



# ST. PHILOMENA

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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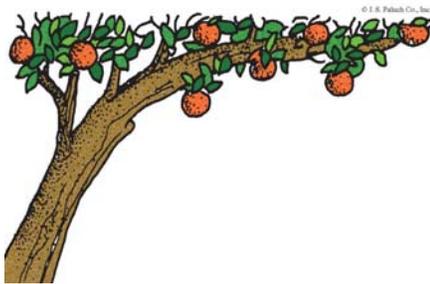
### GOOD NEWS!

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**June 17, 2018**

They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

—Psalm 92:14



### THE MASTER STORYTELLER

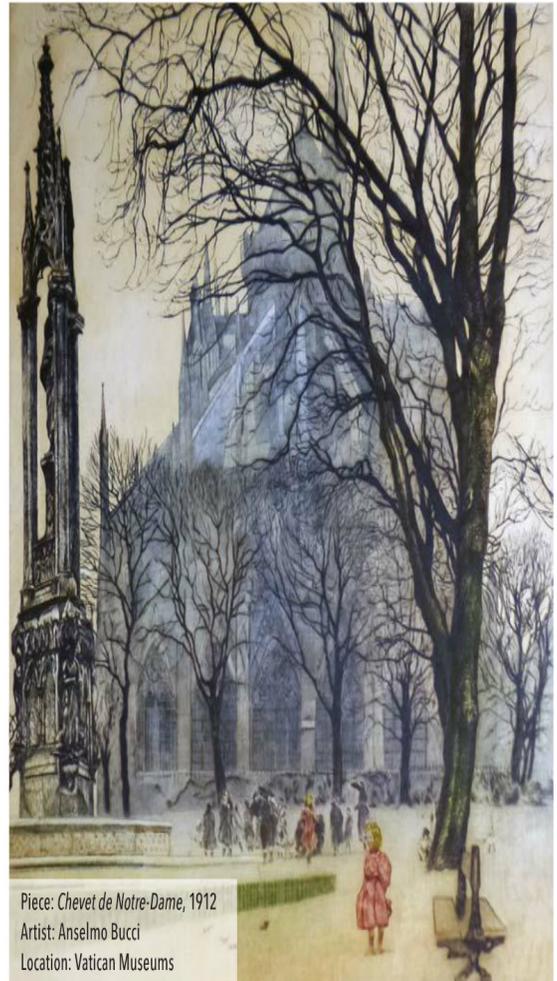
In today's Gospel, Jesus is presented to us as the master storyteller. He loved to use parables as a tool for comparing one thing to something else. In most of his parables, Jesus revealed who God is by comparing God's essence or actions with something familiar to his listeners. In the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus proclaims a marvelous and irrefutable truth. His small band of disciples, as insignificant as they may have felt, would one day produce a mighty kingdom whose growth was initiated by God. The seeds of this kingdom were planted by God and it is God who will harvest the fruit brought forth from those seeds. The extent of the growth of God's kingdom cannot be predicted. We must trust the work of the Master's hand as we, the mustard plant, grow and grow.

### Spreading Seeds

The kingdom of God has an inward power, an effervescence with which it is equipped, that makes it a force of growth and multiplication. Jesus compares the kingdom with a seed. You plant it in favorable soil and, you know not how, it springs up into a little plant and then eventually into a full-grown tree. Its life principle is not given by the soil—although that helps it grow—but rather it has power of itself to expand.

The Christian life and the kingdom are very much like this. At baptism we have received supernatural grace in our souls. And if given suitable support, that faith will grow and become the transformative element of our lives. It will drive us toward a life of faith, hope, and love. It will lead us to forgive others, improve society, and transform everything for good.

The same can be said of the Church, Christ's kingdom of love. Christ planted the seed of faith in his apostles and that seed spread and thrived all across Europe. Their faith multiplied and grew until all throughout the world the fruits of their faith are on display as a veritable kingdom of charity: hospitals, universities, soup kitchens, AIDS hospices, shelters for the battered and homeless, retreat centers, chapels, churches, museums, research and rehabilitation centers, religious orders, lay associations, volunteer



Piece: Chevet de Notre-Dame, 1912  
Artist: Anselmo Bucci  
Location: Vatican Museums

groups, and the list could and does continue on and on. There is a force in faith and love that cannot be contained!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

#### For Reflection

*Do I let the force of my faith multiply into acts of love and service?*

*[Jesus said,] "But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches."*

*Mark 4:32*

## From the Archbishop

Archbishop  
*José H. Gomez*  
 COLUMN



## ‘Born for this moment’

The whole family of God here in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is rejoicing with us today.

My brothers — Egren and Danny, Gilbert and Ian, Spencer and John, Tommy, Pedro and Matthew — the path that you have taken on your journey of life has led you to this beautiful moment.

We thank God today for your families — for your mothers and fathers, your grandparents and godparents. By their prayers and sacrifices and their good example, they helped the love of God to grow in your hearts. We see today in a beautiful way how the family is the foundation of every vocation.

My dear brothers, this is a big step you are taking in the footsteps of Jesus. Today in the Gospel, we heard his prayer for you: “Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As You sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.”

You were born for this moment — when you give yourselves to Jesus, when you dedicate your whole life, heart and mind, body and soul, to his mission of salvation.

He is sending you out into the world — to follow him, to serve him; to be holy as he is holy, and to call others to be holy, too.

And my brothers and sisters, as we can see, our new priests are called from many different cultures and backgrounds. And they are filled with the joy of the Gospel. I am honored to call them my friends and my co-workers in this great ministry of salvation.

And as we pray for our new priests today, I think it is important for us to remember that every Christian life is a vocation.

This is true for every one of us, not only those who are called to be priests. Your lives also have a great meaning in the eyes of God. He is calling each of you to play your own part in this beautiful plan for the salvation of the world.

And God gives us holy priests to help us on our journey, on our mission in the world.

My brothers, God is anointing you today to be priests for his people. This is not just another profession, as you know. You continue an ancient and divine ministry that Isaiah prophesied — bringing good news and healing; leading people in the ways of freedom and happiness.

In our time and place, our priests must especially be men of hope.

So I pray that you will bring to everyone the simple and beautiful message of the Gospel — that God loves us and gave his life for us, and that he promises us a life that is beyond death, a love that never ends! This is the “oil of gladness” that our people long to receive.

And, my brothers, this calling to the priesthood comes from God. And it is not possible to carry out your ministry without the help of God’s grace.

So you need to rely on Jesus, totally. Let him be the Good Shepherd to you and grow in friendship with him, love him and learn from him.

And, as you know, you are called to be holy, but you are not “perfect.” I’m sorry to remind you of that.

You are not perfect. You are as human as the people you serve — and you always will be. Never forget that. It will keep you humble. And humility is the key to being a disciple and the key to being a good priest. Finally, you are being ordained on the vigil of Corpus Christi, the great feast of our Lord’s Body and Blood. And I want to say this personally to each of you: Stay close always to our Lord in the Eucharist.

Make the Eucharist the heart of your life and your priesthood, not only in offering the sacrifice of the Mass each day, but in spending time with our Lord in silence, adoring him in the Blessed Sacrament.

Talk to him as a child of God; listen to his voice.

Give your hearts to him and let him shape your lives in his image, just as he changes the bread and the wine. Allow him to make you “another Christ.”

So, my dear brothers and sisters, let us continue to pray for our new priests. Let us thank God today and pray that many more young men will be following in their footsteps.

And let us entrust our new priests and our own lives to our Blessed Mother Mary. May she help all of us to open our hearts to the call of God in our lives

**EVANGELIZATION****PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and to act in your name.

For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shine out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed; in their doubts, never despair; in temptation, never be destroyed; in persecution, never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit, and help them to praise your Heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners.

By the same Holy Spirit, put your words on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. And may the gift of Mary, your mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she, who formed you in her human image, may form them in your Divine Image, by the power of your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Thought of the Week**

“The most deadly poison of our times is indifference. And this happens, although the praise of God should know no limits. Let us strive, therefore, to praise him to the greatest extent of our powers.”

**Maximilian Kolbe**

**PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PASTOR**

Heavenly Father, We pray that you will be with us as we receive into our parish your servant Rev. Fr Francis Ilano. Help us to show our love and understanding for him as he start working as our Pastor. May we be willing to receive instructions with an open heart and mind and offer encouragement and complete support to him..

May our parishioners be inspired and our spirits be rekindled with the flame of the Holy Spirit. We pray that with the new Shepherd you sent us we will find peace and joy within us and develop the virtues of obedience and understanding in our service to the church. Make us aware of our needs for each other. Show us ways of removing stumbling blocks that will make your path easy to follow.

Continue to be with us and bind us together in your love and service. This we ask in Jesus name with the intercession of our Mother Mary. AMEN.

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is launching a 15 minute survey to better understand the current education perceptions and preferences of Catholic parents. *What do you value in education?* The results will help us make improvements in our Catholic Schools.

You could even win a \$500 Amazon gift card, and could help St. Philomena School win a \$3,000 Technology Grant!

**Just go to:** [www.SchoolSurveyLA.org](http://www.SchoolSurveyLA.org)

**FAREWELL PARTY FOR FR. ALBERT AVENIDO**

Please join us on June 22, Friday at 6pm for a Farewell Party for Fr. Albert Avenido at the Parking Lot in the back. The Parish staff will be hosting a farewell reception for all the Parish Staff, Ministries, Church Organizations and Prayer Groups and their families. Fr. Albert will be available Sunday, June 24th , after every mass until 1pm for a farewell meet and greet.

**LITURGY & WORSHIP**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42  
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48  
 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15  
 Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23  
 Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34  
 Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17  
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

*Saturdays*: 7:30 AM, 5:00 PM (Spanish), 7:00 PM  
*Sundays*: 6:00 AM, 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:45 PM, 2:30 PM (Spanish), 4:15PM, 6:00 PM  
*Weekdays*: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM  
*First Wed. & First Fri. Only*: 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 7:00PM  
*Eve of Holy Days*: 7:00 PM  
*Holy Days*: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM (Spanish), 7:00 PM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

*Saturdays, Thursday before First Friday and Day before Holy Days*: 4:00PM – 5:00PM & 6:00PM– 7:00PM  
*First Fridays*: 6:15 PM – 7:00 PM

**PRIESTS**

Rev. Albert H. Avenido-Administrator Pro-Tem  
 Rev. Alidor Mikobi -Associate Pastor  
 Rev. Mikaele Mataafa - Associate Pastor  
 Rev. Demetrio Bugayong– Canonical Pastor

**ST. PHILOMENA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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 Web site: [www.stphilomenaschool.org](http://www.stphilomenaschool.org)  
 Sister Mary John, OCD — *Principal*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Office: (310) 830-6180 Fax: (310) 830-6287  
 Rosa Garcia - *Director, Religious Education*  
 Anna Marie Sharkany—*Director, Youth & Confirmation*

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day  
 Tuesday: St. Romuald  
 Thursday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga; Summer begins  
 Friday: St. Paulinus of Nola; Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**\*Saturday, June 16, 2018**  
 7:30am: Lucar Manzano (+)  
 5:00pm: Cecilia Merle Pacificador (+)  
 7:00pm: Julieta Tabanda Castillo(+)  
**\*Sunday, June 17, 2018**  
 6:00am: Max Hofilena (+)  
 7:30am: Manuel Gabriel (+)  
 9:15am: Felixberto H. Menor (+)  
 11:00am: Arlene Macavinta (L)  
 12:45pm: Teofilo Lanting & Family (L)  
 2:30pm: Aurora B. Van Leon (+)  
 4:15pm: Christopher Recaido (L)  
 6:00pm: Francisca & Cornelio Arandez (+)  
**\*Monday, June 18, 2018**  
 6:30am: Miguel Manzano (+)  
 8:00am: Belen Agustina Custodio(+)  
**\*Tuesday, June 19, 2018**  
 6:30am: Teofilo Israel (+)  
 8:00am: Damiana Ramos Manzano (+)  
**\*Wednesday, June 20, 2018**  
 6:30am Ciriaco Botacion Manzano (+)  
 8:00am: Ellappan Ezakiah (+)  
**\*Thursday, June 21, 2018**  
 6:30am: Juanita Talana Reyes (+)  
 8:00am: Josefina Del Castillo (+)  
**\*Friday, June 22, 2018**  
 6:30am: Melecio Dy Reyes (+)  
 8:00am: Antonio Talana Reyes(+)  
**\*Saturday, June 23, 2018**  
 7:30am: Pacifico Bongato Sr. (+)

**Legends:**  
 (L) Living (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving (+) Deceased

**Sick Relatives & Friends**  
*Please pray for the sick of the parish*

Laki Peato, Jose Wilder Abanto, Cheroel Maple, Connie Arano, Aida Torion Zanoria, LaVerne Willkom Levenson, Juanita Cariaga, Anita S., Ellis Robinson, Laura Medeiros, Michele Nartea, Louigee Capati, Nick Cruz, Baby Vicente Maldonado, Ada Charisze Espanola, Sony Batucal, Merlinda Guererro, Rey Nacino, Rowena T., Luz Dominguez, Ester Jornacion, Raul De Leon, Marilou Bautista, Angie Mckittrick, Nelson Mape, Ricardo Cabanban, Jaime Campos, Hong Pham, Frederick Wetzell, Nessie Labindalawa, Dolores Trinidad, Arlene Sambrano, Joy Warden, Ramon Florita, Rosalia Cruz, Evangeline Domingo, Christopher Coffey, Patrick Orbon, Florentino Tanglao, Ruben Martinez, Gerardo Torres, Manuel A. Gonzalez, Lilia Villanueva

*and all those in our community who are in need of prayers.*

**IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE**

*All powerful Creator whose loving in hope, look kindly upon,*

Aida Dollente, Monica De La Cruz, Hatsuko Manuel, Bella Estiamba, Kenneth Dulany, Connie Medina Kennedy, Anna Dumlaio, Myrna Hadinoto, Ben Sibal, Traci De la Cruz, Rosita Nocos, Claire Bertha Dors, Tauveve Tu'upo, Angelito Penalba, Arturo Balatero, Judy Madlangbayan, Arturo Salas, Eliseo Monzon, Maria Kienholz, Pauline Mc Millan, Danny Florencio, Alfonso Odal, Maria Rosie Endrinal, Clarinda del Rosario, Arturo Custudio Ozaeta, Jason Baysac, Maria Lourdes Pantejo, Sergio Meza, Leuvino Baquiran, Marceliano Pili, Victoria Ner, Michael Wiley Neuman, Sergio L. Miranda

*& all who have departed this life confessing your name. Number them among your saints forever.*

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## Open Registration for Religious Education 2018 - 2019!

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)  
 First Reconciliation & Communion  
 Continuing Religious Formation  
 High School Confirmation  
 Adult Sacramental Formation

Registrations are available at the Religious Education Program's (REP) Office or the Parish Center office (7 Days a Week).

Turn them in as soon as possible!!  
 Avoid a late fee registration starting September 1st!

**Register now, get billed later!**  
**Pass the word along to friends, family & neighbors!**

Parents must **RE-REGISTER** all children & teenagers are currently in their year 1 formation, if this is to be their second year for communion or confirmation.

If your child(ren) has already made their First Communion and/or Confirmation, they can still be enrolled for **Continuous Faith Formation!**

## Looking for Adults who are interested in sharing their faith with others

*Have you formed a personal relationship with Jesus?*

*If so,*

*isn't your heart full of love and joy?  
 Do you feel the desire to share that joy of love with others as well?  
 Are you willing to be a missionary sharing the work of evangelization right here in your parish? Are you willing to share your faith with others?*

If you said **YES** to any of the above, **come join the religious education team** as an assistant in the classroom, a substitute catechist or even a catechist! Training is provided at your own pace and time. We are all on a journey of faith and we learn from one another. **Come to the Religious Education Office to fill out a volunteer form!**

Our first Communion, Confirmation, RCIA & continuous formation programs would love to have you on the team!  
 Be a worker in the vineyard sharing the Good News of Salvation!

## **¡Inscripción Disponible para el Nuevo año de educación religiosa 2018 - 2019!**

Las inscripciones están disponibles en la oficina del Programa de Educación Religiosa (REP) o en la oficina del Centro Parroquial (los 7 días a la semana). ¡Entréguela tan pronto como sea posible! Evite una tarifa adicional comenzando el 1 de septiembre.

¡Regístrese ahora, y reciba la factura más tarde! Pase la voz a sus amigos, familiares y vecinos! Los padres deben volver a REGISTRAR a todos los niños y adolescentes que se encuentran actualmente en su formación del primer año, si este va a ser su segundo año para comunión o confirmación. También puede inscribir a sus hijos para continua formación religiosa. Nunca terminamos de aprender sobre Dios y la sagrada Biblia.

**STEWARDSHIP/UPCOMING EVENTS**

# Dear Padre

June 17, 2018

**I try to be responsible in my Christian duty to visit the sick. While my visits have good intentions, I often feel they aren't well received. Please advise.**

I commend you for your commitment in carrying out your Christian duty. Saint Rose of Lima said, "When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2449). Works of mercy, such as visiting the infirm, "are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities" (*CCC* 2447). When we perform these works, the primary focus is on the recipient, not on how these acts make me feel good about myself or how I appear before God and others.

My advice for visiting the sick at home or in the hospital is to avoid showing up unannounced, whenever possible. (I offer this advice after my unexpected visit to a patient in the ICU, who never appeared in public without her wig.) Also, observe verbal and nonverbal signs on how long to stay. Some patients may appear bored or lonely and are open to guests; others are in pain or they've been awakened throughout the night and desire rest more than greeting visitors for a prolonged time. Ask yourself: Are the sick being polite in keeping me company? Am I the latest guest asking them to repeat their diagnosis? Do they really feel like praying right now? While the sick appreciate our concern, visiting them is most beneficial when we're acutely sensitive to their needs.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR  
 Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

## SUNDAY MASS COLLECTIONS JUNE 09-10 2018

<u>MASS TIME</u>	<u>COLLECTIONS</u>
SAT 5:00 PM	1,224.00
SAT 7:00 PM	2,056.00
SUN 6:00 AM	1,277.00
SUN 7:30 AM	2,291.00
SUN 9:15 AM	2,288.00
SUN 11:00 AM	2,017.00
SUN 12:45 PM	1,657.00
SUN 2:30 PM	869.00
SUN 4:15 PM	1,418.00
SUN 6:00 PM	<u>1,706.00</u>

**TOTAL \$ 16,803.00**  
**2nd Collections 5,891.00**  
**Priest Retirement Fund**

" You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor.9:11

Our sincerest gratitude for your generosity and continues support to St. Philomena Catholic Church

## ST PHILOMENA PIONEERS

All senior parishioners are invited to hear our guest speakers inform us on what is available to us through Medicare.

## MONDAY JUNE 18, 2018 PARISH CENTER

Regular Meeting begins at 12:30pm  
 Speakers will start at 1pm  
 For further information Call:  
 Fran - 310-320-8879



The Office for Worship presents

## Rooted in Diversity, We Grow in Unity

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**SATURDAY**  
**AUGUST 25, 2018**  
 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M

**\$25 - EARLY RATE**

\*GROUP RATE: \$20/person for 5 or more from the same parish (must register at the same time)

**\$35 - AFTER 8/15**

\*GROUP RATE: \$30/person for 5 or more from the same parish (must register at the same time)

**INCLUDES LUNCH**

**LOCATION:**

American Martyrs Church  
 1431 Deegan Pl.  
 Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



**Keynote Speaker: Carmen Flórez - Mansi**



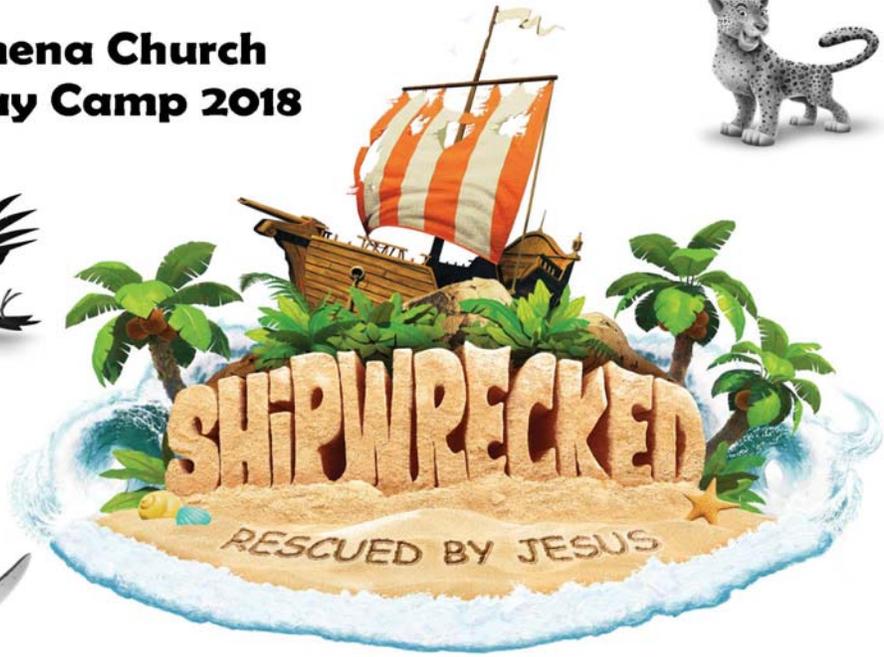
A native of New Mexico, served as the Director of the Office of Worship at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi since 2001-2012. Ms. Flórez -Mansi has performed as a vocal artist, choral conductor, vocal instructor and liturgy specialist. She returned as a Pastoral Associate for Music at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi and founder and director of the Choral Arts Society at St. Michael's High School.

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE:

<http://archla.org/ofwliturgyday>

For more information, please call 213-637-7262 | [msmbos@stphilomena.org](mailto:msmbos@stphilomena.org)

**St. Philomena Church  
Summer Day Camp 2018**



**July 9 - July 20, 2018**

**12:30pm - 4:30pm**

**Pre-K - Grade 6**

**\$60 per child  
for 2 weeks of  
FUN!**

Each day your child(ren) will be a part of fun Scripture learning they can see, hear, touch and even taste!

- † Bible Stories
- † Bible Song, Dance
- † Crafts
- † Tasty Treats
- † Team Building Games



A \$20 deposit will hold a spot for your child(ren)

These are just a few of the "standout" activities that help faith flow into a real "holy" life.



For more information, please contact St. Philomena,  
Office of Religious Education @ 310-830-6180.

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY**

