**ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC CHURCH**

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**\*MAY 2, 2021 \*FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER\***

***MASS INTENTIONS***

**Saturday, 05/01 5:30pm Chris Sauer, SI**

**Sunday, 05/2 8:00am Maryann Wright, RIP**

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

**Monday, 05/03, 8:00am Ray & Gloria Galindez, SI**

**Tuesday, 05/04, 8:00am Joanne Seeley, RIP**

**Wednesday, 05/05, 8:00am Luis & Avazyn Pablo, SI oeveH**

**Thursday, 05/06, 8:00am Erika L. Pablo, SI**

**Friday, 05/07, 8:00am Herrera Family, SI**

**Saturday, 05/08, 8:00am Caroline Hendrickson, SI**

***Scripture readings for the week of May 2, 2021***

**Sunday………….......Acts 9:26-31 / 1 John 3:18-24 / John 15:1-8**

**Monday…………......1 Corinthians 15:1-8 / John 14:6-14**

**Tuesday …………….Acts 14:19-28 / John 14:27-31a**

**Wednesday……......*Acts 15:1-6* / John 15:1-8**

**Thursday……...……Acts 15:7-21 / John 15:9-11**

**Friday…………..…... Acts 15:22-31 / John 15:12-17**

**Saturday……..……...Acts 16:1-10 / John 15:18-21**

***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, Edna Edwards, Becky Franchino, Robbie Franchino, Emma Romanchik, Thomas Weaver, Pat Bunsold, Mary Robinson, Judy Platt, Tina Christiansen, Jerry Goldstein, Howard Dittrich, Chris Sauer, and Mario & Yvonne Cadena. (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**

**Our Struggle for Empathy and Generativity**

**Sympathy and empathy don't come naturally to us because they come mixed with a lot of other things.**

**First, sympathy and empathy come mixed with our more primal instincts for survival. We aren’t born generous and empathic, we’re born needy, hungry, and instinctually driven for survival. As newborns, we are so consumed with our own survival and have to grow into an awareness of the reality of others. Nature brings us into this world this way in order to ensure that we do what it takes to survive, and this greatly mitigates our empathy. Moreover, beyond how nature has built us, our early experiences soon do further damage to our empathic capacities. Simply put, none of us gets loved purely and wholly and long before we reach our adulthood, all of us have lost our wholeness. As adults, we are, all of us, to some degree, wounded, fearful, and given over to habits of self-preservation which weaken our empathy.**

**Psychologically or spiritually, there aren’t any easy answers on how to deal with these deeply engrained instincts that don’t sway just because they are intellectually understood and with wounds that need to be healed through the heart.  At the end of the day, what would cure us and open our hearts to empathy and real generativity is the experience of genuine, non-exploitive love.**

**So what can we do?**

**First, we can admit the problem, admit our lack of wholeness, admit our wounds, admit our excessive self-preoccupation, and admit our lack of empathy. Second, we can humbly seek help from others, from family, friends, recovery groups, therapists. An honest request for help usually brings some help.**

**Coupled with this, we can expose ourselves more regularly to the poor (of every kind) and their needs and this will help baptize us into empathy and generativity. Few things have the power to draw us out beyond our own wounds and help us to be self-forgetful as standing before the needy.**

**Finally, we need to seek God’s help by throwing ourselves, in prayer, upon God’s wholeness, asking God to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves, namely, see others as being as real as we are.**

**RON ROLHEISER, OMI**

**LIVE STREAMING**

**During the virus shutdown, Father Scott will “Stream on YouTube” the Sunday 10:30 Masses.**

**Church Flowers**

**Special prayers and thank you to Kim Perry and Bob Adams for providing the beautiful flowers for the church during Easter celebration. Your generosity to our parish is greatly appreciated. God Bless.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Mass Schedule Change**

**April 25th was the last Sunday for the 12:30pm Mass.**

**Week Ending April 25, 2021**

**Plate $ 294 Sunday Envelopes 820**

**Mother’s Day Novena 215**

**Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 25**

**Total Contributions $ 1,354**

**(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 May 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**](about:blank) **to set up a virtual classroom connection.**

**Mother’s Day**

**Mother’s Day is May 9th. Nine Mother’s Day Novena Masses with be said for both the living and the deceased. Novena envelopes are on the table in the back of church. Due to the Covid-19 virus shutdown there will be no Mother’s Day breakfast this year.**

**Apologetics/Theology Website**

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