

# St. Damien of Molokai

Roman Catholic Parish

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower. ©LPi



**Meeting** for ALL parents of K-6 and Confirmation September 10th at 6:30pm at St. Michael.

**Junta** para TODOS los Padres con hijos en catecismo de K-6 y Confirmación Sept 10 a las 6:30pm en la iglesia de San Miguel.

### Registration:

Grateful to the Lord for having found enough catechists, we announce another day for Registrations:  
Tuesday, September 10, from 1pm to 3pm at St. Michael, for the following programs:

- K-6 all grades
- Confirmation: Registration only for those students that are going into their second year

### Classes begin:

Confirmation: Monday, September 16  
English K-6: Tuesday, September 17  
Spanish / Español K-6: Saturday, September 21 / 21 de Septiembre



Se necesitan Catequistas para los lunes. Necesitamos recibir a los jóvenes que están en lista de espera, sin catequistas no lo podemos hacer. Ustedes son la Luz del mundo y la Sal de la tierra, considera ayudar!

Contacto: Lourdes Smith 248-332-0283



**Altar Society Meeting**  
Tuesday, 9/17/19 - 10:00 AM at St. Michael

It's that time again for our first Altar Society meeting for the new year. The meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17th at 10:00am at St. Michael's. Everyone is welcome to join. We need new members with new ideas.

**TOGETHER LET US PRAY...**These members and friends of our community are in special need of our prayers.

**OREMOS...***Por los miembros y amigos de nuestra comunidad que necesitan de nuestras oraciones.*



Adalynn Aldaco	Fred Frankenfield	Julianna Nelson	Doris Smith
Bryan Bass	Briana Garcia	Fr. Chuck Niehaus	Yolanda Starostanko
Hilda Bass	Pedro Hernandez	Noel Nieves, Jr.	John O. Tenuta
Catherine Blascyk	Dolores Hockenberry	Tanya North	Mary Delia Trevino
Victor C.	Jerome Lauinger	Rita Ochoa	Vonetta Walker
Veronica Cass	Lisa Leyva	Elysia Powers	Maria Ybarra
Steven Castillo	Elijah Lopez Pursell	Quintana-Diaz Family	
Katie Clark	Anita Mann	Luis Manuel Ramirez	
Julian Cowley	Martinez-Pineda Family	John Reynolds	<i>For All Expecting Mothers in our parish, especially: Diana Murillo Sánchez</i>
Jennifer Davis	William McInnis	Edward Robak	
Jessica Discepoli	Sarah Mellado	Jesús Ruiz	
Victor Doll	Ann Mitchell	Erica Schneider	
Portia Fields-Anderson	Ralph Morgan	Maureen Schneider	

Unless otherwise requested, the names published in the prayer list will be included for six weeks and then deleted. To renew or add, please call the Parish Office. Los nombres publicados en la lista de oraciones serán incluidos por seis semanas y después serán omitidos.

**Mass Schedule**

**ST. DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI MASS SCHEDULE**

- Monday - 8:15 am at St. Michael\*
- Monday-6:30pm - St. Michael in Spanish
- Tuesday - 8:15 am at St. Michael\*
- Wednesday-12:00 noon at St. Vincent
- Thursday - 8:15 am at St. Michael\*
- Friday - 8:15 am at St. Michael\*

**Sunday Vigil Mass:**

Saturday - 4:30 pm at St. Vincent

**Sunday**

- 9:00 am at St. Vincent in Spanish
- 9:00 am at St. Michael in English
- 11:00 am at St. Vincent in English
- 11:00 am at St. Michael in Spanish
- 7:00 pm at St. Vincent in Spanish

**Reconciliation / Confesiones**

St. Vincent Site/San Vicente  
 Saturday/Sábados 3:15 - 4:15 pm  
 Sunday/Domingo 6:15 - 6:45pm  
 Or by appointment / O con cita  
 248-332-0283

St. Michael Chapel / Capilla de San Miguel

**Adoration / Adoración Eucaristía**

Fridays-9am to 5pm / Viernes-9am-5pm

**Holy Hour / Hora Santa**

Every Friday 6:00pm / Viernes 6-7pm

**Administration**

- Pastor:** Fr. James Kean, ext. 303  
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**God Bless and keep safe ALL of our Troops wherever they are stationed. May they all be returned home safely to their families. God Bless America!**

**SACRAMENTS**

Please call the Parish Office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday for information regarding Baptism and Marriage. Must be a registered member of the Parish.

Llame a la Oficina Parroquial el martes, miércoles o jueves para obtener información sobre el bautismo y el matrimonio. Debe ser un miembro registrado de nuestra parroquia.

**Baptism / Bautizos**

Arrangements must be made at least three months prior to desired date.

Los arreglos para los bautizos se tienen que llevar a cabo al menos tres meses antes de la fecha deseada.

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**Marriage / Matrimonios**

Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to desired date.

Los arreglos para el matrimonio se tienen que llevar a cabo al menos seis meses antes de la

**MISSION STATEMENT FOR ST. DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI PARISH**

We at St. Damien of Molokai are a vibrant parish lived out in a multi-cultural experience. Following the example of our humble patron, we embrace the challenge to harmonize the diversity within our faith community in order to draw closer to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
 Pontiac Residents call: 248-975-6231

**Intention of the Priest for the Mass**

**Weekday & Saturday Intentions**

- SM** - St. Michael Church Site
- SV** - St. Vincent Church Site

**Monday, Sept. 9, 8:15AM-SM Chapel**

Lilian Gabriel (d)

**Monday, Sept. 9, 6:30PM (Esp) - SM**

Alejandra Rodriguez (d) & Maria Gutiérrez (d)

**Tuesday, Sept. 10, 8:15AM-SM Chapel**

Raquel Griffin (d)

**Wednesday, Sept. 11 12:00PM - SV**

Charles & Mary Rivetto (d) By Family

**Thursday, Sept. 12, 8:15AM-SM Chapel**

Robert Padilla (d)

**Friday, Sept. 13, 8:15AM - SM Chapel**

Diana Wolff (d)

**St. Vincent de Paul Site**

**Intentions/Intenciones**

**Saturday, September 14, 2019**

4:30pm (English)

Dick Reynolds (d) By Peggy Lynch

**Sunday/Domingo, Sept. 15, 2019**

9:00am (Español)

Randy P. Arnold (d)

11:00am (English)

Leon (d) and Grace (d) Kramer By The Reynolds and Alessi Families

7:00pm (Español)

Francisco (d) y Maria Socorro (d) Palacios

**St. Michael Site**

**Intentions/Intenciones**

**Sunday/Domingo, Sept. 15, 2019**

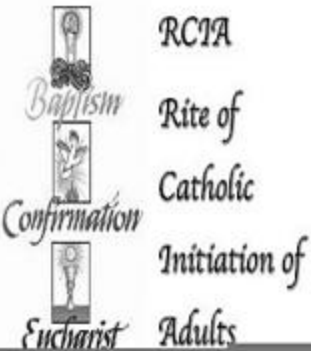
9:00am (English)

Marie Simpson (d)

11:00am (Español)


Alfredo Nasianceno (d)

- Observances for the week of September 8
- Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
- Monday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
- Wednesday: Patriot Day
- Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Friday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Saturday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday



**RCIA**  
Rite of  
Catholic  
Initiation of  
Adults

Curious Minds  
Are you curious about the Catholic Church or know someone who is? Then you may be interested in knowing about the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**. This is a process by which you come and learn about the Catholic faith. Non-baptized individuals, those baptized in another faith tradition and baptized Catholics who have not received 1<sup>st</sup> Communion or Confirmation are invited to participate in this process. If you have any questions and would like more information, call the Parish Office (248-332-0283) and speak to Maria Jimenez.



**¡HOY!**  
**Celebración de San Nicolas Tolentino**  
**8 de Septiembre**

La festividad de San Nicolas Tolentino se llevará a cabo el 8 de Septiembre. Empezará a las 10:00am en el Parque que esta ubicado en Edison St. con una peregrinación que terminará en la Iglesia de San Miguel para continuar con la misa de 11:00am.

**CLASES DE PLANIFICACION - NATURAL DE LA FAMILIA**

La planificación natural familiar son los métodos naturales de planificación que ayudan a la pareja a evitar o lograr un embarazo.

Las clases de Planificación Familiar empiezan en Septiembre 14 a las 6:00 p.m. para inscripciones por favor llamar a la oficina de la parroquia Tel. 248- 332-0283.

**Weekly Offertory Report**  
August 25, 2019 - \$8,224.



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**Active Parishioner Status**

We receive many requests for parishioners to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and requests for reference letters, etc. For our parish office to fulfill a request, we need to be able to verify that a person is an "active member" of St. Damien of Molokai Parish. An "active member" of St. Damien of Molokai Parish is:

- Properly registered (complete a registration form) and supporting the Church
- Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days
- Participates in parish activities when possible
- Uses the parish envelope system for donations.

Adult children living at home are required to register separately from their parents as parishioners. While assessments of an inquirer's status will be made individually, the above are the main factors what will be considered in making that determination.



**Knights & Ladies of Peter Claver**  
**Congratulations** to The Ladies of St. Peter Claver - St. Monica's Court 303 as they celebrated their 30th Anniversary Sunday, August 25, 2019 at St. Vincent with Fr. Jake VanAssche. (pictured with Fr. Grayson Heenan)

**The Food Pantry** serves local families by providing supplemental groceries for people who have a difficult time sustaining themselves and their families. The Food Pantry is run solely on donations from our parishioners. At the present time, **the Food Pantry needs:**

- Beef Stew
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Spaghetti (noodles)
- Tuna Fish
- Tuna Helper
- Cereal
- Spaghetti O's
- Canned Fruit

Please continue to bring nonperishable foods to either church site (no expired food & no glass containers please).



**Thank you!**  
**God bless you.**  
*Deanna Cauley*  
*Christian Service*



**Knights of Columbus**  
**San Juan Diego Council 13930**  
Installation of Officers  
Sunday, August 25, 2019 at St. Vincent with Fr. Grayson Heenan  
Grand Knight Alejandro Rivera

St. Damien of Molokai Parish  
invites you to our:

# Parish Fair



Learn about Parish Ministries,  
Services, Groups

Meet your fellow parishioners

Come for lunch and fellowship

When: Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Where: Parish Hall (Next to St. Vincent).



A raffle will be held for the benefit of our parish. Please support our parish by buying raffle tickets. First prize is a 65" LG UHD TV!



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