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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,  
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## Confession Schedule

Wednesday  
4:00 pm to 5:15 pm

Saturday  
3:15 pm to 4:15 pm

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023**

## THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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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*



## New Year's and the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Happy New Year! A New Year is something to celebrate. On this day, we are full of hope for what the coming year may bring. We make resolutions in order to become the person we want to be. Maybe we are concerned by our health. We resolve to lose weight, exercise and eat healthy. Maybe we want to be more attentive to our family and friends. We resolve to visit our aging parents more often, or spend more time playing and being with our children. Maybe we want to make amends to some old friend we hurt, either by our actions or accidentally. Reconciliation is always a good thing to seek.

However, for Catholics, this day has so much more meaning than just the beginning of a New Year. This is a day dedicated to Mary the mother of Jesus. We celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Other Christian sects often do not understand why we place such emphasis on Mary. We need to be clear when speaking to others about Mary that we do not worship Mary. We only worship and adore God. We love and honor Mary, much in the way we love and honor our own Mothers. Mary is unique among all human beings. She was born with a fullness of Grace; a gift from our Heavenly Father. She was created to carry the son of God; she gave flesh to the Word of God. All the rest of us have an external relationship with God. Mary's relationship is both external and internal. Only Mary had a physically and spiritually intrinsic role in the Incarnation. No one knows Jesus the way Mary knows Jesus. Even St. Joseph, a most holy man for sure, was born with original sin.

Another unique thing about our Catholic faith is that we pray to the Saints and to Mary to intercede for us for that which we pray. This does not mean we don't pray to Jesus. Of course, we do. I think this be easily explained when you think about how we pray for each other. We pray for the sick. We pray for the oppressed. Why can't we pray to those who have gone from earth before us?

We give special veneration to Mary because of her complete obedience to God. When Mary said, at the Annunciation, "Let it be to me according to your word" this was not just a one-time deal with Mary. She lived all her years on earth in perfect obedience to God. His will was her will. Sustained by God's grace, Mary perfectly modeled a life of virtue. She shows us what it means to surrender ourselves and receive everything as a gift from God. She shows us the path to true freedom, true happiness, true life. And for that, too, she deserves a devotion like no other.

So today, let us remember to honor Mary by attending Church. Then continue with your normal New Year's Day traditions; watching the Rose Parade, the Rose Bowl game, sharing the day with family. Including Mary will make your day that much richer. Many Blessings for this New Year.

(re-print from December 30, 2018).

Pastor



**Solemnity of  
Mary Mass  
Times**

**Sunday,  
December 31st  
5 PM**

**Monday,  
January 1st  
8:00 AM  
10:00 AM**

**There will be no  
evening Mass**



## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

### Confirmation

Our Rosary Making Group recently instructed our Confirmation candidates on how to make the rosaries. We thank our rosary makers for sharing their ministry and talent with our youth.



### Upcoming Meetings

Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Wed., Jan. 3rd	6:45 PM	Church
RCIA	Wed., Jan. 3rd	7 PM	Conference Room
Catholic Men's Fellowship	Thu., Jan. 4th	6:45 PM	Multi-Purpose Room
First Friday Mass	Fri., Jan. 5th	8:30 AM & 7 PM	Church
First Friday Adoration	Fri., Jan. 5th	9 AM to 6:50 PM	Church
Toastmasters	Fri., Jan. 5th	7 PM	Conference Room
First Saturday Rosary	Sat., Jan. 6th	9 AM	Church
Baptism of the Lord Reception	Sun., Jan. 7th	1 PM	Conference Room

*Parish Office Hours*  
*Sunday, December 31st*  
*Monday, January 1st*  
*Closed*

Join us in recognizing all children baptized in the past year with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord on

**Sunday, January 7th at**

**12 PM Mass**

Reception afterwards in the Conference Room.



## PARISH CALENDARS

Parish Liturgical calendars are available in the Parish Office. Please stop by to pick up a copy of the 2024 calendar. Quantities are limited to supplies on hand. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — “Your own issue shall be your heir.” The Lord took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.” (Gn 3:4-5)

**Psalm** — The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

**Second Reading** — By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile. (Heb 11:11)

**Gospel** — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a); Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Tuesday** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

**Wednesday** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

**Thursday** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

**Friday** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

**Saturday** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**Sunday** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11); Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JANUARY EVENTS

**Knights of Columbus Council 5271 serves both St. Louise de Marillac & St. Dorothy parishes**

**06-07 January** Tootsie Roll ID Drive at St. Louise de Marillac

**16-17 January** Monthly Dine Out at: Cosmo's 1031 E Rt. 66 Glendora

**18 January** Rosary dinner at our Hall

**28 January** Poker tournament at our Hall

**Interested? in becoming a Knight? Please contact Grand Knight Chris Coppi [cvcoppi@msn.com](mailto:cvcoppi@msn.com)**

*Please Join us!*



## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

### St. Louise de Marillac's Pastoral Council 2023-2024

Please pray for our Pastoral Council as they begin this year's work! In the upcoming weeks, we will be highlighting each of our Pastoral Council members and providing a short bio.

**Mara Chimenti** is an ex-officio member of the Pastoral Council. She has served as our Parish Director of Administration for the past two years. She has been married to Frank for 33 years, and are the proud parents of Dominic, age 19, currently a college student (SLDM Troop 461 Eagle Scout 2022). Mara's background is in business and employment litigation. She is a 2017 graduate of LMU's Parish Business Administration program. Her hobbies include homemaking, reading, and gardening.



**Rose Joyner** has been on the Pastoral Council, in various capacities since 2012 (except 2016-2017). In 2017, after 35 yrs., Rose retired as a 6th-8th grade, teacher from Alhambra USD. Rose and her husband, Danny, have been married for 40 years, and have been parishioners here since 1984. Their 3 children attended Faith Formation from Kindergarten to Confirmation. With great joy, Rose has been a Eucharistic Minister and Lector for 31 years! She is a member of the First Friday Adoration Committee, the daily rosary group (after Mass), and is a member of the Eucharistic Revival and the 60th Anniversary Jubilee Committees. Rose is also a substitute teacher for St. Louise de Marillac School. For "therapy" Rose has been designing lovely, unique, & divinely inspired jewelry, for 20+ years. She was featured in the Antelope Valley Artists Guild, gift shop, for 2 years. under her label, "Simply Elegant Designs."



The Pastoral Council strives to reflect the diversity of God's family within the parish, drawing on the gifts and talents of members of various ages, cultures and ethnicities. Also, members shall be individuals blessed with good listening skills, fully initiated and practicing Catholics, active participants in the life of the parish, committed to the Church's understanding of consultation and collaboration, committed to a life of prayer, committed to the mission and life of the parish.

Please pray and consider if you, or someone you know, might be called to be a part of this rewarding ministry! We will be accepting applications in January 2024, to fill vacancies for the 2024-25 term. Inquiries can be directed to [manager@stlouisedm.org](mailto:manager@stlouisedm.org)

## PASTORAL STAFF

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for those listed below:

Ofelia Ayala	Carolina Gil	Rick Prieto
Babineaux Family	Wendy Joyner Gomez	The Pluma and Abreo
Baby Liam	Elva Gonzalez	Families
Monica Bell	Carmen Gonzalez	Julie Ramirez
Darlene Bertelsen	Maria Del Pilar	Sylvia Robles
Lesa Brown	Perez Gonzalez	Elvira Cordero
Ron Brown	Reese Guitche	Rodriguez
Debbie Bunker	Richard Guitche	Rosa Romero Family
Geoff Cady & Family	Sheila Guitche	Susanna Ross
Salvador Carillo	Daniel Guzman	Melony Ruiz
Amelia Cendejas	Grady Hopkins	Randy Ruiz
Rudy Chavarria	David Ibanez Jr.	Lucy Moreno Saenz
Michael Chiuppi, Sr.	Jazzelle Kakuk	Maria Sanchez
Joe Corral	Teddy Kakuk	Librado Sangalang
Brandie Cuevas	Tameka Kelly	Joanne See
Doralinda DeCorse	Carmen Larrain	Ryan Soldridge
James DeCorse Jr.	Elva Maldonado	Karen Spek
Kim Dedini	Arthur Mariscal	Mary Trejo
Andrew Diaz	Dominic William	Leonardo Victoria Jr.
Marietta Domingo	Martin	David Viveros
Katherine Dominguez	Mona Merrill	Richard Viveros
Mary H. Dubrowa	Michalle Montavo	Jan White
Danny Ebner	Lucy Montoya	Al Wiscovitch
The Elias-Ojeda-Soliz	Nancy Morales	Tanya Winkelhake
Families	Carlos Najera Jr.	Josie Yates
Dolores Ericson	Sandra Neas	
Joe Escalera, Jr.	Tracie Neria	
Emily Espindola	C.J. Oddo	
Mary Fecteau	Gregory Olmos	
Michael Frank, Jr.	Anthony Pedevillano	
Don Gallegos	Susie Perez	

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, December 31st

6:30 am	St. Louise Parish Families (SI)
8:00 am:	St. Louise Parish Families (SI)
10:00 am:	St. Louise Parish Families (SI)
12:00 pm:	St. Louise Parish Families (SI)
5:00 pm:	St. Louise Parish Families (SI)

### Monday, January 1st

8:00 am:	St. Louise Parish Families (SI)
10:00 am:	St. Louise Parish Families (SI)

### Tuesday, January 2nd

8:30 am:	Ayonon Family (SI); Regina Araujo & Ryan Middleton (SI) Virginia Araujo (RIP); Arlene Blasko (RIP); Gloria C. Reyes (RIP); Gabriel Perez (RIP)
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### Wednesday, January 3rd

8:30 am:	Melvin & Darren Kantono (SI); Victor M. Gil, Sr. (RIP)
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### Thursday, January 4th

8:30 am:	Angelita Doliente (SI)
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### Friday, January 5th

8:30 am:	Ruben Corona (SI); Tita Caranto (RIP)
7:00 pm:	St. Louise Parish Families (SI)

### Saturday, January 6th

8:30 am:	Jason Cummings & Family Living & Deceased (SI); Cecilia Sandoval (SI); Alma Maciel (SI); Armando Moreno (SI); Esther Vizcarra (SI); Madel Munoz Lopez (RIP); Alexander Espalin (RIP)
4:30 pm:	Jones, Martin, Hurta, Ramirez Family (SI); Holy Souls in Purgatory; Pedro & Maria Campa (RIP); Maria Vitali (RIP)

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### The silent victims of human trafficking

Nearly every public campaign about the evils of sex trafficking involve child female victims. A majority of victims are female, but there are many male victims, and they are mostly silent. Societal expectations often lead men to feel that they should be "strong" and "assertive" enough to avoid being forced into trafficking — but these stereotypes do a disservice to male victims who may feel trapped in abusive patterns, unable to ask for the help they need. For more information and ways to help these silent victims, read the VIRTUS® article "The Most Silent Victims of Sex Trafficking" at [iacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://iacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

For more information on other ways to keep kids safe, contact Linda Filkins, the Parish Safeguard Committee Chairperson at the Parish Office at (626) 915-7873 or the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office at (213) 637-7227. For particular help, call the Victims Assistance Office at (213) 637-7650.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)

May God's peace be upon you and remain with you throughout the year.





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