

# St. Louise de Marillac School Mrs. Catherine Ossa Principal

# **HAPPENINGS**

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

(For week of Feb. 5, 2024 - Feb. 9, 2024)

Audree Diaz (Gr. TK) was recognized for working hard and helping others. Keep up the great attitude Aubree!



Mason Alcaraz (Gr. 2) was recognized for consistently giving his best effort in class. Mason also has been working hard to prepare for his First Reconciliation and

was one of the first students to master the Act of Contrition prayer. Keep up the great work Mason!

Brandon Dizon (Gr. 5) was recognized for showing great improvement and working towards his classroom goals. He is dedicated student who puts great effort to his assignments. Keep it up Brandon!

Noah Gracian (Gr. 8) was recognized for being hard-working, focused, and respectful. Keep leading by example & keep up the outstanding work Noah!

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#### Well done!!

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

#### JOIN US...

Throughout the Lenten Season until Holy Week, all of our classes, (TK thru 8th) will be attending the Stations of the Cross in the Church.

We invite you to join us on the following days:
This Friday, February 23rd, at 1:15 pm— 5th Grade
Wednesday, Feb. 28th at 1:15 pm— 7th Grade
Friday, March 8th, at 1:15 pm— 3th Grade
Wednesday, March 13th, at 1:15 pm— 4th Grade
Wednesday, March 20th, at 1:15 pm— 6th Grade
Holy Thursday, March 28th, at 9:00 am in the Church
8th Grade will present the "Living Stations"

Come pray with us during this time of reflection & renewal in preparation for the death & resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Special Dates of Interest:

8-10

- Feb. 22nd—2nd Gr. "First Reconciliation"
   6:30 pm— Church
- Feb. 23rd—END OF 2ND TRIMESTER

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- ♦ Feb. 29th—2ND TRIMESTER REPORT CARDS GO HOME!
- March 4th State of the School" Parent Mtg.6:30 pm—Msgr. Pierce Hall
- ♦ March 5th 24-25 Online Registration Begins
- ♦ March 6th Room Parent Mtg. 6:30 pm (via ZOOM)
- March 9th "Mighty Mites" Tournament (Grs. 3 & 4) 9 am to 1 pm - Parking Lot/Field/MPB
- ♦ March 13th Mrs. Ossa's Birthday!
- ♦ March 14th Parent Club "Pizza Lunch" Fundraiser
- ♦ March 15th "All SCHOOL" Mass—10 am—Church 24-25 Online Registration Ends
- ♦ March 18th "Imagination Machine" Presentation
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- ♦ March 23rd "Mother/Son" Dance—6:30 pm Hall

## Important to Remember...



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS! "State of the School Address" Meeting Monday, March 4th

Be sure to mark your calendars for the "State of the School Address" Parent Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 4th, at 6:30 pm in Msgr. Pierce Hall.

Next year's tuition and fees schedule will be address along with many other important items.

We ask that at least one parent attend.

## 24-25 GRADELINK ONLINE RE-REGISTRATION!

Mrs. Ossa will be giving more information about the 2024-2025 online re-registration at the "State of the School" meeting on Monday, March 4th, at 6:30 pm in the Msgr. Pierce Hall.

The online reenrollment period through Gradelink will be open starting Tuesday, March 5th, and end on Friday, March 15th. Once activated, current families will be able to access an "EnrollMe" tab within their parent account to register their child(ren) for the 2024-2025 school year. More information on how to re-enroll using the Gradelink online system will be in upcoming "Happenings" newsletters and will be emailed to all families on Tuesday morning, March 5th.

Upon completing your online re-registration AND paying your fees in your Blackbaud account, your paperwork package will be sent home with your oldest child. The re-registration fee will increase for anyone registering after April 19th.

Your re-registration will not be finalized for the 2024-2025 school year until you have completed all information for each child in Gradelink; paid all fees through your Blackbaud Tuition Management account; and, turned in all paperwork at the "Service Hours" Sign-Up Night which will be held from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 9th.



#### 2nd Grade's Upcoming First Reconciliation

Our Second grade students have been diligently preparing for this moment!

They will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Thursday, February 22nd, at 6:30 pm in the Church.

As this important date for them in their sacramental life draws near, please be sure to keep them in your daily prayers.

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## Lenten Collection for Those In Need...

FOR LIFE

During this Lenten season, the classes are again collecting to

help the needy. Students are asked to save their pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and even dollars to place in their CRS Lenten Rice Bowl boxes. Students will return their filled boxes on Monday, March 25th, during Holy Week.

Whatever cash that might be saved when not having a dessert, a cold drink, or going to the movies, etc. could be donated to this most worthy cause. The monies turned in will be given to Catholic Relief Services to be sent across the world to help those most in need.

If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord - and he will repay you! Prov. 19:17

Your support is greatly appreciated by our brothers and sisters in need!

#### Words of the Week:

"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." - C. S. Lewis

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### Did You Know...

# Mighty Mites

#### **Practices:**

Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 2:45 to 3:45 pm Wednesday, Feb. 28th, 2:45 to 3:45 pm Thursday, Feb. 29th, 2:45 to 3:45 pm Friday, March 1st, 2:15 to 3:15 pm \*

Tuesday, March 5th, 2:45 to 3:45 pm Thursday, March 7th, 2:45 to 3:45 pm Friday, March 8th, 2:15 to 3:15 pm \*

\* PLEASE NOTE: Friday's practices begin and end earlier than the rest. No brothers & sisters will be allowed to remain on campus during practice time. If it is necessary for the child to wait, please make arrangements with Daycare. Please remember—NO dogs or pets are allowed on campus during the tournament,

# SATURDAY, MARCH 9 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

#### **St Louise Sports News**

#### Weekly Schedule for Feb 19th – Feb 25th

Congrats to the Girls A Level Basketball! Though they were eliminated in the Quarterfinals of Div 1, there were 150 schools that played and they made the top 8 which was incredible! Congrats on a great season!!!

We will not be having a Boys / Girls Soccer team this year. Coach Sergio went into classrooms and there was not enough interest.

We are looking for additional assistant Track coaches. Please let me know if you are interested. We will start Track and Boys Volleyball week of March 4th.

#### Save the Date:

- A Boys Basketball Playoffs begin on Feb 24th-25th
- Winter Sports Banquet March 5th

**Tuesday, Feb 20th:** All Practices & Games Cancelled Due to the rain.

#### Wednesday, Feb 21st:

♦ A Boys Basketball Game at Damien HS at 7:00pm



#### LOOK AHEAD & MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

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

- Feb. 22nd—2nd Grade's "First Reconciliation" 6:30 pm—Church
- ♦ Feb. 23rd—End of 2nd Trimester
- ♦ Feb. 29th—2nd Trimester Report Cards Go Home
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  - March 23rd "Mother/Son" Dance—6:30 pm Hall
  - B Boys Basketball Game at Sacred Heart 3:45 pm (344 W Workman St, Covina, CA 91723)
  - ♦ B Girls Basketball Game at Holy Name at 3:45pm (124 S San Dimas Canyon Rd, San Dimas, CA 91773)

#### Thursday, Feb 22nd:

♦ A Boys Basketball Practice from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

#### Friday, Feb 23rd:

No after school sports activities

#### Saturday, Feb 24th:

A Boys Basketball Playoffs TBA

#### Sunday, Feb 25th:

A Boys Basketball Playoffs TBA

GO VIKINGS!

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# Friday March 22nd

Students are recommended to wear a white t-shirt and comforatable bottoms (clothing may not come clean)

Fundraising will be open from 2/26 -3/15

Parent
Volunteers are
still needed
please see
Ms. Sue

# Sponsors Needed for prizes.

(GIFT CARDS, SCOOTER, MOVIE TICKETS ETC.)

CONTACT Mrs. OSSA.

Donations are welcome we need water and healthy snacks.



Buy out option is available: contact Denise Wold



FEB 29 & MAR 1

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#### 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 February 29 & March 1 on the RaiseRight mobile app or at RaiseRight.com.

#### Don't have a RaiseRight account yet?

Follow the easy steps to get started at 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 on the RaiseRight mobile app, Wednesday, February 28













# La Poloma **Fund Raiser**



Tuesday 20th Wednesday 21st Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2024

Address: 2975 Foothill

Blvd, La Verne, CA

Phone: (909) 593-7209

#### Hours:

11 AM-Tuesday

8:30 PM

Wednesday 8:30 PM

Present this flyer at the time of purchase, and they will donate 20% on all sit down and takes out orders. The proceeds will go to the Knights of Columbus Council 5271 and will be divide 50% to the knights of Columbus and 50% divided equally between St Dorothy or St Louise De Marillac churches.

#### PASTOR'S CORNER



#### The Meaning of Lent

We find ourselves once again in the season of Lent. Today is the first Sunday of Lent, following this past week's Ash Wednesday. Now is the time we begin the preparation of our own selves to receive the gift of the death and resurrection of Jesus' sacrifice. Why prepare? What is expected of us? Before we get into that, let us look at today's Gospel, two short paragraphs packed with the portent of the coming of Christ.

It starts with the simple 2 lines, "The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him."

In Mark the Spirit "drove", literally, "threw [Jesus] out" into the wilderness for forty days of temptation and divine deliverance. The desert is a place of arduous testing. In Jewish sacred texts, Satan personifies evil as the demons' ringleader. Mark will refer to Satan's continuing battle against the heavenly kingdom Jesus advances in future passages of his Gospel. As will Jesus attacking Satan's minions and unclean spirits. Angelic ministration during Jesus' trial is the divine deliverance Jesus receives. "The wild beasts" represent some of the threats he faced, but remember Jesus also tames the wild beasts in other texts. The main point: Jesus stands at the center of God's kingdom as both beneficiary (at his baptism) and wrestler (at his temptation).

In the second paragraph we hear, "After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.'"

If we pay close attention to it, this passage has the potential to redraw the contours of the liturgical period that begins today. The time before Easter has long been associated with penance. That befits Jesus' preparation for his own sacrifice, to be detailed in coming Sundays.

Mark points us in a different direction. "The time is fulfilled" (1:15a). This time is not chronos, measured by calendar or clock. It is kairos — a time of critical decision: This kairos is filled to fullness: the cup has been topped up, its contents brimming to overflow. Lent is to Easter as Advent is to Christmas: God has set the kingdom into motion, which will soon go into turbo-drive. As with Advent, so also with Lent: the suitable response is to "repent and believe in the good news" (Mark 1:15b).

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"Repentance" is not feeling miserable over our sins or regretting that we haven't

been more religious. To repent is to turn our minds God-ward: a 180-degree swing toward God. "Belief" in Mark is not about creed, it is more about trust, lying less in the head and more in the gut. And God is able to forgive our sins; to retrieve us from waywardness; to hold onto us tightly when we turn tail and run away.

This is the time many of us make some small sacrifice during the season to ally ourselves, in at least a small way, with the sacrifice Christ is readying to make. During this season we ponder our mistakes and ask God for forgiveness in the sacrament of Confession. We also forgive others who may have transgressed against us. These acts help to ready us to receive Christ's sacrifice.

As Jesus demonstrates, God's power is propelled by mercy. That is good news: the best anyone could hope to hear. Lent is the season to ponder that.

Pastor

Fr. Robet Fallow

#### **NEWS**



#### OGETHER IN MISSION

Get ready for Together in Mission 2024 "Be Imitators of Christ" Annual Appeal. Mark your calendars and help our brothers and sisters during the captivating Commitment Weekend on February 10th and 11th.

As a united Catholic community of faith, let's come together in prayer and reflection, exploring wavs support our struggling parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Did you know? Your

gifts help 62 parishes and 71 schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Our cumulative Together in Mission 2024 goal is \$16.9 million, encompassing the Annual Appeal's impact across all five vibrant regions.

Track the progress of our parishes' goals and celebrate your outstanding contributions throughout the year on our Together in Mission Leaderboard, accessible at togetherinmission.org. Let's imitate Christ by helping our struggling parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and gather as one Catholic family together.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### Why does it help to communicate your concerns?

If you have concerns about someone's behavior, sharing those concerns is critical to protecting the children in that person's life. If you see or hear about inappropriate behavior, you can take your concerns to a supervisor or program director for further action. This helps those in charge launch an investigation, ask questions, and start to look for signs on their own — all of which can help keep children safe from potential abuse. Communicating your concerns, and having them investigated, can also discourage a potential offender, pushing them to leave the program or stop their behaviors.

For more information, read the VIRTUS® article: "Communicating Your Concerns Matters" at 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 Children the Office (213) 637-7227. For particular help, call the Victims Assistance Office at (213) 637-7650.



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#### PARISH NEWS...

St. Louise de Marillac Parish

# SOUP & **SCRIPTURE**

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

Everyone is invited to this wonderful opportunity for prayer, fasting and almsgiving while enjoying a bowl of homemade soup prepared and served by your fellow parishioners.

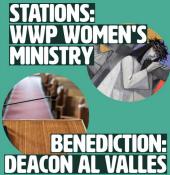
5:30 PM **DOORS OPEN** 6:00 PM **SOUP SERVED** IN THE **CONFERENCE ROOM** 



FR. FRICIEWIS

Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's love for us.

7:00 PM HE CHURCH



#### MOVIE SCREENING

Please join us for our next Parish Eucharistic Revival event on Tues., February 27th, at 7 PM in the Conference Room. We will be showing the movie, The Greatest Miracle.



This is an animated movie about Monica,

Don Chema and Doña Cata who are each struggling with a crisis. Their three stories come together when they find themselves at the same Catholic Mass. Although this is not the first time they have attended Mass, they need help to embrace its deeper meaning.

That guidance comes from their guardian angels, who lead them into a more vital understanding of the struggle between good and evil and the miraculous triumph of faith that manifests itself in every celebration of the Eucharist.

With the help of their angels, they will come to experience what Pope Benedict XVI said about the Eucharist "Something quite special is going on here. He is here, the before whom we fall on our knees!" https://doscorazonesfilms.org/the-greatestmiracle/?lang=en

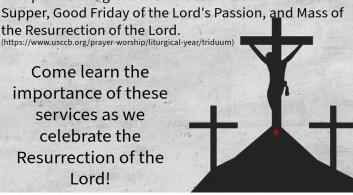
Invite the whole family to come join us!

## **EASTER TRIDUUM**

Please join us for a special series on the Easter Triduum lead by Deacon Peter and Deacon Mike on Thursdays February 29th, March 7th and March 14th beginning at 7 PM in the Conference Room.

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum —from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are: Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Come learn the importance of these services as we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord!



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