

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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THERE WAS A LANDOWNER WHO PLANTED A VINEYARD,
PUT A HEDGE AROUND IT, DUG A WINE PRESS IN IT, AND BUILT A TOWER.
THEN HE LEASED IT TO TENANTS AND WENT ON A JOURNEY.

MATTHEW 21:33

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 4, 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

Respect Life Sunday



*Father and maker of
all,
you adorn all creation
with splendor and
beauty,
and fashion human
lives
in your image and
likeness.
Awaken in every
heart
reverence for the
work of your hands,
and renew among
your people
a readiness to
nurture and sustain
your precious gift of
life.
Grant this through
our Lord
Jesus Christ, your
Son,
who lives and reigns
with you in
the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
God forever and ever.*

Amen.



Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and today is Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. This year, the Office of Life, Justice and Peace has chosen topics that are at the center of our world. Their hope is that these topics enlighten and remind everyone that at the heart of each issue is the human person. The “topics” are not just theoretical or political, but they are personal because they affect everyone’s lives and the lives of their brothers and sisters.

To create a world where every person is loved, each person must spread kindness, mercy and an authentic understanding of being part of the human family. Only then will abortion and other attacks on human life end.

Over these past months, everyone have seen civil unrest and chaos spread across our country. Now more than ever, people of faith must be the voice of reason as everyone seeks unity and spread mercy.

On their website, <https://lacatholics.org/respect-life-month/> for more information including resources for reflection and discussion.

The Office of Life, Justice and Peace will also be having a webinar on Thursday, October 8th at 2 PM, *What Binds the Racial Justice and Pro-life Movements Together?* The description is “Catholics should be able to talk about both racism and abortion without marginalizing either of these issues. In this conversation with nationally-recognized leader Gloria Purvis, participants will reflect on the animating principle of both movements — the dignity and respect of the human person — and discuss the commonality of the attacks both movements face — dehumanization, misrepresentation, and fear mongering. Participants will explore how the ministries in the Church can and should work together to build a Civilization of Love.” Gloria Purvis is a host of EWTN’s Morning Glory radio show. Gloria is an Advisory Board Member on the Maryland Catholic Conference’s Respect for Life Department. She is the Chairperson for Black Catholics United for Life which seeks to increase the size and strength of active Black Catholics participating in the pro-life movement.



WE ARE TRULY PRO-LIFE WHEN WE HELP EVERYONE, INCLUDING OURSELVES, TO BECOME WHO WE WERE MEANT TO BE, THROUGH OBEDIENCE TO THE LAW OF LOVE WRITTEN ON OUR HEARTS BY GOD. ST. AUGUSTINE FAMOUSLY STATED:



*'You have formed
us for Yourself,
O Lord, and our
heart is restless
till it rests in You.'*

ST. AUGUSTINE OF
HIPPO

CIVILIZE IT

Civil Dialogue: A Better Way Forward

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has launched a campaign calling for civility throughout this election year. *Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate* invites Catholics to pledge civility, clarity, and compassion in the public square and to call on others to do so as well. As Catholics, our strong tradition of social teaching compels us to be actively engaged in the building up of our communities. And yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language, often directed at people themselves.

Civility is different than remaining silent in the face of disagreement. Listening to opposing views is a part of seeking clarity and can be a creative process. All are invited to bring and share their values, beliefs, and questions.

What is needed is good, honest, civil dialogue. This means that everyone must treat everyone as worthy of being at the table, worthy of our respect, and worthy of being heard. *Civilize It* challenges Catholics to model love for neighbor through respect, civility, and compassion during the 2020 election cycle. Put your faith into action and make room in your heart for those with whom you disagree.

Tips for Engaging in Civil Dialogue:

1. Listen first and seek to understand the whole picture.
2. Ask questions for clarification.
3. Use "I" statements; pay attention to body language.
4. Listen to what feelings are present and pay attention to how you respond.
5. Summarize what you've heard and ask for feedback.

CIVILIZE IT

 DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE
 2020



A PRAYER FOR CIVILITY

Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where uncivil words prevail, show me how to model love.

Help me remember the God-given dignity of all and invite others to do the same.

Show me how to build bridges and not walls and see first what unites us rather than how we diverge.

Let me seek to understand before asking to be understood.

Give me a listening heart filled with empathy and compassion.

May I be clear in sharing my own position and respectful and civil in describing those of others.

Let me never tolerate hateful ideas. May I invite all to charity and love.

Lord, help me to imitate your compassion and mercy.

Make me an instrument of your peace.

Amen.


 I PLEDGE...

"TO RECOGNIZE THE HUMAN DIGNITY OF THOSE WITH WHOM I DISAGREE, TREAT OTHERS WITH RESPECT, AND RISE ABOVE ATTACKS WHEN DIRECTED AT ME."

#CivilizeIt2020


CIVILIZE IT



40 DAYS OF LIFE

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 will be hosting a prayer vigil where volunteers will take turns praying in front of the Glendora Planned Parenthood on Route 66—24 hours a day for 40 days. The prayer vigil begins September 23 and ends on November 1. We are asking for all parishioners to offer prayer and fasting for an end to abortion for these 40 days. Please sign up to pray for at least one hour at 40daysforlife.com/Glendora.



MIDPOINT RALLY

WITH

BISHOP DAVID G. O'CONNELL

GLENDORA PLANNED PARENTHOOD • 130 W. ROUTE 66

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020 • 6:00PM

PLEASE ARRIVE BY 5:45

CONSECRATION • ROSARY • BLESSING OF THE VOLUNTEERS

Novena for the Cause of Life

For each day, reflect on the quote from Pope Francis, pray a decade of the rosary and conclude with St. John Paul II's prayer.

1 Sunday, Oct. 4 – “Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation ...”

2 Monday, Oct. 5 – “Human life is sacred and inviolable, and the use of prenatal diagnosis for selective purposes must be strongly discouraged.”

3 Tuesday, Oct. 6 – “It is God who gives life. Let us respect and love human life, especially vulnerable life in a mother’s womb.”

4 Wednesday, Oct. 7 – “Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ ...”

5 Thursday, Oct. 8 – “The Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question. ... It is not ‘progressive’ to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life.”

6 Friday, Oct. 9 – “Our defense of the innocent unborn ... needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life ...”

7 Saturday, Oct. 10 – “Equally sacred ... are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly ...”

8 Sunday, Oct. 11 – “All too often ... people do not accept the ‘Gospel of Life’ but let themselves be led by ideologies and ways of thinking that block life, that do not respect life ...”

9 Monday, Oct. 12 – “Unborn children are always to be welcomed; life is always to be protected and loved, from conception to its natural end.”



O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,
 Mother of the living,
 to you do we entrust the cause of life:
 Look down, O Mother,
 upon the vast numbers
 of babies not allowed to be born,
 of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
 of men and women
 who are victims of brutal violence,
 of the elderly and the sick killed
 by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
 Grant that all who believe in your Son
 may proclaim the Gospel of life
 with honesty and love
 to the people of our time.
 Obtain for them the grace
 to accept that Gospel
 as a gift ever new,
 the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
 throughout their lives
 and the courage to bear witness to it
 resolutely, in order to build,
 together with all people of good will,
 the civilization of truth and love,
 to the praise and glory of God,
 the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

– St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*



Visit kofc.org/novena for the sources of each papal quote.

Sunday, Oct. 4 – Monday, Oct. 12, 2020

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>.



Women's Bible Study

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

Please contact Linda Filkins, filkins4178@netscape.net for more information

NEW ELECTRONIC GIVING

During this time of uncertainty, St. Louise de Marillac needs your support now more than ever! We want to introduce a new and secure way for you to support our parish offertory and second collections: *Faith Direct*.

Faith Direct enables parishioners to make Church contributions even when you can't make it to church. Through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. You can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments.

Faith Direct also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket for when we are finally able to come together again for Mass. This way of giving will continue to be a stable and effective way for the parish to receive your gifts.

Please join by enrolling at faith.direct/CA1067 to enroll securely online.

We are grateful for your continued support of St. Louise de Marillac!

SCHOOL'S PUMPKIN PATCH FUNDRAISER

OCTOBER 10TH - 6 PM TO 8 PM
OCTOBER 11TH - 6:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

ON THE MAIN FIELD

PLEASE PARK IN THE PARKING LOT NEXT TO THE PAPER BIN TO ENTER.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STAY IN YOUR CAR, POINT TO A PUMPKIN AND THE VOLUNTEERS WILL BRING IT TO YOU.

PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS OF THE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS.

PLEASE SOCIAL DISTANCE AND WEAR YOUR MASK

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THE GIFT OF THE REIGN OF GOD

Matthew's Gospel today expands on Isaiah's ballad considerably. A comparison with the same story in Mark's Gospel clearly shows us that here the author is busy teaching this community of Jewish Christians: "This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders."

Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were the tenants who would soon even dispose of him—Jesus—and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah.

"And this," says Matthew's Gospel, "is a story about you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel." The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign or kingdom of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the earth—Israel included.

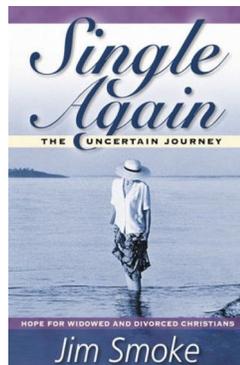
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SEPARATED AND DIVORCED GROUP

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Family Life Separated and Divorced Ministry offers many Catholic based support groups. Our group's vision is to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Our goal is to become a source of spiritual strength, where you can process the grief, ease the pain and receive comfort as you recover from divorce. Please join an ongoing support group.

The first session is the "Divorce and Beyond Program" and it will be in Spanish. They are meeting on Zoom on Tuesdays beginning October 6th or Thursdays beginning October 8th from 7 PM to 8:30 PM. It will be for 10 weeks. The Spanish program is free. The book costs \$10.95 and is available at St. Mary's Press. For more information or to register email: mariadp90241@me.com

The other session is "Single Again, the Uncertain Journey." It will meet the first and third Mondays on Zoom beginning October 5th from 7 PM to 8:30 PM. This an ongoing support group and the program is free: The book costs \$10.00 and is available online. For more information or to register email: JMonell@la-archdiocese.org or call(213) 637-7249.



ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
Office of New Evangelization

Missionary Discipleship Pathway

HOW THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES FORMS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES:

Explore the liberating truths found in Jesus' Death on the Cross and His glorious Resurrection from the dead.

LARGE-GROUP EXPERIENCE:

October 14, 2020 • 7:00 - 9:00pm or
November 7, 2020 • 10:00am - 12:00pm

CONTINUING PROCESS:

Four weeks of small-group meetings with different options throughout the week.

Explore the cost and abundance of the life Jesus offers by his invitation, "Follow me."

Four week small-group process beginning the week of January 17, 2021.

Discover God's call for your life! Discern your charisms (spiritual gifts) and begin to respond to God's call.

ONLINE SELF-STUDY:

Begins April 17, 2021 with one month to complete.

ONE-ON-ONE DISCERNMENT INTERVIEW:

Scheduled after completion of online study.

SMALL GROUP MEETING EVERY OTHER WEEK:

Four weeks beginning the week of May 24, 2021.

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Cross

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Limitless

GIVE

Called AND
Gifted

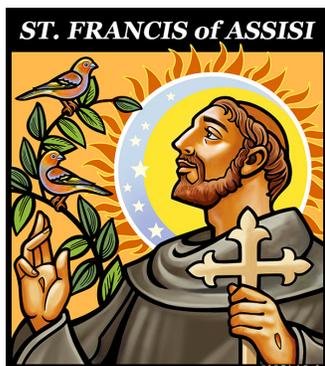
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To register for one or all three pathway experiences: <http://store.la-archdiocese.org/mdp>

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1182-1226)

October 4th

When Franco Zeffirelli’s Brother Sun, Sister Moon was released (1972), people were shocked by the movie’s graphic nudity in the dramatic conversion scene. Son of a wealthy merchant, Francis’ aimless adolescence ended when a failed military expedition led to his imprisonment and complete breakdown. Once home, Francis rediscovered God in the beauty of nature and the ugliness of human suffering, caring for lepers, praying in the little church of San Damiano, whose crucified Jesus he heard calling, “Repair my house, Francis, which is falling into ruins.” Francis sold his possessions—and his father’s—to fulfill this command. When his father objected, Francis disrobed: “I return the clothes, your name, and all you gave me: God alone is my Father now.” Later, the pope would dream of a ragged friar stretching forth a single hand to prop up the crumbling papal Cathedral of Saint John Lateran. Francis indeed helped rebuild the universal Church, founding the Friars Minor (Franciscans), dying at a young forty-four, bearing the stigmata of the Christ whose living icon he remains—in the Church and far beyond it!



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Peace Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console,
 to be understood as to understand,
 to be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive,
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

October 4, 2020

SACRED HEART KIDS’ CLUB

The Sacred Heart Kids’ Club is a unique Catholic Club for children grades 3– 8 on Thursday afternoons.

Grow in friendship with Jesus through lessons, prayer, games, crafts, singing, and other fun activities lead by the Sacred Heart Sisters at the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center via Zoom.

They are also looking for high school student, young adult or adult volunteers.

Sign up now, the registration and staff application is online, www.sacredheartsisters.com/retreats. For more information: call 714-557-4538 or email shkc.rc@gmail.com

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ONLINE REGIONAL CONGRESS 2.0

TEACH

OCTOBER 17, 2020

Join us for online sessions to gather and spend time learning methods in which we can present Catholicism in a way that is accessible and relatable to all.

ENGLISH TRACK: 9:00am - 12:30pm



Bishop Robert Barron is Auxiliary Bishop for the Los Angeles Archdiocese in the Santa Barbara Region and founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. He is also host of “Catholicism,” the award-winning PBS documentary. Bishop Barron is an Amazon best-selling author and has published numerous books, essays and articles on theology and the spiritual life.

For the past 25 years, Erick Rubalcava has served as an educator and leader in Catholic schools and Parishes. He holds a master’s degree in Counseling with an emphasis in Marriage, Family, and Child Therapy, and a certificate in the theology of Catholic Youth Ministry. He was recently appointed to serve as an Assistant Superintendent of High Schools for the Department of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.



Cost: \$15 per person



For more information about registration, session titles, full speaker bios in both English & Spanish, please visit our website: lacatholics.org/rc-teach/

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Psalm — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

Gospel — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;
Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

Ask Our Lady to help you. Ask her to entreat her Son
to let you know what you should do.

Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

I have chosen you from the
world, says the Lord, to go
and bear fruit that will remain.

—JN 15:16



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ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 4th

- 6:30 am** Sandy Meiser (SI); Leo, Vera, and Eddie Reyes (RIP)
8:00 am: John and Joanna Sawamura (SI); Edwin Espiritu (RIP)
 Ramiro Mendoza, Jr. (RIP)
9:30 am: Kennie Cummings Family Living and Deceased (SI);
 Benedict Jacobs Family Living and Deceased (SI)
11:00 am Nina Ponte (RIP); Carol Shrosbree (RIP)
 St. Louise Parish Families (SI)

Monday, October 5th

- 8:00 am:** Susie Alcaraz (SI); Julorie Cordova (SI);
 Marco Rios (RIP); David Delgado (RIP)

Tuesday, October 6th

- 8:00 am:** Stephen Kolakosky (SI);
 Gilbert & Victoria Alderete (SI) President Trump (SI);
 Jesse and Susie Alcaraz (SI);

Wednesday, October 7th

- 8:00 am:** Fr. Paul Farrily (SI); Sr. Rosario Therese, OCD (SI);
 Estela Gonzalez (RIP); Sr. Gaudencia, OCD (SI)

Thursday, October 8th

- 8:00 am:** Stephen Kolakosky (SI); George Jacobs (SI);
 Louie Flores (RIP); Marina Pedroza (RIP)

Friday, October 9th

- 8:00 am:** Miranda Guzman (SI); Steve Juarez (SI);
 Eppie Cabral, Jr. (RIP); Robert Alcaraz (RIP);

Saturday, October 10th

- 8:00 am:** Stephen Kolakosky (SI); William Vanderberg (RIP)
6:30 pm: Victor Inclan (RIP); Oscar Garcia (RIP)

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

"ALL MEN AND WOMEN ENJOY AN
 EQUAL AND INVOLABLE DIGNITY.
 ALL ARE LOVED BY GOD. ALL HAVE
 BEEN REDEEMED BY THE BLOOD OF
 CHRIST, WHO DIED ON THE CROSS
 AND ROSE FOR ALL. THIS IS THE
 REASON WHY NO ONE CAN
 REMAIN INDIFFERENT BEFORE THE
 LOT OF OUR BROTHERS AND
 SISTERS."

—POPE FRANCIS



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Sunday / 9am - 2pm

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for those listed below who are sick:

Helen Baiza	Margie Luxford
Laura Mae Baldwin	Susan Mabida
Steve Brady	Damacio Marquez
Tracy Brady	Gloria Marquez
Lesa Brown	Armeda Marrero
Rocio Centeno	Carolyn Matone
Jim Dinisi, Jr.	Fr. Bill Moore, SS. CC.
Maria de la Torre	Julie Moore
Don Dominic	Nancy Morales
Mary H. Dubrowa	Nate & Norma
Dolores Ericson	Norma Morales
Joe Escalera, Sr.	Janea Moreto
Joe Escalera, Jr.	Angelina Muro
Ray Esquibel	Tracie Neria
Timoteo Faustino	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
Phillip M. Grana	Valdimiro P Ramirez
Suzanne Hanson	Raul Rodriguez
Rita Hayes	Ana Beatriz Rossi
Mary Howard	Martha Sandoval
Bryan Hudson	Jane Schaffer
Jazzelle Kakuk	Susan Schmaltz
Teddy Kakuk	Jennifer Sennett
Mary Klante	Ryan Soldridge
Nancy LaMascus	Michael Telles
Jennifer Langoria	Robert Tessier

DID YOU KNOW?

Take advantage of TikTok's parental controls

The social media site TikTok has exploded in popularity during the coronavirus pandemic, with children and adults using it to connect and pass time while in quarantine. Unfortunately, apps like TikTok are often targeted by predators as easy ways to get in touch with vulnerable children. TikTok has "Family Pairing" capabilities, which allow parents to set restrictions on their children's usage. It is also important to have ongoing, open discussions with your children about how they use social media, who they "talk" to and what they share. For more information about TikTok's parental controls, 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.

HOW TO PRACTICE THE REVOLUTION OF MERCY

FIRST, learn about mercy. God's gift of mercy is powerful. It can overcome any resentment, hatred, or pain. If there is something in your life that you have not forgiven, or that has not been forgiven of you, talk to God about it. Make going to confession a priority.

SECOND, commit to being an agent of mercy in your circle of friends. Whether in-person or online, think (and pray!) before speaking so that your words and actions can bring out the best in you and others, not tearing them down or leading them to sin. Before you post pictures, think whether it puts others in a good light or makes them look bad so you look good. Also, reconsider posting photos of yourself that might make other people have sinful thoughts. Use the power of social media to inspire others to be merciful. How? By posting the volunteer work you are doing or by sharing a phrase that can impact other people's lives.

THIRD, go out in the world spreading mercy. Look to the list of corporal and spiritual works of mercy to see what you can do. You may have the opportunity to make a new friend in a way you never would have imagined. Go beyond the required number of service hours at your school or church and realize that, when you begin to open your heart to helping others, simply because they are fellow children of God, both their and your lives will change for the better.

FINALLY, ask God to share his mercy with you often. The best way to do this is by receiving the sacrament of Confession whenever you can. The world is a tough place, and we often put unrealistic expectations on ourselves or others. Mercy allows us to find peace in our lives and realize that our best is enough because God will add his grace to it and make something **beautiful!**

When we practice the works of mercy, graces are provided to the person who is doing them. Jesus said 'give and you will receive'. When practicing the works of mercy, we are following the will of God. We are giving something from ourselves to others and our Lord will provide what we need.

When doing works of mercy, we are progressing on our way to heaven. We are becoming more like Jesus, who is our model. He taught us how to treat others.

Christ's words were:

"Do not store up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moth and woodworm destroy them and thieves can break and steal; but store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where neither moth nor woodworm destroys them and thieves cannot break and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be too." (Mt 6, 19 - 21)

When we follow this teaching of the Lord, we exchange temporal goods for eternal ones, which are the ones that are really worthwhile.



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