**ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC CHURCH**

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**\*JULY 25, 2021 \*SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\***

***MASS INTENTIONS***

 **Saturday, 07/24 5:30pm Fr. James Zakowicz, RIP**

 **Sunday, 07/25 8:00am Dick Hogan, RIP**

 **10:30am (Streaming on youtube) People of the Parish**

 **Monday, 07/26, 8:00am Caroline Hendrickson, SI**

 **Tuesday, 07/27, 8:00am Steve & Mary Kuric, RIP**

 **Wednesday, 07/28, 8:00am Peter Dunn Jr., RIP oeveH**

 **Thursday, 07/29, 8:00am Isabella M. Dunn, RIP**

 **Friday, 07/30, 8:00am Anne D. Comphel, RIP**

 **Saturday, 07/31, 8:00am Phyllis Roth, RIP**

***Scripture readings for the week of July 25, 2021***

**Sunday………….......2 Kinds 4:42-44/ Ephesians 4:1-6 / John 6:1-15**

**Monday…………......Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34 / Matthew 13:31-35**

**Tuesday …………….Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 / Matthew 13:36-43**

**Wednesday……......Exodus 34:29-35/ Matthew 13:44-46**

**Thursday……...……Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 / John 11:19-27**

**Friday…………..…... Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 / Matthew 13:54-58**

**Saturday……..……..Leviticus 25:1, 8-17 / Matthew 14:1-12**

 ***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, Caroline Hendrickson, Gene Chubb, Danica Mummert, Anne Slagill, Joe Slagill, Loretta & Irene Castillo, Mary Musante, Jeanne Messmer, Jackie Connelly, John Fonteyn, Madonna Drilling, Becky Franchino, Robbie Franchino, Emma Romanchik, Thomas Weaver, Pat Bunsold, Mary Robinson, Judy Platt, Tina Christiansen, Jerry Goldstein, Howard Dittrich, Chris Sauer, Mario & Yvonne Cadena, Cindy Petersen, Cheryl Mattis, Gail Palermo, and Bertha Bobo. (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**

**The Problem of Suffering and Evil**

 **Perhaps that is the most difficult religious question of all time and there have been countless attempts to answer it.**

 **Christians believe that what is ultimately at stake is human freedom and God’s respect for it. God gives us freedom and (unlike most everyone else) refuses to violate it, even when it would seem beneficial to do so.**

 **That leaves us in a lot of pain at times, but, as Jesus reveals, God is not so much a rescuing God as a redeeming one. God does not protect us from pain, but instead enters it and ultimately redeems it. That might sound simplistic in the face of real death and evil, but it is not.**

 **We see a powerful illustration of this in Jesus’ reaction to the death of Lazarus. When Mary and Martha send Jesus a message telling him the “the man you love” is gravely ill, Jesus doesn’t rush off to see him. By the time Jesus gets they, Lazarus has died. Martha and Mary are naturally upset and say to Jesus: “If you had been here, my brother would not have died!” Basically, their question is: “Where were you? Why didn’t you come and heal him?” Jesus does not answer her question but instead assures her that Lazarus will live in some deeper way.**

 **Mary and Martha both ask Jesus the universal, timeless question about suffering and God’s seeming absence. Her query (“Where were you when my brother died?”) asks that question for everyone: Where is God when innocent people suffer?**

 **Curiously, Jesus does not engage the question in theory. Instead, he becomes distressed and asks: “Where have you put him?” And when they offer to show him, he begins to weep. This is Jesus' answer to suffering: He enters into peoples’ helplessness and pain. Afterwards, he raises Lazarus from the dead.**

 **Sometimes the only answer to the question of suffering and evil is the one Jesus gave to Mary and Martha – shared helplessness, shared distress, and shared tears, with no attempt to try to explain God’s seeming absence, but rather a trusting that, because God is all-loving and all-powerful, in the end all will be well and our pain will someday be redeemed in God’s embrace.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_RON ROLHEISER, OMI\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Apologetics/Theology Website**

**This Website explains church teachings and the author, Nate Guyear, answers questions submitted through the site. Catholicismexplained.com**

**Obligation To Attend Mass**

**Starting July 1, obligation of Catholics to attend Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday will be restored. Those with physical or emotional vulnerabilities will continue to be exempt. \_**

**Week Ending July 18, 2021**

**Plate $ 216 Sunday Envelopes 1,355**

**Fr. Bill Mission School 6,258**

**Stipend Fund Raiser for Fr. Bill\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2,000**

**Total Contributions $ 9,829**

 **(Please note: Our monthly expenses average about $12,000 per month, which excludes any special projects selected by the Maintenance or Finance Committees.)**

**Missing Envelopes!**

**We would like to apologize to those families who have not received their envelope package in this or the previous cycle. It is occurring to different families in each cycle. We are working with “Our Sunday Visitor” to correct the problem but have not yet had complete success. If you are one of the families who is missing envelopes, please use the Visitor ones, put your name and/or envelope number on it, and let us know that you are “Missing!”. *Thank you for your patience and understanding!\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

 ***\_*New Parishioners**

**For anyone considering joining our Parish, please call the church office @ 619-749-7908 so that our staff of volunteers can expedite your registration. As we are a small congregation and the office is not staffed full-time, please be prepared to leave a message, including your contact number. Thank you**

**St. Louise de Marillac Theology and Bible Class Schedule**

**Hello everyone! St. Louise de Marillac will be offering a weekly theology and Bible class beginning Thursday, May 13th through August 26th, at 6:30pm in the Maryann Wright Hall. The class is designed to be a pleasant stroll in the study of God rather than a rigid academic examination. St. Augustine said, “None can love what he does not know.”. Accordingly, this class will increase**

**your knowledge of God and will help you develop a more intimate relationship with Him. It will also answer many questions about the Catholic faith, and Deacon Kevin Helfers will teach us how to apply these truths to**

**our daily lives. If you do not feel comfortable meeting in person due to Covid, please email Nate Guyear at** **guyear@gmail.com** **to set up a virtual classroom connection.**

**Volunteers Needed To Host Donuts**

**September 5th we will resume having donuts and coffee after both Sunday masses, but host are needed. If you are able to host the donuts and coffee after mass once a month or once every other month, please call Lynn McKinley @ 619-840-9832. Also, please note that the parish can pick up the cost of the donuts. Thank you.\_\_\_**

**WELCOME HOME FATHER SCOTT!! HOPE YOU HAD A WONDERFUL AND PEACEFUL VACATION. WE MISSED YOU AND GLAD YOU ARE BACK.**