



St. Louise de Marillac

St. Louise de Marillac Church

Serving God's people in Covina, Glendora, San Dimas and surrounding communities.

"Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy."

Third Week of Advent

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Mass Schedule

Monday –Friday

6:20 am & 8:00 am

Saturday

8:00 am & 5:30 pm *Vigil*

Sunday

6:30 am, 8:00 am,
9:30 am, 11:00 am,
12:30 pm, & 5:00 pm

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My soul rejoices
In my God. Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

December 17, 2017

Rejoice always.

Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

St. Louise de Marillac is a Roman Catholic community called together as family to worship, to minister, and to evangelize. As true disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to renew His love and spirit by sharing our time, talent and treasure.

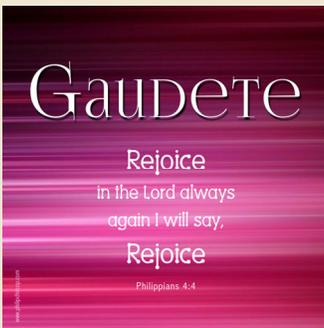
St. Louise de Marillac Mission Statement

Gaudete Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday. This term refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". The rose colored candle is lit on the Advent Wreath and the priest and deacons may wear the rose colored vestments to symbolize and emphasize the sense of joy that should be in our hearts as we approach the coming of our Savior on Christmas day.

Joy is an important aspect of the Christian life and especially as we see the love of God made manifest for each of us in the birth of His Son. The beautiful child in the manger reminds us of Gods eternal love and care for each of us and that He wants us to be close to Him. This joy of Gods love made visible in the Christ Child is important as it gives us courage, strength and hope amidst the difficulties and trials of life.

Many things may have happened to us in the past year. Perhaps we had health problems or lost a loved one or had trials in family life. As we gaze upon the Christ Child, we see the answer for all of life's challenges. This Holy Child who is the Son of God has loved me for all eternity and come to be my Savior, my light, my guide, my brother, my friend. It is in Him that I know that I am loved and that I am not alone and the He will never leave me. Even with struggles with sin and temptation, He gives us courage and hope in His mercy and love to continue the struggle in perseverance to live the life of grace. In short, I realize that Gods love for me is with me in all things and that I need only to be reminded of this as I look upon His Son.



But it is not just to be a reminder. It must also be lived. I must strive to have the joy of Christ burn in my heart at all times and to live out this joy with all whom I meet. Nothing should prevent us from experiencing the joy of Christ and if we do not, it is often because we have allowed our problems and trials to overshadow the joy of Christ that should sustain us. The Holy Infant is much bigger than all of our problems and trials put together. He is the Son of God. The sense of joy also flows from learning to trust Jesus and firmly hold firm to the thought that I am in His hands and I need not fear or worry about anything. When trials come,

Christ is with me to sustain me and help me to overcome all obstacles in life.

Let us ask Our Lady to renew us in the true spirit of Christmas Joy and that this joy may truly be a mark of our Christian life in following Christ. This Joy should fill our hearts this Christmas and throughout the New Year as the source of this joy is Christ, who is always near to us and never will leave us. May we also share the joy of Christ that fills our hearts with all whom we come in contact with in our family life, in our workplace, in our school and in the parish.

May the approaching birth of our Saviour fill us with a new understanding of Christian joy that is God's gift to us and a mark of a true disciple. The words of the Angel to the shepherds remind us: "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“Rejoice: the Lord is nigh.” As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni (“Come”) of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: “Come, Lord Jesus,” the last words of the New Testament.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of Entrance Antiphon, “Rejoice”. Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2017-12-17>

ADVENT PRAYER

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



SPECIAL REQUEST

Because of the large crowds usually in attendance at our Christmas liturgies, we would like to request the cooperation of all in NOT reserving whole sections of pews before the liturgies begin. If your family wishes to sit together during the liturgy, we suggest that you arrive at the Church at least 30 minutes before Mass begins. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated in this matter. Thank you.

PARISH HOLIDAY HOURS

St. Louise Office holiday hours are as follows:

Sunday , December 24th	Close at 2:00 pm
Monday, December 25th	Closed
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the Parish Office closes at 5:00 pm	
Sunday, December 31st	Close at 2:00 pm
Monday, January 1st	Closed
Tuesday, January 2nd	Normal business hours

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In last week’s bulletin, Treasures From Our Tradition article, we looked at a form of nativity scene called *presepio*, characterized by framing the crèche of Jesus with a vast array of personalities and a rich geographical context. The tradition was carried to the New World, and finds very rich expression in Latin AMERICA TODAY. While in Europe the *presepio* was reserved mostly to the homes of wealthy nobles and great churches, in Latin America it was claimed by the poor and expressed the skills of native artisans. In Mexico, we can still find clay figures in every village market. In a way, the native people took the religion of Spanish rule and baptized it with their Indian culture by surrounding the crib of Jesus with local geography and people. In Brazil, where Christmas falls in summer, the figure of the baby Jesus is wrapped in gold and gems, and set on a hillside surrounded by flowers and animals of all kinds. Sometimes there is a double *presepio*, presenting both Nativity and Crucifixion.

In some places in Latin America, even non-religious people take care to have a *presepio* in the home, sometimes dedicating one whole room in the house or apartment to the scene. Some cities have markets where people from the countryside sell plants and figurines. In Cuzco, churches and families provide hot chocolate for the children of the poor who come down to help create the nativity scenes. In Paraguay, the baby Jesus grows—the small infant who arrives on Christmas Eve is replaced at New Year with a toddler Jesus who holds in one hand the globe and in the other a cross. Few Christmas traditions have the vitality and variety of *presepios* and crèches honoring the Nativity. Rev. James Field

PARISH CALENDARS

Parish Liturgical calendars are available in the Parish Office. Please stop by to pick up a copy of the 2018 calendar. Quantities are limited to supplies on hand. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00.

CHURCH CLEANING

Please be mindful the Msgr. Pierce Hall will be closed for cleaning on **Wednesday, December 20th**. The Church will be closed for cleaning on **Thursday, December 21st** beginning at 9:30 am until 6:00 pm. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

IN MEMORIAM

Richard Boutros

Irene Campos

Robert Quintana

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Retrouvaille (REH-tro-v-eye) is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. For questions or registration, make a confidential call to call (909) 900-5465 or visit: HelpOurMarriage.com.

SEPERATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

Divorce or separation is troubling and painful to most people. The support group's goal is to become a source of spiritual strength and wisdom to process the grief, to ease the pain, and to give comfort and hope to those recovering from separation and divorce. Please join our ongoing group: Thursdays 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Pastoral Center. There in cost to attend.

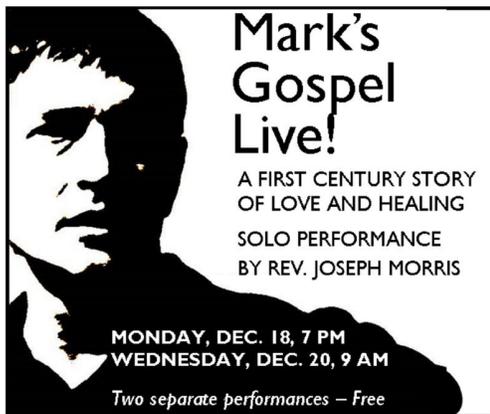
Where: Holy Family Catholic Church
1501 Fremont Avenue
South Pasadena, CA 91030

For more information please contact:
Terri Lynn Doubet at (818) 729-0577

MARK'S GOSPEL LIVE!

Mark's Gospel Live! is a dramatic solo performance of the entire book in two hours, offered **free** to the public at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, located at 435 Berkeley Avenue, Claremont.

Performances are **Monday, December 18th at 7:00 pm and Wednesday, December 20th at 9:00 am.** The Rev. Joseph Morris, is the presenter and has performed over 500 programs in the



United States, United Kingdom and Canada. This performance is appropriate for all ages. For information call (909) 626-3596.

The Parish Office will be closed from 12 noon until 2:00 pm on Thursday, December 21st. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

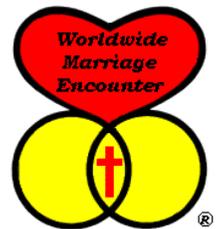


Catholic engaged Encounter is a weekend retreat designed for a man and woman who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church. This weekend fulfills the marriage preparation requirements of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

The weekend gives you an opportunity to talk to each other privately in an honest and intense way about your future life together. Presentations by the team of two married couples and a Catholic priest are designed to help you reflect and share with each other on topics including: the family you grew up in, communication, values, intimacy, natural family planning, and the Sacrament of Marriage. Weekends at the DePaul Retreat Center in Montebello include **January 12th, 13th and 14th, or February 9th, 10th and 11th.** Please visit our website to register: www.CEEofLA.org

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A weekend retreat for couples with presentations, and experiences focused on improving communication between couples and strengthening marriages. Marriage Encounter weekends are facilitated by a presenting team of 3 married couples and 1 priest. Weekends are typically held at area hotels with supplemental functions and meetings held throughout the year to support couples' progress. The next local weekend will begin Azusa the weekend of **February 23rd, 2018.** Please contact Michael and Veronica Sasaki at (909) 938-2182 for more information or register for the Weekend on the program website at www.wwme.org.

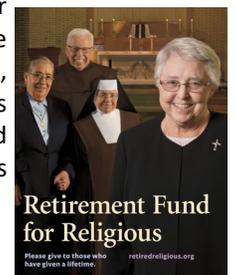


MSGR. LEO STEINBOCK

Monsignor Leo Steinbock will receive his Investiture, as a Monsignor, today, **Sunday, December 17th at 5:00 pm,** at St. Kevin's Catholic Church located at 4072 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, 90004, (213) 909-1801. Congratulations Msgr. Leo Steinbock!

RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS

A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last's week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.



CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Catholic Men's Fellowship (CMF) is a lay Apostolate that reaches out to all men. Our next meeting is on **Thursday, December 21st at 6:30 pm** in the Multi-Purpose Room. Francisco Muñoz will be continuing with the topic *"Our Journey Through Advent"*. The Catholic faith is at the center of all our activities. We reach out across all denominations, working to build up the Body of Christ. For more information contact the Faith Formation Office at (626) 332-5822 or Gil Alderete at (626) 841-9090—CMF@stlouisedm.org catholicmen.org.



RESPECT LIFE

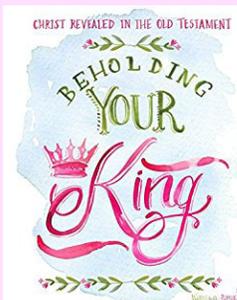
30 Hour Famine will be held at St Louise de Marillac Parish for 30 hours from **12pm, Saturday 13th January and will conclude after the 5pm Mass, Sunday January 14th, 2018**. This is an opportunity for teens to raise awareness and join in solidarity with those around the world who experience hunger on a daily basis. There will also be games, skits, talks, prayer and loads of fun throughout the weekend. All teenagers aged between 14-17 years are invited to register and attend by contacting the Faith Formation Office on 626 332 5822.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Walking with Purpose
Enabling women to know Christ through Scripture



St. Louise de Marillac's Women's Bible Study will begin again on Monday, **January 22nd through March 26th, 2018**. Registration will begin on January 7th, 2018. This bible study would make a wonderful gift to the woman in your life. The program is \$30.00 to cover the cost of materials and book.



This nine lesson course, shows us how all scripture points us to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. As we look at Old Testament people and events, we'll encounter problems that only Christ will solve, needs that only He will satisfy, and promises that only He can deliver. We'll learn to recognize and appreciate God's plan for our own lives. His awe-inspiring majesty, and His desire for personal intimacy with each one of us.

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday December 10th, 2017, our confirmation program held their first fundraiser for the year and it was a HUGE success raising almost \$5000! Our young people worked tirelessly throughout the day – serving food, cooking, cleaning tables, singing, selling tickets, Mass announcements – the works! Many of them arriving by 6am, Sunday morning, to start the preparations for the big day. Our Elementary Faith Formation students performed carols and skits. Santa even made a surprise visit! It was a beautiful day filled with many blessings. A BIG thank you especially to our Catechists and parents who jumped in and helped out on the day and to our parishioners who provided monetary support for our program. May the Lord bless you all for your generosity and service.





Engaging Advent 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 20th Penance Service at
St. Louise de Marillac
7:00 PM Church
- December 23rd Decorate the Church
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- December 24th Christmas Eve Vigil
4:00 PM Church
Children's Mass
4:30 PM Hall
6:30 PM & Midnight
- December 25th Christmas Day
Masses
6:30 am, 8:00 am,
9:30 am, 11:00 am
and 12:30 pm.
- December 30th Mass at 5:30pm
- December 31st Sunday Mass Times
6:30 AM, 8:00 AM,
9:30AM, 11:00 AM,
12:30 PM, 5:00 PM
- January 1st Solemnity of Mary
New Year's Day Mass
6:30 am, 9:30 am,
and 11:00 am.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, December 18th
St. Frances of Rome, Azusa 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 19th
Sacred Heart Church, Covina 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 20th
St. Louise de Marillac, Covina 7:00 pm

YEAR END GIFTS

Without a doubt, all have heard the adage that "The joy of Christmas is in giving, not in receiving." This is why at Christmas time we often try to show our appreciation to those whom we love and are indebted. We owe a special indebtedness to Almighty God, who has been so generous in granting us constant material and spiritual blessings. One way that we can show our appreciation to the Lord for His bountiful blessings is by a thoughtful remembrance in our Christmas Offering. In this way, our Parish can continue to grow as a community and further the teachings of Christ so that all can continuously share in His blessings.

It is our prayer that all be as generous as possible to the Christmas collection. This year's Christmas collection will help cover the expenses for parking lot maintenance and repairs, hoping the repairs will allow the use of the parking lot for two years until it is replaced. This will also help church air conditioning replacement.

We hope everyone has received special Christmas Offering envelopes mailed with the Christmas schedules for Masses. If you misplaced it or did not receive one, additional envelopes are in the pews today. The Christmas schedules are in the bulletin. Certainly it is in giving that we receive and Christ will not be undone on His part to bless you for your generosity.

PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS

With large crowds expected to be attending Christmas liturgies and with Masses being celebrated concurrently at the 4:00 pm and 4:30 pm in the Church and Hall on Christmas Eve, additional parking will be available on the basketball courts and on the field. Your cooperation in keeping the traffic flow moving smoothly would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

POINSETTIA DONATIONS

Can you imagine a better way to celebrate the exhilarating joy and radiance of Christmas than with poinsettias? These cheery flowering ornamental plants are celebrated during this special season for their brightly colored foliage. With their openness and flowers, they embrace life in all its blessed richness.



At St. Louise de Marillac, let us remember those nearest and dearest to us, whether living or deceased, with these brightest of all flowers in preparation of the birth of Jesus Christ, who is the reason for this season. Through the ages, poinsettias have been given as gifts, and in this season of giving, let us honor *God's only begotten Son, the greatest gift of all.*

So please join us and bring your poinsettias to the Msgr. Pierce Hall patio or Parish Center on **Monday, December 11th thru Friday, December 22nd** in time for inclusion at our Christmas Eve and Midnight Masses.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS

We invite all parishioners to join us at the 4:00 pm, Christmas Eve Children's Mass in the Church. We ask all children attending this Mass to bring a birthday card for Jesus.

These should be simple cards made by the children. The children will present them at the end of Mass.

DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

Decorate the Church and the Hall for Christmas! We need your help! Come and share your decorating gifts and talents on **Saturday, December 23rd** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Help decorate our beautiful Church and Parish Hall for the coming of our Lord! We will welcome all who would like to help. You do not need to be creative, just willing to decorate the Lord's house. If you are interested please contact Sheila Uriarte at (626) 915-7873.

WINTER SHELTER

Help feed the body and soul of those that are less fortunate. Share in giving, to those without a home, a place to feel loved and welcomed for the holidays. **The St. Dorothy Winter Shelter runs from Saturday, December 16th, 2017 through Sunday, December 31st, 2017.**

We are FULL! Thank you to everyone that has donated clothing, socks and jackets to the Homeless Shelter. We now have an abundance from your generosity!

HOMELESS WINTER SHELTER LOCATIONS

December 16th , 2017 through January 1st, 2018
St. Dorothy Church
241 S. Valley Center Street, Glendora

January 2nd through January 16th, 2018
Glenkirk Presbyterian Church
1700 E. Palopinto, Glendora

January 17th through January 31st, 2018
St. John Vianney Church
1345 Turnbull Canyon Road, Hacienda Heights

February 1st through February 15th, 2018
Holy Name of Mary Church
724 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas

February 16th through March 1st, 2018
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1835 Larkvane Road, Rowland Heights

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Respect Life Ministry is a ministry at St. Louise that promotes the dignity and sanctity of human life from conception to natural death through programs advocating prayer, education, pastoral care and advocacy. We are currently planning our next Dignitas Workshop. Our next meeting is **Monday, January 8th at 7:30pm** in the Youth Room. Our ministry is open to all. Please join us and learn more about Respect Life and the current projects we are working on. Please email Fr. McShane@stlouisedm.org if you would like more information on our ministry or what we are currently planning!

LOST AND FOUND

Have you misplaced something after attending Mass or an event at St. Louise de Marillac? We have a Lost and Found box in our Parish Office. Stop by during our office hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Saturday 9:00AM to 6PM, or on Sunday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please bring items to the Parish Office if you find something someone may have left.

MONDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets on Mondays at **9:30 am** in the St. Louise Conference Room. We pray for those in need. If you would like us to pray for you or for someone you know, please contact Kay Strok at (626) 332-2694, or come join us!

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your generous stewardship. St. Louise appreciates your support of our many programs and ministries.

Offertory for Sunday, December 10, 2017			
	2017	2016	Variance
Envelopes	\$ 25,185	\$ 27,647	(\$ 2,462)
Plate	\$ 2,767	\$ 3,050	(\$ 283)
TOTAL	\$ 27,952	\$ 30,697	(\$ 2,745)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for those listed below who are sick:

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Gloria Gallegos

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Tere Albano | Damacio Marquez |
| Sonny Bernabe | Gloria Marquez |
| Darlene Bertelsen | Susan Martinez |
| Olena Buchynsky | Carolyn Matone |
| Matt Byers | Carmen Mijares |
| Matias Carrillo | Fr. Bill Moore, ss. cc. |
| Sinatra Cornelius | Julie Moore |
| Lilia Corte | Rayna Morrison |
| Nathanael Covarrubias | Kathleen Motter |
| Eva Cristobal | Tracie Neria |
| Joe Diaz | Susan Newton |
| Charles Joseph Dinisi | Sandra Nila |
| Don Dominic | Victor Nuñez |
| Belen Elder | Jess Panlilio |
| David Erlandsen | Mary Ellen Portillo |
| Joe Escalera Sr. | Gary Robb |
| Joe Escalera Jr. | Abraham Romero |
| Kristi Esquibel | Teresita Saligumba |
| Aileen Fallis | Virginia Saligumba |
| Pat Fallis | Susan Schmaltz |
| Steve Ferguson | Martha Sandoval |
| Angie Flores | Natalie SanGio |
| Robin Quier Ford | Jennifer Sennett |
| Gloria Gallegos | Julia Sermeno |
| Antonio Garcia | Ferdinand Silveo |
| Carmen Gonzalez | Susan Schmaltz |
| David Gonzalez | Ryan Soldridge |
| Pedro Gutierrez | Michael J. Tamayo |
| Ysidro M. Gurule | Fred Tardif |
| Katrina Hannah | Iva Vasilj |
| Suzanne Hanson | Sharon Wiessler |
| Mary Hernandez | Cris Williams |
| Mary Howard | Dan Wilson |
| David Ibanez, Jr. | Al Wurst |
| Amanda Johnson | Melinda Zamora |
| Nancy LaMascus | |
| Adele Lui | |

Parishioners are asked to please contact the Parish Center to have a loved one placed on the sick list.

TOGETHER IN MISSION

There is still time to pledge your support to this year's appeal. You can make a gift online at:

www.ourmissionla.org/give.

Goal for 2017: \$ 140,600
Paid: \$ 135,220.49

Thank you for your generosity!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Confessions:

Wednesday	7:30 PM
Penance this Wednesday beginning at 7:00 PM	
Saturdays	4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Monday, December 18, 2017

6:20 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
8:00 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
9:30 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group	SLDMCR

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

6:00 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
8:00 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
6:30 PM Legion of Mary Meeting	PCBR
7:30 PM Women's Bible Study	8th Grade

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

6:20 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
8:00 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
5:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal	CHURCH
6:00 PM Executive School Board Meeting	PCBR
7:00 PM RCIA	SLDMCR
7:00 PM Penance Service—Confessions	CHURCH

Thursday, December 21, 2017

6:20 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
8:00 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
12:00 PM Thursday Bible Study	SLDMCR
6:30 PM Catholic Men's Fellowship	MPR

Friday, December 22, 2017

6:20 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
8:00 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
10:30 AM FATIMA Rosary Prayer Group	PCBR
7:00 PM BINGO	MPHALL

Saturday, December 23, 2017

8:00 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
1:00 PM Children's Christmas Eve Mass Rehearsal	CHURCH
4:00 PM Confessions	CHURCH
5:30 PM Evening Mass	CHURCH

Sunday, December 24, 2017

6:30 AM Mass	CHURCH
8:00 AM Mass	CHURCH
9:30 AM Mass	CHURCH
11:00 AM Mass	CHURCH
12:30 PM Mass	CHURCH
4:00 PM Children's Christmas Eve Mass	CHURCH
4:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass	MPHALL
6:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass	CHURCH
12:00 AM Midnight Mass	CHURCH

MPHALL—Msgr. Pierce Hall

MPR—Multi Purpose Room

SLDMCR—St. Louise de Marillac Conference Room

8thGrade—Eighth Grade Classroom

PCBR—Parish Center Board Room

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& Fridays / 9 am - 5 pm
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Monday - Friday / 8 am - 8 pm
Saturday / 9 am - 6 pm
Sunday / 9 am - 2 pm

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

DID YOU KNOW?

Pay attention to signs of neglect.

Neglect is a form of child abuse characterized by a failure to meet a child’s basic needs for nourishment, shelter, clothing, healthcare, education and so forth. Be on the lookout for signs of neglect in the children you see on a daily basis because if these needs are not met, a child may be suffering physically and emotionally. Some signs of neglect include malnourishment, poor hygiene, and insufficient medical care. For more information, and a copy of the VIRTUS® article “The Oft-Forgotten Type of Abuse: Neglect,” visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>, or call (213) 637-7508.

For more information on other ways to keep kids safe, contact Linda Filkins, the Parish Safeguard Committee Chairperson at (626) 214-7846 or the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office at (213) 637-7227. For particular help, call the Victims Assistance Office at (213) 637-7650.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 17th

- 6:30 am: Doris Galanti (RIP); Joseph Anthony Geraci (RIP)
- 8:00 am: Israel Matthew Romo (RIP); Filomena Rojas (RIP)
- 9:30 am: Eduardo Armola (RIP); Atenogenes Rojas (RIP)
- 11:00 am: Eric Guzman (RIP); Josephine Marroquin (RIP)
- 12:30 pm: Alvin James Llorens (RIP); Kimberly Whipple (RIP)
- 5:00 pm: St. Louise Parish Families

Monday, December 18th

- 6:20 am: Ernesto and Jaliana Narva (RIP)
- 8:00 am: Jacqueline T. Moscarito (RIP); Raul E. Blanco (SI)

Tuesday, December 19th

- 6:20 am: Brain Shaw (RIP); Orlando Seoane (RIP)
- 8:00 am: Vega Family (SI)

Wednesday, December 20th

- 6:20 am: Robert Quintana (SI); Orlando Seoane (RIP)
- 8:00 am: Belen Custudio (RIP); Iva Vasilj (SI)

Thursday, December 21st

- 6:20 am: Margaret Allen (SI); Orlando Seoane (RIP)
- 8:00 am: Andrea Briones (RIP); Mauricio Zavala (SI)

Friday, December 22nd

- 6:20 am: Robert Quintana (SI); Orlando Seoane (RIP)
- 8:00 am: Rojas Family (SI)

Saturday, December 23rd

- 8:00 am: Lionel Martel (RIP); John Koerig (RIP)
- 5:30 pm: St. Louise Parish Families (SI)

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ST. LOUISE

St. Louise de Marillac had a contest asking students to design our Christmas cards this year. We were over joyed with the response from so many young artists! Below are the designs we chose this year from artists:

- Valentina Ortega—Grade 2**
- Jade Coronado—Grade 6**
- Ella Holloman—Grade 2**

Thank you to everyone who participated. Your drawings were displayed in our Parish Office throughout the month of December.



St. Louise de Marillac Catholic Church

Christmas Celebrations 2017

Sacrament of Reconciliation Penance Services

Monday, December 18th
St. Frances of Rome, Azusa, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 19th
Sacred Heart, Covina 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 20th
St. Louise de Marillac, Covina 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

4:00 pm Children's Mass Church
4:30 pm Msgr. Pierce Hall
6:30 pm Church
Midnight Mass—Church

Christmas Day

6:30 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am and 12:30 pm

Sunday, December 24th Masses

6:30 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 5:00 pm

Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Day) Mass Schedule

6:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am

Poinsettia Donations, December 12th—23rd

Donate a poinsettia for Christmas liturgies in prayerful remembrance of a loved one or with special intention.

Decorate the Church for Christmas

We need your help! If you would like to volunteer to decorate the Church on Saturday, December 23rd from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm, please come.

For more information call the
Parish Center at (626) 915-7873
Or visit www.stlouisedm.org