



# HAPPENINGS

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS FIRST TRIMESTER 2023-2024



We congratulate the following students who received the Principal's Award for Service for the first trimester of the 2023-2024 school year:

**TK**  
Madelyn Cruz

**Kindergarten**  
Luna Bello

**First Grade**  
Jacob Flores

**Second Grade**  
Noah Flores

**Third Grade**  
Sophia Martinez

**Fourth Grade**  
Emma Burciaga

**Fifth Grade**  
Luke Perez

**Sixth Grade**  
Madison Chase

**Seventh Grade**  
Mariam Hana

**Eighth Grade**  
Rebecca Rivera

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## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES WENT SMOOTHLY!

The Parent Teacher Conferences went very smoothly and hopefully will benefit the children through the rest of this year!

The teachers are grateful to you, the parents, for your promptness in attendance, for your suggestions and insights about your child, and for your never-ending support. Thank you so much & we continue to pray for a successful school year!

## A BIG GRATEFUL THANK YOU!!

The teachers and I owe a big THANK YOU to the Parent Club & the 2nd Grade & 5th Grade Room Parents for the delicious dinners for both Conference days. The atmosphere was beautiful and the food a delicious touch making for some delightful, relaxing hours. Bless you!



## Special Dates of Interest:

- ◇ Dec. 4th & 5th—"Advent Confessions (Grs. 3 thru 8)
- ◇ Dec. 8th—"All School" Mass (Grs. TK-8) 10 am – Church
- ◇ Dec. 12th—"All School" OLG Mass (Grs. TK-8) 8:30 am – Church
- ◇ Dec. 19th—Christmas Concert 6:30 pm—Church
- ◇ Dec. 20—Christmas Class Parties  
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- ◇ Dec. 21st—Jan. 3rd—**CHRISTMAS BREAK**
- ◇ Jan. 4th—**SCHOOL RESUMES**
- ◇ Jan. 8th-18th—**STAR TESTING Window**
- ◇ Jan. 15th—**NO SCHOOL ( ML KING Holiday)**
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# Important to Remember...



## LOOKING AHEAD...

The following is a list of upcoming important dates to remember:

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- ◇ Jan. 23rd—**8th Gr. Graduation Pictures**
- ◇ Jan. 28th—**School's "Open House"**  
10 am Mass / Open House 11 am to 1:30 pm
- ◇ Jan. 30th—**2nd Trimester Deficiency Notices Go Home!**
- ◇ Jan. 31st— **"IN-N-OUT' Lunch Day!**  
"Visions & Hearing" Testing (Grs. TK—8)

## Words of the Week:

**"Try to be a rainbow  
in someone's cloud."  
– Maya Angelou**

## Advent Confessions...

Our 3rd thru 8th graders will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation next Monday, Dec. 4th (Grs. 3-5) and Tuesday, Dec. 5th (Grs. 6-8).



We encourage all to attend the Parish Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, Dec. 20th, at 7:00 pm.



## Scrip News...

There will not be a Scrip order placed for physical gift cards the week of Thanksgiving; however, you may still place orders to Reload cards and for eGift cards during that week. We have added extra Scrip ordering days for your holiday shopping. Please see the Holiday SCRIP calendar on page 11 of today's Happenings newsletter or visit the school website for more information.

### ATTENTION ROOM PARENTS

Christmas Party money is now available for pick up at the school office.

The parties will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 20th, at 11:15 a.m. Please arrive for set up at 10:30 a.m. The children will be getting a pizza treat at the party! Thank you!

### PARENTS of Students with Food Allergies:

Be aware that on Wednesday, Dec. 20th, are the Class Christmas parties. The Room Parents will be distributing class treats and there will be pizza for all the students.

If your child(ren) has special dietary requirements due to allergies, please make appropriate arrangements for your child(ren).

St. Louise De Marillac School Choirs Present

# CHORAL CHRISTMAS *Concert*

**DECEMBER 19TH, 2023**

St. Louise De Marillac Church  
6:30pm

Join us for some  
Holiday fun!

**(See page 4 for dress attire for the students for that night!)**



# JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS CHEER!

The students of Saint Louise de Marillac school invite you to our Choral Christmas Concert! All students have been working so hard to present this gift to you. Admission is free!

Please see below for Concert  
Dress:

**ALL: PLEASE COME IN YOUR BEST FORMAL CHRISTMAS ATTIRE. PLEASE WEAR EITHER RED, GREEN, OR WHITE. STUDENTS MUST FOLLOW ALL ST. LOUISE DRESS CODE RULES.**

## **GIRLS**

- **BLACK, CLOSED TOE DRESSY SHOES OR BLACK SCHOOL SHOES**
- **MODEST DRESS OR SKIRT, OR BLACK SLACKS**
- **MODEST BLOUSE WITH SLEEVES**

## **BOYS**

- **BLACK DRESS SHOES OR BLACK SCHOOL SHOES**
- **BLACK DRESS PANTS OR SLACKS WITH A BELT (NO JEANS)**
- **BUTTON DOWN SHIRT WITH COLLAR AND LONG SLEEVES, OR POLO**



# Read-A-Thon Update

**St. Louise De Marillac School extends a heartfelt THANK YOU to our school community! Our overall donations raised was \$20,050 and SLDMS will receive \$16,040.**

**We're incredibly proud of our readers and grateful for your support, which made our fundraiser a success. Our students had a wonderful time reading.**

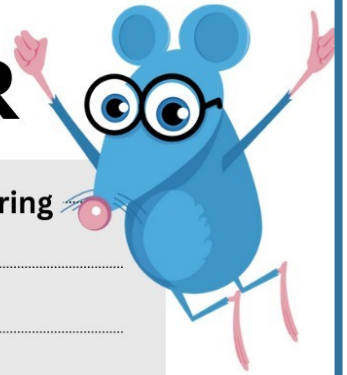
**We can't wait to host another Read-A-Thon next year!**

**Thank you,**

**SLDM Parent Club**



# READ-A-THON TRACKER



SAVING FOR ..... Updating and expanding our WIFI system and wiring

START DATE ..... 10/31/23

AMOUNT ..... \$14,000

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SLDM READ-A-THON 2023



# SLS Weekly Sports News

## St Louise Sports Weekly Schedule for Nov 27th - Dec 3rd

Notes: Thank you for those that have turned in their uniforms. If you have not done so yet, please turn into office with your name on it. Thank You!

### Save the dates:

Dec 5th – Tuesday : Fall Sports Banquet

- 5:30 – 6:30 : Cross Country B/C levels, Girls B Volleyball, Boys B Football
- 6:30 – 7:30 : Cross Country A level, Boys A Football, Girls A Volleyball

Dec 17th – 23rd: Boys / Girls A level Basketball Tourney at Cantwell High School

Tuesday, Nov 28th:

- A Girls Basketball Practice 3:00 – 4:30 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade can participate)
- A Boys Basketball Practice 3:00 – 4:30 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade can participate)
- Cheer Practice 3:00 – 4:30

Wednesday, Nov 29th:

- A Girls Basketball Practice 3:00 – 4:30 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade can participate)
- A Boys Basketball Practice 3:00 – 4:30 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade can participate)
- Cross Country 3:00 – 3:45

Thursday, Nov 30th:

- A Girls Basketball Practice 3:00 – 4:30 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade can participate)
- A Boys Basketball Practice 3:00 – 4:30 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade can participate)

Friday, Dec 1st: No after school sports activities

Saturday, Dec 2nd: No after school sports activities

Sunday, Dec 3rd:

- Cross Country Championship Meet ( 5400 Monroe Ave, South Gate—2:45 - 4:30)



## GO VIKINGS!

### McKinley Children's Center "Christmas Gift Drive"

**For the children in the care of McKinley Children's Center, most have never celebrated a holiday or know what it's like to receive a gift from someone who cares. All of us can be that someone!**

**We have the names of over 600 children who requested gift cards in the amounts of \$10 thru \$20. This year, the school has again been asked to participate in this giving program by taking 100 of these ornaments.**

**Please note: Due to a delay in getting the ornament requests, the "ornaments" with the children's names & requests will be on a "Christmas Giving" tree in the school office beginning next Monday, Dec. 4th.**

**Because these gift cards are like cash, we ask that you return your gifts before Tuesday, December 15th, to the SCHOOL OFFICE ONLY.**

*Support their efforts and make a child happy!*



## St. Louise Night at the Staples Center!!! LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS vs. OKC Thunders!



Our Varsity Boys & Girls Basketball Teams will play on the court prior to the Clipper's game!

**Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024**

**Last Day to Order:**

**TUES., JAN. 9TH**

Our Varsity Basketball (Girls or Boys), have invited the Sacred Heart teams of Covina to play on the Staples Center floor before the Clippers game from 12 Noon to 2:00 pm; and, all are invited to join them! Every person needs a ticket to enter the arena. **Tickets are \$31.00 per person.** If you are ONLY going to the Varsity games, you need a ticket. If you are ONLY going to the Clippers game, you need a ticket. If you are going to BOTH, you need a ticket. So get your tickets now!

Tickets for this evening will be available ONLY online through your Blackbaud Tuition account. The deadline to order is **Tuesday, January 9th.**

You will be ordering and paying for your Clippers tickets through your Blackbaud Tuition account. Orders will not be accepted through the school office. Please follow the steps below to access the ordering process. If you have any questions regarding the ordering process, please contact Denise Wold in the finance department at [denisew@stlouisedm.org](mailto:denisew@stlouisedm.org) or call her at 626-915-7873, ext. 211.

### "PURCHASE OPTIONAL ITEMS" INSTRUCTIONS (Shopping Cart)

- 1) Log into your Blackbaud Tuition account -
- 2) Select "purchase optional items" at the top of the screen
- 3) "Select student(s)" in the middle of the screen
- 4) Check the name of all students you wish to order for and select "go"
- 5) Check all of the items you wish to order for each student
- 6) Choose the quantity you wish to order for each student (please note your total amount below)
- 7) Select "save"
- 8) Consent to the agreement (this is a description of the shopping cart items you have purchased)
- 9) Check "I have read the description of this item and agree to purchase" (you will have to do this for each item)
- 10) Check "I understand that all purchases are final and non-refundable" (you will have to do this for each item)
- 11) Select "agree"
- 12) Select "continue"
- 13) Click "pay now" (all shopping cart items are pay now items - they cannot be added to your SMART invoice)
- 14) Choose account to be used for payment – you may use an existing saved payment method or add a new one



**DEADLINE: 01/08/2024**

## St. Louise De Marillac School

Dear Parent or Student,  
Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. In addition, revenues from Recognition Ads help our school create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions listed below. Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales. Please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please also consider our school's ad content guidelines below during the creation of your ad online. All orders must be placed by 01/08/2024. Prices will go up \$15 each for any orders after this date until 02/08/2024.

Please use a computer and not your phone to place your order since it usually does not work well on the phone. You do not need to input a school code in order to place an order.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Flores via email at [floresk@stlouisedm.org](mailto:floresk@stlouisedm.org).

ORDER BY 01/08/2024

### COLOR AD

1/4 Page	\$50.00
1/8 Page	\$30.00

\*Tax, service and delivery fee(s) will be added if applicable.

**PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE ON ORDERS OF \$30 OR MORE.**

## 3 EASY STEPS TO CREATE A YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD!



### Step 1

Choose your ad size and layout  
(Options may vary by school.)



### Step 2

Add your photos



### Step 3

Enter your text

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What are the guidelines for recognition ad content?

Schools may review and edit ads per their guidelines. Jostens retains the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.

### School Ad Content Guidelines:

Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

### How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?

Recognition ad prices are determined by our school. Revenue from recognition ads helps the school create a better, more affordable yearbook.

### How is the ad deadline determined?

The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

### Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?

Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.



(800) 358-0800  
[jostensadservice.com/student](http://jostensadservice.com/student)

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# RAISE DAYS

NOV 16 - 17

100+ Bonuses • Earnings up to 22%

## Things to Know

- 2 days only. 100+ brands on bonus.
- Bonuses apply to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards only.
- Participants must have an online account to participate.

## How to Participate

### Already have a RaiseRight participant account?

View and shop bonuses November 16-17 on the RaiseRight mobile app or at [RaiseRight.com](https://RaiseRight.com).

### Don't have a RaiseRight yet?

Follow the easy steps to get started at [RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning](https://RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning).

Check with your program coordinator to get your organization's unique enrollment code.


## Get a Sneak Peek of all Raise Days bonuses

Exclusively in the RaiseRight mobile app, Wednesday, November 15



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## Special Scrip Order Calendar for November/December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 12	Nov 13 <b>Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Fri., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17 <b>Pick up order from Mon., Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> after 12 pm</b>	Nov 18
Nov 19	Nov 20 <b>No Scrip Orders for physical gift cards this week</b>	Nov 21	Nov 22	Nov 23  <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	Nov 24	Nov 25
Nov 26	Nov 27 <b>Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Fri., Dec 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30 <b>Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Wed., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Dec 1 <b>Pick up order from Mon., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> after 12 pm</b>	Dec 2
Dec 3	Dec 4 <b>Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Fri., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7 <b>Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Wed., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Dec 8 <b>Pick up order from Mon., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> after 12 pm</b>	Dec 9
Dec 10	Dec 11 <b>Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Fri., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14 <b><u>**Last Day to order scrip for 2023**</u> Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Wed., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Dec 15 <b>Pick up order from Mon., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> after 12 pm</b>	Dec 16
Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20 <b>Pick up order from Thurs., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> after 12 pm</b>	Dec 21 <b>No Scrip Orders for physical gift cards will be placed during Christmas Break</b>	Dec 22	Dec 23

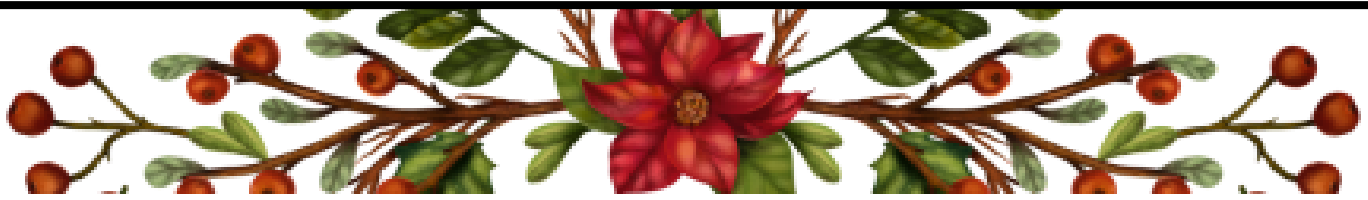
**Regular scrip schedule resumes on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**Orders in by 8:30 am, January 8th will be ready for pick up on Fri., January 12th after 12 pm.**

# THANK YOU!

THANK YOU TO ALL THE BOYS AND DADS WHO ATTENDED  
THE YOUNG KNIGHTS OF FRASSATI VOLCANO HIKE.





**St. Louise de Marillac Catholic Church**

**Confirmation/ Youth Ministry**

*Poinsettia Fundraiser*

Come support and purchase your Christmas Poinsettias from our St. Louise de Marillac Youth Ministry on December 10, 2023 between 8 am -1 pm.

**Any questions please contact: Ivonne Melendrez 626-332-5822 or email: Ivonnem@stlouisedm.org**

**Make Checks payable to: St. Louise Youth Ministry  
Memo: Poinsettia Fundraiser**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Poinsettia 'Freedom'

6 inch Potted Flower Quality plant are \$20 each with a Memorial ornament bearing the Name of your Deceased. Each plant is wrapped in foil, making it ideal option for gift giving.

( ) for Pick up 12/10 \$20.00 x Qty \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Name on Memorial Ornament:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*You may purchase Poinsettias to decorate our altar during Christmas.**

Each Poinsettia comes with an ornament, place the names to be displayed on the ornaments, on the back of the order form. 1-2 names fit on the ribbon.

( ) for Church Decoration \$20.00 x Qty \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

*Additional Available items for purchase:*

Porcelain Wings: \$5 each x Qty \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Keyring Silver wings: \$5 each x Qty \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount of your Order=** \_\_\_\_\_



*Thank you for your continued support!*

*Purchase by the Hall*

DECEMBER 10 TH



8 AM -1 PM

1720 E. Covina Blvd.  
Covina, Ca 91724

## PASTOR'S CORNER



### State of the American Worker

During the pandemic, we saw small businesses fail or struggle to survive and had to reduce their staff. Many workers were let go. I certainly was one of the many people who assumed that when the pandemic ended, workers would be flocking back to their old jobs, or new jobs like their old jobs that re-opened. That didn't happen. In the service industry, workers did not come back. Where did they go? Workers decided that the pay they received before the pandemic did not sustain them, and they were not going back to the exact same condition. Many young people went into the "gig" economy and hoped to manage their own financial situation. Older

workers decided it was time to retire. The time spent at home with loved ones opened up a whole new way to live with their family. People had learned to do with less, as long as one partner in the marriage was able to earn enough for them to live, even if more modestly than before.

Then we started to see a new phenomenon. Union workers began striking for more money and better benefits. Other workers began to organize their workplaces to get a union. We have not seen this level of organizing in decades. I believe Shawn Fain, UAW President, said it best when he said record profits should lead to record contracts. Working people wanted to share in the wealth their companies were enjoying. Some of you may be pro-union, others anti-union. Regardless, let's take a look at what the Catholic Church says about working people. The tradition in our Church of defending the rights of working people has deep roots. It is based on the concept that all people have a right to be treated with dignity.

*Rerum Novarum*, the 1891 encyclical letter by Pope Leo XIII, is often considered the founding document of modern Catholic social teaching. Alarmed that "industrialization was becoming the occasion of great injustice ...for the working class," the Holy Father called on the faithful to "save unfortunate working people from the cruelty of men of greed, who use human beings as mere instruments for money-making."

In 1931, Pope Pius XI reaffirmed and elaborated the *Rerum Novarum's* teaching. Pius expressed continuing concern about the unjust distribution of wealth, and brought into conformity the norms of the common good, that is, social justice.

After Holy Scripture itself, *Gaudium Et Spes* (1965), a document of the Vatican II ecumenical council, is the most authoritative of all Church documents. The Council declared that the right to form labor unions without fear of retaliation is a basic human right. "These should be able truly to represent [workers]... Included is the right of freely taking part in the activity of these unions without risk of reprisal."



In the 1981 document, *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II clarified further the right to strike: "workers should be assured the right to strike, without being subjected to sanctions for taking part in a strike."

In 2009, in his Encyclical letter *Caritas in Veritate*, Pope Benedict XVI noted "the promotion of workers' associations that can defend their rights must ... be honored today even more than in the past."

Maybe we shouldn't be surprised at the movements around worker's rights. In our Church, it has a long history.

*Fr. Robert Fulton*

Pastor

# PARISH NEWS...

## CHRISTMAS CARD COLLECTION

As we have done for many years, St. Louise de Marillac can make the Christmas holiday better for our incarcerated brothers at the California Institute for Men in Chino. Just the simple act of providing Christmas Cards and postage will make it possible for these men to stay connected with their families and loved ones during a difficult time of the year.

Because of the security requirements of this facility, we're asking that all of us donate new, unopened boxes of Christmas Cards and separate stamps. The Catholic Chaplain at Chino has requested the cards for that institution have religious themes. Donations will be accepted from November 18th to December 3rd. Collection boxes for the cards will be in the Parish Center and in the church for your convenience. The separate postage stamps should be brought to the Parish Center office. Our deacons will coordinate their delivery to Castaic and Chino.

Thank you in advance for your support of this program.

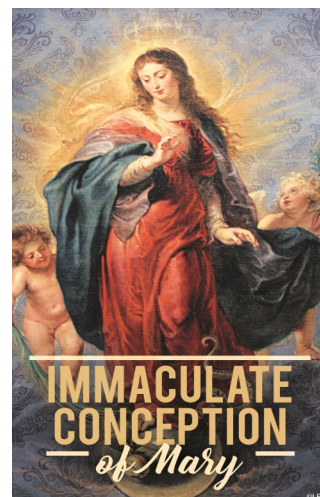
## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

Immaculate Conception Feast Day Mass Schedule:

- Thursday, December 7th Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM
- Friday, December 8th at 8:30 AM
- Friday, December 8th at 7:00 PM.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mary was Immaculate because she was the Mother of God. She, herself has received the original grace of purity and the final state of the blessed life that we also, by collaborating with Divine Grace, hope one day to receive. Immaculate Mary is full of grace.



### DID YOU KNOW?

#### How do groomers work?

Groomers start by picking out a potential victim, often a child who is emotionally vulnerable or isolated, or with low self-esteem. Then, groomers will start to slowly build a relationship — bonding over an alleged shared interest and expanding relationships out to build trust with the victim's family and friends. Groomers work hard to make themselves appear trustworthy and safe, to gain better access to their victims. From there, they can isolate their victims and perpetrate abuse.

For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "The Many Stages of Grooming":

at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.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.

*Come see our 60th  
Jubilee Float in the  
Covina Christmas Parade*  
**Saturday, December 2nd  
6:30 PM**

**Parade Route**  
Parade begins at  
Citrus Ave. and  
Badillo St., travels  
west on Badillo St.  
to Hollenbeck Ave.,  
turns south on  
Hollenbeck Ave. to  
Puente St.

ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC  
60<sup>TH</sup>  
1963 2023  
SIXTIETH JUBILEE