



LA PURISIMA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Orange, California

PASTORAL PLAN OVERVIEW

MISSION STATEMENT

Founded in 1924 as a mission parish, La Purisima is a Eucharistic family of socially and culturally diverse people. As a welcoming community of faith, inspired by the Holy Spirit we evangelize and serve others in the spirit of the Gospel.

VISION STATEMENT

We see La Purisima as a joyous, united, and welcoming family of faith that celebrates its diversity and is committed to continuous spiritual growth leading to a deepening love for Christ and for one another.

PARISH PRIORITIES



Enhance our Mass and Weekend Parish Experience

The celebration of the Mass is the center of the whole Christian life for the Church. Providing a welcoming and engaging weekend experience draws people into the Eucharistic celebration and enhances their spiritual growth. The overall weekend Mass experience should also foster a sense of belonging that leads to active participation in parish life.

Desired Outcomes:

- Parishioners feel welcomed and valued and are drawn into more engagement and active participation to enhance their spiritual growth.
- Increase the number of people attending Mass and partaking in the weekend Parish experience.



Ensure Lifelong Faith Formation

To assist our community in their journey of lifelong faith formation, helping Catholics of all ages walk in faith to grow and evangelize in an inviting and compelling way. This would address a major area of opportunity identified by the respondents of our parish survey, specifically spiritual growth, discipleship and evangelization.

Desired Outcomes:

- The entire congregation grows in their knowledge of our Catholic faith.
- People in all age groups, especially teens and young adults, deepen their relationship with Christ.
- We have the confidence and ability to share our faith and help others encounter Jesus.



Build a Community for Christ

We recognize La Purisima is a diverse community of people coming together to become one as the Body of Christ. We accept and honor our differences, welcoming all to join, and embrace the prompting of the Holy Spirit to grow our community. This priority will help to deepen our connection with the parish and ultimately deepen our connection with Christ in a meaningful and authentic way.

Desired Outcomes:

- Create opportunities for greater fellowship within and among our cultural communities.
- Proactively engage new and existing members so they feel at home and become involved in the parish.

VALUES AND BELIEFS

FAITH

We are a people of faith responding to God's gift by growing spiritually and living according to His word.

We live this value when we:

- Take time in our daily schedule to speak to the Lord.
- Seek information to grow our knowledge of God's message.
- Follow the traditions and teaching of the Catholic Church.
- Continue to be formed in our faith while deepening our relationship with Christ.

FELLOWSHIP

We believe we encounter Christ in each person we meet.

We live this value when we:

- Look for opportunities to promote and encourage others to attend parish events.
- Show respect for the differences within our multi-culture community by greeting and acknowledging those who attend Mass and parish events.
- Treat each individual in our church community with the same welcome and respect.
- Promote an inviting atmosphere to increase the engagement of parishioners.

EVANGELISM

Evangelism is proclaiming the good news of the Gospel, engaging in intentional conversations and interactions, and providing opportunities for others to encounter Jesus Christ.

We live this value when we:

- Bring people to Christ by inviting friends and neighbors to special events and services at our parish.
- Share our personal faith story with others.
- Share God's love and mercy by helping those suffering and in need.
- Serve in our local community organizations and charities where our love for Christ will shine through to others and provide opportunities to share our faith.

