

# ***St. Ambrose Episcopal Church***

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## ***Parish Profile 2019***



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Thank you for considering St. Ambrose Episcopal Church. We have been a stable center for religious expression in the City of Claremont, California for over 60 years. We have grown up with the city through those years in the foothills of the San Gabriel Valley, serving families and individuals in God's name. Claremont is a peaceful, beautiful city with a deep history of over 100 years. It has the tradition of being a College town and is well deserving of the motto, "City of Trees". We are looking for a new priest to share with our congregation the mission of evangelism we wish to spread both within our neighborhoods and in our outreach to the community at large.

We feel that St. Ambrose has the ability and untapped potential to meet the challenges many churches feel in today's world. Given that task, our church has many strengths to build upon:

- Our physical plant is strong and extensive. Three acres of property a short walk from the center of our lovely town. Excellent condition of the buildings, a pleasant curbside appeal to the church from a main road, and several community rooms that we use extensively.
- Our church property and nearby rectory are debt free.
- Adequate endowment capital and a good pledging base.
- Empowered laity that is capable and enthusiastic to help our priest.
- High level of commitment from the congregation and vestry.
- Many active ministries helping our community.
- Active partnerships with the city that utilize strong connections with, and the support of, community groups in Claremont.

Using those strengths and the enthusiasm of our congregation and leadership we have endeavored to help our community in various ways. We host several community action groups such as a weekly AA group, Rotary International, Kiwanis and two other church congregations. We, in coordination with the city, have a Homeless "Shower Ministry" that even has some sponsorship with the local water company. We also sponsor a monthly "Laundry Love" where we help those in need with one of the most basic human needs, cleanliness. These and other activities reflect a palpable concern by our congregation for the needs and concerns of people on the margin. We wish to build on our contributions and deepen our religious message within the limits of our abilities of finances and volunteer time and energy.

Though we have the same concerns of many contemporary churches with a declining base and a lack of "relevancy" in this modern world we do see avenues that can turn this around. We are fortunate to be in a town that has relatively unique areas that can be drawn upon: Claremont has a large community of retired clergy called "Pilgrim Place". This is an area of potential ministry as both support for their community and as a source of devoted members to our church. In fact, several of our own retired clergy are there. Another exciting opportunity are the five (!) colleges in town as well as the world-renowned, Claremont School of Theology. Both these areas are relatively untapped by our church and are ripe for an enterprising leader to help us to move into a more active role.

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In short, we are looking for a partner with entrepreneurial skills who possesses a driving energy to lead us to new avenues to expand our mission. It will take some work on both our parts to achieve what is possible but the longest journey starts with a single step. Though, as we have stated, we have some challenges as a congregation to re-energize, we are outward looking and excited about the future.

Please read the following information regarding our history, finances, and demographics information. We look forward to speaking with interested clergy. Thank you.

Ruth Godfrey, Senior Warden, St. Ambrose Church

David Hunt, Junior Warden, St. Ambrose Church





## OUR VISION FOR OUR FUTURE

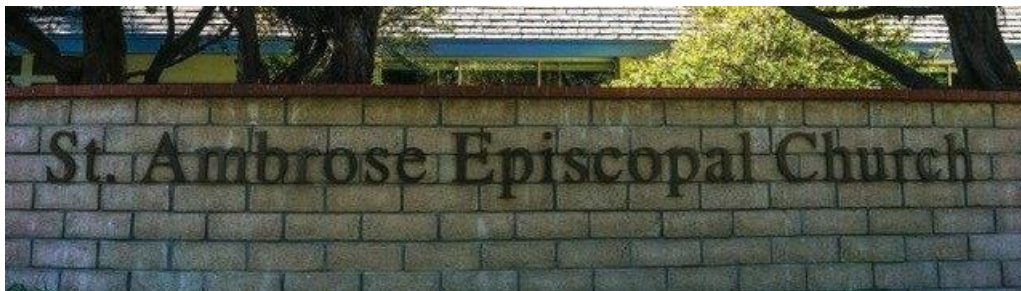
Like many Episcopal parishes across the country, the membership at St. Ambrose is declining and the average age of our congregation is high. Despite this apparent challenge, we have a dedicated congregation, engaged in regular attendance for worship and fellowship. We see this period of transition as an opportunity to improve our connection to the community around us. We believe that distractions of modern life, including the many forms of entertainment and social media, are poor substitutes for the shared faith, spiritual support system and sense of community that we enjoy at St. Ambrose. We are eager to share these treasures with others who seek fulfillment and perhaps do not even know what they are missing. As we look forward to our future, we anticipate working with our new rector on the following objectives for additional community engagement:

- To explore new ways to connect with retirement communities, students, neighbors, and other groups through community service and outreach.
- To ensure that our worship, music programs, forum discussions and events at St. Ambrose are compelling, welcoming and inspired by love for Jesus Christ.
- To improve our web site and our use of social media to communicate who we are, what we believe and what we do at St. Ambrose.
- To promote and enhance opportunities for students and residents of Claremont to volunteer in community service at St. Ambrose.

At the same time, we need to meet and be ready to adapt to changing needs of our congregation as we grow and evolve. We anticipate the following on-going and future needs:

- To stimulate the hearts and minds of a congregation hungry for relevant, thought-provoking sermons, and fulfilling worship services – we value tradition, but are open to new experiences.
- To provide pastoral care to those who are aging, ill, or needing emotional support, and to support their families in faith.
- To initiate Christian formation and other activities for children and youth when the need arises.
- To cooperate with neighboring Episcopal congregations (or other communities of faith) to provide programs and services we may not all be able to provide on our own.

Throughout our journey of transition, the Episcopal parish of St. Ambrose will walk in love, sharing the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ and following His example of Christian charity and respect for the dignity of every human being. We seek a rector who will be inspired by our vision and hopes for the future, and who will walk with us, support us, and guide us in our journey.



## OUR LIVES TOGETHER

### WORSHIP



### CLERGY MINISTRY

Saint Ambrose Church is a Eucharist-centered parish with a rich and varied liturgical history and tradition. This variety of historical background is respected and reflected in the use of liturgy. On Sunday mornings, a spoken Rite I service is at 8am. Rite II, with choir, is held at the 10am service. This year we used angelus bells, as gift from Pastor Mary Goshert, for the Easter season.

On Wednesdays at 10:00am St. Ambrose holds a healing service. The attendance is small but means a great deal to those who attend.

Also, on Wednesdays at 3pm, a Bible study group meets in the church office. Again the attendance is small but means a lot to those who participate.

Baptisms and weddings are scheduled as requested. The Prayer Book rites for the Burial of the Dead are scheduled as needed, with graveside services when desired.

There is always a blessing of the animals on the Sunday following St. Francis Day.

A monthly service at Mount San Antonio Gardens, a local retirement community, is provided by our Rector and a LEV.

The Rector of St. Ambrose participates in the Inland Valley Council of Churches, which sponsors community services on Thanksgiving Eve and Good Friday. This group also meets regularly to discuss issues of concern to the local area. For instance, when the Muslims were threatened, this group took a stand to show support for them.

St. Ambrose has an active pastoral ministry to our members and others in the community needing support.

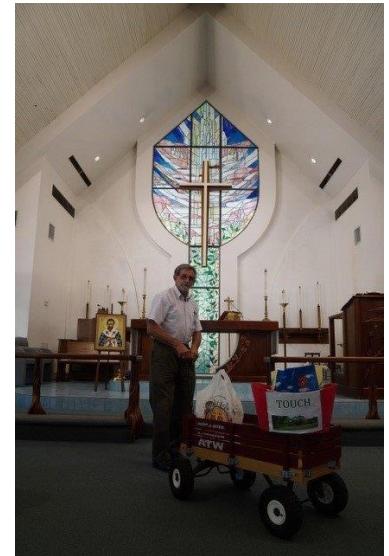
### *THE MINISTRY OF THE LAITY IN WORSHIP*

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) are an active group, trained by our rector, and licensed by the bishop to administer the chalice. (The LEMs are currently serving at both services as acolytes as well). We have Lay Eucharistic Visitors licensed to take communion directly from the eucharist to shut-ins. We have a loyal cadre of Lectors who read the lessons at every service.

The choir sings regularly at the 10:00am Sunday Eucharist. They participate in some of the special services as well, including Lessons and Carols, Evensong, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The choir takes a break during the summer months. Our choir director has been incorporating a mix of traditional and contemporary anthems to make our services more relevant to younger members and those who are not acquainted with more traditional Episcopal music.

Ushers work in teams for the two Sunday morning services, as well as special ones. They appoint one or two people from the congregation to bring the eucharistic elements to the altar.

A small group serve as Altar Guild members. They prepare the altar for all services, and as such, are a special guild of the rector.



### *CIRCLE OF PRAYER*

Names and concerns of the congregation are given to this group, which maintains a list for intercessory prayer. Members have made a commitment to pray the list daily and to attend monthly meetings.

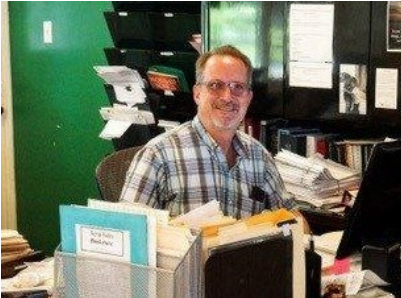
### *SMALL GROUP MEETINGS*

Directed meetings held once each month, often in a group member's home, to discuss various aspects of their spiritual lives.



## DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS

### ADMINISTRATION



St. Ambrose is fortunate to have a very capable Parish Administrator – The current administrator has several years of experience in his position at St. Ambrose. In addition to performing day to day administrative functions, he also coordinates the use of the parish facilities by outside groups. This provides a significant revenue stream for the church. He is also responsible for creating a weekly Friday email, which is sent to members of the parish.

### MUSIC

Music Director – The current director is a part time paid employee, who serves as our Music Director, Choir Director and Organist. He has been at the parish for a little more than a year, and is appreciated for his broad selection and variety of church music.



### CHILD CARE

Child Care – Child care is offered at the 10:00 Sunday worship service. The children are brought into the worship service at communion by the child care provider.



### VOLUNTEERS

Active Volunteer Staff – in addition to the paid administrator, the parish is blessed with very capable and experienced treasurer(s), vestry and members of the various church committees. Most of the members are very engaged and interested in the work of the church. There is a strong desire to work to improve the parish.

**FINANCIAL**

St. Ambrose is fortunate to have no debt and an endowment fund which is invested in the Diocesan Investment Trust. Our campus is comprised of a beautiful sanctuary, a good-sized parish hall with full kitchen facilities, and an administration building. We also own our rectory that is in a gated community just west of the parish in the Pomona city limits.

We are fortunate that for 2019 we have 9 new pledgers, and 26 of our current 60 pledgers have increased their pledge. The amount pledged for 2019 is 7.4% greater than 2018.

In spite of the deaths of some of our major donors, we are encouraged because of two new sources of revenue – a Verizon cell tower on our campus, and a parking agreement with one of our local retirement communities. The cell phone tower on our campus will provide \$25,000/year for our budget. We are in discussion with one of our local retirement homes about providing parking for their employees which will also bring in additional revenue.

In addition, we rent parking spaces on a monthly basis to residents of the apartments surrounding us. Currently we receive about \$300/month from these parking permits.

St. Ambrose has an annual audit by a Diocesan team member and we use an outside payroll processing company, in addition to having a paid bookkeeper.

Our finance committee consists of six church members in addition to the bookkeeper and treasurer. We have a team of dedicated Monday morning counters.

**ST. AMBROSE FINANCIAL HISTORY OF OPERATING FUND**

ACTUAL	2016	2017	2018
Receipts	262,538	263,007	207,350
Disbursements	310,521	304,721	258,107
Net	(47,983)	(41,714)	(50,757)
PROJECTED	2019	2020	2021
Receipts	277,450	301,350	308,150
Disbursements	308,249	306,321	317,132
Net	(30,799)	(4,971)	(8,982)



## OUTREACH

We at St. Ambrose Church have always had strong outreach programs both locally and globally through financial contributions and the conscientious involvement of its members.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH** - The church campus is or has been used as a weekly or monthly meeting places for at least 2 local men's and women's AA groups, NAMI, American Legion, Rotary, and Kiwanis. We share worship space with two small congregations on Sunday afternoons.

The congregation is involved with our thriving Homeless Outreach Program at the church that involves feeding individuals breakfast once a week and providing a Shower Ministry three days a week - free of charge. Also, along with other churches in the area we contribute and volunteer to help with a program called Laundry Love that provides free laundry to those that need it locally.



**Laundry Love** - In partnership with three other Episcopal churches and Deanery 6, we meet at a local laundromat once a month to help families wash and dry loads of laundry. We provide the quarters, laundry soap and dryer sheets. Volunteers are there to assist the families and to engage in conversation and community.

**Shower Ministry** – Three days per week St. Ambrose provides the luxury to shower, shampoo, and shave in a clean, safe, respectful environment. This is a unique and critical ministry which is much in demand.



**Touch Ministry** – Another outreach to the homeless in the Inland Empire where parishioners are invited to participate by donations or volunteering.

**THE LUNCH BUNCH** – lunch at a local restaurant is enjoyed by those members who are able to meet the first Tuesday of the month. Those who are able make sure that our “shut-ins” are provided an opportunity for fellowship and “lunch out”.

**FINANCIAL OUTREACH** - Financially, we give generously each year, as a congregation, to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund in their efforts to help others worldwide in the name of Christian aid. We believe that they are more organized and adept at aiding people in need globally than we are as a single entity. Every Christmas, our Alternative Christmas program, put together by our Administrator, allows our parishioners to give to 15 -20 different charities in the name of their loved ones or themselves. In past years, we have also sent food and staples to Vietnam and the Philippines. Recently, we have sent Bibles to Africa to aid one of our young people who was on a Christian mission there.

Locally, we contribute financially and work closely with the Inland Valley Hope Partners to help displaced families and individuals in need. Their resources are invaluable to helping local individuals get back on their feet.

In the past 25 years, we have hosted St. Ambrose's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. From our kitchen, through the efforts of 5 different local religious organizations, there were thousands of meals served during the week through the efforts of hundreds of volunteers. It ended this last year on a high note, as other churches and community outreach programs have succeeded in carrying on with the efforts that St. Ambrose started.

Besides the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, St. Ambrose has come to be known in the community for their Annual Parking Lot Yard sale, our involvement in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Community Park event, the City of Claremont's Village Venture, and the Claremont Colleges McAlister Center for Religious Activities.

Most importantly, through Father George Silides' guidance, we became partners in the Claremont Interfaith Council. Here we have been able to grow stronger in the interfaith community of Claremont and do wonderful things in unity with the other faith-based organizations.

These are some touchstones that we would like to continue to be a part of under a new rector.

### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

This committee works with the vestry to maintain and enhance the church grounds and facilities. Volunteers are recruited for small jobs and members work with contractors on more ambitious projects.

### FELLOWSHIP

This group serves the St. Ambrose parish by helping with, and providing, activities through which Ambrosians can come together and fellowship in love with one another before God and their community. Aside from helping with setup and cleanup of many church events, this group focuses on four major celebrations including our Homecoming Picnic in the fall and the St. Ambrose Patronal Feast in December.

### FUNDRAISING

The Fundraising Team concentrates primarily on fundraising events that promotes fellowship for our parishioners as well. 20% of the net proceeds from these events go to designated charities. St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Cinco de Mayo, and a Summer Luau are some of the events put on by this team. In addition to these events, once a month parishioners eat out at a local restaurant which donates a percentage of the gross receipts back to St. Ambrose.

### NEWCOMERS GROUP

A ministry specifically to welcome visitors and new members to the parish. A gathering is held 2 or 3 times each year to make newer attendees feel a part of the St. Ambrose family.

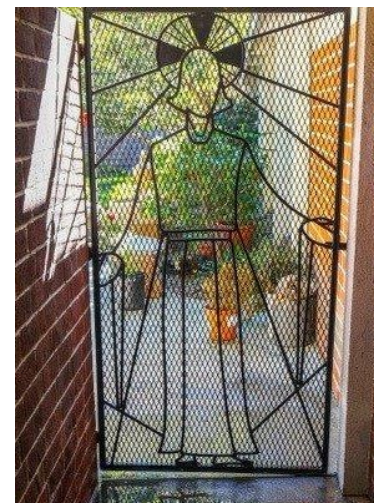
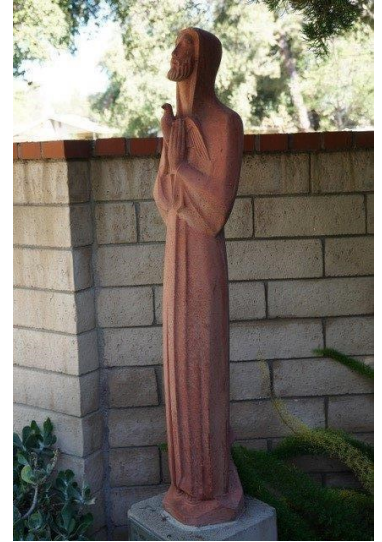
### STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship team focuses especially on our All Member Canvas and the congregations' pledge of both its time and finances.

Our Stewardship team also presents a Planning Your Tomorrows forum for both members and the community every few years. This forum is focused on transition planning for seniors. It covers topics of estate planning, wills and trusts, funeral planning, long term care, hospice living, and how to comfortably make the transition between different stages of life.

### TRANSPORTATION

We have a transportation line for parishioners to call when they need a ride to attend church and other church functions.





## ST AMBROSE HISTORY AND FORMATION



### 1951-1959

St Ambrose was started by a group of Episcopalians primarily living in Claremont who wanted a church of their own. A church school started in the home of Margaret and George Gibbs on September 16, 1951. In 1952 the organizing group became the nucleus of a mission that was named Saint Ambrose by Bishop Francis Eric Bloy.

Within three years, land was procured and an architect was commissioned to design a church building, which was dedicated at its present site on Bonita Avenue by Bishop Bloy in September 1956. The fledgling mission was served by The Reverend Robert Bell as supply priest. When the mission was fully organized, The Right Reverend William P. Remington, retired Bishop of Eastern Oregon and Suffragan of Pennsylvania, became our first vicar. He is remembered for his fervent evangelism, which spurred rapid growth.

The mission became a parish in 1957. The first rector was The Reverend Frederick Schaefer, during his brief tenure, from 1957 to 1959, the parish became a vital part of the religious community in the city of Claremont. Fr. Schaefer was succeeded in 1959 by The Reverend Oswald Jefferson, the first of two ministers who have come to us from the Church of England. During his ministry membership of the parish reached the largest size it has ever attained. To accommodate the growth, the church's physical plant was expanded to include All Saints Hall as a classroom building.

### 1960-1979

In 1966 The Reverend John Keester succeeded Fr. Jefferson and led the parish through the turbulence of the Vietnam era. Many church activities were influenced under his direction by the growing charismatic movement. The initiation of the new Book of Common Prayer was also something parishioners had to come to accept, and with it, Holy Eucharist replaced Morning Prayer as the main Sunday Service. In 1976, the parish celebrated the retirement of parish indebtedness with a mortgage burning ceremony.



### **1980-1989**

During Father Keester's time at St Ambrose, he arranged for a short exchange of ministers with The Reverend Michael Bishop of Saint Cuthbert's Church in Doveridge, England. The experience was a positive one, and bore further fruit in 1980, when, after Fr. Keester went to another parish, the Vestry called Fr. Bishop as the next rector of St. Ambrose. He served for eight years. Many still have their Mike's Martyrs t-shirts that we wore for softball games against local area churches. The Youth Group was revitalized and the acolyte program flourished during Fr. Bishop's tenure. A major fundraising campaign was embarked upon to improve the physical plant.

A small committee called "Helping Hands" was formed, whose purpose was to provide assistance, mostly funds, to people arriving at the church looking for help. This sometimes took the form of food coupons that could be used at the grocery store. Several parishioners gave regularly for this need. A college ministry was started, in which parishioners hosted local college students for meals and discussion.

### **1990-2005**

The Reverend Douglas Edwards succeeded Fr. Bishop in 1990, and served until 2005. Fr. Edwards oversaw the completion of the improvement project, resulting in the physical plant in its current form. The parish hall and library were enlarged and movable divider walls were installed. Church offices were moved to the Sunday School building and everything updated. Perhaps most visibly, the Sanctuary was remodeled and brightened by the addition of a stained glass behind the altar. Fr. Edward's time with the parish was marked by special emphasis on outreach to the community and beyond. Helping Hands was expanded to provide meals for shut-ins and no longer focused on outsiders. Unfortunately, during Fr. Edward's time he tried unsuccessfully to get new people involved in committees and the committees died.

One way Fr. Edwards is most remembered is his starting a Mission Pledge in which parishioners, besides making their regular pledge for the operation of the church, were encouraged to make an additional pledge for outreach. A committee was formed by the vestry whose role was to organize this effort, recommend to the vestry a selection of several outside charities to be recipients of this money, advertise the charities and educate the congregation about each one, and provide updates about the program. Individuals pledging to the Mission Fund could select how their pledges were to be distributed to the several charities. The committee tried to strike a balance among the organizations selected, both geographically and by purpose.

An after-school program was instituted during Fr. Edward's time, started by one of our parishioners to provide tutoring, recreation and a meal for local students. That flourished at St. Ambrose, and many of our parishioners acted as tutors. The School District took it over when it reached a cumbersome size for our small church.

## **2006-2011**

At the end of 2006 The Reverend Mary Goshert succeeded Fr. Edwards and served until May 2011 when she married and moved out of the area. Mother Goshert oversaw the development of many activities leading to the enrichment of parish life. Under her auspices, Sunday School began anew. New membership was enthusiastically encouraged. Sunday nights saw the advent of a movie and potluck with lively discussion. One movie in particular, "Dead Man Walking", had been a play at Claremont High School, in which our acolyte Bill Kottkamp acted. Bill gave a short program before the movie of the same name.

Evensong was added under Mother Goshert with unique musical groups adding to the beauty of the worship service and elegant receptions encouraging fellowship. There were special forums marking the Lenten season and other times to challenge parishioners in their thinking. The Rev. Goshert's sermons were thoughtful and provoking, representative of her desire to reach out to her flock.

## **2012-2018**

The Reverend George Silides came to St. Ambrose in mid-2012 from Alaska with his wife and four children. Fr. Silides encouraged the vestry to broaden its income base, and we opened up our Parish Hall for outside parties. Fundraising that was started up again under Mthr. Goshert with the dinner dance "Enchanted Evening" reached new heights with Fr. Silides being the auctioneer. During Fr. Silides' time we adopted that twenty percent of our net fundraising efforts would be used for two to three special outreach programs. This year we are helping the David & Margaret Youth and Family Service, in particular those who are aging out of that system, and the Claremont Homeless Advocacy Program, known as CHAP.

Father Silides was very active in the local interfaith community. He was very committed to community and served on CHAP, in addition to being involved both in the potlucks CHAP held at Saint Ambrose, as well as at the overnight accommodations for a couple of years.

When it was decided that we couldn't provide laundry facilities at St. Ambrose, Fr. Silides was one of the instigators of the Laundry Love program held in conjunction with several Deanery 6 churches. St. Ambrose provides the money for washing and drying twice a year for those unable to launder their clothes, we also provide physical assistance every month. The program has grown to include a meal and there is usually a clothing give-away and other items.

Fr. Silides continued in developing the youth education program as well as providing alternating programs on Bible Study and book discussions for adults, and was instrumental in getting an adult study series based on the EFM program to begin this fall.

Fr. Silides and his wife left Saint Ambrose in June, 2018.

### History of Claremont

Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church is in Claremont, California, a city of approximately 36,500. The city is located thirty miles east of downtown Los Angeles, and on the extreme Eastern boundary of Los Angeles County, at the border with San Bernardino County.

Claremont is a unique town, home of five of the most prestigious colleges in the United States: Pomona College, Scripps, Harvey Mudd, Pitzer College, and Claremont McKenna. Claremont Graduate University and the Keck Graduate Institute are also located in the town. The Keck Institute opened a graduate school for biological science in 1998. The Webb school, a private high school, also has the Ray Alf Museum, a well-regarded museum of paleontology.

### In Brief

Prior to the Spanish period, Serrano Indians inhabited the land. After the Spanish missionaries arrived, Claremont became a part of the vast property of the Mission San Gabriel, and in 1834 became part of the Rancho San Jose. The town was created by the Santa Fe Railroad in the 1880s as it carved out a new route between Chicago and Los Angeles. In 1887, Pomona College and Claremont Community Congregational Church were founded. By 1923 Pomona College was well established, a few years later the Claremont Graduate School and Scripps College were founded.

Claremont is often called 'the City Of Trees'. The city founders purposely planted trees native to the Eastern seaboard, so immigrants from the East would feel at home.

Claremont has grown and diversified, maintaining strong support for education, an open approach with governance with an active citizen commission system and a lively spirit of volunteerism. The city is 12.12 square miles in size, has an average temperature of 63 degrees F and an annual average rainfall of 17 inches. Claremont's elevation is 1,150 feet.

Claremont is distinctive in many ways, full of art and music. The city has 23 parks and sports fields, including the Claremont Wilderness Park, Thompson Creek Trail and the Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens, a world class botanic garden, and Bernard Field Station, a natural habitat for study.

There are three major retirement centers, Pilgrim Place, Claremont Manor and Mount San Antonio Gardens. The town contains several health care centers.

### Arts and Recreation

Claremont has always had a strong emphasis on the arts. The post office contains a celebrated mural by Milford Zornes who completed it in 1935. Architect Millard Sheets, who designed the bank on the NE corner of Indian Hill and Foothill, and California watercolorist Phil Dike lived and taught in Claremont. Many famous artists and potters live here. The American Museum of Ceramic Art (AMOCA) is a short drive down Garey Avenue in Pomona. Claremont has access to world-class art collections, including the Huntington Library and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. The Norton Simon Museum, Pasadena Museum of California Art and the Asia Pacific Museum are all in Pasadena thirty miles to the West. The Getty Museum and Newport Beach and Laguna Beach galleries are all within approximately one hour's drive. The Claremont Colleges also offer galleries, lectures and concerts. Our volunteer community singing organization, The Claremont Chorale, provides three concerts a year and there are other choral groups in surrounding cities.





The downtown area is known as the Village, and has recently been expanded to Village West. Many restaurants and shops are located there, a Laemmle art movie theater opened in 2005. There is a weekly Sunday morning Farmers Market that stays open after church for at least one hour. The Village is the site of an annual crafts fair, The Village Venture. Community Wine Walks and Art Walks are conducted throughout the year.

Claremont has many recreational opportunities. Half an hour to the North is Mount Baldy, also known as Mount San Antonio. At 10,400 feet it is not a climb for the faint of heart, but there are many other trails open in the summer. In winter, it is snow-crowned. The Mount Baldy Ski Lifts offer downhill, cross-country, snowboarding and a tubing park. There are several local golf courses, and the Palm Springs desert golf courses are about an hour and a half to the East. Swimming beaches in the Pacific Ocean are about an hour to the South. Claremont has the only city-owned wilderness park in the San Gabriel Valley, a hiking and biking trail in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains.



The Claremont Club is a multi-sports facility, housing multiple swimming pools, tennis, handball and racquetball courts, weight training equipment and offers yoga, Pilates and spinning and aerobics classes.

### Transportation

Claremont has a station on the Metrolink commuter train line with trains traveling west to Los Angeles and East to San Bernardino several times each day. An extension of the Gold Line light rail from the West in Pasadena is expected to reach Claremont, and East to Montclair in 2020. Los Angeles International Airport is an hour away. Ontario International Airport is located less than ten miles to the East, accessing direct flights to much of the world.

### Demographics



The median age of Claremont residents in 2017 was 38 years. In 2018, ethnicity was as follows: White: 54.6 %, Hispanic 22.1%, and Asian 14.6%, other 7.7%.

In 2017, 56.8% of our residents held a Bachelor's Degree or higher, an additional 26.5% had some college or an AA degree.

In 2018, median household income was \$94,005. The median housing price reported as of Dec, 2018 is \$675,000.

#### Public Schools

In 2018, the Claremont Unified School District serves about 7,000 students, with seven elementary, one intermediate, one high school, a continuation high school, an orthopedic handicapped school and an adult high school.

Claremont High School ranks as one of the top ten in California in terms of standardized test scores. Traditionally Claremont High School seniors rank in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile in the California Assessment Program.

Claremont and surrounding communities are host to a wide diversity of religious faiths.



