**ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC CHURCH**

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**\*SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 \*TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME\***

***MASS INTENTION***

**Saturday, 08/31 5:30pm People of the Parish**

**Sunday, 09/01 8:00am Elizabeth Ronan, RIP**

**10:30am Joseph Conyers, RIP**

**Monday, 09/02 8:00am Lynne Burnia, SI**

**Tuesday, 09/03 8:00am Alex & Angelina Parisien, RIP**

**Wednesday, 09/04 8:00am Ceil Mondalek, RIP**

**Thursday, 09/05 8:00am Ethel Parisien, RIP**

**Friday, 09/06 8:00am Jimenez Family, SI**

**Saturday, 09/07 8:00am Lena Hefner, RIP**

***Scripture readings for the week of September 1, 2024***

**Sunday…………......Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 / James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 / Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

**Monday………….....1 Corinthians 2:1-5 / Luke 4:16-30**

**Tuesday ……………1 Corinthians 2:10b-16 / Luke 4:31-37**

**Wednesday……....1 Corinthians 3:1-9 / Luke 4:38-44**

**Thursday……...…..1 Corinthians 3:18-23 / Luke 1-11**

**Friday…………..…..1 Corinthians 4:1-5 / Luke 5:33-39**

**Saturday……..……1 Corinthians 4:6b-15 / Luke 6:1-5**

***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, and Lynne Burnia (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**

**There have been countless attempts to answer the question “How can there be an all-loving and an all-powerful God if there is so much suffering and evil in our world?”  
  Inside of Christian theology, many have written insightful books on this question. Christians believe that what is ultimately at stake is human freedom and God’s respect for it. God gives us freedom and 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.  
  When the sisters of Lazarus, Martha and Mary, send a message to Jesus telling him that “the man you love” is gravely ill. Jesus does not immediately rush off to see Lazarus. Instead, he stays where he is for two more days, until Lazarus is dead, and then sets off to see him. When he arrives near the house, he is met by Martha who asks 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? Where is God when anyone’s brother dies?   
 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. His answer to suffering: He enters peoples’ helplessness and pain. Afterwards, he raises Lazarus from the dead.  
  The God we believe in doesn’t necessarily intervene and rescue us from suffering and death (although we are invited to pray for that). Instead, he redeems our suffering afterwards.  
  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**

**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.**

**Father Wiliam (Bill) Kambo**

**As we say good bye to Fr. Bill we want to thank him for all he has done for St. Louise this past month. Our prayers go will you and hope to see you next year.**

**Week Ending August 25, 2024**

**Total Contributions $5,712**

**(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 7th: Bingo**

**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**

**St. Louise Prayer and Bible Study Group:**

**We invite you to join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6-7pm, in the parish hall. We are working our way through the Gospel of John. If you have any prayer intentions you would like us to pray for, please contact us, or put your request in the collection basket.**

**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 hope you found peace and love.**