



# HAPPENINGS



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

(For days of Dec. 12, 2022 through Dec. 16, 2022)

**Andrew Moreno, Gr. 1**, was recognized for growing into a responsible student. He has grown so much from the beginning of the year and is participating in class more. He is a wonderful helped while having a class job! Way to go Andrew!

**Luke Diaz, Gr. 4**, was recognized for being an excellent researcher and always doing his best as part of the research team. Keep up the great work Luke!

**Nathan Pasillas, Gr. 7**, was recognized for being such a diligent reader and always being one of the first students to meet their AR goal. Keep up the awesome work Nathan!!

(For days of Jan. 3, 2023 through Jan. 6, 2023)

**Adam Basquez, Gr. TK**, was recognized for always coming to school ready to learn and for getting his classwork done. Keep up the good work Adam!

**Sophia Martinez, Gr. 2**, was recognized for her fabulous organization skills, her absolute attention, and her kindness shown to all her classmates. Excellent job Sophia!

**Giovanna Domingo, Gr. 5**, was recognized for putting in extra effort in her assignments; and, for always trying her best. She takes responsibility for her work. Way to go Giovanna!

**Kaitlyn Flambures, Gr. 8**, was recognized for giving her best effort, participating consistently; and, for always lending a helping hand. Thank you Kaitlyn for your exemplary effort and behavior! Keep up the outstanding work!

WELL DONE !!

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### Special Dates of Interest:

- ◆ **Tue, Jan. 17th thru Friday, Jan. 20th**  
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"Grandparents/Special Persons Day"  
10:00 am Mass—Church (followed by short program)  
**NOON DISMISSAL**

St. Louise de Marillac School

# OPEN HOUSE



Meet Our  
Principal &  
Teachers

Visit Our  
Campus &  
Classrooms

•  
View  
Student  
Work  
Samples

•  
Schedule  
Your  
Personal  
Tour

**Sunday**  
**January 29**  
**11:00 am - 1:30 pm**

**Join Us! All Are Welcome!**

**ENROLLING NOW! TK - 8TH GRADE**

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

## Let us celebrate all week:

SUN.  
1/29

St. Louise School's "OPEN HOUSE"  
**Mass at 10 am followed by the Open House**  
*(Wear your uniform to Mass and check into your classroom afterwards to earn a free dress day!)*

MON.  
1/30



Clergy Appreciation Day  
**Wear comfy PJS all day as we thank our clergy!**

TUES.  
1/31

Parent Appreciation Day  
**SPORTS TEAM TUESDAY**  
**Wear something that represents your favorite sports team!**



WED.  
2/1



Teachers & Staff Appreciation Day  
**DISNEY WEDNESDAY**  
**Wear your favorite Disney shirt/outfit!**

THURS.  
2/2

Community Service Appreciation Day  
**HOLIDAY THURSDAY**  
**Wear something that represents your favorite holiday!**



FRI.  
2/3



Student Appreciation Day  
**TYE-DYE FRIDAY**  
**Wear anything tye-dye!**  
**We will have a pep rally in the afternoon!**

# Important to Remember..



## PAPER BIN BEING DISCONTINUED...

We will be discontinuing our Paper Bin service until

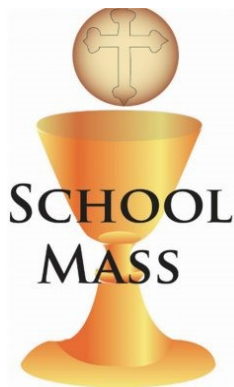
further notice **PLEASE DO NOT DUMP ANY PAPER PRODUCTS WHERE THE BIN WAS LOCATED AS IT WILL NOT BE RETURNING ANY TIME SOON.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## ALL SCHOOL MASS—THIS FRIDAY, JAN. 20TH

To celebrate the beginning of the New Year, all students (TK through Grade 8) will be celebrating Mass this Friday, Jan. 20th, at 10:00 am. Our 4th graders will be preparing and participating in the Mass.

Ms. Murray's family has opted to have a "celebration of life" for family members only so our All School Mass on this day will be said for her memory.

All are invited to attend and join us in offering for all the blessings we did receive during 2022 and celebrating the life of our dear Ms. Murray!



## LOOKING AHEAD...

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

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## IMPORTANT CHANGE TO

## FEBRUARY/MARCH SCHOOL CALENDAR...

Originally the Religious Education Congress, was to be held on Friday, March 17th. However, there has been a change in this date.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Because of this change of date, there will be **NO SCHOOL on Friday, February 24th**, instead so that the teachers can attend it.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS ACCORDINGLY—**There will be **NO Half Dismissal on Feb. 3rd AND** there **WILL** be school **on March 24th**. The calendars on the school website have been updated to reflect this change. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

## Words of the Week:

"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."  
— Martin Luther King Jr.

## Birthdays

- ◆ Any invitations (for off campus parties) given out on school grounds **must** be approved by the school office first:
- ◆ Include the entire class, or include all the boys or all the girls in a given class.  
**Handing invitations out at school**
  - ◆ Parents, please be considerate of all children's feelings.
  - ◆ Restaurant lunches (pizza, hamburgers, etc.) are not permitted as a class lunch when celebrating your child's birthday.
  - ◆ Birthday treats must be approved and, can ONLY be handed out when the teacher says that it can be handed out.
  - ◆ Please be mindful that there may be food allergies in your child's class.

# FYI...

# BUY YOUR Yearbook

## Yearbook Dedications DEADLINES APPROACHING SOON ORDER NOW!!!

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:

### UNTIL THIS FRIDAY, JAN. 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!



## GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL PERSONS DAY!!!

Grandparents/Special Persons Day will be celebrated on Friday, Feb. 10th!

We will have a small reception from 8 am to 9 pm in the Msgr. Pierce Hall (**ONLY FOR THE GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL PERSONS**).

Grandparents/special persons can then visit classrooms and/or go to the Book Fair from 9:00 am to 9:40 am.

At 9:40 am, grandparents/special persons can take their grandchild(ren) to the Church for Mass beginning at 10:00 am followed by a short presentation in church.

Students will return to classrooms at 11:45 am to pack up for dismissal at 12 noon to either parents, grandparents, special persons, etc.

Because of space, we ask parents not come on Friday so that the grandparents/special persons are the guests and the ones to spend the day with their grandchild(ren). A reminder that school will be dismissed at 12 Noon that day and there will be NO daycare that day.

## NO DAY CARE on FEB. 10TH



There will be **NO Day Care provided on Friday, Feb. 10th**, as school will be dismissed at 12 noon as part of the Grandparents Day celebrations. Please make appropriate arrangements to have your child(ren) picked up at the 12 noon dismissal time on that day.

**Thanks for your understanding!**

# FYI...

## SLS Weekly Sports News

### Sports Updates:

The Boys B Basketball will try and start up again this week. The rain outlook looks great. They will start games the week of Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Girls B Basketball will be coached by Coach Sergio. Practices will begin the week of Jan 30<sup>th</sup>. The games will start the week of Feb 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Tuesday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>

Boys A Basketball – Staple Center Game  
Girls A Basketball – Staple Center Game

### Wednesday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, Jan 19<sup>th</sup>

Boys A Basketball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30  
Girls A Basketball – Game day vs Holy Name at St Louise 3:45pm  
Boys B Basketball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

### Friday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>

No Practices

### Saturday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup>

No sport activities



### Sunday, Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>

Boys A Basketball – Game day vs St John at Damien HS 1:00pm

## GO VIKINGS!

### *Please Take Note...*

Deficiency Notices for the 2nd trimester will go home, on Tuesday, Jan. 31st.. Please be sure your child(ren) are staying up with their classwork and homework. Thanks!



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### Meal Train for Mrs. Hernandez...



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A meal train has been started for one of our school families. Mrs. Hernandez, mother of Aiden Hernandez (Gr. 8) was released from UCLA Medical Center just before Christmas; but, is still very weak. She is still very optimistic and hopeful that she will regain some of her strength and hopefully be able to walk again and possibly drive.

As she is currently wheelchair bound, she is unable to cook. Some of the 8th grade moms started a meal train for weekday meals for the family. We are sharing the link for their “meal train” with you in case you would like to help the family out. The link for the meal train is:

<https://mealtrain.com/09z5lz>

We also ask you to keep Mrs. Hernandez and her family in your prayers at Our Lord will give them strength to face this challenge.



### COVID, FLU, & COLD REMINDER...

We continue to have an increase in sick children coming in to school. Most have been coughs and colds, however, we have had a couple of positive COVID-19 cases recently. If your child becomes ill, please test for COVID-19. A home test is sufficient.

Even if your child is negative for COVID-19, please keep your children at home until symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, etc.) are better and children have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine. Remember, we want to lessen the spread of regular germs too. If your child does test positive for COVID-19, we ask that you please notify the school office at [principal@stlouisedm.org](mailto:principal@stlouisedm.org).

If a positive child or adult has been on campus in the past 48 hours, the school will notify the community of a positive case via email. If your child is identified as a “close contact” you will receive a separate email. Close contacts can remain in school but will need to wear a mask for a period of 5 days while on campus (the school can provide masks). Symptoms should be monitored, and close contacts should test after day 5 of exposure.

We thank you for helping to keep our community safe and healthy.

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:

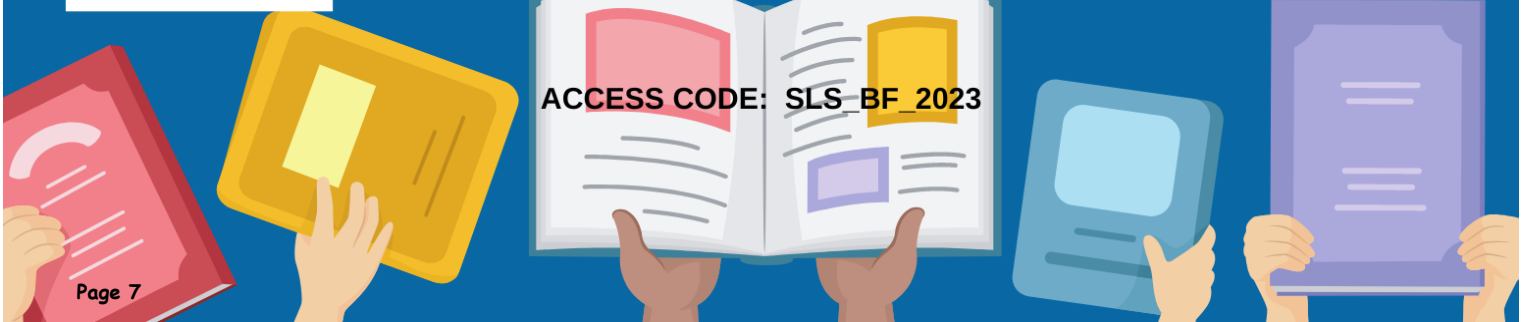


TO SIGN UP  
VISIT:

[bit.ly/3Y20GHo](https://bit.ly/3Y20GHo)

EVENT PLACE :  
**St. Louise Youth Room**

ACCESS CODE: **SLS\_BF\_2023**



# 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](mailto: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 BOY SCOUT TROOP 461**

*10th Annual Spaghetti Dinner*



**ENJOY AN EVENING OF DELICIOUS FOOD, EXCITING RAFFLES AND FELLOWSHIP ON**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023 - 5PM-7PM**

**ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC PARISH HALL**

**TICKETS ARE \$12.00 PER MEAL AND WILL BE ON SALE AFTER AM MASSES ON**

**JANUARY 28-29 AND FEBRUARY 4-5 OR VIA VENMO @BSATROOP461**

**MEMO: SPAGHETTI DINNER - COMPLETE NAME**

**(TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT WILL CALL)**

*We Thank You for Your Support!*

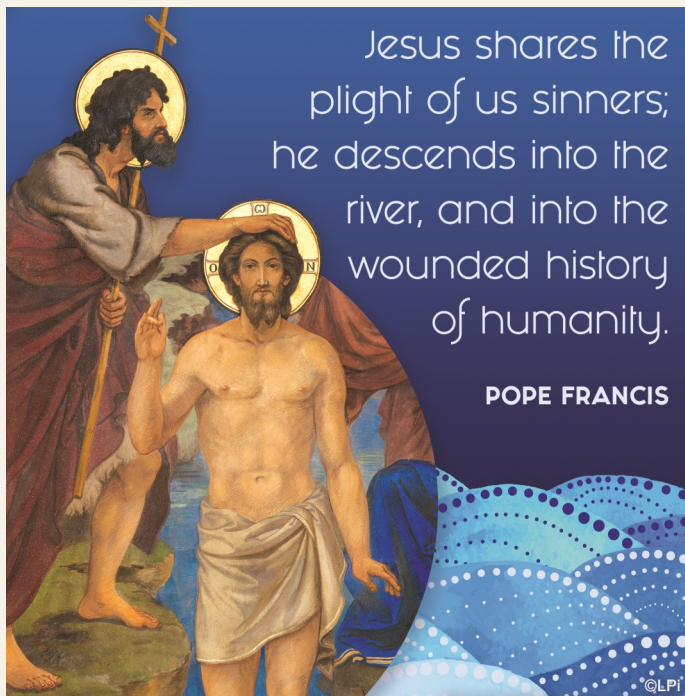


## Baptism of the Lord

From the first moment of Christ's conception to this day, people have been involved in bringing the message of Christ to fruition. And this will continue until the Kingdom of God is achieved here on earth. We are called to make this possible.

Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of his son, Jesus Christ. Joseph took on his role as collaborator as the human father of the baby Jesus. He and Mary went to Bethlehem for the census, and someone gave them a place to stay while Mary gave birth. So already, we know three people involved in making this miracle happen. When Mary and Joseph fled to Egypt, as migrants, there must have been people who helped them get settled. They stayed there for about 3 ½ years, and then returned to Nazareth, according to Matthew.

Now enters John the Baptist. John has been preaching that the people needed to turn back to God. He always directed his followers to God and God's laws not towards himself. John had to have known Jesus since they were cousins but did not appear to know that the Messiah he was waiting for would be Jesus! He did not know until he baptized Jesus and the dove descended upon him. John always had his eye on what was important. God promised his chosen people that they would be saved. Probably most Jews at the time expected someone who would help them throw off the oppression of living in an occupied land. As soon as he recognized Jesus to be that Savior, he pointed out Jesus to his followers as the promised one.



In today's Gospel, John says in verse 29, "John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'" Not your sin, not my sin, not the Roman's sins but the whole world's sin. In verses 32-34, "John testified further, saying, 'I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whom-ever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.'"

Obviously, John the Baptist is one of the collaborators. From the moment Jesus entered his public life, we humans have been asked to be collaborators of the coming Kingdom of God. Jesus called others to follow him. He asked those followers to remember the God they worshiped and presented God in a different way, the God of love, mercy, and forgiveness.

You and I are called to that same message, 2000 years later. In Jesus' name scores of followers have spread throughout the world preaching this message of Christ. Today there are about 2.3 billion Christians in the world. We are different denominations, but we all follow Christ. I believe time is insignificant to our creator who lives forever. A day can seem like 1000's of years; a 1,000 years can seem like a single day. But for our sake, we need to work harder at being the people God wants us to be. Each of us needs to work harder at removing divisions among us. Each of us needs to work harder for peace in this world. We need to do more to save this planet. We need to make sure all people have enough to live a dignified life. We do not want another 2,000 years to pass and still not have achieved what Christ called us to be. So, let us move forward in this Ordinary Time reflecting on how we can do just that.

St. Louise de Marillac Catholic Community  
1720 E. Covinca Blvd., Covina, CA 91724

YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS  
**Marriage Workshop for  
Married Couples**

in the Youth room

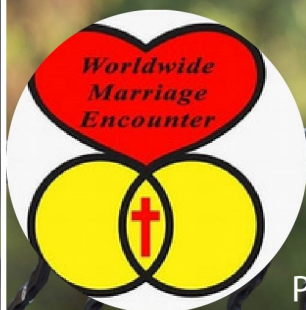
1 JOHN 4:7

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and  
whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

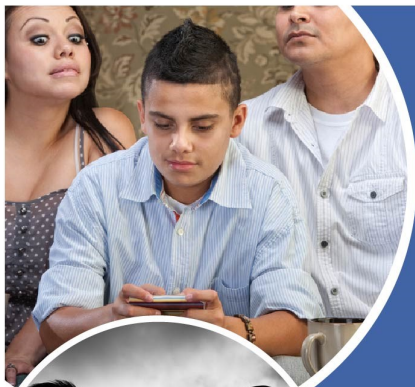
**FEB 9 | 6:30 PM-7:30 PM**

Open to all Parishioners. Religious  
Education & School Parents

Come join 3 couples  
who will present and Share  
how you can rekindle your love  
every day.



Providing snacks and babysitting. More  
information contact Ivonne Melendrez  
626-332-5822 ext: 405



# PARENT & TEEN RETREAT

February 11, 2023 3-9 pm

Dinner included

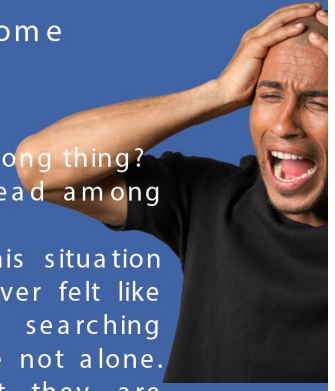
Theme: "Rebuilding the Bridges of Communication"

**Includes** Parents with teens Ages 13- 18 are welcome

Dinner, one on one conversation, a wealth of information & resources.

\*Open to all Parishioners, Religious Education, & Parish School Parents

**COST \$55**  
FOR 1 PARENT & 1 TEEN  
\$15 EACH ADDITIONAL PARENT OR TEEN



Parents: Are you tired of saying the wrong thing? Feelings of inadequacy are widespread among parents of teenagers.

Questions such as, "Did I handle this situation correctly?" haunt them. Have you ever felt like this? If you continue asking such searching questions, rest assured that you are not alone. Things may appear hopeless, but they are probably better than you imagine.

During the years you have teenagers at home, the resulting tension and disagreements may confuse and distress you. Disagreements may not be pleasant, but they do indicate that the channels of communication are open.

Teens: Are you frustrated because you just don't know how to communicate with you parent?

Do you feel like you lose the battle every time, you try to sit down and have a conversation? Well you are not the only one.

Many times as a teen we don't know how to express ourselves much less, how to negotiate or say what we really mean. We lose our patience and begin to yell, or make up excuses. Channels of communication are open.

Location: St. Louise de Marillac Parish Hall  
1720 E. Covina Blvd.  
Covina, Ca 91724

## ADDITIONAL INFO:

·Please contact: Ivonne Melendrez Confirmation/Youth Coordinator (626) 332-5822

Email: [Ivonnem@stlouisedm.org](mailto:Ivonnem@stlouisedm.org)  
[WWW.Stlouisedm.org](http://WWW.Stlouisedm.org)

### What will this retreat do for you?

You will receive the necessary tools to help you continue your journey as a Parent and as a teen.

Remember, it is never too late to start over. So come JOIN us for an enriching retreat. Teens invite their parents, and Parents ask your teen. We can guarantee you; you will not regret it.



# PARISH NEWS...

## 60TH JUBILEE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Next year May, 2023 marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee of St. Louise de Marillac Church! We will be planning super community-focused events throughout the year to celebrate our Church's culture and heritage. If you would like to be on the planning committee, we could sure use you! Come and meet members of the community, make friends, and be a part of the fun! For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, please write to [manager@stlouisedm.org](mailto:manager@stlouisedm.org).

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Understanding the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" Program

Child sexual abusers often target nurturing, child-friendly environments, where parents and participants assume that no one would ever want to harm a child. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles began implementing the VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children sexual abuse prevention program in 2004 to send a message to potential predators that child sexual abuse is not tolerated. Through this program, adults learn that through early identification, awareness, and education they can be "proactive" in protecting children and young people from child sexual abuse. Since the program began, more than 405,000 adults have been trained in abuse prevention.

Additionally, more than 165,000 Catholic school and religious education students are trained annually with an age-appropriate curriculum on boundary awareness and how to communicate if violations of those safe boundaries occur.

For more information, visit:

<https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/>.

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is committed to ensuring that parishes, schools and ministries are safe places for everyone in our community.

For more information about support for victim-survivors and abuse prevention and protection efforts of the Archdiocese, visit: [lacatholics.org/protect/](https://lacatholics.org/protect/)

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

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OneLife

CELEBRATING THE BEAUTY AND DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH

OUR MISSION IS LOVE

OneLife OneLife

11 AM Youth & Young Adult Kick-Off Event @Olvera Street  
12 PM Walk for Life  
1 PM OneLife LA @ LA State Historic Park  
5 PM Requiem Mass for the Unborn @Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023

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## SANTO NINO CELEBRATION

In the Philippines, devotion to the Infant Jesus extends beyond Christmas, with the celebration of the Santo Niño, the Holy Child, during the month of January. Join in the celebration of the Santo Niño on **Saturday, January 21st, at the 8:30 am Mass** here at St. Louise de Marillac.

Bring your Santo Niño statue or image for the procession and blessings!

Devotion to the Santo Niño (Holy Child), an image of Jesus as a small boy typically dressed as a king, is a mainstay of Philippine Catholic life. Devotions to him are part of every parish's life, and in some places a major feast of the year. Some image of Santo Niño is found in almost every Filipino home, because Filipinos believe that the Santo Niño is their protector and has the power to grant and answer their prayers.

<https://www.catholicsandcultures.org/feasts-holy-days/santo-nino-and-sinulogphilippines>