**ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC CHURCH**

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**\*SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 \*TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\***

***MASS INTENTION***

**Saturday, 09/07 5:30pm Lupe Higgins, RIP**

**Sunday, 09/08 8:00am John Ronan, RIP**

**10:30am People of the Parish**

**Monday, 09/09 8:00am Chris Sauer, RIP**

**Tuesday, 09/10 8:00am Theresa Pyle, RIP**

**Wednesday, 09/11 8:00am Don Halte, RIP**

**Thursday, 09/12 8:00am Ethel Parisien, RIP**

**Friday, 09/13 8:00am Joann Devine, RIP**

**Saturday, 09/14 8:00am Peggy Perez, SI**

***Scripture readings for the week of September 8, 2024***

**Sunday…………......Isaiah 35:4-7a / James 2:1-5 / Mark 7:31-37**

**Monday………….....1 Corinthians 5:1-8 / Luke 6:6-11**

**Tuesday ……………1 Corinthians 6:1-11 / Luke 6:12-19**

**Wednesday……....1 Corinthians 7:25-31 / Luke 6:20-26**

**Thursday……...…..1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13 / Luke6:27-28**

**Friday…………..…..1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27 / Luke 6:39-42**

**Saturday……..……Numbers 21:4b-9 / Philippians 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17**

***PRAYER LIST***

**Please pray for all the ill members of our parish, our families and friends. We want to especially remember: Sr. Mary Clark, SSJ, Danica Mummert, Anne Slagill, Pat Bunsold, Judy Platt, Arely Howlett, Don McLellan, Steve & Lorraine Kevane, Lynn McKinley, Eileen Cahalan, Andy Biondo, Pat Sheridan,**

**Norma Snyder, Lola Thomas, Holly Goulart, Lynne Burnia, and Peggy Perez. (If you have friends or family in need of prayers and you would like them added to this list, please contact Fr. Scott or call the parish office**

# **Saints for a New Situation**  **Everywhere in church circles today you hear a lament: Our churches are emptying, and the church is becoming ever more marginalized.   There are many reasons for this, but I’d like to single out one issue: affluence. Jesus told us that it’s difficult (impossible, he says) for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. No doubt, that’s a huge part of our present struggle. We’re good at being Christians when we’re poor, less educated, and on the margins of mainstream society. We’ve had centuries of practice at this. What we haven’t had any practice at, and aren’t any good at, is how to be Christians when we’re affluent, sophisticated, and constitute the cultural mainstream.  So, I’m suggesting that what we need today is not so much a new pastoral approach as a new kind of saint, an individual man or woman who can model for us practically what it means to live out the Gospel in a context of affluence and secularity.   One of the lessons of history is that often genuine religious renewal, the type that actually reshapes the religious imagination, does not come from think-tanks, conferences, and church synods, but from graced individuals – saints, wild men and women who, like Saint Augustine, Saint Francis, Saint Clare, Saint Dominic, Saint Ignatius, or other such religious figures can reshape our religious imagination. They show us that the new lies elsewhere, that what needs fixing in the church will not be mended simply by patching the old. What’s needed is a new religious and ecclesial imagination.  We’ve been at this spot before in history and have always found our way forward. Every time the world believes it has buried Christ, the stone rolls back from the tomb; every time the cultural ethos declares that the churches are on an irrevocable downward slide, the Spirit intervenes and there’s soon an about face.  Christ promised we will not be orphaned, and that promise is sure. God is still with us and our age will produce its own prophets and saints. What’s asked of us in the moment is biblical patience, to wait on God. Christianity may look tired, tried, and spent to a culture within which affluence and sophistication are its current gods. We’re already beginning to see a number of people who have found ways to become post-affluent and post-sophisticated. These will be the new religious leaders who will teach us, and our children, how to live as Christians in this new situation.**

**Ron Rolheiser, OMI**

**CCD Classes**

**Religious classes begin Sunday, September 8th, at 9:30am in the Slagill Hall. Registration fee is $50 per family. Forms are on the table at the back of the church. Any questions please contact Diane Adkins at 619-889-1205.**

**Week Ending September 1, 2024**

**Total Contributions $4,597**

**(Please note: Our monthly expenses average about $12,000 per month)**

**Welcome to New Parishioners**

***For anyone considering joining our Parish, please call the church office @ 619-749-7908. The office is not staffed full-time, please be prepared to leave a message, including your* contact number.**

**Daily Mass Request**

**If you wish to have a Daily Mass said for someone, please see Father Scott. Weekday Mass is $5.00 and**

**weekend Masses are $10.00 each.**

**\*\*Donut Hut Volunteers Needed\*\***

**We need volunteers for coffee and donuts for both Sunday Masses. For information, call Lynn McKinley at 619-444-9832.**

**Lectors, Sacristans, & Eucharistic Ministers**

**St. Louise is in need of more volunteers to serve at weekend Masses as Lectors, Sacristans, & Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested, please contact Barbara Franzese 619-508-7546, or bluecrestfarm@cox.net. Thank you!!!**

**Upcoming Events**

**September 8th: Parish Breakfast after 8:00am Mass**

**October 5th: Bingo**

**October 13th: Parish Breakfast after 8:00am Mass**

**October 20th: Oktober Fest after 10:30 Mass**

**November 2nd: Bingo**

**November: Thanksgiving Food Drive**

**December 1st: Christmas Toy Drive begins**

**December 7th: Bingo**

**December 14th: Parish Christmas Party 11:00am – 3pm**

**April 28th - May 5th: Walk to Mary**

**RCIA Classes**

**The rite of Christian Initiation for adult’s process is for those persons who are Baptized and wish to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, those wanting to convert to the Catholic Faith, or those interested in learning church teaching. Kevin McKinley will be conducting classes on Wednesdays, starting September 18th in the Maryann Wright Hall. Classes start at 6:00pm-7:00pm. Call Kevin at 619-997-2310**

**WELCOME BACK FATHER SCOTT**

**We missed you and pray you found peace and love.**

**Earl McLaughlin**

**We are sorry to announce the passing of our beloved Parishioner Earl McLaughin. He will be missed. Please pray for Earl and his family at this difficult time.**