eyes. ”

Dr. Paul McAndrews



“Dawn asked me if I would use my ‘gifts’ to design the church bulletin boards for Easter. Having recently ‘graduated’ from RCIA the whole concept of the true meaning of Easter was new to me, but working on the boards actually brought me to another level of faith in understanding more about Christ’s resurrection and His transformation through the cross. I think every year we should renew and every year we should transform into a deeper faith.”

Tina Forrestel



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Ministries & Volunteer Program



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Opportunities for Everyone

There are many ways to serve at Holy Family with opportunities to fit almost everyone’s schedule and available time; here are a few examples:

EVENINGS Teach RCIA, facilitate Bible studis, tutor ESL at sister Parish Dolores Mission, contact new parishioners, be a sponsor for RCIA or help with Life Teen

WEEKENDS Welcome Center, Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Religious Education Catechists, Video Ministry, Continental Breakfast, Giving Bank, Sunday Preschool, Toddler Co-op, Choir, or The Bookstore

SEASONAL collect food for Giving Bank, help with annual fall fair, volunteer for “The Event”, volunteer as gift wrapper at The Bookstore during Christmas and in the Spring (First Communion / Baptism / Confirmation season), help with Easter Triduum (set-up church, get feet washed, gather flowers), volunteer for Get on the Bus fundraiser

1-2 HOURS/WEEK Serve as a Eucharistic Minister for the homebound

3-4 HOURS/WEEK Give out food at Giving Bank on Monday mornings

2-3 HOURS/MONTH Assist with monthly mailings, tutor children at Holy Family School

4-6 HOURS/MONTH Tutor at Dolores Mission, organize small quarterly welcome events for new parishioners

OCCASIONAL Help with set-up/clean-up for special events, provide hospitality or food preparation for funeral receptions or assist with seasonal projects

We need artists, videographers, gardeners, photographers, writers, bakers, cleaners, marketers, singers, lawyers, teachers, construction workers, dancers, event coordinators, shoppers, friendly faces—whatever gifts God has blessed you with, Holy Family can use!



“The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today.”

St. Francis of Assisi

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For a complete description and more information on the ministries, please visit holyfamily.org.

ARTS

- ✦ **Holy Family Bookstore** is the foremost supplier of quality Catholic religious material in the San Gabriel Valley.
- ✦ **Soup’n Cinema** is a shared simple meal, an opportunity to view a movie and a discussion to follow.
- ✦ **Visual Artists** share their talents to enhance their faith experience and that of their fellow parishioners through a variety of means and media in the liturgy and beyond.
- ✦ **Writers** are needed to communicate the mission of Holy Family on our website, in the bulletin, for the school and for special events.

ADULT EDUCATION

- ✦ **Bible Study** provides a stimulating, enlightened and prayerful approach to the study of sacred Scripture.
- ✦ **Confirmation** allows Catholics who have not received this sacrament to complete their initiation/sacraments.
- ✦ **Lenten Faith Sessions: *Living Eucharist*** is an opportunity for small groups to gather for prayer and refectio throughout the Lenten period.
- ✦ **Living With Christ Retreat** is a Thursday and Friday evening, and Saturday morning retreat which focuses on our call to be faith filled disciples of Jesus Christ.
- ✦ **Living Your Gifts** is a five week seminar based on Clifton’s *Strengthfinders* assessment of gifts and talents.
- ✦ **Parish Mission** hosts a special speaker each winter to lead the parish in faith renewal.
- ✦ **RCIA** (adults, teens, children) The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) welcomes new members and provides appropriate spiritual formation according to each person’s needs.
- ✦ **ReMembering Church** is a place for returning Catholics to explore their faith and future with the Church.
- ✦ **Spiritual Direction** assists those who seek guidance, affirmation, and/or enrichment in their spiritual experience.

BEAUTIFICATION MINISTRIES

- ✦ **Church Environment** helps to create a space which enhances our encounter with the living God through our liturgies.
- ✦ **Garden Ministry** oversees maintenance of the landscaping and plans seasonal color.
- ✦ **Environmental Ministry** seeks to educate and inspire others to act out of reverence and respect for God’s creation by promoting sustainable living and responsible stewardship of our resources.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

- ✦ **Altar Servers** help facilitate our Eucharistic liturgies in a regular and reverent manner, open to anyone who has entered the fifth grade or older.
- ✦ **Boy Scouts** offers responsible fun and adventure, develops character and self-reliance, stresses personal responsibility, provides opportunities for prayer and encourages spiritual growth.
- ✦ **Cub Scouts** helps a young boy (grades 1 through 5) grow up to be a self-reliant, caring individual of worth to his community and his church.
- ✦ **EDGE** Middle Schoolers meet weekly to learn about our Catholic Faith. They perform community service and host social nights.
- ✦ **Liturgy of the Word for Children** allows children to leave the assembly during the Liturgy of the Word and gather elsewhere to celebrate the Liturgy.
- ✦ **Religious Education Program** spreads the Good News of Jesus Christ to our students and their families.
- ✦ **Safeguard the Children** is a comprehensive program designed to promote a safe environment for children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

- ✦ **Sunday Preschool** provides preschool and kindergarten age children with a religious program and spiritual environment.
- ✦ **Toddler Co-Op** provides toddlers an opportunity to learn about God’s gifts through spirit-filled play, crafts, stories and songs, giving parents an opportunity to attend Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

- ✦ **Communications and Technology Committee** oversees the website, social networking and other electronic media, assuring appropriate integration of Holy Family’s mission.
- ✦ **Database Committee** meets on an ad hoc basis to discuss any operational issues with the parish database.
- ✦ **Video Ministry/Holy Family Productions** volunteers produce high-quality videos of Eucharistic celebrations as well as Holy Family events, special liturgies, and other activities.

COMMISSIONS

- ✦ **Administration** lends expertise and practical assistance in providing stewardship of physical assets, overseeing parish operations.
- ✦ **Community Life** provides a welcoming, hospitable atmosphere throughout the parish community.
- ✦ **Education/Formation** supports all levels of faith formation; encouraging all to participate in life-long spiritual formation.
- ✦ **Outreach** provides servant leadership for all parish groups and ministries that reach out beyond the people who come to church.
- ✦ **Worship** coordinates all aspects of prayer and worship.

COMMUNITY CARE

- ✦ **Dolores Mission** is Holy Family’s “sister-parish” in the Boyle Heights section of East Los Angeles.
- ✦ **Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick** bring Eucharist to the sick, elderly and the home-bound.
- ✦ **Friends Who Care** assists in providing funeral receptions for families who have experienced the death of a loved one.
- ✦ **Get on the Bus** annually brings children and their guardians to visit their mothers and fathers in prison.
- ✦ **Giving Bank** provides direct relief to those who face food insecurity and hunger.
- ✦ **Referral Ministry** reaches out to those in need connecting them to available resources.
- ✦ **Restorative Justice** seeks justice and healing for all those affected by crime.
- ✦ **St. Vincent de Paul Society** offers person-to-person service to the needy and suffering.

COMMUNICATIONS

- ✦ **Bulletin** is the parish’s primary resource for ministry updates, parish events, and various local happenings.
- ✦ **Catholic Communications** presents the internationally recognized Toastmasters program with an emphasis on Christian principles and living the Catholic life.
- ✦ **Website** is the information hub with interactive links, videos, blogging, and more.

GLOBAL IMPACT

- ✦ **Fair Trade Ministry** encompasses Gospel and Catholic Social Doctrine principles by providing products for which the producer receives fair compensation.
- ✦ **Social Concerns** encourages parishioners and the surrounding community to understand and act upon the principles of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching.

- ✦ **Mission Haiti** reaches out beyond our parish and shares Christ’s presence in the impoverished communities of Haiti.

FINANCIAL MINISTRIES

- ✦ **Discipleship Committee** oversees the integration of Grace, Gratitude and Generosity across all the commissions and throughout the parish.
- ✦ **Finance Council** is the chief advisory body to the Parish Life Director (PLD) on fiscal matters.
- ✦ **Scrip Committee** orders, monitors and “balances” scrip for Holy Family School.

FRIEND & FUNDRAISERS

- ✦ **The Event (Divine Dinners, Auction, etc)** is the annual parish-wide fundraising event.
- ✦ **Fair/Fair Raffle** is the largest annual event attended by thousands of parishioners and people from the surrounding communities over the course of the weekend.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

- ✦ **H.F. School Board** supports the mission and purpose of Holy Family School by working with the the Principal, Parish Life Director, the School and its children.
- ✦ **H.F. School Legacy of Learning** supports the annual school fundraising drive.
- ✦ **H.F. School Parent Guild** actively supports the Parish Life Director, Principal and teachers in the philosophical goals and objectives of Holy Family School.

HOSPITALITY

- ✦ **Continental Breakfast** builds community and funds for various Ministries through the sale of coffee and donuts in the Parish Hall after Sunday morning masses.
- ✦ **Hospitality** promotes a welcoming environment by extending a warm greeting to all who gather at weekend Masses, special liturgies and parish events.
- ✦ **Welcome Center** is an extension of the Altar, offering help to parishioners looking for a community of faith.

LEADERSHIP

- ✦ **Commission Chairs** provide leadership to each of the five Holy Family Commissions and ensure the mission of the parish is being carried out.
- ✦ **Pastoral Council** is the chief advisory body to the Parish Life Director for planning, providing overall vision, and direction to the parish.

LIFE GROUPS

- ✦ **Career Networking Group** links parishioners with those who are currently in the job search process or considering a job change.
- ✦ **Filipino American Catholic Association** fosters a spirit of fellowship and togetherness in prayer and extends help to those in need.
- ✦ **Italian Catholic Federation** is a national apostolic and charitable organization uniting Italian Catholics in their faith, community, and pride in shared heritage.
- ✦ **Kindred Spirits** creates a Christ-centered community of fun, faith, and friendship, primarily for singles over 40.

MEN’S GROUPS

- ✦ **Men’s Reading Group** meets to discuss books concerned with religious, moral, and ethical issues.
- ✦ **Holy Family Men’s Club** is a social and service club that fosters Christian fellowship and a sense of community aimed at strengthening family life in our parish.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

- ✦ **9:30 & 11:15 Choirs** lead the assembly in songs at the liturgy, adding beauty through choral music.
 - ✦ **5:30 Life Teen Choir** leads the assembly in prayer by means of a cantor or ensemble, open to those in 8th grade through young adulthood.
- ## PRAYER GROUPS
- ✦ **Blessed Mother Prayer Group** gathers before and after the 8:00 a.m. daily Mass to recite the rosary.
 - ✦ **Block Rosary & Divine Mercy Prayer Group** members of the Filipino-American Catholic Association gather regularly for prayers.
 - ✦ **Mom’s Prayer Group** meets to discuss the previous week’s Gospel reading using the “Disciple’s Reflection for the Question of the Week”.
 - ✦ **Prayers for Children** is a ministry for all faiths that simply prays for children, especially those trying to survive in deplorable conditions.

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRIES

- ✦ **Baptism Ministry** is the beginning Initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith.
- ✦ **Funeral Ministry** gathers with loved ones following a death to prepare the funeral liturgy.
- ✦ **Wedding Coordinator** meets with each engaged couple to give information covering details of how to proceed with making wedding arrangements.

SENIOR ADULTS

- ✦ **Fifty Plus Club** provides an opportunity for the 50+ age group to enjoy faith-sharing, fellowship and service.
- ✦ **Pastoral Care** ministers to the elderly and sick members of the community with dignity and respect.

SUPPORT GROUPS

- ✦ **In Remembrance of...** is a six week series to aid in the grieving process.
- ✦ **Divorced and Separated** aids in healing during this troubling and painful time in people’s lives
- ✦ **Gay and Lesbian** provides a supportive forum of Gay and Lesbian members and parents of Gay and Lesbian children from the Catholic and Christian community.

WOMEN’S GROUPS

- ✦ **The Women’s Connection** provides a forum for women on contemporary issues while enhancing spiritual growth and expression through large and small group gatherings.
- ✦ **Women’s Reading Group** meets monthly to discuss each month’s book selection, available in the Bookstore.

WORSHIP

- ✦ **Lectors** rouse the faith of the assembly and inspire them to discipleship by proclaiming the Word of the Lord.
- ✦ **Ushers** provide a welcoming atmosphere and assure the orderly progress of the liturgy.

YOUNG ADULTS & TEENS

- ✦ **Life Teen** is a vibrant international Catholic movement that provides resources and faith experiences that lead teens closer to Christ through meaningful catechesis, outreach to the needy and relational ministry.
- ✦ **Teen Confirmation** guides teens to form a deeper relationship with Christ and a better understanding of faith, preparing them to receive the sacrament of confirmation.
- ✦ **Young Adults** provides a Catholic ministry for Christian fellowship to develop new friendships and share faith through serving others in volunteer and social settings.