

St. Damien of Molokai

Roman Catholic Parish

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 15, 2019




"Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain?" In this Sunday's Gospel, we learn the context for the forthcoming parables about the lost and found. A great mixed crowd surrounds Jesus. The religious elite are present, along with all manner of local lowlifes. The Pharisees seem a bit upset that this wasn't the lecture series they were hoping for. Why would Jesus welcome sinners?

Jesus responds as if it's the most obvious thing in the world. "Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep... rejoice because I have found the coin that I lost, let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine... was lost, and has been found!" Each of the parables features a dramatic example. Of 99 sheep, one has gone astray. Of 10 coins, one has gone missing. The welcomed son has previously been a covetous scoundrel. Jesus' point to the Pharisees is clear. If the Gospel really is "good news," if our faith really has the power to save, why wouldn't we want everyone drawing near? Why wouldn't we do everything in our power to eke out that possibility for every single person, no matter where they have wandered? After all, if this message is not of value to everyone, why is it of value to anyone?

Our Christian faith is not a matter of rule adherence for the perfectionist elite. In our own ways, each of us is the lost sheep, the prodigal son. There is no one who "has no need of repentance." The Church is a mixed crowd. And we are mixed people. And the Gospel has good news for each of us today! There is no one Jesus doesn't go after, no one he does not catch sight of "while... still a long way off," no one to whom he does not run to embrace and welcome home. ©LPi

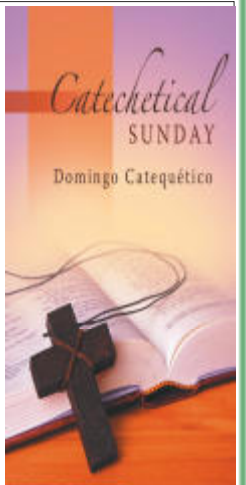


Classes begin: Confirmation: Monday, September 16, 6:00pm
 English Kindergarten-6th Grade: Tuesday, September 17, 6:00pm
 Spanish / Español K-6: Saturday, September 21 / 21 de Septiembre, 10:00am

	RCIA	Curious Minds
	Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults	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 st 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.
		

Catechetical Sunday
 This year, the Archdiocese of Detroit will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on **September 15, 2019** with the theme of "**Encountering the Risen Christ**." On this special day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to our parish community to pass on the Catholic Faith to our families. We also celebrate our parents, grandparents, and guardians by recognizing their important role in teaching the faith. **The parish community is encouraged to pray for all catechists** who dedicate themselves to the mission of helping those they teach to encounter Jesus and grow in their love for Him.

Blessing of Catechists
Jesus, on the road to Emmaus, your followers were frightened and alone; you had just been put to death on a cross. They met a man on the road leading away from Jerusalem who told them all about you and what your presence among them meant. They did not realize that the man speaking and walking with them was you, raised from the dead.
When their eyes were opened and they received the gift of faith, they turned around to spread the word. We ask you to bless all your disciples who now work as catechists in our parishes. Bless them and give encouragement to their work, that it will have an impact upon the world. We ask all this in your name, Jesus, our companion on the road from Emmaus. Amen.



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	Carlos Moyet	Maureen Schneider
Bryan Bass	Briana Garcia	Julianna Nelson	Doris Smith
Hilda Bass	Pedro Hernandez	Fr. Chuck Niehaus	Yolanda Starostanko
Catherine Blascyk	Dolores Hockenberry	Noel Nieves, Jr.	John O. Tenuta
Victor C.	Jerome Lauinger	Tanya North	Mary Delia Trevino
Veronica Cass	Lisa Leyva	Rita Ochoa	Vonetta Walker
Steven Castillo	Elijah Lopez Pursell	Elysia Powers	Tabitha Wardell
Katie Clark	Anita Mann	Quintana-Diaz Family	Maria Ybarra
Julian Cowley	Martinez-Pineda Family	Luis Manuel Ramirez	
Jennifer Davis	William McInnis	John Reynolds	
Jessica Discepoli	Sarah Mellado	Edward Robak	
Victor Doll	Ann Mitchell	Jesús Ruiz	
Portia Fields-Anderson	Ralph Morgan	Erica Schneider	

For All Expecting Mothers in our parish, especially: Diana Murillo Sánchez

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*
 *In the Chapel 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

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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.

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 fecha deseada para casarse.

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. 16, 8:15AM-SM Chapel
 For Our Religious Education Program, Maria Charria, Lourdes Smith and All Catechists

Monday, Sept. 16, 6:30PM (Esp) - SM
 Por los Estudiantes de Confirmación

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 8:15AM-SM Chapel
 Laurence & Maria Martin (I)

Wednesday, Sept. 18 12:00PM - SV
 Anil Mathew (I) By Rose Mathew

Thursday, Sept. 19, 8:15AM-SM Chapel
 Nermie L. Morgan (d) By Denise Morgan

Friday, Sept. 20, 8:15AM - SM Chapel
 Jose L. (d) and Thalia (d) Gonzales

St. Vincent de Paul Site

Intentions/Intenciones

Saturday, September 21, 2019 4:30pm (English)
 Sebastian Mathew (I) By Rose Mathew

Sunday/Domingo, Sept. 22, 2019 9:00am (Español)
 Ignacio Alvarado-Lopez (1st Anniv.)

11:00am (English)
 Joe Mendoza (d) & Lupe Paramo (d) By Family

7:00pm (Español)
 Guadalupe Cruz (d)

St. Michael Site

Intentions/Intenciones

Sunday/Domingo, Sept. 22, 2019 9:00am (English)
 Ronald Smith, Jr. (1st Anniv.) By Family

11:00am (Español)
 Jbellamy Quintana-Diaz, Acción de Gracias By Burgos-Alvarado Family

Observances for the week of September 15, 2019
 Sunday: Catechetical Sunday
 Monday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
 Tuesday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 Thursday: St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
 Friday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs
 Saturday: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
San Juan Diego Council 13930

Sunday, September 22nd, 9:00am to 2:00pm
Parish Hall (next to St. Vincent Church site)

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT MEXICAN AND AMERICAN BREAKFAST

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Potatoes, Sausage, Ham, Chorizo & Egg Burritos, Rice, Beans, Juice & Coffee



**TODO LO QUE PUEDA COMER
COMIDA DESAYUNO MEXICANO Y AMERICANO**

Burrito de Chorizo y Huevo, Arroz y Frijoles, Pancakes, Salchichas, Jamón, Papas, Jugo y Café



Adults/Adultos \$7.00 / Children/Niños (5 to 10 yrs) \$4.00
Children four years old and under are free.

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



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

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

October is National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month

The Most Reverend Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, October 6 at 11 a.m. in honor of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Join us to remember those who have been lost, and to pray for couples hoping to conceive a child. Please RSVP to pregnancymass@aod.org or (313) 237-4679 and tell us:

- if you would like a blessing for desiring a pregnancy
- the name of the baby, infant or child who died.



St. Damien of Molokai Baptisms

September 8, 2019

Mario Anuel Vigil Cibrián

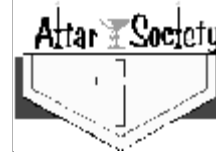
Welcome Child of God



In Memoriam

*Guadalupe Cruz
September 6, 2019*

May she rest in peace.



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. Everyone is welcome to join. New members and new ideas needed.

Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 17
7:30pm at St. Michael

Weekly Offertory Report



September 1, 2019 - \$ 7,822.
September 8, 2019 - \$ 9,090.

La Arquidiócesis de Detroit presenta la



10^A CONFERENCIA DE MUJERES HISPANAS

“MUJER DISEÑO PERFECTO DE DIOS”

“Porque ha hecho en mi favor cosas grandes el Poderoso, Santo es su nombre” Lc 1:49

Sábado 19 de Octubre 2019
Seminario Mayor del Sagrado Corazón
2701 W. Chicago Rd. Detroit, MI 48206

Se invita a todas las mujeres de 13 años en adelante. Venta de boletos en las parroquias y en línea en: www.aod.org/Mujer
Para más información 313-237-4683



2019 Image of God Banquet
Thursday, October 3, 2019

SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY
2701 Chicago Blvd, Detroit, MI 48207

We now have four Catholic Crisis Pregnancy Centers – one in Madison Heights, and three located within the city of Detroit in neighborhoods where the needs of pregnant women are the greatest.

Our dedication to sharing the love of Jesus Christ has resulted in hundreds of pregnant women choosing life, receiving parent education classes, as well as life planning and spiritual guidance. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Dinner promptly at 7:00 p.m.

\$40.00 per person - \$280.00 per table (of eight)

Please make check payable to:
Image of God CPC,

33700 Groesbeck Hwy, Fraser MI 48026

All donations welcome!

For Information Contact Joe Monte 313-331-4728

Parroquia de San Damián de Molokai
Acompañanos a las
Noches de Kerygma

Todos están invitados!
Adoración, Alabanza,
Testimonio, y Convivencia

En Español
Viernes, Octubre 4, 2019
7:00-8:30pm
Iglesia de San Miguel



St. Damien of Molokai Parish
Join us for
Kerygma Nights

All are invited!
An evening of adoration, praise,
testimony and fellowship

In English
Monday, October 7, 2019
6:00-7:30pm
St Michael Church



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