

A Letter from Our Parochial Vicar

Dear Friends,

The new year house blessings are off to a great start!

Fr. Rob and I have really enjoyed this opportunity to visit you and to offer the Church's prayer of protection over your family and home. If you would still like to get your name on the list, good news, it is not too late! Give us a call at the office or send us an email and we will find a date and time that work for you.

The following is an awesome preview of what you will hear at the house blessing:

"In your kindness, hear our prayers and pour down the power of your blessing into this element (water), made ready for many kinds of purifications. May this, your creature, become an agent of divine grace in the service of your mysteries, to drive away evil spirits and dispel sickness, so that everything in the homes and other buildings of the faithful that is sprinkled with this water, may be rid of all uncleanness and freed from every harm. Let no breath of infection and no disease-bearing air remain in these places. May the wiles of the lurking enemy prove of no avail. Let whatever might menace the safety and peace of those who live here be put to flight by the sprinkling of this water, so that the health obtained by calling upon your holy name, may be made secure against all attack. Through Christ our Lord."

Have a blessed week,

Father James

Masses for the Week

Monday, January 18 (Gospel reading: Mk. 2: 18-22)

7:00 AM Int. Helen Audrey Adom

12 NOON + Gloria Tristani

Tuesday, January 19 (Gospel reading: Mk. 2: 23-28)

7:00 AM + Charles Orison Magnetti

12 NOON + Joseph Kernan

Wednesday, January 20 (G reading: Mk. 3: 1-6)

7:00 AM + Peter Reilly

12 NOON + Ellen Wycoski

Thursday, January 21 (Gospel reading: Mk. 3: 7-12)

7:00 AM Int. Jessica Coan

12 NOON Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, January 22 (Gospel reading: Mk. 3: 13-19)

7:00 AM + Gladys Mayo

12 NOON + Gary Coulter, Sr.

Saturday, January 23 (Gospel reading: Mk. 3: 20-21)

8:00AM + Jack Townsend

11:00-11:55 AM Confessions

12 NOON + William J. O'Connell

4:00-4:45 PM Confessions

5:00PM + Donna Brown

Sunday, January 24 (Gospel reading: Mk. 1: 14-20)

7:30 AM + Ellen Wycoski

9:00 AM + Jose Antonio Cainas

10:30 AM + Mildred & Andrew Sheridan

12 NOON People of the Parish

1:30 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory

Due to the suspension of the Monday - Friday 8:00am Mass, the intentions scheduled for those Masses will be transferred to Sunday Masses.

The graces of each Mass are applied to the persons listed in the book regardless of whether they appear in the bulletin or are mentioned during the Mass.

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes!

To register, please either fill out the form in this bulletin or email Claire Toms at ctoms@ololrcc.org with your information.

You will then be emailed a link to a registration form for you to fill out.

You can also go directly to lourdesbethesda.net to access our parish registration form.

Thank you and we are happy to welcome you to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Sunday Mass Live Stream:

We are beginning to live stream Mass each Sunday on the Our Lady of Lourdes YouTube channel. The link can be found on our website or visit the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTnJjHQydoW1ddTssCSZgCw/featured>



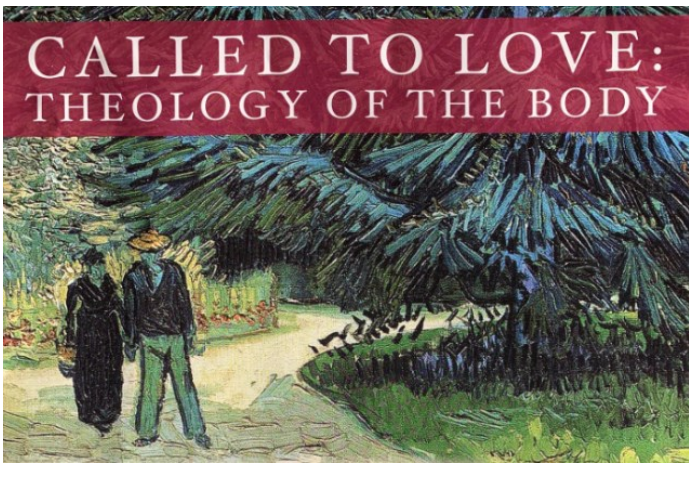
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Washington, DC session of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family announces our Spring 2021 Continuing Education course, **“Called to Love: Theology of the Body.”**

It is a semester-long weekly evening course designed to offer the opportunity to deepen the understanding of the Catholic Faith and is also designed to fulfill requirements for VCEA licensure, and CEU credits for high schools in the Archdiocese of Washington.

This semester’s topic presents St. John Paul II’s great work, *Man and Woman He Created Them: A Theology of the Body*, to explore his rich understanding of the human person, marriage, and family.

To register, or for more information, contact us at: information@johnpaulii.edu.



Please Support Local Pregnant Mothers and Their Babies:

During the past 12 months, more than 250 client mothers and their families have been assisted by Gabriel Project Cluster Angel Friend volunteers. More women volunteers are needed, especially bi-lingual women.

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that assists low-income pregnant women and their children. During the pandemic and economic crisis, the need for the Gabriel Project’s services has grown tremendously while typical sources of support are greatly reduced.

During this Right to Life Month, you can help provide critically needed material resources by purchasing essential items like baby gear, diapers, and clothing through the Gabriel Project’s Amazon Charity List. For more information about the Gabriel Project, and to support our efforts, please visit the website at www.gpmoco.org and look for the link for the Gabriel Project’s Amazon Charity List at the top of the home page.

Thank you for your generous support!

New stimulus bill contains provisions that will help immigrant families where at least one adult has a Social Security Number:

The stimulus bill signed into law late December allows stimulus funds to be given to families where at least one adult has a Social Security number. (Families with one parent with Social Security and one without documents were denied stimulus funds last year.) The new Economic Impact Payments authorizes not only the \$600 stimulus for an adult this year, but enables families to retroactively receive the \$1200 from last year.

Parishioners who need assistance to claim these benefits are invited to email the Catholic Charities VITA program. This program will assist families to file their taxes and receive this year and last year’s stimulus benefit checks. ccvirtualvita@gmail.com Bilingual staff and volunteers are available to assist parishioners.

Catholic Charities staff are training parish volunteers how to fill out tax forms to assist parishioners who need to file their taxes or receive the stimulus checks. If your parish would like to train volunteers, please contact Laura.Yeomans@CC-DC.org.

La nueva ley de estímulo contiene disposiciones que ayudaran a las familias inmigrantes donde al menos un adulto de la familia tenga un Número de Seguro Social:

El proyecto de ley de estímulo firmado a finales de diciembre permite que se den fondos de estímulo a las familias en las que al menos un adulto tenga un número de Seguro Social. (A las familias con uno de los padres tenga un Numero de Seguro Social y uno sin documentos a quienes se les negaron los fondos de estímulo el año pasado.) Los nuevos pagos de Impacto Económico no solo autorizan el de \$600 para un adulto este año, sino que permite a las familias que reciban el estímulo de los \$1200 del año pasado.

Los feligreses que necesiten ayuda para reclamar estos beneficios son invitados a enviar un correo electrónico al programa VITA de Caridades Católicas ccvirtualvita@gmail.com. Este programa ayudara a las familias a presentar sus impuestos y recibir los cheques de beneficios de estímulo de este año y del año pasado. Tenemos personal bilingües y voluntarios que están disponibles para ayudar a los feligreses.

El personal de Caridades Católicas está capacitando a los voluntarios de las parroquias sobre cómo llenar los formularios de impuestos para ayudar a los feligreses que necesiten presentar sus impuestos o recibir los cheques de estímulo. Si su parroquia desea capacitar a voluntarios, comuníquese con Laura Yeomans: Laura.Yeomans@CC-DC.org.

Altar Flowers:



The altar flowers this week have been generously donated by:

Theresa Price in Loving Memory of Frances M. Sienicki.

If you would like to donate the Altar Flowers for a special intention, a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office or email: sgolden@lolrcc.org or ctoms@lolrcc.org. The donation for the flowers is \$150.00.

Finance & Administration:

“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)



Our January Poor Box will be going to the Father McKenna Center. It serves as a food pantry, hypothermia center, and a safe and drug-free environment for the poor. The center is primarily funded by private donations in order to continue to offer its many services. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and support.

We encourage our Online Contribution program, Faith Direct:

Visit our website: lourdesbethesda.net to sign up or scan the QR code below:



Contact Claire Toms at ctoms@lolrcc.org with any questions.

Stay Connected in 2021 with Flocknote!

Sign up to receive text and email updates from Our Lady of Lourdes.

Visit:
[lourdesbethesda.flocknote](http://lourdesbethesda.flocknote.com),
Text FNOLOL to 84576 or Email Claire Toms at ctoms@lolrcc.org.

Study of Saints (SoS):

Through this Study of Saints (SoS), we will learn about the martyrs and religious who have dedicated their lives to God and learn what they are the Patron Saints of. By knowing our patron Saints, we can understand better whose constant intercession we can rely upon in sending our own SOS.

Next Meeting: January 31, 2021:
EVANGELIUM VITAE Encyclical:

http://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_25031995_evangelium-vitae.html

LOLO Sunday Meal For the Poor and Homeless:

The Sunday meal for the poor and homeless, which traditionally has been held from 4:00-6:00 pm in the OLOL cafeteria, has been temporarily converted to a “carry-out” affair. If you are interested in helping to provide food for the meal, send an email to LOLOSundayMeal@gmail.com or call Dan Keen at 301-564-0077.

The “clothes closet” run in conjunction with the meal has been temporarily suspended. Please hold on to donations for the clothes closet until we can reopen. Contact Dan Keen if you have any questions. Thank you!

Moving In, Out or Within the Parish?

Please help us keep our records up-to-date by filling out this form and dropping it in the collection basket or rectory mail slot. Thank you.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

- I/we am/are new to the parish. Welcome!
- Change of address within the parish. Thank you!
- I/we am/are moving out of the parish. God be with you!

¿Qué buscan?

Toda nuestra vida es buscar. Buscamos porque nunca estimamos suficiente lo que tenemos, y si lo tenemos nos las arreglamos para que no llegue a faltarnos. Buscamos como mantener la vida, la salud, las energías, pero hay más. Como personas humanas, tenemos proyectos de realización personal, porque el sentido de nuestra vida no es puramente biológico, no se reduce simplemente a existir, sino que implica vivir humanamente. Vivimos siempre con la inquietud de saber hacia dónde nos encaminamos día a día en nuestra existencia. Y no solos, sino con la imprescindible compañía de otros. Por eso es bueno preguntarnos ¿Qué buscamos? ¿Qué buscamos con nuestro trabajo, con nuestro dinero? ¿Qué buscamos con nuestras relaciones familiares, sociales? ¿Qué buscamos cuando nos ponemos ante Dios? Es



imposible que no resuene en nuestros oídos esa pregunta. Si no nos la planteamos sería peor. Sería como renunciar a nuestra condición humana y convertirnos en animales inconscientes que caminan por la vida sin rumbo ni dirección.

Hoy vemos en el Evangelio que los discípulos de Juan se interesan por Jesús, ellos también andan buscando y comienzan a seguirlo, es entonces cuando Jesús voltea y les pregunta, ¿qué buscan?. Ellos responden diciendo que quieren saber de él, empezando por saber dónde vive, dónde le pueden encontrar para hablar con él. A lo cual Jesús les responde: Vengan y lo verán. Fueron y se quedaron un día, y luego toda la vida, con él. Él acabó dando sentido a sus vidas. ¿Qué les dijo? ¿Qué les entusiasmó de la persona de Jesús? ¿Qué vieron?. Eso no lo sabemos, lo único que podemos decir es que no pudieron seguir igual.

Jesús hoy también te pregunta: ¿qué buscas? Y sigue ofreciéndote como respuesta: ven y lo verás. En nuestra vida cotidiana, ¿buscamos a Jesús? ¿Lo escuchamos? ¿Percibimos que también a nosotros nos llama? Porque nosotros también somos llamados a seguirle. Esa es nuestra vocación de cristianos. Lo que da sentido a nuestro vivir. Por eso escuchamos y meditamos la Palabra de Dios. Dejamos que nos interroge. Percibimos en ella que alguien nos llama, a conocerle mejor, pasar tiempo con él, a seguirle. Porque solo en Jesús nuestra vida tiene sentido. El es quien da sentido a nuestros otros proyectos, a otros objetivos. Pidamos la gracia a Dios de responder como lo hicieron los discípulos: fueron, vieron, ... y se quedaron con Él.

**Regístrese o mantenga Actualizada su información:
Recorte el siguiente formato de inscripción y entréguelo en la
Misa junto con la colecta o llévelo a la Rectoría.**

- Soy (somos) nuevo(s) en la Parroquia. **Queremos inscribirnos.**
- Llevo (tenemos) ya tiempo asistiendo a esta parroquia y **queremos inscribirnos.**
- Estoy (estamos) inscritos y **esta es la nueva dirección.**
- Ya no podré volver a esta parroquia. **Favor eliminar mi nombre de la lista.**

Por favor marque
con una según
corresponda

NOMBRE: _____

DIRECION: _____ APTO: _____ CIUDAD: _____

CODIGO POSTAL: _____ TELEFONO: _____ CORREO ELECTRONICO: _____