



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." Psalms 15

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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
4:00 pm to 5:15 pm

Saturday
2:30 pm to 4 pm

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WATCH THEREFORE;
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN
THE LORD OF THE HOUSE IS COMING,
WHETHER IN THE EVENING, OR AT MIDNIGHT,
OR AT COCKCROW, OR IN THE MORNING.

MARK 13:35



FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 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



The Next Four Years

We have just come through the most contentious election cycle of my lifetime. I hope by now, most of us have let go of some of our feelings from this, especially any negative thoughts we might have towards those who do not share political views. Archbishop Gomez tells us, “deeper questions about our democracy begin in the human heart.”

So how do we go about healing our hearts? First, let us look at what it means to be a Catholic Christian. If we are looking for signposts, I suggest we start with the Bible and the Gospels. The New Testament gives us a rather clear roadmap on how we are to behave. Faithfulness to God is always at the top of the list. How are we doing demonstrating that faithfulness? Prayer should be primary. That includes praying with our family and making the effort to attend Mass either in person or via the internet.

Then, read the Bible, study those Gospels. What did Jesus do? Can we imitate that? He spent a lot of time with people who were quite different from him, many the outcasts of that time. I think each of us can start by talking to someone who does not agree with us – not to convince why we are right, rather to listen to him or her to understand the other point of view. No judgment, just an honest attempt to understand. I can imagine Jesus doing that. Then, let’s think about what we were told in the Gospels and New Testament. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the prisoner, welcome the stranger, care for the orphan and the widow. Some of these we have done through our parish ministries, but I am now suggesting we take another look at how we can do this today.

We live in a pluralistic democracy. This means, we share responsibility for how and what our country does in our name with people of many beliefs. Sometimes we are in step with our fellow Americans, sometimes we are not. Politics is how we express what we believe is important and as Catholics, we need to make sure our voices are heard through our activism and through the ballot box.

We remember that the number one principle that guides our beliefs is protecting the dignity of the human person from conception to the tomb. There are sins in our country that we need to speak out against. Catholics have been very vocal about protecting the unborn, but there are many other issues. Most freedoms that are granted to us through our constitution afford us that right to speak out. We are for Religious freedom. Ours as well as others. We support the rights of immigrants and migrants. We need to fight for immigration reform, so we become the welcoming country we once were. The Statue of Liberty is part of our heritage and is engraved, “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore.”

We need to battle the sin of systemic racism. We need to work with lawmakers to create opportunities to build a more just and equitable society and help tear down the walls of racism built into many of our laws and institutions. We need to work on solutions to end homelessness. Let’s work to end this disgrace and see to it that there are ways to get people adequate shelter, food, and health care. Work needs to be a right. A person develops a sense of worth when he or she can provide for family or just themselves. If there aren’t enough jobs, then we should create work projects that benefit the common good.

Republican or Democrat, Libertarian or Green Party. That is not important. We need to be the voices that work for the social justice agenda of the Catholic Church. Then we will see change.

Fr. Robert Fulton

Pastor



Pastor Al®



"...the family lights them, and their kid makes a wish and blows them out. I suggest better CCD attendance."

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ADVENT WREATH MAKING KITS

This weekend, **November 28th and 29th**, we will handout our **Advent Wreath Making Kits**. Unfortunately, we will not be able to meet in person to assemble the kits, but please go to our website to find instructions.



Lord our God,
 we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
 he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
 he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is
 the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,
 let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles
 of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's
 promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this
 through Christ our Lord.

Amen

**9:30 AM and 11 AM
 Outdoor Masses begin
 on Sunday, November
 29th.**

The Altar will be on the lawn in front of the Hall Patio.

You will still be able to watch Mass from inside your vehicle and online.

Please bring your own chairs.

MISSALETTES

This weekend, **November 28th and 29th**, we will handout to our parishioners **The Breaking Bread 2021 missalettes**. This is a great way to follow along with Masses in your car or at home. You can also pick some up in the Parish Office.



Advent 2020

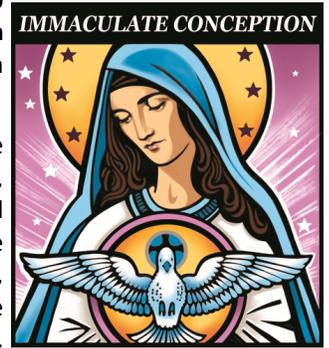
UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 7th** Immaculate Conception
7:00 PM Vigil Mass
Online & In your Vehicle
- December 8th** Immaculate Conception
8:00 AM & 7:00 PM
Online & In your Vehicle
- December 12th** Our Lady of Guadalupe
Celebration
7:30 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
Outdoors, Online &
In your Vehicle
- December 19th** Simbang Gabi
6:30 PM Mass
Outside only
- December 24th** Christmas Eve Vigil
Children's Mass
3:30 PM Church
Outdoors, Online &
In your Vehicle
6:30 PM & Midnight
Online & In your Vehicle
- December 25th** Christmas Day Masses
6:30 AM, 8:00 AM,
Online & In your Vehicle
9:30 AM, 11:00 AM
Outdoors, Online &
In your Vehicle

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

Immaculate Conception Feast Day Mass Schedule is on **Monday, December 7th at 7:00 pm and Tuesday December 8th at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.** This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

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 Saturday, December 12th with:

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



7:30 am Rosary in the Patio
8:00 am Holy Mass

The Mass will be outdoors, but it will also be available to watch from your vehicle and livestream online. If you would like to get out of your vehicle, please bring your own chairs and sit to the side or in front of the altar.

Each December 12th, the Catholic community celebrates the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas. This celebration commemorates the appearance of Mary to the Mexican peasant, Juan Diego, in 1531. Please join us!

PLEASE NOTE:

For all Outdoor Masses, please bring your own chairs.

Thank you!

McKINLEY GIVING TREE

For the abandoned and 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 5th and 6th**, 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.



POINSETTIA DONATIONS

Can you imagine a better way to celebrate the exhilarating joy and radiance of Christmas than with poinsettias?

These cheery flowering ornamental plants are celebrated during this special season for their brightly colored foliage. With their openness and flowers, they embrace life in all its blessed richness.

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

So please join us and bring your poinsettias to the Msgr. Pierce Hall patio or Parish Center on **Monday, December 7th through Sunday, December 20th** in time for inclusion at our Christmas Masses.



CHRISTMAS CARD COLLECTION

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 California Institute for Men in Chino (CIM). And this year we are expanding our efforts. We will also be providing cards for the young people at the McKinley Children's Center in San Dimas.

2020 has been a particularly difficult year for the men at CIM and for the young people at the McKinley Center. Religious services and visiting were suspended at CIM in March and have yet to resume. They have been limited at McKinley, and foster children also feel more isolated and separated at this time of year. So 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 this particularly difficult year. And the Christmas Cards will allow the children at McKinley to stay connected with siblings and friends who they might otherwise have no contact with.

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. We ask that the donated cards for CIM and McKinley have religious themes. Donations will be accepted from November 28th to December 13th. A Collection box for the cards will be in the Parish Center for your convenience. The separate postage stamps should also be brought to the Parish Center and given to the office staff. Our Deacons will coordinate their delivery to CIM and McKinley.

Thank you in advance for your support of this program!

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 on Thursday, December 3rd.** Please join us for Fellowship, Prayer and Reflection. Rosary begins at 6:45 in the patio in front of the Multi-Purpose Room. 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.

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

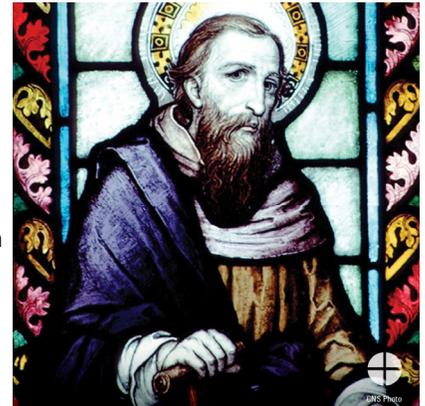


SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE

December 4th

The last of the Greek fathers, John was born in Damascus, Syria. He succeeded his father as chief representative of the Christian community to the caliph in Damascus, then under Islamic rule. However, after serving some years, he was forced to resign in 719 because of his faith. He entered a monastery in the mountain wilderness between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea, and lived there until his death. As a priest, he devoted himself to prayer and writing, producing 150 works on theology, philosophy and religious education, as well as a defense of the veneration of icons and numerous hymns. His work was widely cited in the Middle Ages. Pope Leo XIII declared him a doctor of the church in 1890.

<https://catholiccurrent.org/saints/saint-john-damascene>



MARK'S JESUS

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it.

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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 money we raised will help to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Faith Formation sessions have begun for all levels. If you are interested in registering your child preparing for sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation, or to continue to grow in our Catholic faith. Please contact the Faith Formation Office or check out the information on our St. Louise website.

FEAST OF FAITH

What Is the Mass?

What is the Mass? There is no simple answer to that question. The Church uses many different images and terms to describe our most important prayer. The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist, a Greek word that means “thanksgiving.” It is the Lord’s Supper. It is the Breaking of the Bread. It is the memorial of the Lord’s passion, death, and resurrection. It is the Holy Sacrifice, in which the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is perpetuated. It is the holy and divine liturgy, the sacred mysteries. It is the source and summit of our Christian lives, the new covenant, the work of the Holy Spirit, the paschal mystery. The many different words and images that we use when we speak of the Mass are not signs of confusion, but of wonder at what the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1328) calls the “inexhaustible richness” of the Eucharist. The Mass, our greatest prayer and our deepest mystery, is celebrated every day, many times a day, the world over. The Eucharist is both “bread from heaven” and “daily bread.” The Mass is our everyday miracle.

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Advent Confessions

There will not be Advent Penance Services in the churches this year. Instead we will add additional Confession times. All Confessions will be close to the outside the classrooms. Please go to our website to make a reservation.

Thursday, December 10th—6 PM to 8 PM

Monday, December 14th—6 PM to 8 PM

Thursday, December 17th—6 PM to 8 PM

Wednesday, December 23rd—6 PM to 8 PM

We will also have our regularly scheduled confessions:

Wednesdays from 4 PM to 5:15 PM

Saturdays from 2:30 PM to 4 PM.

There will not be confessions on

Saturday, December 26th.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalms — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
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, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

FIRST FRIDAY

DECEMBER 4TH



MASS
 IN YOUR VEHICLE OR LIVESTREAM
8 AM
ADORATION
 LIVESTREAM OR HALL PATIO
8:30 AM
to 4:30 PM

ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 29th

- 6:30 am** Mirabelle Esparza (RIP); Nesit Villa (RIP); All Souls and Miraculous Medal (SI)
8:00 am: Urpiano Guico, Jr. (RIP)
 Martin Cummings, Sr. Family Living and Deceased (SI)
 Emma Adamo (RIP); Phyllis Ona Griffith (RIP)
9:30 am: Patricia Jacobs (SI)
11:00 am Iluminosa Domingo (SI); All Souls (SI); Cherry Dulin (RIP)

Monday, November 30th

- 8:00 am:** All Souls (SI); Patricia Jacobs (SI)
 Rick Herrin (RIP); Ron Driscoll (RIP)

Tuesday, December 1st

- 8:00 am:** Ricardo De La Cruz (SI); Sister Isabelle OCD (SI); Marilou Pico (SI); Yvonne Bagaman (SI)

Wednesday, December 2nd

- 8:00 am:** Joy Macabagdal (SI); Linda Sheridan (RIP)
 Emma Adamo (RIP); Sandy Meiser (RIP)

Thursday, December 3rd

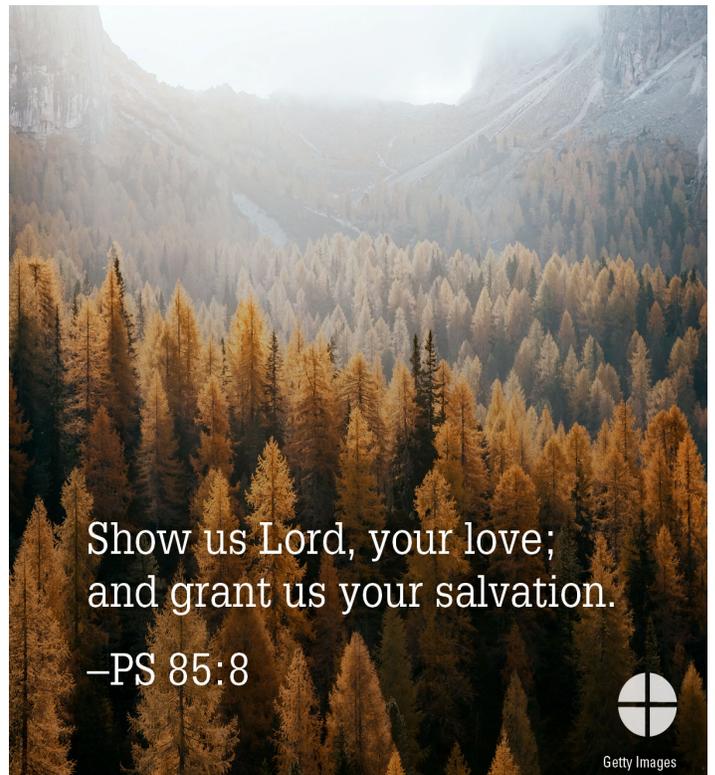
- 9:00 am:** Perry and Luis Rivera III (SI); Victor Gil, Sr. (RIP); Ricardo Apostol (RIP); Paul Sandoval (RIP)

Friday, December 4th

- 8:00 am:** Grace Barba (SI); David Gonzales (SI)
 Nora Mullins (RIP); Ramon Castillo (RIP); Fernando Silva (SI); Arnold Alderete (RIP)

Saturday, December 5th

- 8:00 am:** Aldofo Naverete (SI); Almarío Vergara (RIP)
4:30 pm: Louis Ha (RIP); Madeleina Le (RIP)



Show us Lord, your love;
 and grant us your salvation.

—PS 85:8



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Monday - Friday / 8 am - 5 pm
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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	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
Eusedio Gallardo	C. J. Oddo
Mercy Garcia	Corrine Pierson
Carolina Gil	Maggie Perez
Joseph Go-Alcantara	Virginia "Rusty" Petty
Wendy Joyner Gomez	Fr. Alan Phillip
Elva Gonzales	Shirley Prescott
Carmen Gonzalez	Valdimiro P Ramirez
David Gonzalez	Gus Ramos
Rita Hayes	Ana Beatric Rossi
Mary Howard	Martha Sandoval
Gabe Jaramillo	Jennifer Sennett
Jazzelle Kakuk	Ryan Soldridge
Teddy Kakuk	Michael Telles
Mary Klante	Robert Tessier
Nancy LaMascus	Sharon Wiessler
Jennifer Langoria	Chris Williams
Margie Luxford	
Susan Mabida	

DID YOU KNOW?

The devastating effects of verbal abuse

A study by Florida State University found that children who were verbally abused are more likely to experience depression and anxiety. They are also twice as likely to suffer with mood and anxiety disorders throughout their lifetime. Children who suffer such abuse can go on to repeat the same parenting styles they experienced thereby continuing the cycle of abuse. Pay attention to the language you and others use with your children. Breaking the chain of negative behaviors starts with positive, healthy parent-child relationships. For a copy of the VIRTUS article "The Devastating Effects of Verbal Abuse," 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.

St. Louise de Marillac's
**SCHOOL & FAITH FORMATION
HOST A
DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT!!**

Join us for some Christmas spirit as the School & Faith Formation Offices host a viewing of Disney's "A Christmas Carol" movie in the parish parking lot on **Friday, Dec. 4th.**

The evening is FREE to attend. Parking begins at 6:00 PM. A concession stand will be offered by the school's 8th Grade class including Little Caesar pizza for \$8 per pizza (by pre-order ONLY—cheese or pepperoni). School families can order online through their SMART Tuition account. Parishioners can order online through the parish's FaithDirect account. Concession stand proceeds will offset 8th Gr. graduation costs. There is limited parking, so it is first come first served. The movie will begin at 6:30. Tune into 99.3 FM in order to listen to the movie through your radio!

If you attend the drive-in, be advised that:

- You must wear a mask when visiting the restrooms and concession stand.
- You must not leave your vehicle except to visit the bathroom or concession stand.
- You must view the movie from within your vehicle.
- Except when interacting with employees and volunteers of St. Louise de Marillac, persons inside vehicles, even with windows down, are not required to wear face coverings.
- The setting up of lawn chairs, portable chairs, blankets, or seats outside of a vehicle is strictly prohibited during and for film screenings.
- Persons from the same vehicle may sit in the back bed of a truck or the rear cargo area of a van, SUV, or other similar vehicles for viewing screened films; provided, however, that no person shall exit such areas without wearing a face covering.
- You must practice social distancing at all times.
- If you do not follow the above guidelines, you will be asked to leave.
- Parking will be designed to allow social distancing. Follow directions from employees and volunteers.

Catholicphilly.com says that:

"Unless otherwise noted, the Catholic News Service classification is A-II (adults and adolescents), and the Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG (parental guidance suggested). Some material may not be suitable for children:

"A Christmas Carol" (2009): Lavish, well-crafted but frequently eerie animated adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic 1843 novella in which miserly misanthrope Ebenezer Scrooge (voice of Jim Carrey) is urged to change his ways by the tortured specter of his late business partner (voice of Gary Oldman) and by the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come (all voiced by Carrey). Though free of objectionable content, and unabashed about the Christian context of its conversion story, writer-director Robert Zemeckis' largely faithful retelling features images and special effects likely to disturb the most sensitive youngsters. The Catholic News Service classification is A-I (general patronage)."

(<https://catholicphilly.com/2016/12/catholic-spirituality/films-to-watch-at-christmastime/>)



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