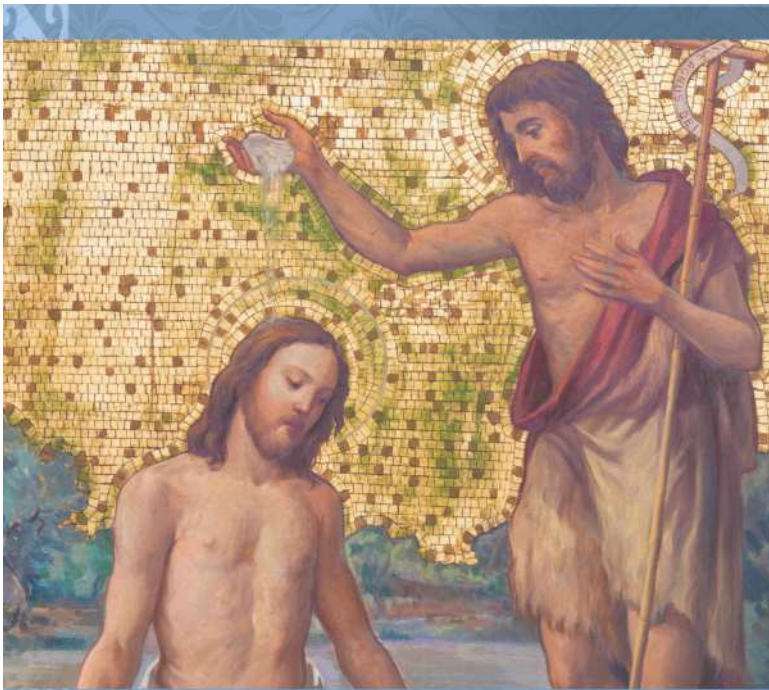


**Welcome to St. Catherine of
Alexandria Catholic Church**

January 11, 2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

- See pages 3 and 4 for an informative letter from our Pastor, Fr. Timothy.
- On page 5, we have a new ministry, “St. Michael’s Men’s Ministry” meeting every third Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
- See page 6, for information about the Precious Babies’ Mass at St. Martha’s on January 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
- Office Volunteers needed, see page 6.
- M-3 Volunteers needed, see page 6.
- Women’s Guild Day Retreat, see page 6.
- Information on changes with St. Vincent de Paul is on pages 7, 8 and 9.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"Behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him." Mt 3:16

Our Address is:

41875 "C" Street
Temecula, CA 92592

Website:

stcatherineofalexandria.net
Contact the Parish Office at
951-676-4403 or email scatemecula@sbdioocese.org

Front Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed for lunch 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays at
2:30 p.m. .

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Vigil 4:00 PM (English)
6:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday

8:00 AM (English)
10:00 AM (English)
12:00 PM (English)
2:00 PM (Spanish)
5:00 PM (English)
5:00 PM (Korean Mass on
2nd & 4th Sundays-Di Leo Hall)

Weekday Mass Times

Monday through Friday
7:30 AM (English)
Thursday 6:30 PM (Spanish) & Adoration

Mission Statement

By promoting the teachings of Jesus, St. Catherine of Alexandria welcomes all people to share in our blessed sacraments to strengthen and inspire our faith, to bring all closer in relationship to Jesus and creating friendship and unity in ethnic groups and committees as we walk in His footsteps daily.

La declaración de la misión

Al promover las enseñanzas de Jesús, Santa Catalina de Alejandría da la bienvenida a todas las personas a compartir nuestros santos sacramentos para fortalecer e inspirar nuestra fe, para acercar a todos a Jesús y crear una amistad y unidad en grupos étnicos y comités mientras caminamos en sus pasos todos los días.

Priests

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Consejeria Matrimonial Todos diacones
Anulamiento Todos diacones
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Art & Environment(Banners)
John and Laura Johnson
951-303-1859

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Holy Communion to the Sick Yolanda Ortiz
Wedding/Convalidation Yolanda Ortiz
Annulments Sharla Ortiz
Funerals Yolanda Ortiz

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Women's Guild Rita McCook 949-793-2109
Consecration to Mary Celine Benon 310-801-8643
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Why Does the Priest Kiss the Altar at Mass?

At the beginning and end of every Mass, the priest (and deacon, if present) approaches the altar and kisses it. For some people, this gesture can seem a little strange. After all, the altar is made of stone or wood—just a material object. So why show it such reverence?

The answer goes much deeper than the object itself.

1. A Gesture Rooted in Human Culture

Throughout history, people have used a kiss as a sign of love, respect, reverence, and greeting. Many cultures kissed sacred objects, holy places, or even the family table on special occasions as a way of expressing gratitude and honor.

When Christianity developed its liturgy, it did not reject human culture. Instead, the Church purified and elevated these customs, giving them a deeper spiritual meaning. Kissing the altar became one of those meaningful gestures.

2. The Altar Is Consecrated for God

The altar is not just furniture. It is consecrated—set apart for God alone.

When a new church is built, the bishop consecrates the altar in a solemn ceremony. He anoints it with Sacred Chrism oil, just as a person is anointed at Baptism and Confirmation. After the prayers, the altar is covered with a white cloth, symbolizing purity and dedication to God. Because of this consecration, the altar holds a unique and holy place in the church. Kissing the altar is a way of honoring what has been dedicated to God for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

3. The Altar Represents Christ Himself

Symbolically, the altar represents Jesus Christ.

Saint Paul reminds us that Christ is the “cornerstone” of the Church (Ephesians 2:20). On the altar, Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross is made present again in the Eucharist. The altar is both: the table of the Lord, and the place of sacrifice

When the priest kisses the altar, he is showing reverence not to stone or wood, but to Christ, whom the altar represents.

In earlier centuries, the priest would even kiss the altar before blessing the people, to show that the blessing comes from God through Christ, not from the priest himself.

4. The Presence of the Saints

Traditionally, relics of saints are placed inside or beneath the altar. This reminds us that the Eucharist is celebrated in communion with the saints who have gone before us.

So when the priest kisses the altar, he is also honoring: the witness of the saints, the unity of heaven and earth, and the Church across time.

5. A Silent Act of Love and Reverence

The kiss of the altar is not meant to draw attention. It is a silent prayer, a humble act of love and reverence. It reminds us that the Mass is holy, that Christ is present, and that what happens on the altar is sacred beyond words.

Yes, the altar is made of material elements—but it has been set apart, consecrated, and filled with meaning. Kissing the altar recognizes its privileged role in the liturgy and its deep connection to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

The next time you see the priest kiss the altar, remember: it is not a gesture toward an object, but an act of reverence toward Christ, His sacrifice, and the mystery of the Eucharist.

¿Por qué el sacerdote besa el altar en la Misa?

Al comienzo y al final de cada Misa, el sacerdote (y el diácono, si está presente) se acerca al altar y lo besa. Para algunas personas, este gesto puede parecer un poco extraño. Al fin y al cabo, el altar está hecho de piedra o de madera, es decir, de un objeto material. Entonces, ¿por qué mostrarle tanta reverencia?

La respuesta va mucho más allá del objeto en sí.

1. Un gesto enraizado en la cultura humana

A lo largo de la historia, el beso ha sido un signo de amor, respeto, reverencia y saludo. Muchas culturas han besado objetos sagrados, lugares santos o incluso la mesa familiar en ocasiones especiales como expresión de gratitud y honor.

Cuando el cristianismo fue desarrollando su liturgia, no rechazó la cultura humana. Al contrario, la Iglesia purificó y elevó estos gestos, dándoles un significado espiritual más profundo. Besar el altar se convirtió en uno de esos gestos llenos de sentido.

2. El altar está consagrado a Dios

El altar no es simplemente un mueble. Está consagrado, es decir, apartado exclusivamente para Dios. Cuando se construye una nueva iglesia, el obispo consagra el altar en una ceremonia solemne. Lo unge con el Santo Crisma, del mismo modo que una persona es ungida en el Bautismo y la Confirmación. Después de las oraciones, el altar es cubierto con un mantel blanco, signo de pureza y de dedicación total a Dios.

Por esta consagración, el altar ocupa un lugar único y santo en el templo. Besar el altar es una manera de honrar aquello que ha sido dedicado a Dios para el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa.

3. El altar representa a Cristo mismo

Simbólicamente, el altar representa a Jesucristo.

San Pablo nos recuerda que Cristo es la “piedra angular” de la Iglesia (Efesios 2,20).

Sobre el altar se hace presente nuevamente, en la Eucaristía, el sacrificio de Cristo en la Cruz. El altar es a la vez: la mesa del Señor y el lugar del sacrificio.

Cuando el sacerdote besa el altar, no rinde homenaje a la piedra o a la madera, sino a Cristo, a quien el altar representa.

En siglos pasados, el sacerdote incluso besaba el altar antes de bendecir al pueblo, para mostrar que la bendición viene de Dios por medio de Cristo, y no del sacerdote en sí.

4. La presencia de los santos

Tradicionalmente, se colocan reliquias de santos dentro o debajo del altar. Esto nos recuerda que la Eucaristía se celebra en comunión con los santos que nos han precedido en la fe.

Así, cuando el sacerdote besa el altar, también honra: el testimonio de los santos, la unidad entre el cielo y la tierra, y la Iglesia a lo largo del tiempo.

5. Un acto silencioso de amor y reverencia

El beso al altar no busca llamar la atención. Es una oración silenciosa, un acto humilde de amor y reverencia. Nos recuerda que la Misa es santa, que Cristo está verdaderamente presente y que lo que sucede sobre el altar es un misterio sagrado, más allá de las palabras.

Sí, el altar está hecho de elementos materiales, pero ha sido apartado, consagrado y lleno de significado. Besar el altar reconoce su papel privilegiado en la liturgia y su profunda conexión con el sacrificio de Jesucristo.

La próxima vez que veas al sacerdote besar el altar, recuerda: no es un gesto dirigido a un objeto, sino un acto de reverencia a Cristo, a su sacrificio y al misterio de la Eucaristía.



ALL ARE WELCOME
Please Come to the Precious Babies Mass
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
7:00 pm
St Martha Catholic Church
37200 Whitewood Road
Murrieta CA 92563
951-698-8180

Sponsored by St Martha RESPECT LIFE Ministry
A Rosary will begin at 6:30 pm (Optional)

Mass Intentions Include:
Healing for those who have lost children at any age
Celebrating the end of Roe v. Wade
Ending abortion in the U.S. and around the world



ST. MICHAEL'S MEN'S MINISTRY

THIRD THURSDAYS MONTHLY

DI LEO HALL 6:30PM

FRATERNITY, FOOD, SERVICE

**INTERESTED IN MEDIA
& TECHNOLOGY?**

Help enhance our worship by
joining the

**MASS MEDIA
MINISTRY**



Volunteers operate slides
and video during Mass

- ✓ No experience required
- ✓ Training provided
- ✓ Serve behind the scenes
in a meaningful way!

Contact: Brian Dempsey, M3 Coordinator
(951) 473-3666

Front Office volunteers needed!!!

If you would like a volunteer opportunity where you will get to know your fellow parishioners, help out the church, or learn more about your faith by helping others, we have the position for you!

Our volunteers usually work a morning shift or an afternoon shift. Sometimes there are projects where your help will be needed for a week or two but for the most part, it will be an ongoing need.

Please call

Mary Hitzeman in the Front Office at
951-676-8136.



Mark your calendars for
St. Catherine of Alexandria Women's Guild
Annual Day Retreat!
A Sacred Pause for Women of Faith

Our Theme this year is:

† SHE IS †
Strong

PROVERBS 31:25

Our Guest Speaker is

Jane Christopherson, is a representative from the Rosary Ministry of San Francisco Solano Catholic Church in Rancho Santa Margarita, Custodian of 2 Saint Relics, Catechist for 30 years, has conducted a Prison Ministry for 30 years plus more faithful programs. She will be sharing the Treasures of Mary, Our Blessed Mother.



Thursday, January 22, 2026

9:00am - 3:30pm

Vina De Lestonnac Retreat Center
39300 De Portola Road, Temecula

Mass in the Chapel: 9:30am

Celebrated by Father Do

Cost: \$50.00 (Lunch included)

Please RSVP by January 12, 2026

Call Patricia Bell at (951) 297 - 0761

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PROVERBS 31:25

Works of Mercy Ministry Launching at St. Catherine of Alexandria

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We are pleased to announce the launch of St. Catherine of Alexandria's new Works of Mercy Ministry (WOMM), which will officially begin in the first quarter of 2026.

As part of this transition, the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will become a parish ministry under St. Catherine of Alexandria, rather than operating through a separate charitable organization. This change allows the pantry to be more closely aligned with the pastoral vision of Father Timothy Do while continuing its mission of serving our neighbors in need.

Please be assured: the food pantry is not closing. We will continue to serve over 100 families and individuals each week through our Friday Food Distribution, Home Delivery Program, and Emergency Food Program. Our Transition Team is working diligently to ensure there is no interruption of services during this process.

St. Vincent de Paul has always been a separate organization and not formally part of St. Catherine's parish. As a result, there may have been some misunderstanding in the past regarding donations. Going forward, contributions made to the food pantry will remain directly with St. Catherine of Alexandria, supporting parish-based outreach to the poor.

Father Do has given his full support to the Works of Mercy Ministry. His vision extends beyond a food pantry alone, allowing us to broaden our outreach and more fully live out the Corporal Works of Mercy within our community.

As Jesus teaches us in Matthew 25—to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, comfort the suffering, and pray for all—this ministry has faithfully carried out these works for over 25 years, and will continue to do so under this new structure.

We will continue to keep you informed as this transition progresses. If you wish to support the poor locally, please use the donation envelopes located near the food collection box at the front of the church.

Thank you for your prayers and continued generosity in support of the Works of Mercy Ministry—a food pantry and more.

**Sincerely,
Bob and Rose Valdillez**

Estimados feligreses:

Nos complace anunciar el lanzamiento del nuevo Ministerio de Obras de Misericordia (MOM) de Santa Catalina de Alejandría, que comenzará oficialmente en el primer trimestre de 2026.

Como parte de esta transición, la Despensa de Alimentos de San Vicente de Paúl se convertirá en un ministerio parroquial bajo la dirección de Santa Catalina de Alejandría, en lugar de operar a través de una organización benéfica independiente. Este cambio permite que la despensa se alinee más estrechamente con la visión pastoral del Padre Timothy Do, a la vez que continúa su misión de servir a nuestros vecinos necesitados.

Tengan la seguridad de que la despensa de alimentos no cerrará. Continuaremos atendiendo a más de 100 familias e individuos cada semana a través de nuestra Distribución de Alimentos los Viernes, el Programa de Entrega a Domicilio y el Programa de Alimentos de Emergencia. Nuestro Equipo de Transición está trabajando diligentemente para garantizar que no haya interrupciones en los servicios durante este proceso.

San Vicente de Paúl siempre ha sido una organización independiente y no forma parte formalmente de la parroquia de Santa Catalina. Por lo tanto, es posible que haya habido algunos malentendidos en el pasado con respecto a las donaciones. De ahora en adelante, las contribuciones al banco de alimentos se destinarán directamente a Santa Catalina de Alejandría, apoyando así la labor parroquial de ayuda a los pobres.


El Padre Do ha brindado todo su apoyo al Ministerio de Obras de Misericordia. Su visión va más allá de un simple banco de alimentos, permitiéndonos ampliar nuestro alcance y vivir más plenamente las Obras de Misericordia Corporales en nuestra comunidad.


Como Jesús nos enseña en Mateo 25 —dar de comer al hambriento, dar de beber al sediento, vestir al desnudo, dar techo a los desamparados, visitar a los enfermos, consolar a los que sufren y orar por todos—, este ministerio ha llevado a cabo estas obras fielmente durante más de 25 años y continuará haciéndolo bajo esta nueva estructura.

Los mantendremos informados a medida que avance esta transición. Si desean apoyar a los pobres a nivel local, utilicen los sobres de donación ubicados cerca de la caja de recolección de alimentos frente a la iglesia. Gracias por sus oraciones y su continua generosidad en apoyo al Ministerio de Obras de Misericordia: un banco de alimentos y más.

**Atentamente,
Bob y Rose Valdillez**

Our food pantry is now offering an additional day to pick up overstocked food items such as produce, pastries or bread.

 Mondays at 10:00 AM

 St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church
41875 C Street, Temecula, CA


- First come, first served
 - While supplies last
 - Open to everyone
- Bring your own bag or box to fill up; no empty boxes will be available to use.

QUICK STOP PANTRY



Nuestro banco de alimentos ahora ofrece un día adicional para recoger los alimentos que tenemos en exceso, como frutas, verduras, pasteles o pan.

 Lunes a las 10:00 a. m.

 Iglesia Católica Santa Catalina de Alejandría
41875 C Street, Temecula, CA

- Se atiende por orden de llegada
 - Hasta agotar existencias
 - Abierto a todo el público
- Traiga su propia bolsa o caja para llenarla; no habrá cajas vacías disponibles para su uso.

DESPENSA DE PARADA RÁPIDA



OFFERING – December 24-25, 2025 Christmas
 Christmas Eve collection \$ 12,869
 Christmas Day collection \$ 16,464
 Online 4,143
 Total \$33,476

OFFERING – December 27-28, 2025
 SUNDAY COLLECTION \$ 16,444
 DROPPED OFF/MAILED TO OFFICE \$ 2,003
 ONLINE \$ 5,889
 TOTAL \$ 24,336

OFFERING – January 3-4, 2026 and Jan 1, 2026
 Sunday collection \$ 16,818
 January 1, 2026 collection \$ 3,370
 Online \$ 15,253
 Total \$ 35,441

Whether you donate in person at Mass of the parish office, by mail or online, we would like to thank you all for your continued financial support and prayers. Our parish remains alive and vibrant because of your generosity of time, talent and treasure. Please prayerfully consider including St. Catherine of Alexandria, Temecula in your will. May God bless each and every one of you.

Please Prayerfully consider including St. Catherine of Alexandria, Temecula in your Will or Trust

We are happy to report that we have reached our annual goal of contributing to the diocese for 2025. Going forward, all contributions to DDF will go back to our parish. The surplus funds will be used for Religious education program, PMFP, participation for volunteers, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, new landscaping, fixing the air ducts in the L shaped building and Fr. Wagner building and the continued maintenance of our parish and buildings. We thank you for your support. Your generosity is a blessing for our community.

Praying for one another is an important tradition in our Catholic faith communities. Here we list those who are presently in need of prayers, either for healing and restored health or for the peaceful repose of the souls of those who have recently passed into eternal life.

In order to keep the information current, we will list the names submitted for two weeks only. If the need still exists for the listing of those who are ill, please give us a call or send an email and we will gladly include the name again. To contact us, please call Mary Hitzeman in the Parish Office at 951-676-8136, or send an email to mhitzeman@sbdiocese.org.

Prayer Requests for Healing
 Peticiones de oracion por sanacion

GREGORY GOLAS	JOAN MUSSER
DARCIE DONOHUE	JOAN DULAY
ARIA GONZALES	DOTTIE KEEN
MARICHU MATTHEWS	ROBERT MEADE
PABLO VALLIN	CLAIRE WRIGHT
NANCY MCCARTHY	JUDY CIORA
CLARISSA PREDES GO	ERNIE CRUZ
GUILLERMO CERON	KAREN SANTANA
KAREN LEMUS	

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 Prayer Requests for The Repose of Souls  
 Peticiones de oracion por el descanso de las almas

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| DELFIN DULAY     | JULIETA C. ZAPANTA |
| SOCORRO REBOLLAR | RUDY PIL           |
| AUGUST LIBERINO  |                    |

Orar unos por otros es una tradición importante en nuestras comunidades de fe católica. Aquí presentamos a quienes actualmente necesitan oraciones, ya sea por sanación y recuperación de la salud o por el eterno descanso de quienes han fallecido recientemente y han pasado a la vida eterna.

Para mantener la información actualizada, incluiremos los nombres enviados por dos semanas solamente. Si aún existe la necesidad de mantener en la lista a quienes están enfermos, por favor llámenos o envíenos un correo electrónico y con gusto incluiremos el nombre nuevamente.

Para comunicarse con nosotros, por favor llame a Mary Hitzeman en la Oficina Parroquial al 951-676-8136, o envíe un correo electrónico a [mhitzeman@sbdiocese.org](mailto:mhitzeman@sbdiocese.org)





The upcoming Walk to Emmaus Adult Faith Formation topic is:

**DEFENDING YOUR FAITH**

Come and join us on January 14th  
Learn more about some of the arguments against Catholicism  
and how to respond in a positive way!

Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 6:00PM in Di Leo Hall.



**LEARNING  
EVERYDAY**



**Senior Day: Informational Presentations  
January 24<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9am in Di Leo Hall**

Please come and hear informational presentations from fellow parishioners about topics like:

- How to spot a scam email or text
- Financial Literacy tips
- Basic email and Microsoft Word/Excel...and more!



**2025 Tax Contribution  
Statements**

If you desire to receive a list of your contributions for 2025, please contact the Parish Office at 951 676-4403 or by email to [mhitzeman@sbdioocese.org](mailto:mhitzeman@sbdioocese.org).

Please be prepared to provide the following information:

Full name (Husband and Wife if applicable), Parish Registration number, phone number, mailing address or email address. The Tax Contribution statement can be:

1. Picked up in the parish office;
2. E-mailed; or
3. Mailed



IF YOU ATTEND MASS AT ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA AND CONTRIBUTE ON A REGULAR BASIS BUT YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED, PLEASE REGISTER.

WE DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO TRACK NON-REGISTERED MEMBERS FOR TAX PURPOSES.

YOU CAN COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM AT:  
[HTTPS://WWW.STCATHERINEOFALEXANDRIA.NET/BECOME-A-PARISHIONER](https://www.stcatherineofalexandria.net/become-a-parishioner)  
OR CALL THE FRONT OFFICE AND WE CAN EMAIL THE FORM TO YOU.

THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER JANUARY 31.

# Faith In Action

## New Year...New You!

Begin the New Year by choosing one small way to grow closer to Christ—through prayer, service, or kindness.

**Prayer:** Loving God, as we begin this New Year, guide our hearts closer to You. Help us to grow in faith through prayer, to serve others with love, and to show kindness in all we do. Amen.

**Service Idea:** As a family, choose one simple act of service this week—write cards to the homebound, donate food to a local pantry, or help a neighbor in need.

**Act of Kindness:** Offer a kind word, a smile, or a listening ear to someone who may be feeling overlooked or lonely.



A beautiful moment of faith in action as Ms. Anita's 2nd graders share what they are learning about God.



Ms. Sarah and Mr. Fernando prepping the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders for Faith Formation Jeopardy!



## Faith Formation Volunteer Spotlight



Ms. Tonya is a dedicated member of our Faith Formation team, bringing warmth and enthusiasm to our elementary classes. She inspires our youngest learners to grow in faith through her patience, creativity, and joyful approach to teaching. We are truly blessed to have her guiding our children on their faith journey!

**Meet Ms. Tonya**

## Saint of the Week

### Saint Theodosius the Cenobiarch

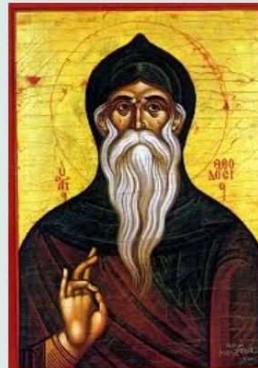
- Founded large monasteries where monks lived, prayed, and worked together in community
- Served monks of different languages and cultures, showing the unity of the Church
- Known for his obedience, humility, and leadership rooted in prayer
- Taught that holiness grows through

community, discipline, and love of neighbor



**His saintly reminder**

Faith is not meant to be lived alone. We grow stronger together.



# FAITH FORMATION

Ms. Gomez & Mr. Joe's class sharing their holiday family traditions.



## Be in the Faith Formation "KNOW"

- January 12th: OCIA for Adults (begins at 6:30pm)
- January 13th: No HS Formation
- January 14-15th: Faith Formation Sessions (begins at 6pm)
- January 17th-Sacramental Preparation -Reconciliation 9am
- January 18<sup>th</sup> : OCIA for Adults (begins at 6:30pm)
- January 20<sup>th</sup> : HS Formation 6pm Di Leo Hall Life Teen Event-"Take a Knee" 6pm Sesión de padres
- January 23-25 Confirmation 2 Big Bear Retreat!

Ms. Ann's middle school class discussing the gifts of the Magi



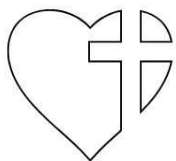
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