St. Louise de Marillac Church

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

"He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord." Psalm 15

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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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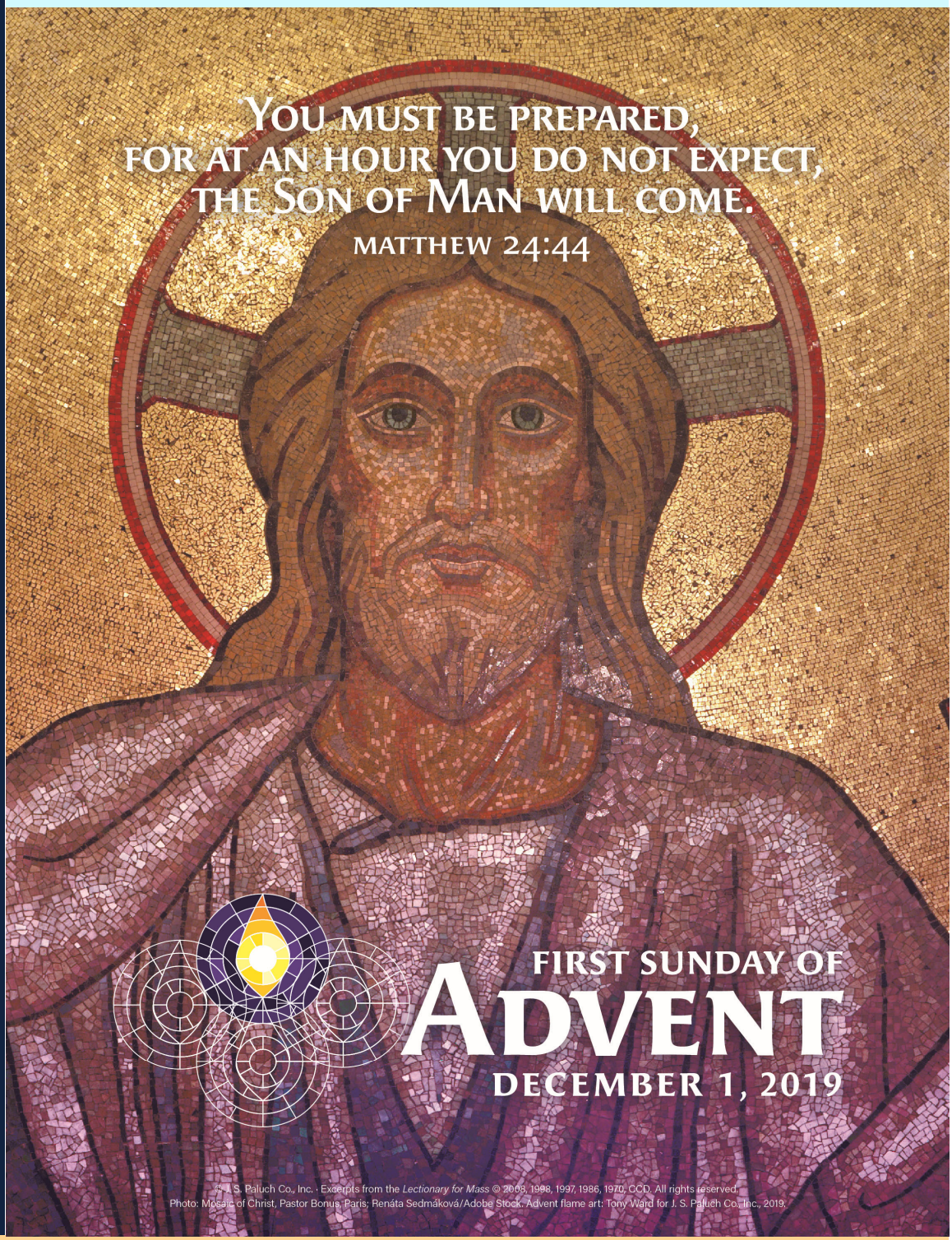

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St. Louise de Marillac is a Roman Catholic community called together as family to worship, to minister, and to evangelize. As true disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to renew His love and spirit by sharing our time, talent and treasure.

St. Louise de Marillac Mission Statement

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior

Amen

Beginning of Advent: Stay awake!

Today is the first day of our Advent Season; the first day of the new Church year. During Advent, we will celebrate two Marian Feasts. The first, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. On this Feast Day, Pope Pius IX defined that in the moment of Mary's conception, she was "free from all stain of original sin." On December 12th we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas. When Mary appeared to Juan Diego, her likeness preserved on Diego's cloak, shows her pregnant. How appropriate for the Advent Season.

We think of Christmas as the feast of the Incarnation, but that is not accurate. The Incarnation began nine months earlier at the Annunciation. As of today, Mary has been carrying God within her womb for the past eight months. If two thousand years ago there had been ultrasound machines, God would have looked pretty much like any human fetus at eight months of pregnancy. This amazing miracle brought God directly to us as one of us.

Advent is a time of waiting and preparing, both for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas and for his second coming at the end of the world, when he "will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end," to quote the creed. None of us knows the timing of the end of the world, hence the admonitions of today's Gospel.

It is easy to think that because you live a pretty good life, one where you attend church, try to not sin against others, try to do good, you can sit back and relax. So, Jesus tells us that we might want to look at the time of Noah. There, people were going about their daily lives, living them as they always did – "eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage" -- until it was too late. "They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away." The people of Noah's time were given warnings. Noah warned them. But they ignored the warnings.

We need to become a people who watches; not with our eyes, but with our hearts. What does this mean? It means to keep on contemplating and meditating on the Good News of forgiveness. It means to keep on applying His truth to our lives and to keep up the struggle of putting his words into action, of wrestling and grappling with how to live our faith each and every day. Such a life lived this way is indeed getting ready for Jesus.

When Jesus was sacrificed on the cross for us, he left behind the gift of the Holy Spirit. We need to call upon the Holy Spirit to keep us spiritually awake. We receive the Holy Spirit every time we receive a sacrament. The two sacraments we can receive frequently are Eucharist and Reconciliation. Avail yourself of these to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

As we begin this adventure of Advent, let each of us move into a period of reflection. Each year I note how difficult this is in our society that gears up for Christmas with a fevered pitch. I know none of us can completely ignore that, but do put aside time each day for some reflection: Are we watching with our heart? Can we spend time pondering the amazing miracle of the Incarnation? Are we trying to live a Gospel life, putting the words of Jesus into action? If we can do that, we will be ready for the coming of the infant Jesus and also for the second coming of Christ.

Fr. Robert Patton

Pastor

SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS (c. 675-749)

December 4

From almost 1300 years ago, John's message for the church's spirituality and mission is surprisingly contemporary. Pope Benedict said that in our modern culture of images, sacred images often speak more eloquently than words. This "incarnational theology," the concept that visible, tangible elements can give believers access to divine realities beyond, found an eloquent champion in John of Damascus. He challenged the Iconoclasts (image-breakers), whose misinterpretation of the biblical prohibition of idolatrous images (Exodus 20:4-5) led them to campaign for the destruction of all sacred art. Before this controversy, however, John bore witness to Christ in a way that provides a timely example for Christians in today's pluralistic society. Succeeding his grandfather and father, John served as chief financial officer to the Muslim caliph, professing his Christian faith without compromise, while winning the esteem of his Islamic sovereign by his competence and integrity. No wonder John could eloquently defend icons as "windows into heaven"—he had already learned to see Christ in the living icons of people different from himself yet fashioned in the same divine image!

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McKINLEY GIVING TREE

For the abandoned & neglected children in the care of the McKinley Children's Center in San Dimas, most have never celebrated a holiday or know what it is like to receive a gift from someone who cares. All of us can be that someone!

We have the names of over 450 children who requested gift cards in the amounts of $10 through $20. The "ornaments" with the children's names and requests will be on our "Christmas Giving" trees the weekend of **December 7th and 8th**, after all Masses.

Because the gift cards are like cash, we ask that you return your gift before **Wednesday, December 18th** to Parish Center ONLY.

Each year we receive such an overwhelming response and an outpouring of generosity from the St. Louise community. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ's new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God's power will have brought universal peace and God's Word will have instructed all people, radiating God's "light" (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks "in the light of the Lord" (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed "in [God's] ways" (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to "awake from sleep" for this final "day is at hand" (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday's scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God's plan of salvation .

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POINSETTIA DENATIONS

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 9th through Friday, December 20th** in time for inclusion at our Christmas Eve and Midnight Masses.

POINSETTIA WATERER NEEDED

We are looking someone who is available to water the poinsettia for the Christmas Season. Please contact Sheila Uriarte at 626-915-7873 ext 212.

Advent 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1st	Advent Wreath Making 8:00 AM Msgr. Pierce Hall
December 9th	Immaculate Conception 7:00 PM Mass
December 12th	Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
December 18th	Penance Service at St. Louise de Marillac 7:00 PM Church
December 21st	Simbang Gabi 7:00 PM Mass
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 12:30 PM.
December 31st	Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass 5:30 PM
January 1st	Solemnity of Mary New Year's Day Mass 6:30 AM, 9:30 AM , 11:00 AM

CHRISTMAS CARD COLLECTIONS

As we have done for the past several years, St. Louise de Marillac has the opportunity to make the Christmas holiday better for our incarcerated brothers at the Pitchess Detention Center in Castaic and at the California Institute for Men in Chino. Just the simple act of providing Christmas Cards and postage will make it possible for these men to stay connected with their families and loved ones during a difficult time of the year.

Because of the security requirements of these facilities, we're asking that all of us donate new, unopened boxes of Christmas Cards and separate stamps. The Catholic Chaplain at Chino has requested the cards for that institution have religious themes. Donations will be accepted from November 23rd to December 8th. Collection boxes for the cards will be in the Parish Center and in the church for your convenience. The separate postage stamps should be brought to the Parish Center office. Deacon Al Valles, Deacon Alan Holderness, Deacon Omar Uriarte and Deacon Peter Brause will coordinate their delivery to Castaic and Chino.

Thank you in advance for your support of this program.

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 21st from 9:30 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 desire to decorate the Lord's house. If you are interested, please contact Sheila Uriarte at (626) 915-7873.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Faith Formation is sponsoring the Advent Wreath Making in the Msgr. Pierce Hall on **Sunday, December 1st**, which will begin after the 8:00 am Mass. No need to bring anything as we will supply all that is needed, including the wreath and candles. Everyone is invited to come and create their own wreath. However supplies are limited, so this fun craft is on a first come -first serve basis.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

Immaculate Conception Feast Day Mass Schedule is on **Monday, December 9th at 6:20 am, 8:00 am, and 7:00 pm**

Mary was Immaculate because she was the Mother of God. She, herself has received the original grace of purity and the final state of the blessed life that we also, by collaborating with Divine Grace, hope one day to receive. Immaculate Mary is full of grace.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day celebration is on Thursday, December 12th with:

5:30 am Rosary in the Patio
6:20 am Holy Mass
Breakfast Reception after Mass in the Msgr. Pierce Hall.
Mariachi's will perform at both the Mass and the breakfast.

Each December 12th, the Catholic community celebrates the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This celebration commemorates the appearance of Mary to the Mexican peasant, Juan Diego, in 1531. The feast day is an important holiday in Mexico. Please join us!

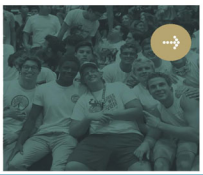
THANKSGIVING DINNER

A heartfelt thank you to all of you. Without the financial support, donations of food, decorations, your time and your good wishes and blessings, this dinner would not have been possible. Because of your generosity, we were able to continue this tradition. A great big thank you to everyone who helped set-up, prepare, cook, carve, serve and clean up. Many have a lot to be thankful for because of you. A special thanks to everyone that joined us for our Thanksgiving meal. We, as a parish, would like to extend our utmost gratitude to Kathy Rexius Munro, Joanne, and their team of volunteers for personally taking on this annual event which brings so much joy to all who attend it each year! Because you said yes, our dinner was once again possible this year

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR
DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1* ADVENT WREATH MAKING 8:00am–2:00pm (hall) PRESCHOOL/KINDER 9:15am-10:45am ELEMENTARY 9:15am-10:45am CONFIRMATION YR1-3:15pm-4:45pm YR2-6:15pm-7:45pm	2 MIDDLE SCHOOL 6:00pm - 7:30pm	3 ELEMENTARY 4:30pm - 6:00pm CONFIRMATION YR1 - 6:00pm/7:30pm YR2 - 6:00pm7:30pm	4 RCIA CHILDREN 3:30pm - 4:45pm RCIA ADULTS 7:00pm - 9:00pm Conference Rm.	5 ELEMENTARY 6:00pm - 7:30pm YOUTH NIGHT 6:00pm - 7:30pm	6 CHILDREN'S EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 5:15pm-6:00pm Church	7
8* FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 8:00am–2:00pm (hall) PRESCHOOL/KINDER 9:15am-10:45am ELEMENTARY 9:15am-10:45am	9 MIDDLE SCHOOL 6:00pm - 7:30pm	10 ELEMENTARY 4:30pm - 6:00pm	11 RCIA CHILDREN 3:30pm - 4:45pm RCIA ADULTS 7:00pm - 9:00pm Conference Rm.	12 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ELEMENTARY 6:00pm - 7:30pm YOUTH NIGHT 6:00pm - 7:30pm	13	14
15* PRESCHOOL/KINDER 9:15am-10:45am ELEMENTARY 9:15am-10:45am CONFIRMATION/ PARENT/STUDENT/SPONSOR NIGHT	16 MIDDLE SCHOOL 6:00pm - 7:30pm	17 ELEMENTARY 4:30pm - 6:00pm	18 RCIA CHILDREN 3:30pm - 4:45pm RCIA ADULTS 7:00pm - 9:00pm Conference Rm.	19 YOUTH NIGHT 6:00pm - 7:30pm	20 LAS POSADAS 6:00pm (MPR)	21
22*	23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28
29*	30	31		FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS:	MONDAY– THURSDAY 9:00AM – 6:00PM FRIDAY: 9:00AM – 5:00PM	OFFICE PHONE: (424) 332-5822

*Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) held every Sunday during the 9:30am Mass.



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IN THE CARROLL CENTER

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JANUARY 11, 2020

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Visit Days - Eighth grade students who are interested are invited to attend a Shadow Day. Please call Mrs. Monica Leon at 626-962-2495, Ext 7449 or visit the Bishop Amat website to register.

COMBONI MISSIONARIES

ANNUAL PASTA DINNER & CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY NIGHT - DECEMBER 6, 2019 - 5:30PM TO 9:00PM

Get in the holiday spirit with a tasty Italian dinner at the Comboni Mission Center! Salad, dinner roll, chicken, and delicious pasta in the company of friends and family, holiday music and Christmas Spirit!

DINNER TICKETS $15.00 EACH - INCLUDES DESSERT AND COFFEE

SODA, WINE, AND BEER BY DONATION.

Please bring one of your favorite desserts to share!
For more information, please call our office at 626-339-1914.
Comboni Mission Center: 645 S. Aldenville Ave, Covina, CA 91723.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, the amount we raised goes to support those who live on the margins and in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on "How to Give" on the left.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

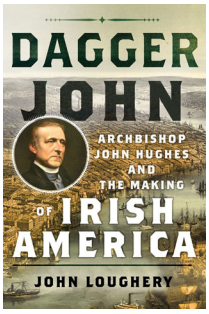
Give in thanksgiving. "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next weekend, December 7th and 8th, second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

ADORATION FOR REPARATION

Adoration for Reparation will be observed **Friday, December 6th in the Conference Room** beginning after the 6:20 AM Mass until Saturday morning, December 7th, 7:45 AM. Rosary and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) will be in the Conference Room prior to Benediction and Repostion of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Guardians of the Hour are asked to please contact Janet Brause through the Parish Center if you will be unable to keep your scheduled hour. We continue to pray and ask God's healing of all who have been hurt by Church members, and for the sanctification of all clergy and laity.

BOOK CLUB

Please join us! The St. Louise Book Group is reading "Dagger John" by John Loughery. We'll be discussing the book on Wednesday, **January 8th at 6:30 PM** in the Boardroom (front office).



If you live local and would like to come but do not have a ride, please let us know; we'll be happy to pick you up and drop you off. For any additional information please call Peggy Cornish 626-331-3905, Kathy Janicki 909-816-1661 or Liz Gelfuso 626-533-6502 or send an email to bookclub@stlouisedm.org

Attention! We have a new email address: BookClub@stlouisedm.org. Please email us to be added to our list to receive reminders. Current members, please send us an email so we can save your address to our new email.

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Catholic Men's Fellowship of St. Louise (CMF) is a lay apostolate that reaches out to all men. Our next Meeting will be **Thursday, December, 5th**. Please join us for Fellowship, Prayer & Reflection at 6:30 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room. Dinner will be served at this meeting.

Our Purpose is to encourage men to become daily Disciples of Christ. *(Lk. 9:23)* Our Mission: is to help men renew their minds and transform their hearts and lives for Jesus Christ. *(Rom.12:22)* For more information contact Faith Formation at (626) 332-5822 or Gil Alderete (626) 841-9090 or email at: CMF@stlouisedm.org.

Follow us now on Instagram @catholicmensfellowship & Facebook Catholic Men's Fellowship St. Louise De Marillac.

DEVOTIONAL

After Mass this weekend, **Saturday, November 30th and Sunday, December 1st**, the ushers will hand out The Word Among Us booklets. We would like everyone to have an opportunity to receive the 2019 Advent Issue. Supplies are limited, so please, one per family. Every single revelation of God can be life-changing and transforming when we understand it, live it out, and share it with others. We pray that this devotional will provide a spiritual resource to help you prepare for the Savior's coming

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for those listed below who are sick:

Bill Deom
Domenic Saraceno

Continue to Pray For...

Herb Aspell
Eppie Cabral, Jr.
Rocio Centeno
Lupita Cerna
Betty Cresswell
Brynn Ervin
Joe Escalera, Sr.
Joe Escalera, Jr.
Aileen Fallis
Pat Fallis
Fr. Bob Folbrecht
Elaina Fossum
Liam Gill
Loretta Giors
Elva Gonzales
Carmen Gonzalez
David Gonzalez
Charlene Guffrey
Pedro Gutierrez
Suzanne Hanson
Nancy LaMascus
Susan Mabida
Damacio Marquez
Gloria Marquez
Carolyn Matone
Steve McConnaughly
Todd McShane
Fr. Bill Moore, SS. CC.
Julia Moore
Frederick Moscarito
Tracie Neria
Sandra Nila
Tulio Norori
Victor Nuñez
C. J. Oddo
Arnulfo Romero
Martha Sandoval
Susan Schmaltz
Rocio Scott
Jennifer Sennett
Julia Sermeno
Ryan Soldridge
Baby Sterling
Yvonne Tylke

Parishioners are asked to contact the Parish Center to have a loved one placed on the sick list. For a name to remain on the sick list, please contact the Parish Office by the 15th of every month. Names of the sick and hurting are published weekly in our bulletin.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, December 2, 2019

6:20 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
8:00 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
9:30 AM Rosary *(Irene Freckelton)*	CHURCH
10:00 AM Funeral *(Irene Freckelton)*	CHURCH
11:15 AM Bishop Amat Chamber Singers Christmas Concert Prep	CHURCH

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

6:20 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
8:00 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
4:00 PM to 7:30 PM Faith Formation Advent Penance Service	CHURCH
6:30 PM Legion of Mary	BoardRm
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study	8thGrade

Wednesday December 4, 2019

6:20 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
8:00 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
6:45 PM OLPH Novena	CHURCH
7:00 PM RCIA	ConfRm
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM Confessions	CHURCH

Thursday, December 5, 2019

6:20 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
8:00 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
6:00 PM Faith Formation Advent Penance Service	CHURCH
6:30 PM Catholic's Men Fellowship	MPR

Friday, December 6, 2019

6:20 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
8:00 AM Daily Mass	CHURCH
9:00 AM School's First Friday Mass	
12:00 PM Angelus Prayer	ConfRm
3:00 PM Divine Mercy	ConfRm
4:00 PM Guadalupana's Prayer	ConfRm
5:15 PM Children's Adoration	ConfRm
7:00 PM First Friday Mass	CHURCH
7:00 PM Toastmasters	MPR
7:00 PM BINGO	MPHALL

Saturday, December 7, 2019

7:30 AM Morning Prayer	CHURCH
8:00 AM Saturday Morning Mass	CHURCH
10:00 AM Group Baptisms	CHURCH
1:00 PM Legion of Mary Mass	CHURCH
4:00 PM Confessions	CHURCH
5:30 PM Evening Vigil Mass	CHURCH

Sunday, December 8, 2019

6:30 AM Mass	CHURCH
8:00 AM Mass	CHURCH
8:00 AM Breakfast with Santa	MPHALL
9:30 AM Mass	CHURCH
11:00 AM Mass	CHURCH
12:30 PM Mass	CHURCH
5:00 PM Mass	CHURCH

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

Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.
Anonymous

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the Lord's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).
Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).
Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11–14).
Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Advent Penance Services

Wednesday, December 4th
Immaculate Conception, Monrovia 7 PM

Tuesday, December 10th
St. Dorothy, Glendora 7 PM

Monday, December 16th
St. Frances of Rome, Azusa 7 PM

Tuesday, December 17th
Sacred Heart, Covina 7 PM

Wednesday, December 18th
St. Louise, Covina 7 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 1st

6:30 am: The Clements Family (SI); Fatima Sullivan (SI)
8:00 am: Deceased Family Members of Narses Ayonon (RIP)
Patricia Hernandez (SI)
9:30 am: Jessie and Susie Alcaraz (SI)
11:00 am: Joseph Gopez (RIP); Mark Dana Clifton (RIP)
12:30 pm: Estella Dobbie (SI); Justita Orosa (RIP)
5:00 pm: Kay Strok (SI); Joseph Gopez (RIP)

Monday, December 2nd

6:20 am: Jose Maria Gerado Ezpeleta (RIP);
Barbara Bangert (RIP)
8:00 am: Marina C. Barris (SI); Victor E. Barris (RIP)

Tuesday, December 3rd

6:20 am: Barbara Bangert (RIP); Felizardo and Ligaya Cruz (RIP)
8:00 am: Victor M. Gil, Sr. (RIP); Timotea Dela Cruz (RIP)

Wednesday, December 4th

6:20 am: Malou Castillo (SI); Fernando Francisco (RIP)
8:00 am: Melva de Sosa (RIP); Ruth Rodriguez (RIP)

Thursday, December 5th

6:20 am: Maria Valles (SI); Darlene Wali (SI)
8:00 am: Eleuteria Gadiano (RIP);
Xavier Family Living and Deceased

Friday, December 6th

6:20 am: Amcelmo Lozano (RIP); Sergio Ornelas (RIP)
8:00 am: Aida Guerrero (RIP); Marcelina Lozano (RIP)
7:00 pm: Rufina Argao-Geniza (RIP);
Theresa Cummings Family Living and Deceased

Saturday, December 7th

8:00 am: Ernesto Anza (RIP); Juan and Sylvia Rivera (SI)
5:30 pm: Chris F. Romero (RIP); Metrie Family (SI)

DID YOU KNOW?

Children in sports are at risk for head injuries

Sports are a great way for children to burn off energy, learn about teamwork, and stay active and healthy. But some sports come with risks, including head injuries. Football is an especially high-risk sport for these types of injuries, given the nature of the game. If your child wants to play contact sports, make sure he or she does so safely. Provide proper safety equipment that fits. Check helmets and protective gear periodically to ensure that all are still working. Talk to coaches and referees about regular safety checks for fields and team equipment as well. For more information about "Sports and Head Injuries," visit http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx.

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.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

Come support our
confirmation students
at our annual breakfast
with Santa!

WHAT TIME?	8:00-2:30
WHERE?	MSGR. PIERCE HALL
HOW MUCH?	$8.00 AT THE DOOR