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### Mass Schedule

**Monday – Friday**  
8:00 am

**Saturday**  
8:00 am  
& 4:30 pm *Vigil*

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

### Confession Schedule

**Wednesday**  
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Saturday**  
2:30 pm to 4 pm

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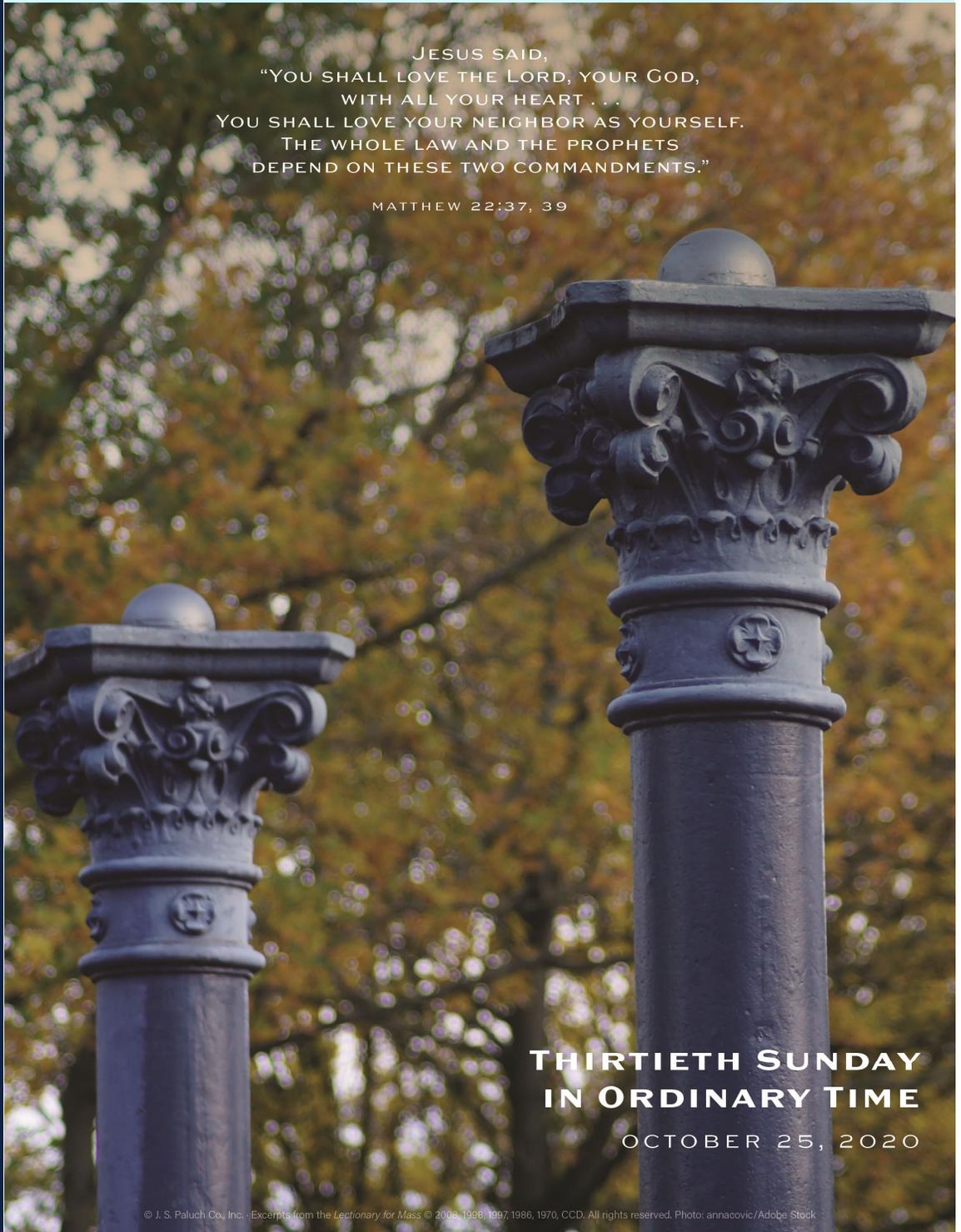
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# St. Louise de Marillac Church

*Serving God's people in Covina, Glendora, San Dimas and surrounding communities.*  
*"He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord." Psalms 15*

JESUS SAID,  
"YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD, YOUR GOD,  
WITH ALL YOUR HEART . . .  
YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.  
THE WHOLE LAW AND THE PROPHETS  
DEPEND ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS."

MATTHEW 22:37, 39



**THIRTIETH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 25, 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*



## Praying the Rosary

As the month of the Rosary comes to an end, I would like to talk about prayer in general and the Rosary in particular. The Rosary is one of the most ancient forms of prayer that we pray today, from about the 15th century. Originally, it was designed to allow common people to pray along with the monastic communities. With five decades of ten Hail Mary's and three mysteries, these 150 prayers were said to reflect the 150 Psalms (5X10X3=150.) Today, we have four mysteries since Pope John Paul II added the Luminous Mysteries in 2002.

Some "sophisticated" Catholics think the Rosary is too old-fashioned to be a good way to pray. But the Rosary can be used in so many ways! First of all, as you say a Rosary, you are invited to meditate on various events (mysteries) in the lives of Mary and Jesus. The repetitive nature of the Rosary creates a rhythm which allows your mind to free itself for fruitful meditation. You can also concentrate on the beautiful words of the prayers and discover deeper meaning. You can use the Rosary as a way to calm yourself after a busy day. As you slip deeper into the recitation, you can enter more deeply into God's presence. I have a counselor friend who "prescribes" the Rosary as a way to help clients reduce anxiety.

For those who pray the Rosary every day, different days of the week are assigned a particular Mystery to ponder: The Glorious on Sunday and Wednesday; the Joyful on Monday and Saturday; the Sorrowful on Tuesday and Friday and the Luminous on Thursday. Five events in the life of Jesus and Mary are highlighted in each Mystery. For details on how to pray the Rosary, I would suggest you visit the webpage I indicated at the end of this article.

Frequently, the Litany of Loreto is prayed at the end of the Rosary. Pope Francis has added three invocations to the litany this summer, to reflect the times we are experiencing today. Many people across the world are suffering afflictions in many ways, not only by the Covid-19 pandemic, but also forced from their homes because of poverty, conflict, and other reasons. The three new invocations to the Blessed Mother are "Mother of mercy"; "Mother of hope"; and "Solace of migrants".

The Pope has also written several prayers for the end of the Covid 19 Pandemic. He asks that one of these be prayed at the end of the Rosary. Here are a few samples:

1. We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen
2. O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. "Protectress of the Roman people," you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

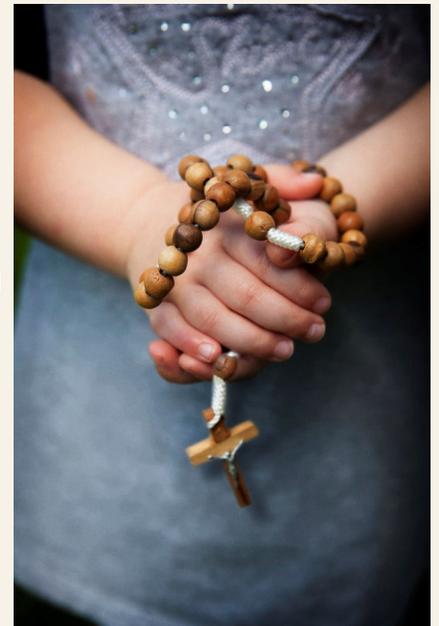
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

Our Pope urges us to pray the Rosary. When October is over, I sincerely hope you will continue to pray the Rosary, and if you didn't pray it during October, I hope you take it up in November.

<https://www.rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/rosary/how-to-pray-the-rosary/>

*Fr. Robert Fulton*

Pastor





Beginning  
November 4th,  
Wednesday  
Confessions will  
be from 4:00 PM  
to 5:15 PM.

## 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

#### 40 Days of Life

Since September 1st, many of our parishioners participated in 40 Days of Life in Glendora. It is hard to believe, but there are 10 abortion clinics within 15 miles of Glendora. Every month, over 1,000 lives are lost from abortion in the San Gabriel Valley alone. This is a great tragedy, but we recognize that with God, anything is possible, even the end of abortion. 40 Days for Life is hosting a prayer vigil where volunteers take turns praying in front of the Glendora Planned Parenthood on Route 66—24 hours a day for 40 days. It ends on November 1st. For more information go to [40daysforlife.com/Glendora](http://40daysforlife.com/Glendora).



**"GIVE YOUR HANDS TO SERVE  
AND YOUR HEARTS TO LOVE"**

**- ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA**



### OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Loving and faithful God, we ask for courage as we seek to protect the dignity of every person against violence, hatred, loneliness and despair. Grant parents the wisdom to form their children in your love.

Bless and protect our young men and women, that they may be the peacemakers of our time. Help us build communities founded on the teachings of Jesus, which respect the life and dignity of all people. Encourage Catholics to participate in public life in a manner consistent with the mission of our Church. Give us hearts to love, hands to serve and the courage to be a voice for life and human dignity in our communities.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



**Office of Life,  
Justice & Peace**  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles

*All Souls Day Mass*  
*Monday, Nov. 2nd at 8 AM*

*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.*

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

**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).



## FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

The Catholic Communication Collaboration is leading the use of online courses for our schools and parishes. One of the first courses, "Catholic Social Teaching and *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*," was updated in March 2020. Given the presidential election in November 2020, it includes the bishops' latest version (November 2019) of their document encouraging voters to educate themselves about Catholic Social Teaching as they prepare to vote. This course also includes links to state and national Catholic conferences on additional voter information, as well as numerous episcopal and papal documents that contribute to the history of Catholic Social Teaching.

The link to the course, "Catholic Social Teaching and Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," is via shortcut at <http://archla.org/faithfulcitizenship> or directly at: <https://moodle.la-archdiocese.org/course/view.php?id=12>

The login section on the left hand side of the screen has fields for username and password; ignore those and do not fill in anything. Just click on the "Login as a guest" button on the right-hand side. That takes you to the Terms of Use. Once you agree to them, you are directed into the course.

To navigate while in the course, there are "breadcrumbs" on the top of each page, a navigation path showing how you got to the point you are at. It starts with "Home – Courses – Life, Justice and Peace - Faithful Citizenship" and then goes into the topic you are currently in. You just need to click on the words "Faithful Citizenship" when you complete (or want to leave) a topic and return to the main page. Topics need not be accessed sequentially; you can skip around.

Within each topic, there may be multiple pages. They can be seen on the left hand panel, entitled "Table of Contents." You can click on the desired item. You need not go in order; you can skip around.

For any questions or comments, please contact the course creator, Ms. Eileen E. O'Brien of the Operations Department, at 213-637-7618 or at: mail-to: [EEOBrien@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:EEOBrien@la-archdiocese.org)



## FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

The founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney was a central figure in the growth of Catholicism in America, and he remains a model today. His example of charity, evangelization and empowerment of the laity continues to bear fruit and guide Knights of Columbus around the world.

Just as those in need sought Father McGivney's help in life, understanding that he was a "Good Samaritan" figure, more than 2 million members of the Knights of Columbus and their families, and many others around the world, continue to seek out Father McGivney as a heavenly helper in times of need today. His heroic virtue was recognized in 2008 by the Vatican, which named him a Venerable Servant of God, and on May 26, 2020, Pope Francis approved a decree for a miracle attributed to his intercession, opening the way for Father McGivney to be beatified on Oct. 31, 2020. A second approved miracle is needed for him to be canonized as a saint of the Catholic Church.

<https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/his-life/index.html?1tab=1tab0>

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### Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

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**G**od, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
*Our Father Hail Mary Glory be to the Father*

## 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 29th at 7 PM** about *Who Am I Now in 2020? The Spirituality of Self-Reflection*. The speaker will be Dr. Michael DiPaolo discusses how scripture tells us that "We are all parts of one body." You have many parts inside of you, yet they are often in conflict with one another. Somewhere amidst those parts is the self – the God-image at our core that can welcome and heal those parts. Join us in exploring the question, "Who am I now?" as we provide a map of the soul to understand our many parts, identify 8 core characteristics of the self, and guide you through a 5-step process of self-reflection.

Dr. Michael DiPaolo is a clinical psychologist & certified Imago Relationship Therapist in West Los Angeles. He has counseled over 1,500 couples in marriage preparation throughout the archdiocese of Los Angeles. Dr. DiPaolo is a frequent speaker, workshop presenter, and retreat leader at parish and archdiocesan gatherings. Dr. DiPaolo has been married to his wife Jennie for 21 years. They have 3 wonderful children, along with a hyperactive dog. He can be found online at [www.DrMichaelD.com](http://www.DrMichaelD.com).

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

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thanks for you participation on October 18th! Thank you for answering your baptismal call to witness for Mission on World Mission Sunday. Your donations to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the missionary work of the Church is a real blessing for the Missions. Please continue to pray for missionaries, and for the people to who they bring the "Good News" of Jesus, may God bless you for your generous missionary spirit! Stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday by visiting [www.missionsla.org](http://www.missionsla.org).

## SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

October 28th

Saint Jude, apostle and . . . Hollywood success story? Indeed! Beyond Simon's being a "Zealot" for Israel's liberation and Jude's question about Jesus revealing himself (John 14:22), no historic facts are known about either saint. But Saint Jude's well-known patronage of lost causes and hopeless cases is largely due to a desperate vow made just before World War II by a struggling entertainer, the son of Arab-American immigrants, Danny Thomas. Unemployed, his wife about to give birth, Danny, attending Mass, impulsively donated his last seven dollars to the collection, promising: "Saint Jude, if you help me find my way in life, I will build a shrine in your honor!" Older Americans remember well Danny's long, successful movie and television career. Grateful parents worldwide know the miracles that have taken place for fifty years at his Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, where needy children are cared for regardless of race, religion, or financial resources, and monumental advances continue in healing and preventing pediatric cancers and catastrophic childhood diseases. A living, life-giving partnership is this "Communion of Saints": Simon, Jude, Danny Thomas—us!

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## LIVING JUSTLY

"You give that back right now!" How many of us have heard that line, probably more than once, as we were growing up? We come home with the trophy of what we thought was a really sweet deal, only to have our parents undo our profits by making us return the spoils. They had a different idea of what constituted a "fair trade agreement." Justice in our dealings with others continues to be an important measure of our character, and like a good parent, God cares very much about how we treat each other and about how others treat us. God hears the cry of the poor, and answers the call of the oppressed. God's beloved children are not to behave like bullies.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

**Psalm** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**Second Reading** — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

**Gospel** — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

**Thursday:** Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35

**Friday:** Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Sunday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a



ST. LUCY'S PRIORY HIGH SCHOOL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

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Come in your decorated car to pick up dinner, pre-ordered workshop kits and be serenaded with Christmas songs and take photos on three **HOLIDAY PHOTO-THEMED BACKDROPS**.

Join us for a **DRIVE-IN HOLIDAY MOVIE**.

Donate a **FAMILY ORNAMENT** to be used at our Feast of St. Lucy's Day on Sunday, December 13

Surprise your child with a scheduled **MEET AND GREET WITH SANTA** in the North Pole.

Treat your palate in our **GOURMET SHOPPE**.

Finish your Christmas list in our **BASKET SHOPPE**.

Visit our virtual **HOLIDAY HOME** for decor accessories and gifts.

Register to attend fun and festive programming in our **HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS**.

Visit our **REGENT CLUB ROOM** and reconnect virtually with other alumnae.

Join us for a **DRIVE-IN MASS** on Sunday, November 1.  
(Drive-in movie and mass contingent on city and county guidelines)

OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS • VIRTUAL ENTERTAINMENT

**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, November 15, 2020**

Open House for Prospective Students and Parents  
(Face masks required)

OPPORTUNITY AWAITS AT OUR  
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT US AT [STLUCYS.COM](http://STLUCYS.COM)



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 25th

**6:30 am** Ambrosio Razon (RIP); Natalia Amaro (RIP)

**8:00 am:** St. Louise Parish Families (SI); Betty Cresswell (RIP); Emigdio and Maria Marquez (RIP)

**9:30 am:** Juliana de Pasion (RIP); Lourdes de Pasion (RIP); Felicito O. Gonzalez (RIP)

**11:00 am** Ron Gonzales (RIP); Henry Martinez (RIP); Adolfo and Zenaida Serrano (RIP)

Monday, October 26th

**8:00 am:** Jon Esguerra (SI); Sylvia Rivera (SI); Christine Vena (SI); Hannah Lara (SI)

Tuesday, October 27th

**8:00 am:** Teresa Disarufino (SI); Benjamin Raymundo, Sr. (RIP); The Lainez Family (SI); Celestina Fernandez (RIP)

Wednesday, October 28th

**8:00 am:** Diana Frank (RIP); Bob Gomez (RIP); Harold 'Hal' Dolan (RIP); Brendan Collins (RIP)

Thursday, October 29th

**8:00 am:** John Paul Lingao (SI); Jojo Sanchez (RIP); Sheila Marie Co (RIP); Rev. Monsignor Antonio SJ Mortillero (RIP)

Friday, October 30th

**8:00 am:** Robert and Emily Guzman (SI); Willy Abbot (RIP); Ethel Waldo Abbot (RIP); Dioscora Abbot (RIP)

Saturday, October 31st

**8:00 am:** Theresa Rangel (RIP); Tim Faustino (RIP)

**4:30 pm:** Romualdo D. Domingo (RIP); Kennie Cummings Family Living and Deceased (SI)

You shall love the  
Lord, your God,  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
and with all your mind.  
This is the greatest and  
the first commandment.

—MT 22:37-38



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**Sunday / 9am - 2pm**

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

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Trick-or-treating safety, social distance style

If your neighborhoods are allowing trick-or-treating for Halloween this year, now would be a good time to review safety rules and guidelines with your family. Make sure your children are visible in their costumes, especially if they are wearing dark colors. Consider adding reflective tape and carrying flashlights. Young children should always be accompanied by an adult. For children old enough to trick-or-treat alone, consider giving them a cell phone so you can reach them, and discuss where they can and cannot go, and when they need to be home. For more Halloween safety tips, 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.

## ENCOUNTER THE HOMELESS

**1. First and foremost, it is important to treat the individuals struggling with homelessness as people.** Of course, this is already in your heart and your mind, but a good piece of advice is to be aware of your body language when you meet someone. Look each person in the eye and be mindful of not cringing, if they reach out a hand or accidentally graze your sleeve. No matter the struggle a person may go through, they are, before, during, and after their homelessness, just another human being on this planet, worthy of interaction.

**2. Go ahead and start a normal conversation.** You may ask them about their story, but be prepared if they don't want to share details with a stranger. Ask them where they are from originally or, if they indicate they are a veteran, thank them for their service. You don't have to enter into a long conversation but a small exchange may brighten their day and yours.

**3. Be respectful of boundaries when there are children involved.** Defer to the adults before offering a child food, toys or even a shake of the hand. Smiles are always welcome.

**4. It is a personal decision whether you feel comfortable offering money directly to an individual struggling with homelessness.** If you do, don't tell them how to use it. If this is a concern, check to see if there is a shop or restaurant near by; you can ask the family if they would like a meal, and then get it for them. A safe and effective way to help is by making larger donations directly to an established charity that supports homeless families, such as The Dream Center.

**5. Familiarize yourself with the homelessness resources in your area** so when you are speaking with the family you can direct them to the nearest shelter or soup kitchen. They may be passing through and are unaware that there is a resource only a few blocks away. A simple, "How are you doing? However, if they say they aren't interested, don't push them. Some people who have struggled with homelessness for some time may have had negative experiences in shelters and prefer to be out in the open. No matter what the reply, keep the interaction upbeat and respectful!

**6. Another easy way to give someone a helping hand is to create some simple "blessing bags"** and have them on hand as an alternative to monetary donations. Blessing bags include small items that make the struggle of homelessness a tiny bit easier for the individual, such as socks, toothpaste, packs of peanut butter crackers, or lip balm.

**7. One final tip: Always think first about your safety.** Never offer rides in your car to someone you don't know, and never stand with anyone in a poorly lit place. If you feel unsafe, don't worry about being rude. Just leave the situation. Your safety is a top priority always.

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