



# St. Louise de Marillac Church

*Serving God's people in Covina, Glendora, San Dimas and surrounding communities.*

*"Praise the Lord, for his is good; for his mercy endures forever."* Psalm 136:1

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## Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday  
8:30 am

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

Sunday  
6:30 am, 8:00 am  
10:00 am, 12:00 pm,  
& 6:00 pm

## Confession Schedule

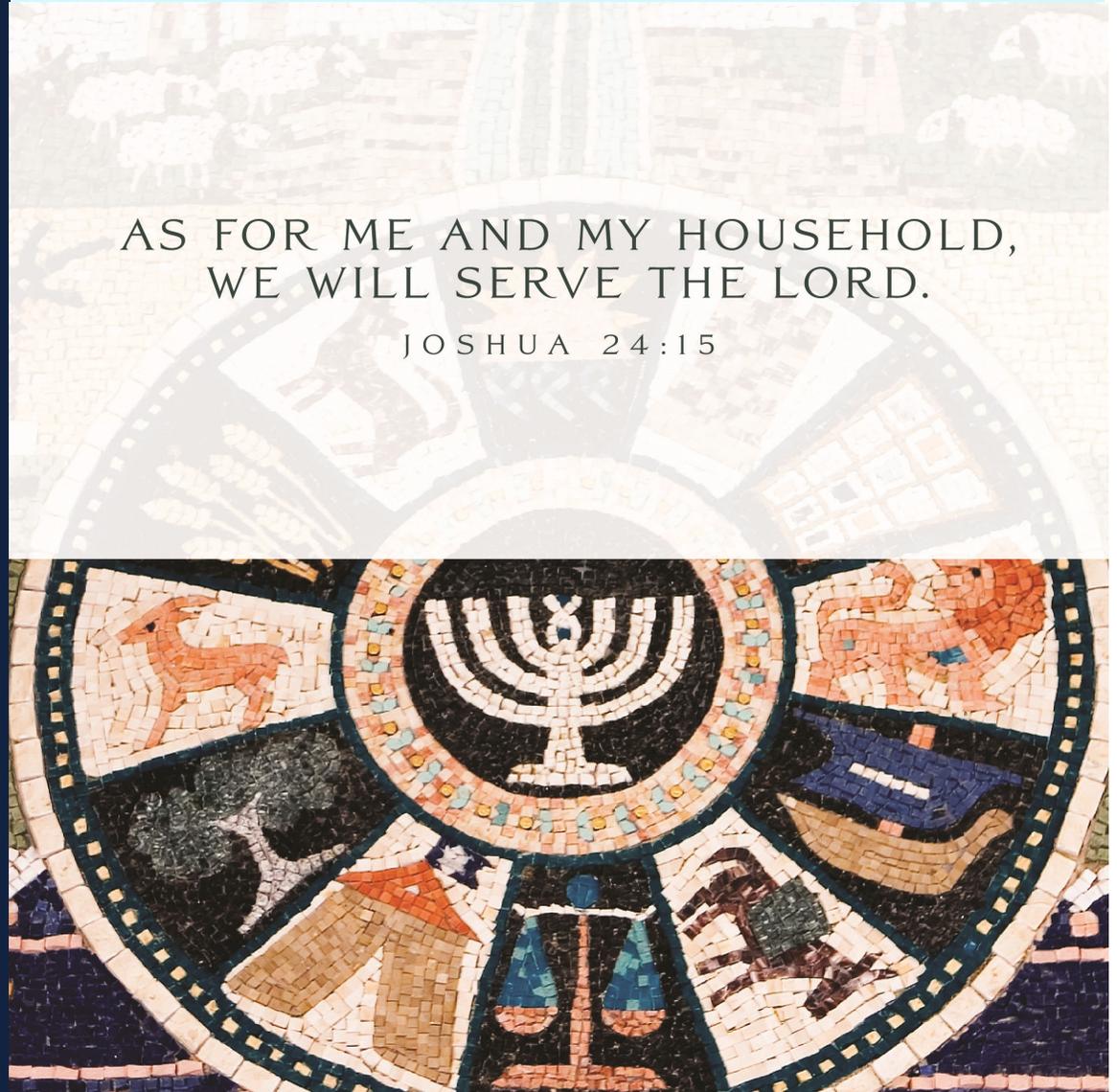
Wednesday  
4:00 pm to 5:15 pm

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AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD,  
WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.

JOSHUA 24:15

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22, 2021

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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*

## Serene, Attentiveness to God's Creation

When we fall in love, become parents, or enter into any significant relationship, it is not uncommon to experience a shift in worldview that shapes our actions.

Consider parents holding their first newborn son or daughter. While there is no instruction manual for all the possible circumstances they may encounter, their guiding framework is the loving, parental relationship with their child. With his encyclical *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis invites us to understand more deeply our relationships with God, one another, and the rest of creation, and to live accordingly. "Everything is connected," he reminds us (LS 91).

God uses creation to bring us into loving relationship with himself, most notably through the sacraments. We experience this most powerfully in the Eucharist, the true body and blood of Christ, received under the appearance of bread and wine, where "all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation" (LS 236). God invites us to embrace creation on this deeper level through our worship of himself (LS 235). Our relationship with Christ—strengthened by receiving him worthily in Holy Communion—helps us understand our relationships with one another and with creation.

Pope Francis warns against placing ourselves "at the center," thinking we don't need God and lacking concern for other creatures (LS 122, 68-69). But he also rejects the view that "the presence of human beings on the planet should be reduced and all forms of intervention prohibited" (LS 60). The Holy Father affirms, instead, that human beings possess "a particular dignity above other creatures" and share a distinct responsibility for the world entrusted to us (LS 119, 242). When any of our relationships are out of balance—with God, one another, or the rest of creation—all our relationships suffer.

We see evidence of this imbalance on a large scale today. Building upon the teaching of his predecessors, the Holy Father discusses in great detail the disrepair apparent in creation. Our distorted relationship with God has infected our relationship with the earth, evidenced by pollution, lack of clean water, toxic waste, and immense material waste. For example, "approximately a third of all food produced is discarded, and 'whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor'" (LS 50).

What the Holy Father often calls a "culture of waste" or a "throwaway culture" even goes so far as to see and treat human life as disposable. The elderly are marginalized, and the lives of persons with disabilities are deemed less worth living (LS 123). The fundamental truth that "the inalienable worth of a human being transcends his or her degree of development" is forgotten—leading to the destruction of unwanted babies in the womb and experimentation on embryonic children in the lab (LS 136, 123). Sometimes, even efforts to alleviate the suffering of certain populations lead to offenses against human life. Pope Francis warns, for example, against international pressure which makes the promotion of contraception, abortion, and other harmful practices a condition for economic aid.

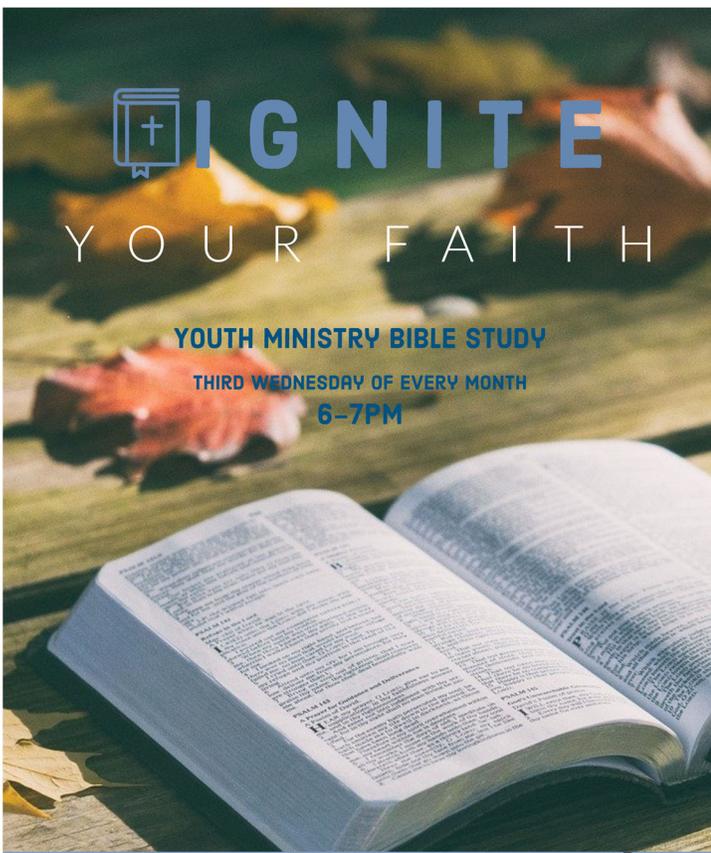
At times, efforts seeking to protect the environment and other creatures disregard or even attack the particular dignity of human beings. Although we are called to care for creation, the Holy Father makes clear that this approach is not only inconsistent, it "compromises the very meaning of our struggle for the sake of the environment" (LS 91). Quoting Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Charity in Truth*, Pope Francis explains further:

"Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion. How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties? "If personal and social sensitivity towards the acceptance of new life is lost, then other forms of acceptance that are valuable for society also wither away" (LS 120)."

Pope Francis isn't endorsing a secular environmentalism—he has a broader idea in mind—one that echoes the sentiments of another predecessor, Pope St. John Paul II. In his 1990 World Day of Peace message, the great saint reminded us that "no peaceful society can afford to neglect either respect for life or the fact that there is an integrity to creation" (7). He later addressed Catholics directly, reminding us of our "serious obligation to care for all of creation" (16).

If we are filled with the love of God, a culture of encounter and solidarity will begin to bloom. Pope Francis stresses, "We are speaking of an attitude of the heart, one which approaches life with serene attentiveness, which is capable of being fully present to someone without thinking of what comes next" (LS 226). With this attitude of heart, we neither treat other humans as disposable, nor neglect to care for God's creation at any level. Through a conversion of heart, repairing our relationships with God, one another, and all of creation, we can combat the many pollutants that poison our hearts and our world.

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### FAITH FORMATION

Now that we are moving into fall, Faith Formation is restarting their programs and adding new ones.

Please check the flyers for the upcoming programs that Faith Formation is offering.

If you have yet to register for Faith Formation class please contact them at 626-332-5822 or see the back flyer for more information.

We can't wait to see you there!

A flyer for 'FAITH FORMATION FAMILY STORYTIME' featuring five cartoon animals (owl, cat, bear, rabbit, hedgehog) reading books. The text reads: 'FAITH FORMATION FAMILY STORYTIME', 'Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month', '5:00 PM to 6:00 PM', 'Join other St. Louise Parish families for a monthly story time. Families will gather to hear a story and share their Catholic identity. Come hear a story that ties to our Catholic faith and meet other families with young children. For more information, call the Faith Formation Office at 626-332-5822.'

A flyer for 'MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY IN REAL LIFE' with a blue and black background and speech bubble graphics. The text reads: 'MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY', 'IN REAL LIFE', 'EXPLORING QUESTIONS FACING YOUTH TODAY', 'Call 626-332-5822 for info'.

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**Monday, September 27, 2021**

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For more information or questions, contact Melissa Visosky at [mjvisosky@gmail.com](mailto:mjvisosky@gmail.com)

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## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

### St. Vincent de Paul

Our St. Vincent de Paul conference at Saint Louise de Marillac, along with our partners, St. Madeline's St. Vincent de Paul and Loaves and Fishes, has provided back to school backpacks, socks, cereal and non-perishable food for needy families and the homeless.

Your generous donations make sure this is possible. Thank you for all your help and prayers.



## REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

This past year and a half has been very challenging due to the restrictions and isolation caused by the pandemic. Celebrating the lives of loved ones who passed away was not possible as people were prevented from gathering in groups and funerals and graveside blessings were limited.

As we begin to move forward and are able to return to church, we want to acknowledge and remember in a special way the family members and loved ones of parishioners who passed away during the pandemic.

St. Louise is creating a photo wall of parishioners, friends and family members who passed from the start of the pandemic in March 2020 to the present time. Loved ones do not need to have died from COVID-19 to be recognized. The goal is to remember not only those lost to the pandemic, but to acknowledge those who may not have been able to celebrate the life of a loved one due to the restrictions that were in place.

Parishioners are encouraged to send pictures of those they lost during this time and we will create a digital slide show and a banner will be hung from the exterior wall of the church to honor their memory. The banner and slideshow will be unveiled at a special Mass of Remembrance. The date of the Mass of Remembrance will be scheduled at a future date.

Send in your photos by August 31st, please visit [www.stlouisedm.org/mass-of-remembrance](http://www.stlouisedm.org/mass-of-remembrance).



August 2021

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*Julianna*  
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SUMMER BIBLE CAMP 2021 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

announces



We are collecting new [socks and underwear of all sizes](#) to help the refugee children at the Pomona Fairplex. These children are in great need of basic necessities, especially undergarments and socks. Your donation can help a child in need!

Donations can be dropped off in the  
Parish Center 8am-5pm & Faith Formation Office 9am-6pm  
Drive begins July 11th-September 12th

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brother and sisters of mine, you did for me" Mathew 25:40

Any questions contact Faith Formation Office @ 626-332-5822



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## FEAST OF FAITH

### Come, Spirit!

The presider at the Eucharist can choose from among a number of different Eucharistic Prayers, all of which follow a similar pattern. Almost always, they begin with an epiclesis, a Greek word that means “invocation upon” or “calling over here.” At this moment in the prayer, the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine that we have brought to the altar: “Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son” (Eucharistic Prayer III). The words of the prayer are accompanied by the ritual gesture of the laying on of hands, the ancient sign of the gift of the Spirit, which is also used in most sacramental celebrations, from the rite of confirmation to the ordination of deacons, priests, and bishops. Liturgists sometimes call this first epiclesis the epiclesis of consecration. Later in the Eucharistic Prayer, there will be another epiclesis, the epiclesis of communion, as the priest asks that the Holy Spirit be sent upon us to transform us. “Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ” (Eucharistic Prayer III).

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## MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

Next weekend, August 27th and 28th, Rev. Joseph Kennedy S. will be giving the homily at every Mass for the Mission Cooperative Appeal.

The Pontifical Mission Societies in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles accepts requests from Mission Dioceses, Religious Orders and Lay Organizations working in the missions to preach at a parish for the purpose of making an appeal for financial support. Dioceses, Religious Orders and Lay Organizations are encouraged to participate in the Mission Cooperative Plan (MCP) on an annual basis. This annual appeal is one that helps unite the Archdiocese of Los Angeles with the Universal Church and to emanate mission awareness among the people of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The generous response, which is traditional amongst the people of Los Angeles, is a reflection of the ongoing awareness and concern for the people of the world.

Taking the opportunity to share in this mutually beneficial cooperative generates a zeal for the missions among this Archdiocese. Mission Dioceses and the leaders of men’s and women’s religious communities as well as lay organizations are invited to submit applications to speak at parishes within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. These presentations inform the parishioners about the work in the missions and provide an opportunity for them to respond and support this important work.

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

### WHOM SHOULD WE FOLLOW?

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse in John. After Jesus' continued insistence that he is the Bread of Life come down from heaven, and that his words are "Spirit and life," most of his disciples drift away. The Twelve, however, affirm their faith in Jesus, whom Simon Peter professes to "have the words of eternal life." In the first reading, Joshua and the Israelites are preparing to enter the Promised Land, and Joshua asks the people to decide which god they will follow, the Lord their God, or the gods of neighboring peoples. The Responsorial Psalm features Psalm 34, the "taste and see" psalm, that reflects the kinds of struggles the Israelites faced during their sojourn in the wilderness. In the second reading, Paul gives counsel for maintaining domestic peace and happiness.

### CROSSROADS IN LIFE, THEN AND NOW

Sometimes in life we find ourselves at a crossroads, faced with an existential choice that will alter the course of our life. We are aware, at these moments, just how significant our choice will be and that there will be no going back.

In both the first reading and the Gospel we see such moments calling people to make such choices. Which god will the Israelites follow? Joshua, their leader after Moses, knows that the area around the Promised Land is occupied by other peoples, with other gods. Perhaps remembering how, after Moses had gone up Mount Sinai, the Israelites set up a golden calf to worship, Joshua worries that they may again be susceptible to such attractions. He is asking them for a commitment, and proclaims, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

### WE FACE THE SAME QUESTION: CAN WE STAY WITH JESUS

The people who were frenetically following Jesus, crossing the lake twice to pursue him, eating the bread he miraculously provided, are now puzzled by Jesus proclaiming himself as "the bread of life," and they are incredulous. They can go with him no farther, so they gradually drift away. The Twelve, however, stay with Jesus. What else could they do? Who else offers such a profound vision of human life? Peter expresses it well: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Not all of our life's crossroads involve our faith, but some do. Perhaps there is someone in your parish who chose to become Catholic and is now alienated from their family; someone who is unhappy with a new pastor and wondering about looking for a different parish; someone who was especially distressed by the clergy sex abuse and prayed long and hard before deciding that she needed her parish to get through it. There may be many in your parish facing such choices, and they need our support and our prayers. In the meantime, we can hope that someday they will again experience Jesus as the Holy One of God, offering them words of eternal life.

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## DECISIONS

There is an axiom that states, "Not to decide is to decide." This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation's involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won't be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God's word: Take the risk. Decide!

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## SAINT LOUIS OF FRANCE (1214-1270)

### August 25th

Crowned King Louis IX of France in 1226, he married Marguerite of Provence in 1234 and they had 11 children. He was an ideal medieval king, promoting justice and peace at home and abroad. His subjects greatly admired his piety and goodness. Following a serious illness, he went on a Crusade to the Holy Land. Louis was taken prisoner in Egypt in 1250, and to free himself and his soldiers had to give back a city he had captured and pay a large ransom. He embarked on another Crusade in 1270 but died of dysentery in Tunisia. He was canonized in 1297.



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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

**Gospel** — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

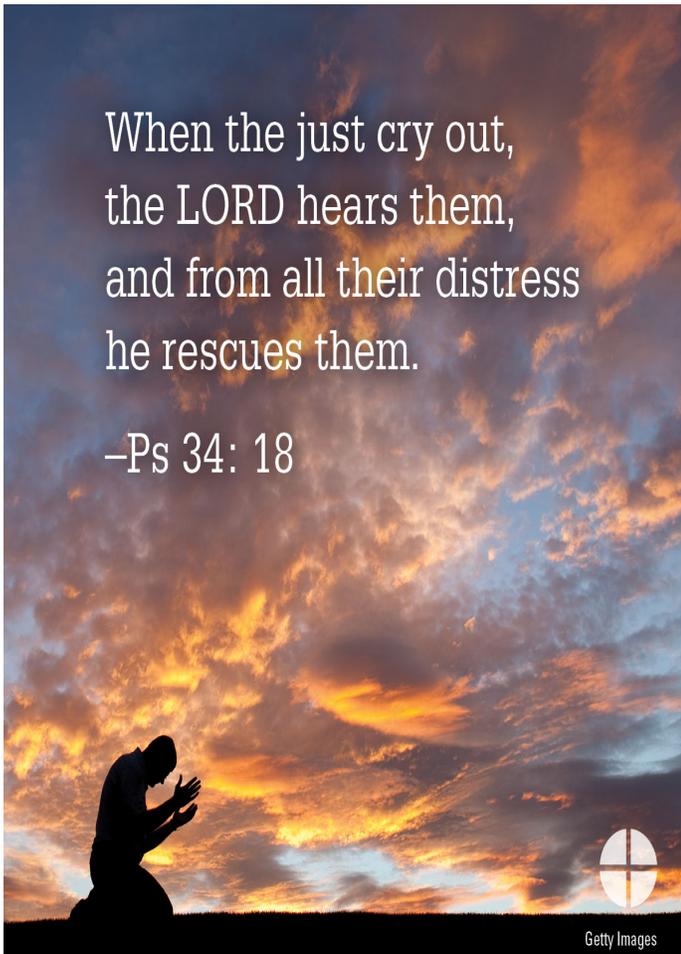
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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday:** Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
- Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
- Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the just cry out,  
the LORD hears them,  
and from all their distress  
he rescues them.

—Ps 34: 18



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, August 22nd

- 6:30 am** Sr. Regina Marie OCDS (SI); Elvira Cabral (SI)  
**8:00 am:** Dcn. Daniel Vega (SI); Jesus & Guadalupe Alcaraz (RIP)  
**10:00 am:** St. Louise Parish Families (SI)  
**12:00 pm:** Venus Chase (SI); Judith Ann Cunningham (RIP)  
**6:00 pm** Steven Jeremiah Wall (SI); The Justin Wall Family (SI)

### Monday, August 23rd

- 8:30 am:** Margie Oakley (SI);  
 Jesse Cummings Family Living & Deceased (SI);  
 Theresa Oblea (RIP); Mario Mascorro (RIP)

### Tuesday, August 24th

- 8:30 am:** Noah Anderson (SI); Elsa Lafarga (RIP);  
 Marcia Saretto Borsa (RIP); Eleonore Ritchel (RIP)

### Wednesday, August 25th

- 8:30 am:** Theresa Cummings Family Living & Deceased (SI);  
 Mary Hoose Family Living & Deceased (SI);  
 Reynelda & Eugenio Anza (RIP); Nikki Berberabe (RIP)

### Thursday, August 26th

- 8:30 am:** Jerome Rivera (SI); Gerardo & Gilbert Sabuena (RIP)  
 Regulo Vicente (RIP); Pedro Cruz & Martiana Santos (RIP)

### Friday, August 27th

- 8:30 am:** Daniel & Sadie Cummings (SI); Emmanuel Dolor (RIP)  
 Susan Avendano (RIP);  
 Cipriana Pacheco & Narcisso Pacheco, Jr. (RIP)

### Saturday, August 28th

- 8:30 am:** Maryann Riley (SI); Ted Kakuk (RIP)  
 Helen Chouinard (RIP)  
**4:30 pm:** Fidencio Domingo (RIP); Romualdo Domingo (RIP)

## TOGETHER IN MISSION

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS

*Please pray for those listed below:*

Tom Abbot	Shawn Mailo
Mike Braynt	Fr. Soosai Manickham
Lesa Brown	Carolyn Matone
Lupita Cerna	Mary Ann McGee
Angela Clara	Patricia McMahon
Jim Dinisi, Jr.	Bobbi Moriel
Don Dominic	Julie Moore
Iluminosa Domingo	Tracie Neria
Dolores Dominguez	Frank Nguyen
Mary H. Dubrowa	Sandra Nila
Danny Ebner	Tulio Norori
Dolores Ericson	C. J. Oddo
Joe Escalera, Jr.	Dolores Narvez Olivas
Aileen Fallis	Gregory Olmos
David Flaherty	Jose Bedolla Perez
Fr. Peter Foran	Lupe Poirier
Elaina Fossum	Helen Pratt
Lillian Garcia	Gus Ramos
Carolina Gil	Bladimiro Ramirez
Carlos Gomez	Lynn Richardson
Barbara Jacobson	Elvira Cordero Rodriguez
Danny Joyner Sr.	Rebeca Rodriguez
Wendy Joyner Gomez	Gloria Kastner Rogan
Elva Gonzales	Maryann Romanek
Carmen Gonzalez	Martha Sandoval
Suzanne Hanson	Susan Schmaltz
Rita Hayes	Jennifer Sennett
Eric Hernandez	Ryan Soldridge
Ruth Horetski	Bruce Stilwell
Danny Joyner Sr.	Patrick Uhl
Mary Klante	Steve Valbuena
Jazzelle Kakuk	Leonardo Victoria Jr.
Nancy LaMascus	Sharon Wiessler
Anthony Lopez	Chris Williams
Maria Cruz Lopez	Judy Williams
Susan Mabida	

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Practice empathy at home to prevent bullying

No parent sets out to raise a bully, but children grow and develop into their own people as they go out into the world — and it starts at home. One way to help your child foster healthy, kind relationships is to work on building good habits at home. Reward kindness and empathy when you see it. Comment on instances of sharing, of kindness, of pride. Help your child understand what it means to empathize with someone else, or to be kind in different situations. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Parents: how not to raise a bully, the ten things you must know. Part Two,” 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.

# FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

If your child ready to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation, Faith Formation Registrations have begun! Faith Formation also offers sessions for children who have already completed Sacrament preparation. We offer opportunities for children in preschool, elementary, middle school, and high school. Forms and payment information are posted on the St. Louise website. If you have any questions, please call the Faith Formation Office at 626-332-5822

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