



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

DECEMBER 27, 2020 | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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Monday – Friday
8:00 am

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

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

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Wednesday
4:00 pm to 5:15 pm

Saturday
2:30 pm to 4 pm

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SIMEON SAID,

*"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace,
according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation."*

~ Luke 2:29-30

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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



Feast of the Holy Family and the New Year

In today's world, the definition of family is complex. Families are multi-racial, multi-cultural, multi-generational, have parents who have re-married. Some children live in more than one household to spend time with each biological parent. Some children live with grandparents or aunts or uncles. Some children live in foster homes. Jesus' family was complex, too, and consisted of his biological mother and a stepfather.

We look to the Holy Family as a model of family. How do we do that when our family relationships are so complicated? I think there are a few things we can look at. First of all, Mary chose to accept Jesus as her son. As Catholics, we do not accept abortion. We expect any conception will continue to, hopefully, a healthy baby. However, parents can delay pregnancy, by using Natural Family Planning. Scientific tools can help a woman chart when she is most fertile. In fact, many women, Catholic or not, use these tools to get pregnant when they are trying to conceive. So, Mary's choice to accept a child is not unlike those many women make today.

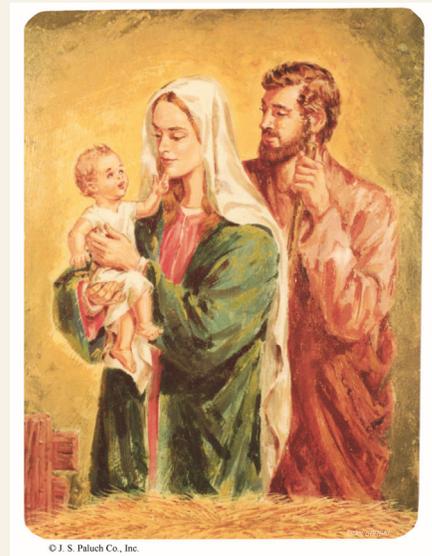
Secondly, Joseph chose to be Jesus' father. When he discovered Mary was pregnant with a child obviously not his, he was willing to give Mary her freedom, and not force her to accept him as her husband. However, when he was visited by an angel who told him to not fear, and take that baby as his own, he did. When Joseph was told that his child was in danger and he had to flee to Egypt, he obeyed that directive too. He was a protective husband and father.

We don't know much about this little family, but I think just knowing those few facts; Mary and Joseph's trust and faithfulness to God's plan and Joseph's protectiveness, should help us when we are trying to be good parents, grandparents, or caregivers. Children and parents can pay attention to the story of Jesus teaching in the Temple (without parental permission), his parent's panic, and him obediently returning home with them after expressing his objection. Our own children need to listen to the wisdom of their parents, and parents need to listen to their children's grievances, just as Mary and Joseph did at the temple.

Coming at the end of this week, we celebrate the New Year. Like Christmas, there is a secular and religious component. For Catholics, New Year's Day is not the beginning of our Church year; that happened on the first Sunday of Advent. We celebrate Mary on New Year's Day.

It seems appropriate that we celebrate Mary on the first day of the New Year. She brought something new into the world. So, on the first day of the year, we celebrate the one who is first among the Saints. As mother of the savior, she reigns as the Queen at the side of Christ the King. She is a powerful intercessor for all of our needs here on earth. We call on her to be actively involved in our daily life; we look to her as a great inspiration.

The Church observes January 1st also as the World Day of Peace and invites us to pray specially for peace in the world. Inspired by St. John XXIII's encyclical *Pacem in Terris*, St. Paul VI, in 1967, instituted this feast. I think combining a day of peace with a day reverencing the Mother of God is wonderful. She brought to us the peace of Christ. This is what we want for the whole world.



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Fr. Robert Fulton

Pastor

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

We celebrate the Solemnity of Mary on January 1st. We close out the Christmas octave—the eight days following the birth of Christ—with a day honoring Mary as the Mother of God.

Why does Mary have a special role in helping us?

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved.

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed."³³ The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

How does our veneration of Mary and the Saints relate to our worship of God?

The honor we give to God alone is properly called adoration, the highest honor we can give. The honor we give to Mary and the saints is called veneration. Proper veneration of the saints does not interfere with the worship due to God, but rather fosters it. "Our communion with those in heaven, provided that it is understood in the fuller light of faith according to its genuine nature, in no way weakens, but conversely, more thoroughly enriches the laetific worship we give to God the Father, through Christ, in the Spirit." With this understanding, we see that proper veneration of Mary does not detract from worship of God. Even as the Mother of the Savior, Mary has a place that is in every way subordinate to and dependent upon that of her Son, who is the one mediator between God and humanity. The maternal role that Mary fulfills toward us as Mother of the Church "in no wise obscures or diminishes this unique mediation of Christ, but rather shows His power."



The Second Vatican Council explained very clearly that Mary can be said to fulfill a mediating role only in a secondary and derivative manner:

For no creature could ever be counted as equal with the Incarnate Word and Redeemer. Just as the priesthood of Christ is shared in various ways both by the ministers and by the faithful, and as the one goodness of God is really communicated in different ways to His creatures, so also the unique mediation of the Redeemer does not exclude but rather gives rise to a manifold cooperation which is but a sharing in this one source.

What Mary does for the salvation of the human family does not come from her own power, but from a gift of divine grace that is bestowed on her through her Son. All the salvific influence that she bestows on us is produced "not from some inner necessity, but from the divine pleasure. It flows forth from the superabundance of the merits of Christ, rests on His mediation, depends entirely

on it and draws all its power from it."⁽³⁸⁾ Mary in no way replaces Christ. Rather, her role is to bring us to Christ, as is illustrated in Mary's admonition at the wedding feast of Cana, "Do whatever he tells you" (Jn 2:5).

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/mary/frequently-asked-questions-about-blessed-virgin-mary>

December 31st

**Solemnity of Mary Vigil
4:30 PM
Online & In your Vehicle**

January 1st

**Solemnity of Mary Vigil
6:30 AM,
Online & In your Vehicle
9:30 AM, 11:00 AM
Outdoors, Online &
In your Vehicle**

9:30 AM and 11 AM Outdoor Masses

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

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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!



ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC CHURCH

Parish Office Hours

Thursday, December 31st
Closed at 12 PM

Friday, January 1st
Closed

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ELECTRONIC COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

“Serve one another through Love. Bear one another’s burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ.” *Galatians 5:13, 6:2*

A new Community Bulletin Board has been created to provide another opportunity to continue to serve one another and to stay in touch through God’s love. The bulletin board is located at our parish website, www.stlouisedm.org.

As you will discover, there are three areas within the Bulletin Board:

- Prayer Requests.
- Community Bulletin Board, where you can seek or offer help for tasks. An example is food or RX deliveries.
- Pastoral Outreach, where you may request to speak to our priests or deacons, seek periodic phone calls to stay in touch or request a blessing, and so much more.

To post on the board, you fill out the form, and once it is approved, it will be posted in the appropriate area. For any questions, you can call the Parish Office at 626-915-7873.

This is one more ‘Outreach of Love’ among the many already provided within our parish website. We invite you to visit our website and to particularly remember in your prayers the prayer intentions posted. Especially during these times, let us continue to “Serve One Another Through Love.”

ONLINE PRAYER REQUEST BOOK

We have moved our prayer request books to an online format for the time being.

To add your prayer to online prayer request books:

- Go to www.stlouisedm.org
- Go to Ministries—Connecting Community or select the Connecting Community banner
- Click the “Connecting Community Form”
- Make sure you have selected the Praying For Each Other Request option
- Fill out the rest of the information and it will be added to the website once it is approved.

We also ask you to keep Praying for Each Other webpage in your mind when you are praying.



PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

On New Year’s Eve or New Year’s Day, the household gathers at the table or at the Christmas tree or manger scene. Many people make New Year’s Day a day of prayer for peace.

Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years,
for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets.
We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.

Remember us, O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever

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,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

<https://catholiccurrent.org/prayers/prayer-for-the-new-year/>

PARISH CALENDARS

Parish Liturgical calendars are available in the Parish Office. Please stop by to pick up a copy of the 2021 calendar. Quantities are limited to supplies on hand. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00.

THE CHILD GREW
AND BECAME STRONG,
FILLED WITH WISDOM;
AND THE FAVOR OF GOD
WAS UPON HIM.

LUKE 2:40



THE HOLY FAMILY

OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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FAMILY

On this feast of the Holy Family, we want to offer all families blessings. “Family” may have a lot of different connotations these days. In the United States, the “father, mother, child” family is less common now, and large Catholic families are not as common as they once were. The concept of family is more fluid with many forms of blended families due to second marriages, multigenerational households, and other living arrangements. In a recent survey by the Pew research center, four in ten babies are born to single mothers. Other children are being raised by grandparents or foster parents. In today’s Genesis story, Abraham was ready to concede to another form of family, making the child of one of his servants his heir. The reading from Hebrews reiterates the story of Genesis, and “your descendants will be more numerous than the stars.” The Gospel relates the story of the presentation in the temple.

POWER IN PRESCRIBED RITUALS

Joseph and Mary presented Jesus in the temple at eight days old, as was prescribed by Mosaic law. For many Catholic families, baptismal gowns were handed down through generations, and a baptism was a time of great celebration. Sadly, in our culture, baptisms continue to decline. There are many reasons for this: fewer practicing Catholics, more interfaith marriages, more secular weddings, and problems or misunderstandings that turn people away.

EXAMPLES IN OUR ELDERS

When someone does present a child for baptism, it can become too easy for others to pass judgment because the parents don’t know the rubrics well, or aren’t dressed better, or “why is that single mother having her baby baptized during Mass?” Notice that the Gospel says nothing about the priests of the temple and how they received Jesus. Rather it talks about Simeon and Anna. They are worth a study in themselves. Simeon is a devout man who is there waiting for a particular sign, and it is fulfilled when he see the Christ Child. Anna is just in the temple praying, as is her custom. After the presentation of Jesus, she does what she does best—she goes back to praying in the temple. Perhaps these readings teach us how we as a faith community can see the sacredness in those families presenting their children for baptism, and welcome them as did Anna and Simeon.

May we all learn from their wisdom!

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 15:1–6; 21:1–3
Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9
Hebrews 11:8, 11–12, 17–19
Luke 2:22–40 [22, 39–40]

FEAST OF FAITH

Processions

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people. We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ's presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food.

This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vesture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom.

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December 27, 2020

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170)

December 29th

A London-born clerk to Archbishop Theobald of Canterbury, Thomas studied canon law abroad and was ordained a deacon. His support of Henry II's claim to England's throne led to his appointment as royal chancellor. He was the king's great friend until 1162, when, as the new archbishop of Canterbury, he said he changed from being "a patron of play-actors and a follower of hounds, to being a shepherd of souls." He and the king clashed over many issues, notably the jurisdiction of ecclesiastical courts. Thomas fled to France for six years; soon after his return, Henry's wish to be rid of this troublesome prelate led to Thomas' murder by four knights. This medieval martyr starred in two modern plays: Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" and Anouilh's "Becket."

<https://catholiccurrent.org/saints/saint-thomas-becket/>



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6,12-14) or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or Psalm 105.

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Mt 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 27th

- 6:30 am** Dolores Aguilar (RIP); Maria Barragan (RIP)
Alfonso Pinedo (RIP)
8:00 am: Paul R. Bertiaux (RIP); Sandra Meiser (RIP)
9:30 am: Martin Cummings Family Living and Deceased (SI)
Carol Koss Family Living and Deceased (SI)
11:00 am Charles and Elaine Fulton (SI)
St. Louise Parish Families (SI)

Monday, December 28th

- 8:00 am:** Elaine Fulton (SI); John Sawamura (SI)
Diogenes Celera (RIP); Joan Connelly (RIP)
Rosario & Anacleto Flores (RIP)

Tuesday, December 29th

- 8:00 am:** Rafael Rivera (SI); Pat Fappiano (RIP);
Diogenes Celera (RIP); Christopher & Joseph Flores (RIP)

Wednesday, December 30th

- 8:00 am:** Jane St. Clair Family Living and Deceased (SI);
Diogenes Celera (RIP); Ruth Quinn (RIP);
Timoteo Faustino (RIP)

Thursday, December 31st

- 8:00 am:** Louie Flores (RIP); Diogenes Celera(RIP);
Raul Rodriguez (RIP);
Jane Marcrina Family Living and Deceased (SI)
4:30 pm: St. Louise Parish Families (SI)

Friday, January 1st

- 6:30 am:** St. Louise Parish Families (SI)
9:30 am: St. Louise Parish Families (SI)
11:00 am: St. Louise Parish Families (SI)

Saturday, January 2nd

- 8:00 am:** Gabriel Perez (RIP); Guadalupe Bolieu (RIP)
4:30 pm: Adrian Munoz (SI); Jesse Cordova (SI)



ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC CHURCH



May the Holy Family be a model for our families, so that parents and children may support each other mutually in adherence to the Gospel, the basis of the holiness of the family.

—Pope Francis, December 29, 2019

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Sunday / 9am - 2pm

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for those listed below:

Maria Atilano	Armeda Marrero
Steve Brady	Carolyn Matone
Tracy Brady	Mary Ann McGee
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Rocio Centeno	Nancy Morales
Joyce Curtiss	Araceli Magsino
Jim Dinisi, Jr.	Jams Mojica
Maria de la Torre	Janea Moreto
Don Dominic	Angelina Muro
Mary H. Dubrowa	Tracie Neria
Joe Escalera, Sr.	Sandra Nila
Joe Escalera, Jr.	Tulio Norori
Ray Esquibel	Jessica Nunez
Fr. Peter Foran	C. J. Oddo
Elaina Fossum	Corrine Pierson
Eusedio Gallardo	Maggie Perez
Mercy Garcia	Virginia "Rusty" Petty
Carolina Gil	Fr. Alan Phillip
Wendy Joyner Gomez	Shirley Prescott
Elva Gonzales	Valdimiro P Ramirez
Carmen Gonzalez	Gus Ramos
David Gonzalez	Ana Beatric Rossi
Rita Hayes	Martha Sandoval
Mary Howard	Jennifer Sennett
Gabe Jaramillo	Ryan Soldridge
Jazzelle Kakuk	Michael Telles
Teddy Kakuk	Robert Tessier
Mary Klante	Patrick Uhl
Nancy LaMascus	Sharon Wiessler
Jennifer Langoria	Chris Williams
Margie Luxford	
Susan Mabida	
Gloria Marquez	

DID YOU KNOW?

Talk to teens about posting photos

The pictures we share on Instagram and other social media can reveal much more information than just the picture we want our followers to see. If your teens are on social media, talk to them about the dangers of posting photos with potentially identifying information — posing in front of their schools or cars, tagging their location, or providing other clues that would give a predator easy access. Consider having a family screening contract, where parents approve photos before children can post. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article "Technology Safety" at <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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please consider volunteering for our outdoor Masses, especially the 9:30 AM and 11 AM Masses.

We will need you to help park cars, hand out bulletins, and assist with the offertory.

The more volunteers we have, the less there is a need for paid staff. Please help us conserve our Parish resources.

Any and all help is appreciated. Thanks to all who are currently volunteering.

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