

ST. MONICA ACADEMY SPEAKER SERIES

St. Monica Academy and cordially invite you to attend
a talk by Fr. Luke Mata

Combating Cultural Ideologies

Forming Our Children to
Engage with the World

St. Monica Academy is honored to begin the 2026-27 school year with a talk by Fr. Luke Mata, Vicar of Opus Dei for the West in California. In this talk, Fr. Luke will identify the most significant ideologies threatening our children today, identifying them by name, defining them clearly, and showing how they operate. But fear not! Father suggests that the most effective remedy is not protection—it is formation. The goal is not to shield your children from the world, but to equip them to navigate it, judge it clearly, and choose rightly—even at great personal cost.



Fr. Luke Mata was born in Madrid, Spain, the second of nine children. Shortly after his 14th birthday he felt called to go west, finishing high school in the United States and graduating from the University of Notre Dame with a double degree in Economics and Computer Applications. As a young adult, he served as the founder and president of Youth Service International, while also serving as the United States Coordinator of youth formation for Opus Dei and preparing for the priesthood, earning BA in Theology, a MA in Philosophy, and a PhD in Moral Philosophy from the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome. He was ordained a priest of Opus Dei in 2006. He continues to serve as a Chaplain at the Tilden Study Center and at Aster Center, and devotes time to providing spiritual direction to busy professional lay men and women.

Thursday, October 1, 7:00 p.m.

Healy Hall | 2361 Del Mar Road, Montrose | Enter parking lot from Briggs Avenue

