



HAPPENINGS

SAINT LOUISE DE MARILLAC SCHOOL CHOIR PRESENTS

CHORAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saint Louise De Marillac Church

DECEMBER 15, 2022 • 6:30PM

CHRISTMAS FUN!

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

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Special Dates of Interest:

- ◆ Fri., Dec. 16th - **NOON DISMISSAL** (Christmas Holiday Begins)
- ◆ Monday, Dec. 19th thru -Monday, Jan 2nd **NO SCHOOL** (Christmas Holiday Break)
- ◆ Tuesday, Jan. 3rd - **SCHOOL RESUMES**
- ◆ Mon, Jan. 9th thru Friday, Jan. 20th - **STAR Testing Window #2**
- ◆ Mon., Jan. 16th - **NO SCHOOL** (ML King, Jr. Holiday)
- ◆ Sun., Jan. 29th - **School's "Open House"**
10:00 am Mass—Open house following Mass until 1:30 pm
- ◆ Tues., Jan. 31st - **2nd Trimester Deficiencies Notices Go Home**

Important to Remember..

FREE DRESS DAY FOR ALL!

Free Dress Day

Because all our students created an account for the Read-a-Thon, Mrs. Ossa is giving them a FREE DRESS Day!



<https://hsakaty.harmonytx.org/free-dress-day->

It will be on Wednesday, Jan. 4th. Be sure to follow the "Free Dress" guidelines policies when



COVID TESTING PRIOR TO RETURNING FROM BREAK...

We would like to thank you for your cooperation with our COVID-19 policies. We have had many sick children (not COVID related) who have been out recently with regular colds and flu. Remember, all of the symptoms of colds and flu are COVID related. It is important to have your children tested if they exhibit any symptoms and it is the school policy prior to their return to school.

In anticipation of the Christmas holiday and vacation, we are providing every student with a COVID test kit. We ask that you test your child(ren) on Monday, Jan. 2nd, to make sure they are negative before returning from the holiday break. Test kits will be inside the family envelope which went home today.

ONSITE COVID TESTING

We are also still offering free COVID Testing on campus here at St. Louise every Friday. If you wish to have your child(ren) participate, you need to pre-register for testing. The website link is:



<https://www.franklin.kyschools.us/westernhillshigh/New>

https://my.primary.health/l/stlouisedemarillacschool_2022

Testing takes place in the parish hall and take place every Friday at 8:00 am. This weekly testing is a free program through Heluna Health open to all on campus (vaccinated or unvaccinated), which includes staff, students, and any parents who volunteer on our campus. 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. Testing is not required, but highly encouraged.

Thank you for helping us stay safe and prevent outbreaks!

CHRISTMAS FREE DRESS

This Friday, Dec. 16th, will be a free dress day! Jean pants and a Christmas colored top is acceptable.

Please follow the school's free dress code policy when choosing your clothing. No jean shorts or jean skirts please!



EARLY DISMISSAL DATE..

There will be **NOON DISMISSAL** this Friday, Dec. 16th, at 12:00 noon, so that the faculty & staff can attend their staff Christmas lunch.



Remember, school resumes on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd. <https://langan.henricoschools.us/early->



Important Day Care News...

Early Reminder...There will be **NO Day Care provided this Friday, Dec. 16th**, 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!

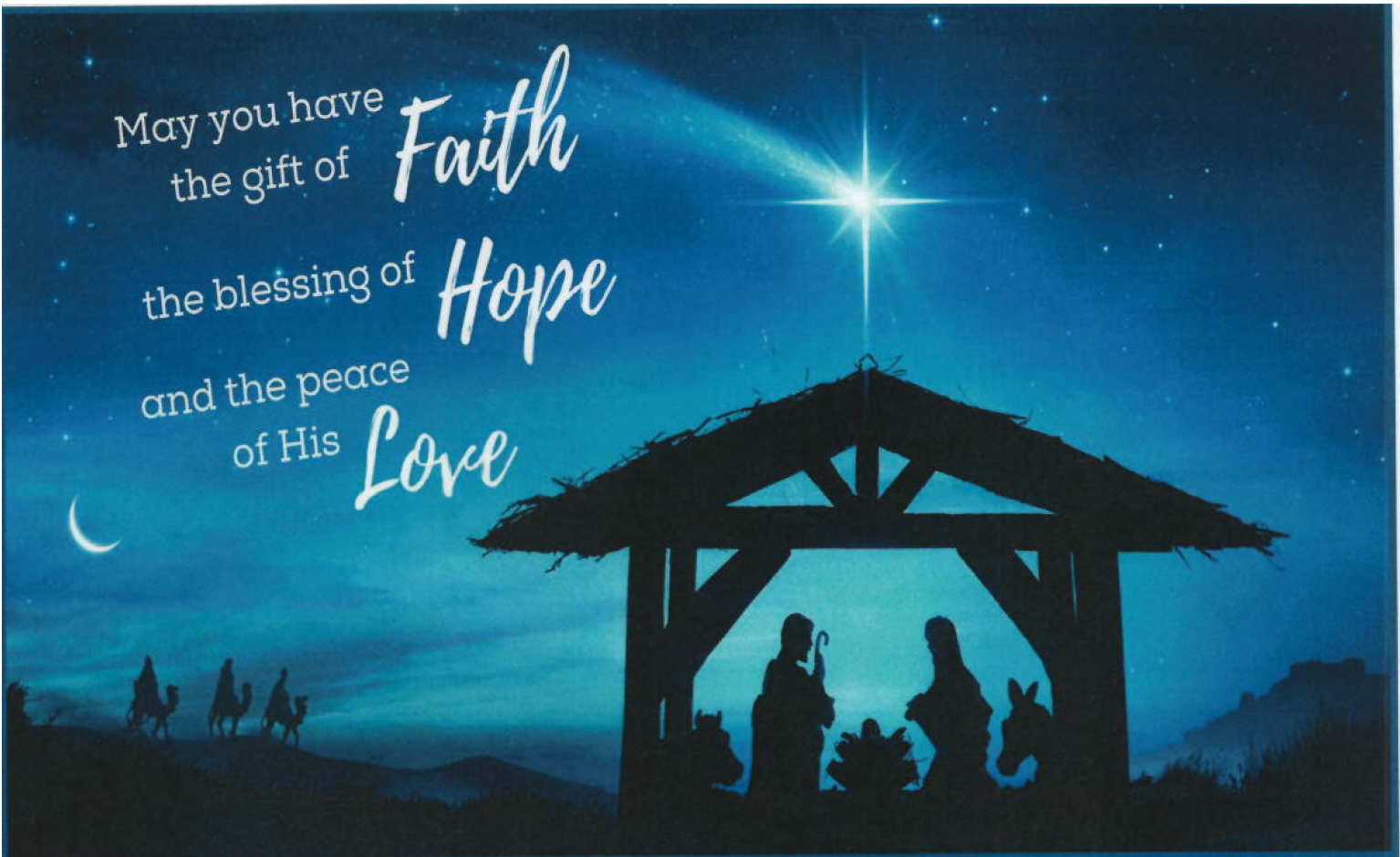
2nd Gr. "Sacrament" Parent Meeting

The Sacrament meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 12th, at 6:00 pm in the Church. All parents are expected to attend.

Be sure to mark your calendar for this important meeting.



May you have
the gift of **Faith**
the blessing of **Hope**
and the peace
of His **Love**



catholicschoolhouse.com

Mrs. Campos
Ms. Duckan
Mrs. Pessi
Ms. Murray

Mr. Macaraeg
Mr. Sergio Gutierrez

Ms. Vasquez

Mrs. Jauregui
Mrs. Ramirez
Miss Ellis

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. Sue

Mrs. Ossa

♥
Mrs. Flores

Mrs. Richardson
Mrs. Luna

Mr. Ebimer-Gavit
Mrs. Linares
Mr. Cerna
Mrs. Wald

Mrs. New
Ms. Pompey
Mrs. Cervantes
Mrs. Catalan
Mrs. DeGroot

FYI...

Our Lost and Found is Over flowing !!

Today, Dec. 13th, the Student Council Ecology Commissioners will again be putting all of the items from lost and found that do not have a name on it on a table in front of the 5th grade classroom for students and parents to identify and take their items. Anything that is not claimed by 3:00 this afternoon will be put in uniform exchange or donated.



Parents, to help the students keep track of their items, PLEASE put your child's name on EVERYTHING. Thank You!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE...

We are in need of two more volunteers to help us with hospitality for our school's "Open House" on Sunday, Jan. 29th.

The job requires helping to set up that morning, manning the hospitality table, and cleaning up afterwards. You would receive 5-6 service hours.

If interested or have questions, please contact Mrs. Ossa at principal@stlouisedm.org



PRAYERS FOR SICK...

Please pray for the following who need our prayers:

- ◇ Gonzalo Del Toro, uncle of Diana Sandgren (our former Kindergarten aide) who is in the hospital

Please keep him and his family in your prayers!

Please pray for the sick

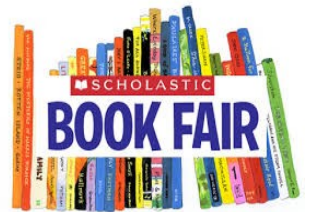
BOOK FAIR CHAIRPERSON NEEDED...

We are in need of a volunteer or two to help run our Book Fair which will take place in early February.

The job requires helping to set up the Book Fair, working at the bookfair and assist in arranging for volunteers that will man the Book Fair when you are not able to be there.

The previous chair is available to train you during the transition. This job will satisfy your 40 hour service hour commitment.

If interested or have questions, please contact Mrs. Ossa at principal@stlouisedm.org



Clipper News...

SAVE THE DATE!

Clipper Night for our Varsity Boys & Girls Basketball Team Games

will be on

Tuesday, January 17th!

All are invited to join them!

Los Angeles Clippers

vs.
the
Philadelphia
76ers



Mark Your Calendars Now!
More Details Later!

FYI...

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 STILL HAVE ABOUT 30 ORNAMENTS LEFT!** Please consider picking up one today & returning it by tomorrow, Dec. 14th, so we can make their Christmas a little brighter!

Because these gift cards are like cash, we ask that you return your gifts by **TOMORROW, December 14th**, 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!

Words of the Week:

*Dance like Frosty.
Shine like Rudolph.
Give like Santa..
Live like Jesus
-Simply Well Balanced*

SCRIP Pick-Up News...

This week's scrip order will be ready early! If you placed an order by Monday at 8:30 it will be ready for pick up on Thursday after 2:00 pm in the parish office. As a reminder, this was the last scrip order for 2022. Merry Christmas!"



<https://school.stpaulanarbor.org/apps>

Week sports schedule for Dec 12th – Dec 17th

Tuesday, Dec 13th

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

Girls A Basketball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

Wednesday, Dec 14th

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

Girls A Basketball – Game day vs Our Lady of Miraculous Medal

- 840 N Garfield Ave, Montebello, CA 90640

Thursday, Dec 15th

Christmas Program – No sports after school activities

Friday, Dec 16th

No Practices

Saturday, Dec 17th – 23rd

Boys/Girls A Basketball Tourney TBA

Cantwell High School

329 N Garfield Ave, Montebello, CA 90640



SLS Weekly Sports News

Save the date:

Saturday, Dec 17th – 23rd

Boys/Girls A Basketball Tourney TBA

Cantwell High School

329 N Garfield Ave, Montebello, CA 90640

I should receive schedules for both tournaments by Thursday. I will send everyone info once I get them. Good luck it is going to be a great experience!!!

January 17th – Staples Center game – Info to come from Mrs. Chris



GO VIKINGS!

DID YOU KNOW...



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

(For week of Nov. 28, 2022 - Dec. 2, 2022)

Celeste Reyes, Gr. TK, was recognized for always coming to school happy and ready to learn. She has also shown a lot of growth. Keep up the good work, Celeste!

Gianna Russo, Gr. 2, was recognized for her quiet attentions, creative work; and, for being a friend to all! Bravo Gianna—keep it up!

Vincent Gallahan, Gr. 5, was recognized for being an enthusiastic learner, asking thoughtful questions; and, for displaying a sense of civic responsibility. Awesome job Vincent!

Keila Ordoña, Gr. 8, was recognized for consistently giving her best effort. She has a strong work ethic and completes all her assignments with great attention to detail. Keep up the excellent work Keila!

Well done !!

THANK YOU TO THE KINDERGARTEN, 5TH , & 6TH GRADE!



Congratulations to our Kindergarten & 6th Graders and Mrs. Cervantes, Mrs. DeGroot, and Mrs. Linares for their beautiful planning and participation in the "Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe" Mass yesterday! It was truly special!

Also, special thanks to our 5th graders who participated in last week's "Feast of the Immaculate Conception" Mass.

Yearbook Dedications...

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>

BUY YOUR
Yearbook

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 Now - January 13th 1/8-page ads are \$30 1/4 page ads are \$50

January 14th - February 9th 1/8-page ads are \$35 1/4 page ads are \$55

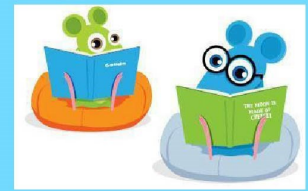
Our yearbook staff reserves the right to edit all ads to fit our yearbook layout constraints and therefore, your ad may differ slightly from what is viewed in the final yearbook. Final deadline to order is this Thursday, Feb 9th. There are absolutely no exceptions this year, even for 8th graders. Please be sure to order early so as to not miss this strict deadline!

5th Annual Read-A-Thon

RESULTS

Minutes Read **57,982**

Net Profit Raised **\$18,440.00**



And the winners are...

Most Money Raised by Class

TK-2	3-5	6-8
Dessert Party Kindergarten (\$3,239)	Dessert Party 5th Grade (\$2,960)	Pizza Party 7th Grade (\$2,405)

Most Minutes Read by Class

TK-2	3-5	6-8
Free Dress 3rd Grade (11,998 minutes)	Extended Break 5th Grade (11,482 minutes)	Homework Pass 8th Grade (9,672 minutes)

Most Money Raised by Individual Student

TK-2	3-5	6-8
\$25 Target Gift Card Kindergarten Laila Serrano (\$939)	\$25 Dick's SG Gift Card 3 rd Grade Charlotte Domingo (\$945) Isabella Lacuesta (\$550)	\$25 Amazon Gift Card 6 th Grade Rebecca Rivera (\$400)

Most Minutes Read by Individual Student

TK-2	3-5	6-8
\$10 Chick-fil-A Gift Card Kindergarten Nathaniel Monaly (1,090 minutes)	\$10 Yogurtland Gift Card 5th Grade Vincent Gallahan (2,391 minutes)	\$10 In-N-Out Gift Card 8th Grade Isabella Catalan (1,330 minutes)

Top 3 Teachers w/ Most Money Raised by Class

\$100 Amazon Gift Card Kindergarten Mrs. Cervantes (\$3,239)	\$75 Amazon Gift Card 1st Grade Mrs. Flores (\$3,165)	\$50 Amazon Gift Card 5th Grade Mr. Ebiner-Gavit (\$2,960)
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WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOME
GOOD VOLUNTEERS
TO WORK THE UPCOMING



BOOK FAIR

DATE OF EVENT :

Feb. 6 to 13, 2023
09:00am to 3:00pm

SCAN THIS TO
SIGN UP:



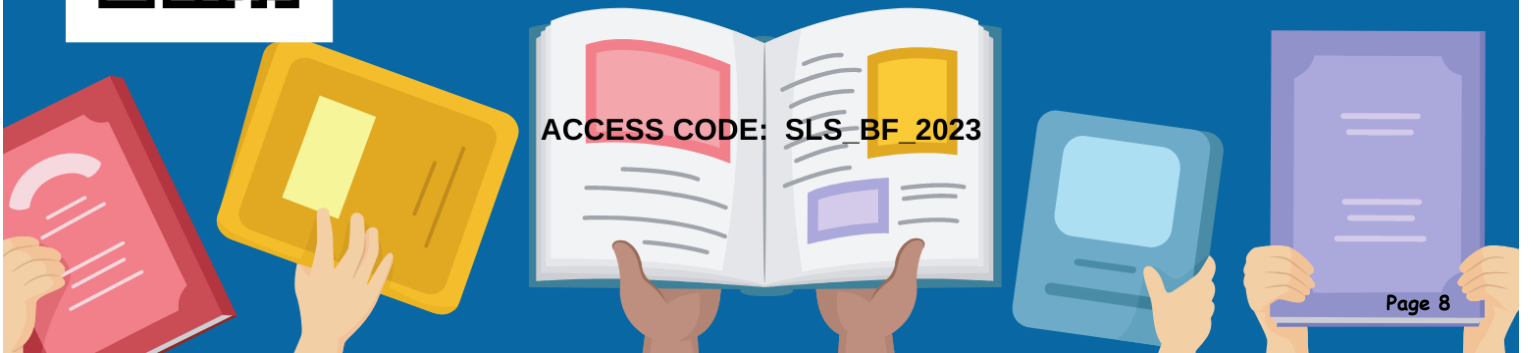
TO SIGN UP
VISIT:

bit.ly/3Y20GHo

EVENT PLACE :

St. Louise Youth Room

ACCESS CODE: **SLS_BF_2023**



Young Knights of Frassati Club presents


STAR OF *Wonder*

EPIPHANY NIGHT HIKE

JANUARY 6, 2023

5:00-7:00 PM

COLBY TRAIL, GLENDORA



Three Wise Men traveled from faraway lands to seek the newborn king. What prompted them to embark upon this journey? A heavenly sign from above. God used the alignment of the stars and planets to announce the birth of His Son! Join the Young Knights of Frassati club on a night hike to reflect upon the events of the Epiphany and to seek Jesus Himself. The hike is about 2 miles and we will stop periodically to reflect. Also, if the sky is clear, we will stargaze and learn how to identify constellations and planets in the night sky. 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.

CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY SHOE COLLECTION!

ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC
CONFIRMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY



Do you have unwanted shoes?

Help our Youth in Confirmation/ Youth ministry by donating your gently worn, new & used shoes!

Start saving those shoes and help us by donating them at our collection date on March 25-April 1, 2023 outside the Faith Formation Office. Our goal is to fill 50 bags of 25 pairs.

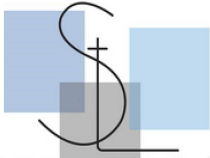
Shoe Criteria: (All sizes)

- Athletic Shoes (tie pairs together with shoelaces)
- Dress shoes (rubber band together)
- Boots
- Sneakers
- NO HOLES & NO TEARS
- Shoe soles must be in good condition.

For more information Contact: Ivonne Melendrez
626-332-5822 or email: Ivonnem@stlouisedm.org

*Ask your Family, Neighbors, and Co-workers to donate too.

Together lets make a difference in a 3rd world country.



St. Louise de Marillac

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR 2022/2023

High School & Jr. High

All High School aged teenagers (Private & Public Schools) are invited to join us for Thursday night Youth group from 6:00-7:30pm. Youth Nights are specifically for High school teens, to make new friends, learn about their faith, socialize with other teens and pray with each other. This is so that they are part of an awesome experience. They can bring a friend. The format will include: Bible Study, fun nights, prayer/meditation/adoration, open topics, all within a safe environment.

FUN-FOOD-FELLOWSHIP

All supervising Adult Leaders are Virtus and Fingerprinted.

*** IMPORTANT: Any Special events or nights that have a fee associated will be noted under it.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MEET IN YOUTH ROOM

JR. HIGH STUDENTS IN FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

6 pm -7:30 pm Topic: Life- is this it?

OCTOBER 13

6 pm-7:30 pm Open topic

OCTOBER 31

6 PM-8 PM Fun night-Trunk or Treat
Dj Music
Costume Contest

NOVEMBER 5

7 am -11:30 pm Inspiration Day- Magic Mtn
Tickets \$90 include transportation & tshirt

NOVEMBER 17

6 pm-7:30 pm Jesus: Who is he?

NOVEMBER 23

volunteer for Thanksgiving set up
Service opportunity- look for sign up

DECEMBER 1, 2022

6 pm -7:30 pm Topic: Life- How can we have faith?

DECEMBER 15, 2022

6 pm-7:30 pm Christmas Caroling-to the homebound

DECEMBER 17, 2022

10 AM -4 pm CHURCH DECORATING
LUNCH PROVIDED BY YM

DECEMBER 22, 2022

6 pm -7:30 pm (Youth room)
CHRISTMAS PARTY
BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH FOR
10 PEOPLE

JANUARY 5, 2023

6 pm-7:30 pm Topic: Prayer- Why & How do I pray?

JANUARY 26, 2023

6 pm-7:30 pm FUN NIGHT (MOVIE NIGHT
ON THE BIG SCREEN)

FEBRUARY 3, 2023

8 pm LAZER TAG
LOCATION: LASER LAND
unlimited arcade and lazer tag (with pizza)
\$35 pperson

For more information contact

Faith Formation Office: Youth Coordinator: Ivonne Melendrez 626-332-5822 email: Ivonnem@stlouisedm.org

PARISH NEWS...

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 and 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 through Sunday, December 18th, in time for inclusion at our Christmas Masses.



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 17th, with a reception following.

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.

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).

Advent Penance Services

St. Dorothy's, Glendora

Tuesday, December 13th

7:00 PM

St. Christopher, West Covina

Wednesday, December 14th

7:00 PM

Sacred Heart, Covina

Tuesday, December 20th

7:00 PM

St. Louise de Marillac

Wednesday, December 21st

7:00 PM

Individual Confessions

Wednesdays 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM

Saturdays 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM

No individual confessions on Wednesday,
December 21st, Saturdays, December 24th & 31st

Preparing for Advent



There are two great Marian Feast Days we celebrate during Advent. The first, which happened this past week, is the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. The second, that we celebrate tomorrow, is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It feels appropriate that we honor Mary during this Advent season because her pregnancy is what gives us the earth-shattering event of the birth of Jesus!

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception asserts that, "from the first moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of Mankind, kept free from all stain of original sin." Pope Pius IX defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, *INEFFABILIS DEUS*, on December 8, 1854.

In 1521, Spanish conquistadores invaded the lands that are now known as Mexico. The Spanish invasion was brutal and decimated the indigenous population. On December 12, 1531, ten years after the Spanish invasion, Juan Diego walked near Tepeyac. He heard a voice calling out his name.

Juan climbed to the top of the hill and there met a beautiful young woman whose clothing shone with the radiance of the sun. The lady asked Juan Diego to travel to the Spanish Bishop and instruct him to rebuild her temple at Tepeyac, her sacred hillside. "There I will listen to the cries and lamentations of your people, in order to cure all their various pains, miseries, and sorrows," she said.

After two failed attempts to speak with the Bishop, Mary said to Juan Diego, "Am I not here, who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the fountain of life? Are you not in the folds of my mantle—in the crossing of my arms?"

She asked him to make one last trip to the Bishop and gave him an armful of roses miraculously growing in the dead of a dry winter. She instructed him to deliver the roses to the Bishop and to ask the Bishop to build her temple. Juan filled his tilma—or outer robe—with the roses.

Juan went back to the Bishop a third time and waited. He was finally granted an audience. When he entered the chambers, he dropped the roses at the Bishop's feet. As the roses fell to the ground, the Bishop dropped to his knees, as did all the other men in the Bishop's company. There, on Juan Diego's tilma, was the image of the Lady herself—just as she had looked when she was speaking to him.

Mary's instructions were followed by the bishop. The temple was built for her on the hillside of Tepeyac. Later, a larger basilica was built near Tepeyac. The original tilma worn by Juan Diego with the Lady's image, remains intact and on display at the basilica.

Let us remember to honor Mary during these Advent days. She is a vital piece of our Salvation history.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Robert Fulton". The script is cursive and fluid.

Pastor



Advent 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 17th Simbang Gabi
4:30 PM Mass
Reception afterwards in
Hall

December 24th Christmas Eve Vigil
Children's Mass
4:30 PM Church
4:45 PM Mass in Hall
6:30 PM
Midnight

December 25th Christmas Day Masses
6:30 AM
8:00 AM
10:00 AM
12:00 PM

There will be no evening Mass

St. Louise de Marillac presents



Las Posadas

An Advent & Christmas Celebration
Friday, December 16, 2022
6-8:30PM at the Hall & Patio
Doors open at 6PM
Rosary begins at 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, food and
piñatas with our St. Louise family!

Please bring your
flashlights!

