



# HAPPENINGS

St. Louise de Marillac School presents

## A North Pole Christmas

Pack your scarves and blankets - you're invited to a Christmas under the stars!

Eat, drink, and be merry as our little elves jingle all the way to the big screen during our Drive-in Christmas Concert

See you there!

Check out all the details for this fun event below!

1720 E Covina Blvd | December 16, 2021 | 6:30pm

## Christmas Concert Guidelines

1. The show will go on if weather permits. If there is rain, we will share the link with families to view at home.
2. Families may begin arriving at 6:00 p.m. The show starts at 6:30 p.m.
3. A special visitor from the North Pole will be available for a visit and picture between 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
4. There are two options for viewing:
  - a. There will be a section for those that wish to watch the show from lawn chairs directly in front of the screen. Bring blankets and wear warm clothing!
  - b. There will be approximately 65 spaces available for those who would like to view from their car. Larger vehicles will be directed to park in the back row.
5. If you are watching from your chair, we ask that you please park on the street
6. If you are watching from your car, please only one vehicle per family.
7. Staff will be directING traffic that evening. Please listen to the direction of staff members.
8. If you are parking on the street, please enter the campus through the Bonnie Cove exit or the driveway between the church and parish offices.
9. Light refreshments will be available that evening.
10. We ask all families to stay for the duration of the show, which will be approximately 1 hour.
11. Students should sit with their families throughout the event. There will be no student supervision available that evening since students will be in the care of their families.
12. At the end of the evening, **PLEASE**, exit the lot carefully and watch for pedestrians.

**AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, ENJOY THE CONCERT  
THIS SPECIAL GIFT FROM YOUR CHILD(REN)!**

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## Special Dates of Interest:

- Thurs., Dec. 16th  
School's "Christmas Concert" - 6:30 pm
- Fri., Dec. 17th  
Noon Dismissal/ NO DAYCARE  
(Christmas/New Year's break begins)
- Mon., Dec. 20th, thru Fri., Dec. 31st  
No School (Christmas/New Year's Holiday)
- Mon., Jan. 3rd—School Resumes
- Mon., Jan. 17th—NO SCHOOL (MLK, Jr. Holiday)
- Tues., Jan. 25th  
2nd Trimester Deficiency Notices Go Home
- Fri., Jan. 28th  
"Move-a-Thon" Fundraiser Day
- Sun., Jan. 30th  
School's "Open House"  
11:00 am—1:00 pm (All Classrooms)

# Important to Remember..

## EARLY DISMISSAL DATE...

There will be **EARLY DISMISSAL** this Friday, Dec. 17th, at 12:00 noon, so that the faculty & staff can attend their staff Christmas lunch.

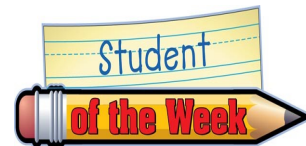


<https://longan.henricoschools.us/early->

Remember, school resumes on Monday, Jan. 3rd.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

(For days of Nov. 29, 2021 through Dec. 3, 2021)



**Alexia Gonzalez, Gr. TK**, was recognized for being a kind friend to everyone and for being a good listener. Great job!

**Emma Burciaga, Gr. 2**, was recognized for showing excellent leadership skills in the classroom; and, for working hard to maintain focus during lessons. Keep up the fantastic work, Emma!

**Samuel Barrera, Gr. 5**, was recognized for displaying excellent behavior inside and outside the classroom; for being a friend to all; and, for always having a clean and organized desk. Great job, Samuel!

**Chloe Perez, Gr. 8**, was recognized for having an outstanding attitude, good work ethic, and bring an all-around athlete! Great job, Chloe!

**WELL DONE !!**

## Important Day Care News...



Early Reminder...There will be **NO Day Care provided on Friday, Dec. 17th**, as school will be dismissed at **12 NOON** that day for the School's Christmas break.

This is so that all staff may attend the faculty Christmas party. Please make appropriate arrangements to have your child(ren) picked up at the 12 noon dismissal time that day.

**Thanks for your understanding!**

## Words of the Week:

**Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem.**

**May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of GOD made MAN."**

**- Pope Francis**

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

### ATTENTION ROOM PARENTS

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

The parties will take place on Friday, Dec. 17th, 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 Friday, Dec. 17th, 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).

## Scrip News...

The scrip order from Monday, December 13th will be arriving early! All orders placed by 8:30 am on Monday, December 13th will be ready to be picked up on Wednesday, December 15th after 2:30 pm.

As a reminder, this was the last order for 2021, we will not be placing Scrip orders during Christmas vacation however you may still place orders for Reload and ScripNow during the break. Our regular Scrip order schedule will resume in January. The first order for 2022 will be Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, and those orders will be ready for pick up on Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>





# Merry CHRISTMAS

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

Mrs. Oson  
Ms. Durkin

Mr. Harmon

MRS. FLORES  
Mrs. Sandgren

Miss Silva  
Denise Wold

Mrs. Cavitt

The faculty and staff of St. Louise School wish each of you and your families, a blessed, peaceful Christmas and a New Year of happiness and good health!

Ms. Murray

Ms. Pompey

Miss Ellis

Mrs. Luna

Ms. Sue Reyes

Mr. Ebner-Gavit  
Mrs. New  
Mrs. Vasquez

Mrs. Perri

Mrs. Campos

Ms. Linares

Sandra Patahot

# Did You Know..

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

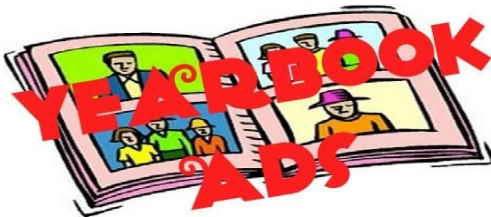
**For the children in the care of McKinley Children's Center, most have never celebrated a holiday or know what it's like to receive a gift from someone who cares. All of us can be that someone!**

**The church has the names of over 450 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. One hundred "ornaments" with the children's names & requests will be on a "Christmas Giving" tree in the school office beginning next Monday, Dec. 7th.**

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

**Each year we receive such an overwhelming response and an outpouring of generosity from the St. Louis community. Thank you in advance for your kindness!**

*Support their efforts and make a child happy!*



<https://www.wayne-local.com/district-news/entry/senior->

The yearbook dedications link is now open. Please note that: Dedication ads must be created and paid online through Jostens by going to the following online link:

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/jcom/router.mvc?affiliateId=1003697>

We are offering **two** sizes of yearbook dedications, **1/8 page and 1/4-page dedication ads**. All dedication ads (PDA's) are full color and include images and text. You can customize the PDA by selecting your text/image layout and choice of fonts. The cost

for the ads is as follows:

From Nov. 1st thru January 9th  
1/8-page ads are \$30  
1/4 page ads are \$50

From January 10th – February 10th  
1/8-page ads are \$35  
1/4 page ads are \$55

Our yearbook staff reserves the right to edit all ads to fit our yearbook layout constraints and therefore, your ad may differ slightly from what is viewed in the final yearbook.

**Final deadline to order is Thursday, Feb 10th. There are absolutely no exceptions this year. Please be sure to order early so as to not miss these strict deadlines!**

### REQUIRED VACCINATION/NEGATIVE TEST

#### RESULTS FOR ALL ON-CAMPUS VOLUNTEERS...

If you are a school volunteer and are assisting us with any job on campus (lunch duty, health room, coaches etc.) you are **REQUIRED** to provide proof of vaccination. If you have been fully vaccinated, please provide a copy of your vaccination card ASAP if you have not yet done so. If you are not vaccinated and would like to continue to be an on-campus volunteer, we ask that you show proof of a negative COVID-19 test each week to continue to volunteer on campus. You can sign up for our onsite COVID testing each Friday.



We wish all  
a Happy New Year  
and remind you that  
School resumes on  
Monday, Jan. 3rd!



# DID YOU KNOW...

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS 2021-2021 FIRST TRIMESTER



We congratulate the following students who received the Principal Award for the First Trimester recognizing them for their service:

### TK

Jacob Flores

### Kindergarten

Christopher Lucero

### First Grade

Sophia Sanchez

### Second Grade

Hannah Gracian

### Third Grade

Luke Perez

### Fourth Grade

Max Sanchez

### Fifth Grade

Mariam Hana

### Sixth Grade

Rebecca Rivera

### Seventh Grade

Kennedy Ertle

### Eighth Grade

Alexander Pilarz

We are proud of their efforts and encourage them to keep up the good work!

## ONSITE COVID TESTING

Testing is held in the parish hall every Friday at 8:00 am. This weekly testing is a free program through Heluna and Primary Health open to all on campus (vaccinated or unvaccinated), which includes staff, students, and any parents who volunteer on our campus. This program also satisfies the testing requirements for those who are in our athletic programs. If you wish to participate in the program, you need to pre-register for testing by copying & pasting this link:

[https://my.primary.health/!saint\\_louise\\_de\\_marillac\\_school](https://my.primary.health/!saint_louise_de_marillac_school)

You only need to register once and each time you test, it will take no longer than 15 minutes. Students signed up for the program will be taken over to the Hall during the morning by a staff member to get tested. If you are a parent volunteer and want to get tested, you just need to go directly to the hall at 8 am. Results are generated and provided to both those that have been tested and the school. Please note this program is free for all participants. Thank you for helping us stay safe and prevent outbreaks!

### L.A. County COVID Testing Sites Link

The following link is a resource for parents to get their child tested for free if they are presenting symptoms:

<https://la.fulgentgenetics.com/appointment/screen/landing>

## PAPER BIN

### YEAR-ROUND FUNDRAISER!

We want to thank all those that have continue to donate on a regular basis to the recycling bin!

All paper products such as newspaper, magazines, cardboard (including your Amazon shipping boxes, etc.), catalogs, junk mail, envelopes, folders, shredded paper, phone books, soft cover books can be dropped off at any-time at our paper bin, located behind the Msgr. Pierce Hall on the Bonnie Cove street side.

Our recycling company does need the bin to be a certain tonnage for pickup. So we would like to ask for your help by making sure that all boxes are broken down prior to placing them inside the container. Flattened packages allow for more cardboard to be donated and adds weight to the container.

This is a great way to recycle and at the same time help generate funds for our school!



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# FYI...

## SLS Weekly Sports Schedule

Weekly Sports Schedule Dec 13<sup>th</sup> – Dec 19<sup>th</sup>

### Monday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>

'A' level Boys Basketball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

### Tuesday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

'A' level Boys Basketball – Game /St Paul Tourney 8:45pm  
'A' level Girls Basketball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30  
'B' level Boys Basketball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30  
'B' level Girls Basketball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

### Wednesday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

'A' level Boys Basketball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30  
'B' level Boys Basketball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

### Thursday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>

No practices – Christmas Program

### Friday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

No practices

### Saturday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>

'A' Boys Basketball – St Paul Tourney / 9:00am

### Sunday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>

'A' Boys Basketball – St Paul Tourney / TBA



**GO VIKINGS!**



Clipper News...

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Clipper Night for our  
Varsity Boys & Girls  
Basketball Team Games

will be on

Wednesday, March 9th! (corrected date)

All are invited to join them!

Los Angeles Clippers

**Mark Your Calendars Now!**

More Details Later!

vs.  
the  
Washington



And the  
winners are...

## 4<sup>rd</sup> Annual Read-A-Thon

# RESULTS



Minutes Read **79,647**

Raised **\$14,970**

### Most Money Raised by Class

TK-2	3-5	6-8
Movie Party 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade (\$2,215)	Extended Lunch 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade (\$2,050)	Movie Party 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade (\$1,810)

### Most Minutes Read by Class

TK-2	3-5	6-8
Free Dress 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade (15,630 minutes)	Movie Party 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade (10,895 minutes)	Homework Pass 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade (6,870 minutes)

### Most Money Raised by Individual Student

TK-2	3-5	6-8
\$20 Disney Store Gift Card 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Logan Bazan (\$625)	\$20 Target Gift Card 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Charlotte Domingo (\$910)	\$20 Netflix Gift Card 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rebecca Rivera (\$400)

### Most Minutes Read by Individual Student

TK-2	3-5	6-8
\$10 Chick-fil-A Gift Card 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Leo Nunez (3,865 minutes)	\$10 Yogurtland Gift Card 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Vincent Gallahan (1,940 minutes)	\$10 In-N-Out Gift Card 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Diamond Rangel (3,190 minutes)

### Top 3 Teachers w/ Most Money Raised by Class

\$100 Teachers Pay Teachers Gift Card 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Ms. Vasquez (\$2,215)	\$50 Teachers Pay Teachers Gift Card 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Miss Pompey (\$2,050)	\$25 Amazon Gift Card 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ms. Ruiz (\$1,920)
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PLEASE NOTE: ALL "READ-A-THON" PRIZES WILL BE REWARDED AFTER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK



WE CAN DO THIS!!! FOOD WITH INTEGRITY  
COMMUNITY STARTS HERE  
FOIL-WRAP  
GOODNESS  
GENEROUS  
HELPING  
BURRITOS  
TASTES MADE  
BETTER FRESH  
EVERY  
OTHER DAY  
CAN CHANGE THE WORLD  
SOMETHING  
CULTIVATE  
WORTH  
LEADER  
MADNESS

# DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR  
**ST LOUISE DE MARILLAC  
SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022**

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12TH | 5-9PM**  
**1365 E GLADSTONE ST STE 700, GLENDORA, CA, 91740**

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ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **YLDLPQH**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



*Young Knights of Frassati Club presents*

# ADVENTURE HIKE

*Through the eyes of St. Joseph*

The year of St. Joseph is coming to a close. Last year, Pope Francis declared a year dedicated to the Patron of the Universal Church. During this Advent season as we await the coming of our King, join the Young Knights of Frassati club on an ADVENTure hike as we reflect on St. Joseph's joys and sorrows of life. The hike is about 3 miles and we will stop periodically to reflect. While the club is only open to boys in 6th-8th grade, this hike is open to all St. Louise boys and their dads. Dads must chaperone their son or coordinate with another family who is attending.

Please RSVP to Mr. Ebner-Gavit at [marke@stlouisedm.org](mailto:marke@stlouisedm.org) to receive more information.



**NEW  
DATE and  
TIME**

**DATE: Sunday, December 19, 2021**

**TIME: 2:00 - 4:00 PM**

**Marshall Canyon Regional Park**

*park and meet at:*

**6516 Stephens Ranch Rd.  
La Verne, CA 91750**

# SPIRITUALITY AND ENRICHMENT

## Gaudete Sunday and Our Lady of Guadalupe



Today is a day for rejoicing! The Church has wisely given us this day to take a minor break from the somberness of the Advent season of penance and reconciliation. Hopefully, up to this Sunday, we have faithfully delved deeper into our faith and connecting or reconnecting with God. One way we do this is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Catechism notes that, “after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year.” Advent and Lent are traditional liturgical seasons of penance when the Sacrament of Reconciliation is encouraged. We and neighboring Churches have been trying to make this sacrament more available to you and your family.

On the third Sunday, additional signs of gladness are permitted. The priest wears rose colored vestments, the altar is dressed with flowers, the music is more upbeat. All three readings today express joy and the anticipation in the coming of the Lord.

In our first reading of Zephaniah, the prophet, we are told, “The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.”

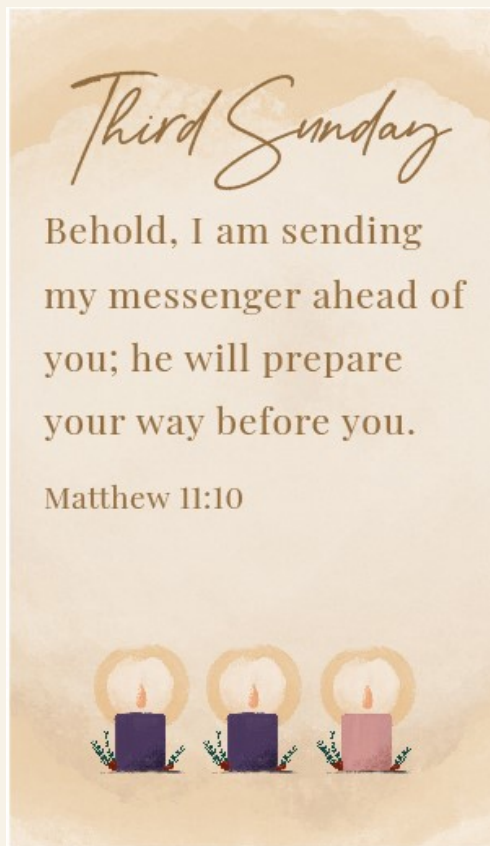
In Philippians we hear, “Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.”

In Luke’s Gospel, the words of St. John Baptist exhort, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

At the same time, I think we should take advantage of the fact that the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe falls on the same day as the third Sunday of Advent. The Virgin is the patron Saint of all the Americas. She is special to us. In the Hispanic tradition, this is a major feast day and that is apparent in Southern California.

Mary’s coming to Juan Diego was a powerful symbol to the people of Mexico. The fact that she came to an indigenous man who converted to Catholicism and the apparition of her was as a dark-skinned woman indicates that she is here for the people, not the powerful. When she asked Juan Diego to go to the bishop and tell him that the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, sent him to ask for a church to be built atop Tepeyac hill, she was asking him to speak truth to power. This is not an easy task for anyone.

On this day in Advent reserved for rejoicing and celebration, I believe we can incorporate celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary is the Mother of God, and we are preparing ourselves to receive her Son on Christmas day.



*Fr. Robert Fulton*

Pastor



# PARISH NEWS...

St. Louise de Marillac presents



**Las Posadas**

An Advent & Christmas Celebration

Friday, December 17, 2021; 6-8:30PM @ the Multi-Purpose Rm Patio

Doors open @ 6PM; Rosary begins @ 6:30PM

Fellowship immediately following

Join us as we travel to several locations looking for room at the inn. When we find room, we will celebrate with fellowship with our St. Louise family!

*Please bring your flashlights!*

## POINSETTIA DONATIONS

Can you imagine a better way to celebrate the exhilarating joy and radiance of Christmas than with poinsettias?

These cheery flowering ornamental plants are celebrated during this special season for their brightly colored foliage. With their openness and flowers, they embrace life in all its blessed richness.

At St. Louise de Marillac, let us remember those nearest & dearest to us, whether living or deceased, with these brightest of all flowers in preparation of the birth of Jesus Christ, who is the reason for this season. Through the ages, poinsettias have been given as gifts, and in this season of giving, let us honor God's only begotten Son, the greatest gift of all.

So please join us and bring your poinsettias to the Msgr. Pierce Hall patio or Parish Center on Monday, December 6th through Sunday, December 19th in time for inclusion at our Christmas Masses.



## CHRISTMAS CARD COLLECTIONS

As we have done for the past several years, St. Louise de Marillac has the opportunity to make the Christmas holiday better for our incarcerated brothers at the Pitchess Detention Center in Castaic and 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 these facilities, 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 15th to December 5th. 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!**

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Try these tips to get your children talking about their days**

Ever been met with silence when you ask, "How was your day?" Your communication efforts with your children, especially school-age children, may need some tweaking. Try asking concrete questions, like "Who did you sit next to at lunch?" or, "What was the most interesting thing you learned today?" If your child is struggling with sharing his or her emotions, it might be helpful to ask about other emotions you see around you.

Find opportunities to get children talking about how they feel by focusing on other people: "Why do you think that girl and her dad are hugging? What made that boy on the playground mad earlier?" You may be surprised at the results!

For more tips, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Communicating with School-Age Children" 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.



# PARISH NEWS...

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.



## SIMBANG GABI

St. Louise is once again joining with local parishes in a Novena of Masses in preparation for the birth of our Savior.



St. Louise's Simbang Gabi celebration will be held at the **4:30 PM Mass on Saturday, December 18th.**

During this Christmas season, Filipinos continue to celebrate this annual Novena Mass, "Simbang Gabi," a tradition they brought with them from the Philippines. Simbang Gabi was adapted from the Catholic Misa de Gallo, which literally means "Mass of the Rooster," to indicate it is held when the rooster crows.

Simbang Gabi traces its roots to Mexico when, in 1587, Fray Diego de Soria, petitioned the Pope for permission to hold Christmastide Masses outdoors because the church could not accommodate the multitude that attended the dawn services. The tradition started in the Philippines in the 16th century. It gave the farmers a chance to hear Mass before setting out for the fields. Rural Filipinos were used to starting the day two hours before sunrise. Church bells rang to call the faithful to Simbang Gabi. In some provinces, brass bands played traditional Christmas music and parish priests would go as far as knocking on the doors of every home.

During this season, Filipinos create beautiful decorations called "parol", paper lanterns to commemorate the Star of Bethlehem. These lanterns were used by the farmers to guide them in the dark to the Holy Mass. Choirs sang Tagalog songs such as Pasko na Naman" (It's Christmas Again).

<https://occcatholic.com/simbanggabi-a-filipino-christmas-tradition/>.

## CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Catholic Men's Fellowship of St. Louise (CMF) is a lay apostolate that reaches out to all men. Our next Meeting will be on **Thursday, December 16, 2021.** Our brother Martin Zaragoza will be leading us in Lectio Divina on Sunday's Gospel. Please join us for fellowship, prayer, dinner, and reflection. Rosary begins at 6:45 PM inside the Multi-Purpose Building . Please bring your mask as they are required

Our Purpose is to encourage men to become daily Disciples of Christ. *Lk. 9:23.* Our Mission is to help men renew their minds and transform their hearts and lives for Jesus Christ. *Rom. 12:22.* For more information contact Faith Formation at (626) 332-5822 or Miguel Ruiz (626) 419-2637 or email at: [CMF@stlouisedm.org](mailto:CMF@stlouisedm.org).

Follow us now on Instagram @catholicmensfellowship and Facebook Catholic Men's Fellowship St. Louise De Marillac and catholicmen.org.



## Parish Office Hours

Thursday, December 23rd &  
Thursday, December 30th  
Closed at 12 PM

Friday, December 24th,  
Saturday, December 25th,  
Friday, December 31st &  
Saturday, January 1st  
Closed

