



St. Louise de Marillac

# 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**

8:00 am

**Saturday**

8:00 am  
& 6:30 pm *Vigil*

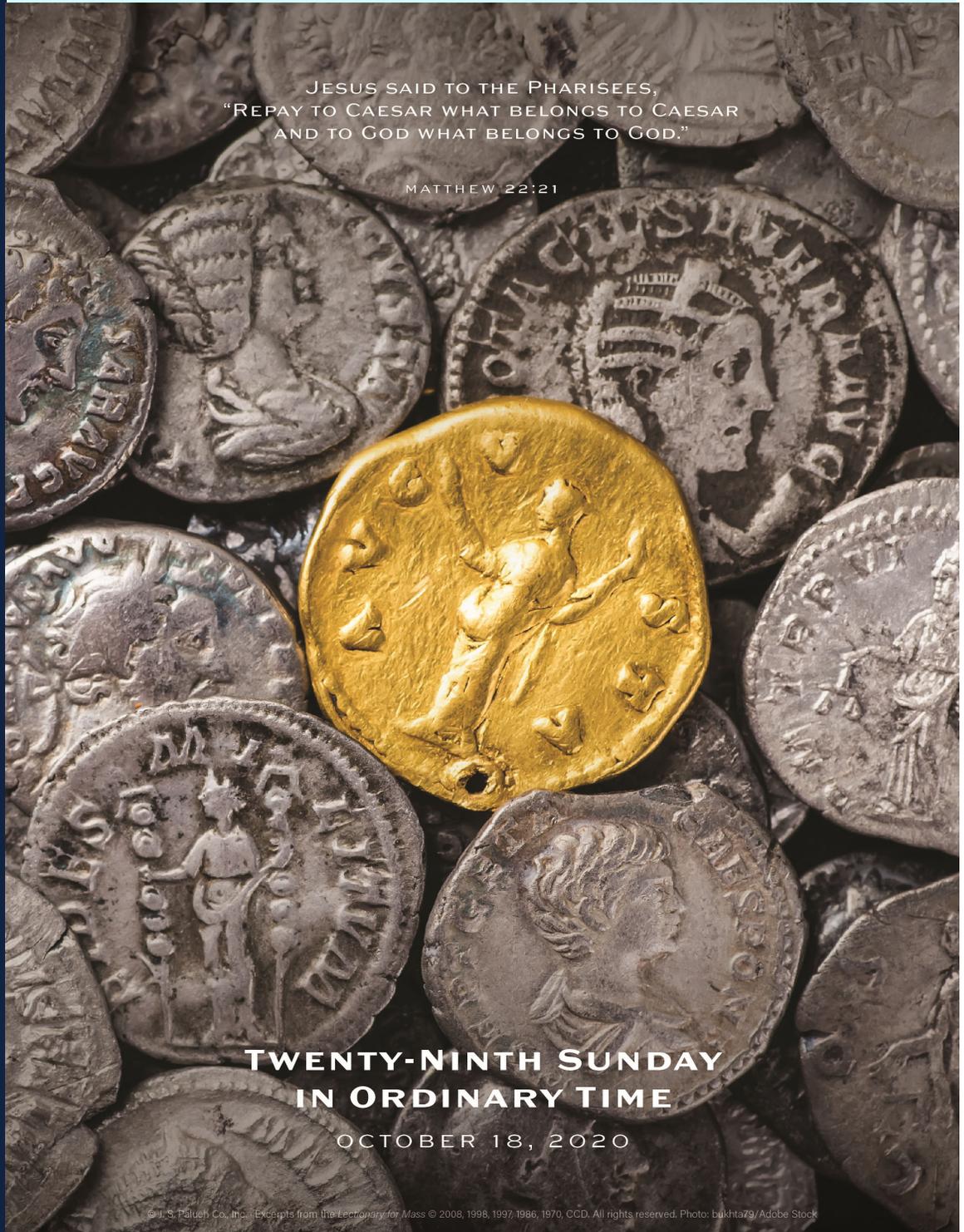
**Sunday**

6:30 am, 8:00 am  
9:30 am, 11:00 am

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JESUS SAID TO THE PHARISEES,  
"REPAY TO CAESAR WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR  
AND TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD."

MATTHEW 22:21

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 18, 2020

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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*

## Civilize It

We need now, more than ever, “agents of dialogue and harmony” in every community across our country. So, how can Catholics respond to Pope Francis’ call to be these “sowers of hope” that might help heal our communities, when there is so much trying to tear us apart?

Our Catholic tradition has a long history of commitment to human dignity, that requires us to raise our voices when we see injustice happening around us. Our commitment to human dignity is broad and deep. We are called to uphold the dignity of all people: those not yet born, immigrants at the border, those suffering under racist systems that deny their full humanity, the elderly whose lives are not valued, people without proper healthcare, and yes, even those who disagree with us about how to solve the problems our communities face.

In recognizing the need for more agents of dialogue in our communities, USCCB launched an initiative called Civilize It in November of 2019, a year ahead of our now imminent national election. Civilize It calls us to speak truth with love. Civilize It is an opportunity to build bridges in our communities and for each one of us to become an agent of dialogue by avoiding making assumptions about others and resisting hurtful personal attacks when engaged in important, often difficult conversations. Open dialogue requires authentic relationship. We must be willing to listen with an open mind to the experiences which inform the viewpoints of our brothers and sisters. At the same time, we know that not all viewpoints hold the same weight. Those which advocate for the destruction of human lives or uphold racist stereotypes are our responsibility to correct with charity. This is how we are called to love our neighbor.

Loving our neighbor through open dialogue is even more important today, while so many of us are at home more and spending more time interacting virtually. It is often easier to deny the dignity of someone who is not right in front of you. While interacting online, we don’t have the benefit of non-verbal cues and body language. And yet our call remains the same: speak the truth with love.

We can be builders of bridges and agents of dialogue, as Pope Francis calls us to be, by adhering to the three tenets of the Civilize It campaign: civility, clarity, and compassion.

- Civility by honoring the human dignity of the other, recognizing each person and a beloved child of God. This is especially true for those we find it difficult to love, or even those closest to us, within our own families.
- Clarity by seeking understanding first. This might be accomplished by asking ourselves, “How do I enter this conversation? Am I trying to “win” or am I authentically looking to understand the experiences and viewpoints of others?” Assuming a posture of learning from one another often helps.
- Compassion by being willing to take a step into the life and experiences of another person. Are we willing to stand together in the pain or the joy, and to seek commonality and solutions together?

Honoring human dignity means answering the call in our communities to seek solutions as brothers and sisters, united by our care for one another. We are not afraid of tough conversations, but approach one another with civility, compassion, and clarity, sowing the hope we gain from Christ our savior.

For more information about Catholic Social teaching and voting, please see the Los Angeles Archdiocese Office of Life, Justice, and Peace’s Faithful Citizenship resources. Go to <https://lacatholics.org/vote/> or <https://bit.ly/33VftJP> to see their full Faithful Citizenship Playlist on their Youtube Channel.



**PASTOR APPRECIATION**

Last Sunday was Pastor Appreciation Day. Thank you Fr. Robert for all that you do in guiding the spirit of our Parish! Please keep Fr. Robert in your prayers.

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who live and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen

UPDATE:

Beginning Saturday, Oct. 17th

Mass and Confession Time Change

Saturday Night Vigil Mass  
4:30 PM

Saturday Confessions  
2:30 PM to 4 PM

Due to upcoming Daylight Savings Time and it becoming darker earlier, we changed Saturday Mass and Confession time for the safety of parishioners, volunteers, and staff.

## Join St. Louise de Marillac on Halloween!

Celebrate Halloween with your parish family with an All Saints Day Vigil Mass celebration on the field.

**Saturday, October 31st at 4:30 PM**

Treats will be provided after Mass!

**Kids come in your costumes!**

Please remember we will be celebrating Mass, keep the costumes Church appropriate.

**Please bring your own chairs.**

Masks must be worn at all times and physical distancing between households is required.

If you would like to donate prepackaged store bought treats, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact the Faith Formation Office. Treats can be brought directly to the parish center.



**THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS**

**Can Food Drive Thank You**

Thank you to all who donated food to our food drive on September 27th. All the food was dropped off at Shepherd's Pantry. We appreciate your donations and we are going to have another food drive on **November 8th!**



**SHEPHERD'S PANTRY**  
hope and a helping hand

October 8 2020

Dear Fr. Robert,

Your recent donation helps the hundred of families and individuals we see each month at our 3 locations. With burdens such as the high cost of housing, being under-employed or living on low income, often the grocery bill is unaffordable. Now, we are seeing the impact of those unemployed due to the 'Stay-At-Home' orders. Helping these households truly takes a community who cares!

Thank you for your donation as we continue to grow and impact new communities and new families.

*Craig Cerro*  
Craig Cerro,  
Executive Director

*father,  
We certainly appreciate  
the successful food drive  
recently.  
Your team is great!  
God bless you -  
Craig*

**SCHOOL'S CHARLESTON WRAP FUNDRAISER**

Friends and Alumni! Help support St. Louise de Marillac School by shopping at Charleston Wrap for this year's 2020 online fundraiser.

Our goal is \$15,000! Every purchase provides important resources and for our School! With 2500+ items, there's something for everyone. Check it out! Your items will be delivered to your home!

Go to <https://bit.ly/30gCvZs>.

*All Souls Day Mass*

*Join us in celebrating All Souls Day online with pictures of your deceased loved ones.*

*Please make sure the photos is - a landscape or portrait photograph and it is rotated correctly - a JPEG or JPG file type*

*Deadline for the photos will be on October 26th.*

*Please email the picture of your deceased love one to [socialmedia@stlouisedm.org](mailto:socialmedia@stlouisedm.org)*

*This image will be posted on our Social Media platforms and before Masses through November.*

## CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Catholic Men's Fellowship of St. Louise (CMF) is a lay apostolate that reaches out to all men. **We will begin meeting again in person every other Thursday. Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 22nd.** Please join us for fellowship, prayer and reflection. Bruce Beaumont will be doing the reflection. Rosary begins at 6:45 PM in front of the Monsignor Pierce Hall. Please bring your own chair. Social distancing and mask are required.

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 Miguel Ruiz (626) 419-2637 or email at: [CMF@stlouisedm.org](mailto:CMF@stlouisedm.org).



Follow us now on Instagram @catholicmensfellowship and Facebook Catholic Men's Fellowship St. Louise De Marillac and [catholicmen.org](http://catholicmen.org).

## Women's Bible Study

St. Louise is resuming the Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study online.

Please contact Linda Filkins, [filkins4178@netscape.net](mailto:filkins4178@netscape.net) for more information

# How to pray the rosary

Follow each numbered step and hold the part of the rosary that corresponds with the color of the step.

## October is the Month of the Rosary

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- 1 Make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles' Creed
- 2 Say the Our Father
- 3 Say three Hail Marys
- 4 Say the Glory Be
- 5 Announce the first mystery and then say the Our Father
- 6 Say 10 Hail Marys while meditating on the mystery
- 7 Say the Glory Be (Optional: Say the O My Jesus prayer requested by Mary at Fatima)
- 8 Announce the second mystery; then say the Our Father and repeat these steps as you continue through the remaining mysteries.
9. Say the Hail, Holy Queen
10. Make the Sign of the Cross

Find the mysteries here: <https://bit.ly/1hNNOc4>



## RESPECT LIFE WEBINAR

The Los Angeles Archdiocese will be hosting another Respect Life webinar on **October 22nd at 6 PM**. To register go to <https://lacatholics.org/2020/09/16/addressing-mental-health-challenges-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

The topic is *Addressing Mental Health Challenges During the COVID 19 Pandemic*. It will discuss rates of depression, anxiety, stress, substance abuse, and suicide have been on the rise during the coronavirus stay-at-home orders. Dr. Kheriaty, a psychiatrist and professor at UC Irvine, will not only describe these concerning trends, he will also provide concrete practical suggestions you can implement to reduce the risk of these outcomes and improve your mental health during these challenging times.

Aaron Kheriaty is Professor of Psychiatry at UCI School of Medicine and Director of the Medical Ethics Program at UCI Health. He serves as chairman of the medical ethics committees at UCI Hospital and at the CA Department of State Hospitals. Dr. Kheriaty graduated from the University of Notre Dame in philosophy and pre-medical sciences, earned his MD degree from Georgetown University, and completed residency training in psychiatry at UCI. He has authored books and articles for professional and lay audiences on bioethics, social science, psychiatry, and religion. His work has been published in the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, Public Discourse, and First Things he has conducted print, radio, and television interviews on bioethics topics with The New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, CNN, Fox, and NPR. On matters of public policy and healthcare he has addressed the California Medical Association and has testified before the California Senate Health Committee.

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity. Envelopes are available in the Parish Office.

- \$25 helps support a catechist for a month in remote Latin America.
- \$75 provides for the work of religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa.
- \$100 assists poor children in boarding schools in Asia.

As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered today, on World Mission Sunday, support mission priests, religious sisters, and brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.



## SAINTS ISAAC JOGUES (1560-1646) AND JOHN DE BRÉBEUF (1593-1649) AND THEIR COMPANIONS

October 19th

Their mission was to New France, but these missionaries found in present-day New York State and the province of Ontario a world wildly different from the homes they left behind. Six Jesuit priests, Fathers Isaac Jogues, John de Brébeuf, Anthony Daniel, Gabriel Lalemant, Charles Garnier, and Noël Chabanel—and Jesuit lay volunteers René Goupil and John LaLande—shared the gospel with the Native Americans they met, in languages they painstakingly learned, and through images they creatively adapted to the indigenous cultures (for example, John de Brébeuf's " 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime: the Huron Carol"). But their evangelization was caught up in turmoil beyond their control: a smallpox epidemic, battles between French and English trading interests—the traders united only by their willingness to exploit the Native Americans—and conflict among the tribes themselves, Huron, Mohawk, Iroquois. The missionaries' perseverance despite exhausting hardships, their steadfast courage in facing unspeakable tortures, and undaunted love even for those who martyred them, bore fruit, immediately in Kateri Tekakwitha's sanctity, eventually in the Catholicism that still flourishes in the United States and Canada.

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## THEOLOGY ON TAP

Each year, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Saint Mark Young Adult Ministry host a very special event for young adults called Theology on Tap. Since Summer 2015, we have been blessed to offer this four-week speaker series that draws over 400 young adults annually from all over Los Angeles County. This year we've embraced the unique opportunity before us and taken to Zoom to have our first virtual Theology on Tap. We'll be joined by speakers and participants both here at home in Los Angeles and from around the globe. If you are a young adult, ages 18-39, we invite you to join us at 7:00 pm on Thursday evenings this Fall!



The next Theology on Tap will be on **October 22nd at 7 PM** about *How We as the Young Church Can Lead the Fight Against Racism*. The speaker will be Olga Segura, who will be discussing the Black Lives Matter movement, the Catholic Church, and how Catholics can lead the fight for racial justice.

Olga Marina Segura is a freelance writer and the opinion editor at National Catholic Reporter. Previously, she was an associate editor at America Media, where she wrote and solicited articles on race and culture. She is a co-founder and former co-host of the podcast, "Jesuitical." Her writing has appeared in The Guardian, NPR, Shondaland, Sojourners, Refinery29, National Catholic Reporter, and The Revealer. Olga is currently working on a book on race, the Black Lives Matter movement, and the Catholic Church. Orbis Books will publish it in Spring 2021.

To find out register, find out more information, or upcoming sessions got to <https://spark.adobe.com/page/qAuz7vdjhcltN/>.

## GOD REVEALED TO THE NATIONS

Isaiah speaks to us today of Cyrus, King of Persia, anointed by the Lord. God calls Cyrus by name and leads him in service to the Israelites. In this passage we hear that it is the Lord who gives Cyrus his title, who arms him against his enemies, and who opens doors and unbars gates before him. And God does all of this so that the people will know that "I am the Lord," and that "there is none besides me" (Isaiah 45:6).

Paul opens his letter with essentially the same notion—that in God alone we find our grace and peace. Paul also gives thanks to God on our behalf, calling to mind our work of faith, hope, and love. And in the familiar Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Pharisees to give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.

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## RED MASS AND WHITE MASS

The Red Mass purpose is to invoke God's blessings on those responsible for the administration of justice as well as on all public officials. It is celebrated annually, traditionally on the Sunday before the first Monday in October, which marks the opening of the Supreme Court's annual term.

The Red Mass enjoys a rich history. Originating centuries ago in Rome, Paris and London, its name also exemplifies the scarlet robes worn by royal judges that attended the Mass centuries ago. The Red Mass historically marked the official opening of the judicial year of the Sacred Roman Rota, the Tribunal of the Holy See. In the United States, the Red Mass tradition was inaugurated in 1928 at old Saint Andrew's Church in New York City. Since then, the Red Mass has been celebrated increasingly in communities throughout the United States.

The Los Angeles Archdiocese will celebrate the Red Mass on **Tuesday, October 20th** via their livestream Mass. Visit their website, <http://www.olacathedral.org>, for more information.

The White Mass celebrates our healthcare professionals. The Healthcare Professionals Mass, also known as the 'White Mass' has been a tradition in the United States since the late 1800s. It was originally named for the white lab coats worn by many in the healthcare profession. Healthcare workers bring God's love and care to every person they meet seeking to heal the body and spirit. This special Mass honors our dedicated Healthcare Professionals as they continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Those involved in the healthcare field including: physicians, nurses, chaplains, physical therapists, mental health caregivers, chiropractors, receptionists, administration, dietary staff, lab workers and all who work to keep our community healthy are honored.

This year the Archdiocese will celebrate their White Mass on **Sunday, October 25th** via their livestream. Go to <https://lacatholics.org/healthcare-professionals-mass/> for more information including a gift for healthcare workers.

<https://www.johncarrollssociety.org/membership/the-red-mass>



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The Lord said to Cyrus, his anointed, "I am the Lord, there is no other" (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

**Psalm** — Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

**Second Reading** — Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

**Gospel** — Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:15-21).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday:** Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday:** Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
- Friday:** Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
- Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10;

When people hear us speak God's word, they marvel at its beauty and power; when they see what little impact it has on our daily lives, they laugh and poke fun at what we say.  
*Anonymous second-century Christian*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, October 18th**

- 6:30 am:** St. Louise Parish Families (SI)
- 8:00 am:** Enrique and Julia Sermeno (RIP); Jess Panlilio (RIP)
- 9:30 am:** Fr. Alan Phillip (SI); Jesus and Guadalupe Alcaraz (RIP)
- 11:00 am:** Rosario Inducil Family Living and Deceased (SI); Henry Martinez (RIP)

**Monday, October 19th**

- 8:00 am:** Margie Oakley (SI); Jess Panlilio (RIP); Khory Suarez (RIP); Patrick Shay Family Living and Deceased (SI)

**Tuesday, October 20th**

- 8:00 am:** Jess Panlilio (RIP); Amelita Marcelino (RIP); Donald Jacobs Family Living and Deceased (SI); Charles Morones Family Living and Deceased (SI)

**Wednesday, October 21st**

- 8:00 am:** Barbara Miyake (SI); Jess Panlilio (RIP); Theresa Oblea (RIP); Mario Mascorro (RIP)

**Thursday, October 22nd**

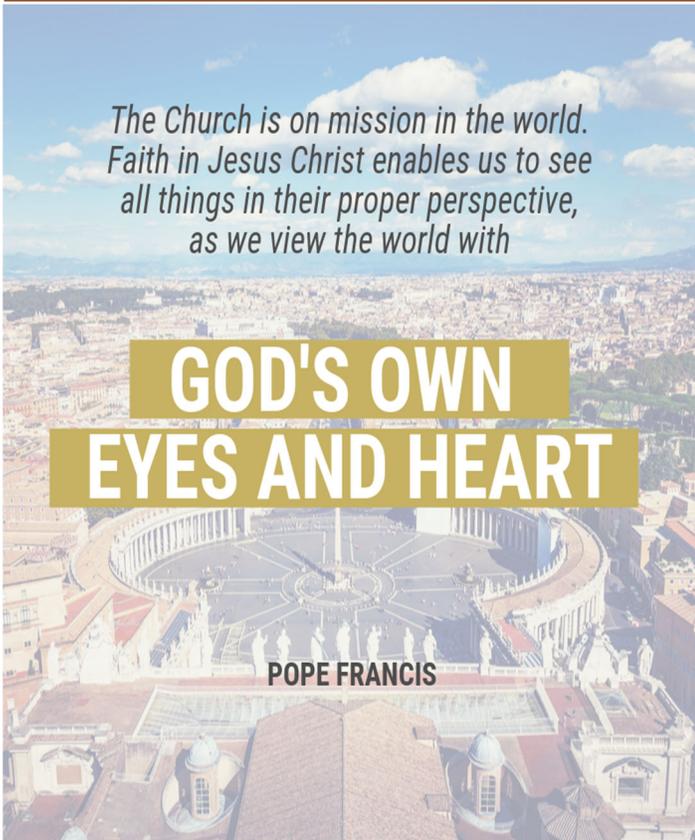
- 8:00 am:** Encarnacio Malig (SI); Elvira Cabral (SI); Ernesto Prieto (RIP); Jess Panlilio (RIP)

**Friday, October 23rd**

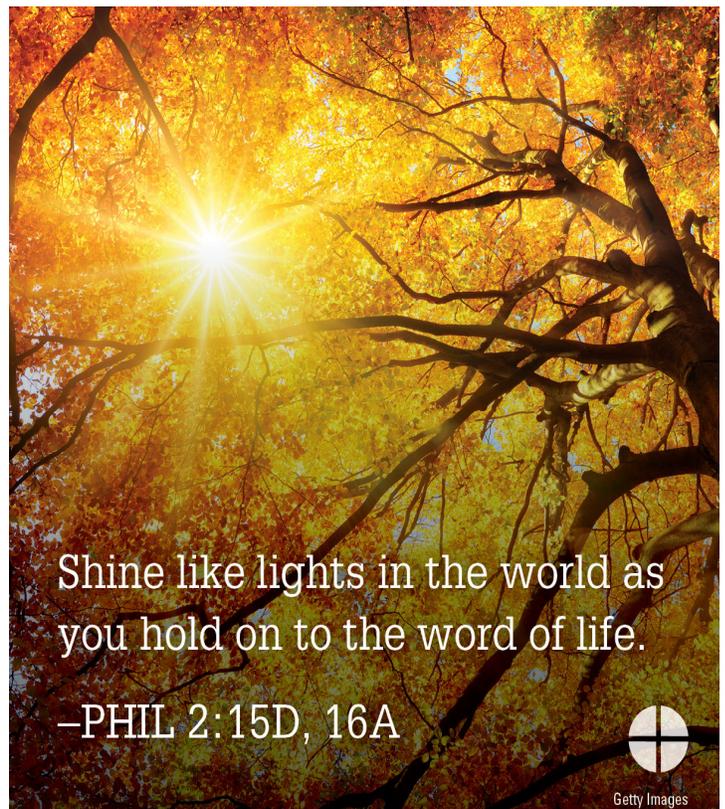
- 8:00 am:** Robert D. Guzman (SI); Jess Panlilio (RIP); Robert Alcaraz (RIP); Fernando Gonzalez Hidalgo (RIP)

**Saturday, October 24th**

- 8:00 am:** Joycelyn Macabagdal (SI); Eleuteria Gadiano (SI); Jess Panlilio (RIP)
- 6:30 pm:** Francisca Nemaria (RIP); Nenita Real (RIP)



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Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.

-PHIL 2:15D, 16A



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**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS.**

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

*Please pray for those listed below:*

Laura Mae Baldwin	Damacio Marquez
Steve Brady	Gloria Marquez
Tracy Brady	Armeda Marrero
Lesa Brown	Carolyn Matone
Rocio Centeno	Fr. Bill Moore, SS. CC.
Jim Dinisi, Jr.	Julie Moore
Maria de la Torre	Nancy Morales
Don Dominic	Nate & Norma
Mary H. Dubrowa	Janea Moreto
Dolores Ericson	Angelina Muro
Joe Escalera, Sr.	Tracie Neria
Joe Escalera, Jr.	Sandra Nila
Ray Esquibel	Tulio Norori
Fr. Peter Foran	Jessica Nunez
Elaina Fossum	C. J. Oddo
Carolina Gil	Corrine Pierson
Joseph Go-Alcantara	Maggie Perez
Wendy Joyner Gomez	Virginia "Rusty" Petty
Elva Gonzales	Fr. Alan Phillip
Carmen Gonzalez	Shirley Prescott
David Gonzalez	Valdimiro P Ramirez
Rita Hayes	Raul Rodriguez
Mary Howard	Ana Beatriz Rossi
Jazzelle Kakuk	Martha Sandoval
Teddy Kakuk	Jennifer Sennett
Mary Klante	Ryan Soldridge
Nancy LaMascus	Michael Telles
Jennifer Langoria	Robert Tessier
Margie Luxford	
Susan Mabida	

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### How sex offenders can mislead

The concept of a "sex offender" can seem abstract, as if it is removed from your family and your life. But in reality, sex offenders can be anyone: neighbors, relatives, teachers, friends. Sadly, the sex offender's skills in deception often hide this reality from us. Predators count on disbelief to hide in plain sight, often in positions that allow them to choose and groom their victims. It is no accident when we read headlines where people in positions of trust and power are arrested for sex offenses. It is critical to let go of disbelief and arm ourselves with information to protect our children. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

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.

## WHO AND WHAT IS THROWN-AWAY?

Pope Francis has become famous by repeating that we live in a “throw-away culture”. What does he mean by this? Most often, he uses this term to talk about people who are thrown away. Most dramatically, he speaks of the unborn who are thrown away in abortion because they have arrived at the wrong time in a woman’s life. He also speaks of the sick or elderly who are thrown away through assisted suicide by families or society who have neither the money nor the time to take care of them.

But, Pope Francis also talks about generations whose lives are thrown away by an economy that does not offer fulfilling, just-wage-earning jobs for young adults. And, he talks about our culture of waste that is so focused on consumerism that we spend all of our time and money purchasing things for ourselves without sharing with those in need. We don't realize that often our consumption and expansion has disastrous effects on the environment, which end up hurting the poor.

*“Men and women are sacrificed to the idols of money and consumption.*

*That some homeless people freeze to death on the street, that is not news. On the other hand, a drop of 10 points in the stock markets of some cities is a tragedy. That is how people are thrown away.*

*We, people, are thrown away, as if we were trash.”*

*(Pope Francis, 05/06/18)*



That’s a lot of “throwing away”! Yet, Pope Francis helps us to see that all of this is connected. A culture that encourages people to focus on themselves and personal desires (instant gratification) so much that we forget about those in need around us leads to bad personal choices and bad social policy.

What can begin with a social media habit (let’s be honest about how important it is for other people to like/follow us or to see us in a certain outfit or at a certain event) can grow into a personality focused inward, only thinking of oneself. With a lot of people acting this way, corporations begin to shift business to cater to personal wants rather than community needs. Politicians react to the growing trend, and refocus from global solidarity to individual autonomy. A chain reaction occurs.

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