

May 26, 2024
The Most Holy Trinity Sunday
World Children's Day



*I adore and
glorify you, O
blessed Trinity,
God Almighty,
Father, Son, and
Holy
Spirit.*



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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Parish Information

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Please call ahead if you wish to visit with Father Martin

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For Sacramental Preparation, including:

**Baptism, Religious Education,
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please call the Parish Office.



List of Ministry Leaders

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The Rosary will be said in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary at 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday during the month of May. Please sign up to lead the Rosary at the entrance to the Church.

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
TUESDAY 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days of Obligation: Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Benediction every Friday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.
OR BY APPOINTMENT (call the office)

An Act of Spiritual Communion
(for those unable to physically receive Communion)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Dear Parishioners,

We are so close to reaching our Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) goal for this year. We only need \$835.00 to reach our goal of \$27,340. As you know, the Diocese is asking that all pledges or donations be completed by May 31, 2024. **How to donate:** ONLINE at www.cathfnd.org/donate; or a CHECK payable to the Annual Catholic Appeal (please write *Our Lady of Lourdes* in the memo line of your check) and use the ACA envelopes in the entrance of the Church to mail it or drop it in the weekend collection; or DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD; or ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (checking or savings) again, using the ACA envelope; or CALL (520) 838-2504; or TEXT ACA to 41444 and complete the secure donation form; or lastly, PLEDGING a gift and making payments throughout the year using the ACA envelope. Please **DO NOT MAIL** cash in the ACA envelopes. If you want to use cash, please put it in the ACA envelope and place it in the collection basket at Mass or drop it off at the Parish Office. Whichever way you choose to give, please ensure you indicate *Our Lady of Lourdes* in your submission. Thank you for your generous support of the ACA and our Parish.

The Brother Box/Coffee and More

There are those in our community who sometimes need a little help. The Brother Box/Coffee and More funds have been very helpful in supporting our Parish to help meet this need. The box is located in the front of the church on the left in front of the choir loft. The biggest needs recently are for people who have emergency medical appointments and do not have the money to buy gas to get there, and for travelers or others who are hungry and need some assistance. We are grateful for your support.

Weekend and Weekday Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 28—Friday, May 31

Communion Service

Saturday, May 25, 2024

5:00 p.m.

† Theresa Dundon by the Dundon Family

Sunday, May 26, 2024

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

† Jose Cornelio Chavez by Luis Padilla

Saturday, June 1, 2024

5:00 p.m.

† Richard Little by Phyllis Little

† Poor Souls in Purgatory by Diane

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Sunday, June 2, 2024

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

† Raymond Smith (anniversary of death) by Marie Smith

† Jose Cornelio Chavez by Luis Padilla

Tuesday, June 3 —Friday, June 7

Communion Service

The Pope's Monthly Intention for May

For the formation of religious and seminarians.

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

TODAY'S READINGS

Sunday, May 26, 2024

(according to the Ordo)

First Reading: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40. *The Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below and there is no other.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22. *"Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."*

Second Reading: Rom 8:14-17. *Your received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!"*

Gospel: Mt 28:16-20. Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of May 27, 2024

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27.

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31.

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 10:32-45.

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2-5; Mk 10:46-52.

Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56.

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2-6; Mk 11:27-33.

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop; Memorial Day

Wednesday: St. Paul VI, Pope

Friday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Justin, Martyr

Upcoming Events

- **Join Bishop Weisenburger** and the Office of Vocations in prayer for vocations during a Holy Hour to be held on June 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Augustine Cathedral. Please see the flyer included with the bulletin for more information.
- This weekend, Pope Francis and children from all over the world are celebrating the first **World Children's Day** in Rome. Go to <https://www.worldchildrenday.org/> for more information.
- As of May 21st Father Martin has traveled to Ghana for his Mother's funeral, Mrs. Mary Paula Atanga. Father Stan Sczapza will celebrate mass and hear confessions at the usual times on the weekends through June 9th. Deacon Rick and Deacon Tom will offer communion services during the week until Father returns. Please continue to keep Father Martin, his mother, and family in your prayers.



**Parish Office Closed Memorial Day
Monday May 27, 2024**

Scam Alert

If you are contacted by anyone claiming to be from the Diocese or Our Lady of Lourdes asking for money or gift cards, please confirm the contact's identity with the Diocese at 520-838-2500 or Our Lady of Lourdes office at 520-586-3394.

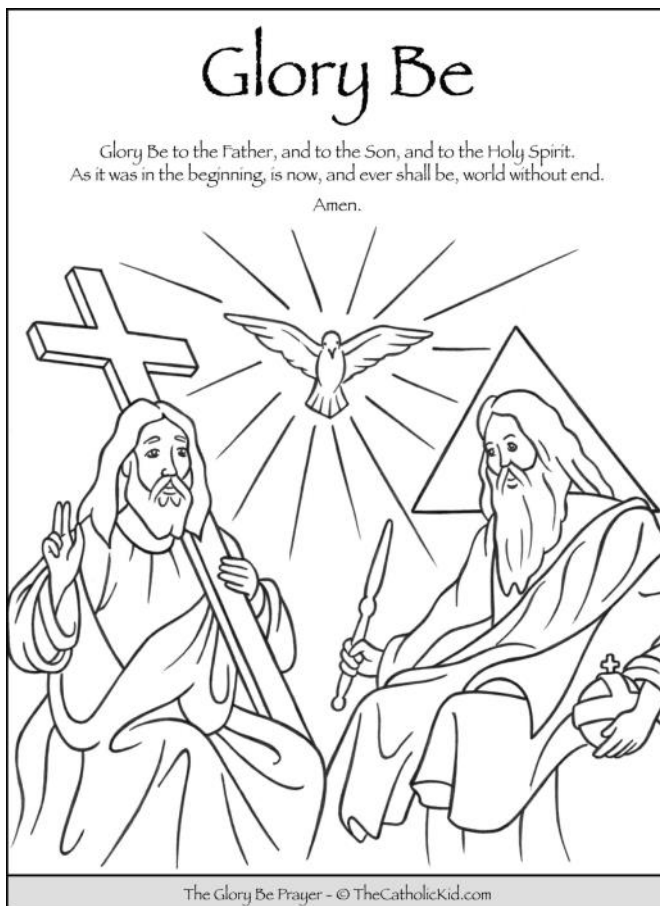
May 19, 2024 Collection Summary

Parish Funds

Parish Offertory \$2,024.15
Facilities Maintenance \$70
Ascension of the Lord \$10
Candles \$38
Brother Box \$112.18
Mother's Day \$30
Online processing donation \$1.80

Funds to be sent out

St. Vincent De Paul \$25
Catholic Communications \$289
Solidarity Fund: the Church in Africa \$60



Message of the Holy Father

For the First World Children's Day 25-26 May 2024



The Holy See

Dear Children!

Your first World Day, which will be held in Rome on 25-26 May this year, is fast approaching. That is why I thought of sending you a Message. I am happy that you will be able to read it and I thank all those responsible for passing it on to you.

I want to speak to each of you, dear children, because, as the Bible teaches us, and as Jesus showed so often, “you are precious” in God’s eyes (Is 43:4).

At the same time, I am addressing this Message to all of you, because all children, everywhere, are a sign of every person’s desire to grow and flourish. You remind us that we are all children, brothers and sisters. We would not be alive unless others brought us into this world, nor could we grow without having others to love and from whom to receive love (cf. Fratelli Tutti, 95). All of you, girls and boys, are a source of joy for your parents and your families, but also for our human family and for the Church, in which each of us is like a link in a great chain stretching from the past to the future and covering the whole earth. That is why I encourage you to pay attention to the stories of grown-ups: your moms and dads, your grandparents and great grandparents. And not to forget all those other children and young people who are already battling illness and hardship, in hospital or at home, and those who even now are being cruelly robbed of their childhood. I think of children who are victims of war and violence, those experiencing hunger and thirst, those living on the streets, those forced to be soldiers or to flee as refugees, separated from their parents, those prevented from going to school, and those who fall prey to criminal gangs, drugs or other forms of slavery and abuse. Let us listen to their voices. We need to hear those voices, for amid their sufferings they remind us of reality, with their tearful eyes and with that tenacious yearning for goodness that endures in the hearts of those who have truly seen the horror of evil.

Dear young friends, in order for us and our world to grow and flourish, it is not enough to be united with one another; we need, above all else, to be united with Jesus. From him we receive a great deal of courage. He is always close to us, his Spirit goes before us and accompanies us on all the world’s pathways. Jesus told us: “Behold, I make all things new” (Rev 21:5); this is the theme I have chosen for your first World Day. These words invite us to become as clever as children in grasping the new realities stirred up by the Spirit, both within us and around us. With Jesus, we can dream of the renewal of our human family and work for a more fraternal society that cares for our common home. This starts with little things, like saying hello to others, asking permission, begging pardon, and saying thank you. Our world will be changed if we all begin with these little things, without being ashamed to take small steps, one at a time. The fact that we are small reminds us that we are also frail and need one another as members of one body (cf. Rom 12:5; 1 Cor 12:26).

That is not all. The fact is that we cannot be happy all by ourselves, because our joy increases to the extent that we share it. Joy is born of gratitude for the gifts we have received and which we share in turn and it grows in our relationships with others.

When we keep the blessings we have received to ourselves, or throw tantrums to get this or that gift, we forget that the greatest gift that we possess is ourselves, one another: all of us, together, are “God’s gift.”

Other gifts are nice, but only if they help us to be together. If we don’t use them for that purpose, we will always end up being unhappy; they will never be enough.

Instead, when we are all together, everything is different! Think of your friends, and how great it is to spend time with them: at home, at school, in the parish and the playground, everywhere. Playing, singing, discovering new things, having fun, everyone being together and excluding no one. Friendship is wonderful and it grows only in this way: through sharing and forgiving, with patience, courage, creativity and imagination, without fear and without prejudice.

Now, I am going to share a special secret with you. If we really want to be happy, we need to pray, to pray a lot, to pray every day, because prayer connects us directly to God. Prayer fills our hearts with light and warmth; it helps us to do everything with confidence and peace of mind. Jesus constantly prayed to the Father. Do you know what Jesus called him? In his language, he simply called him “Abba”, which means “Daddy” (cf. Mk 14:36). Let’s do the same thing! We will always feel that Jesus is close to us. He himself promised us that, when he said, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Mt 18:20).

Dear children, you may know that in May, many of us will be together in Rome, to be together with children from all over the world. To prepare well for this, I would ask all of you to pray the same prayer that Jesus taught us – the Our Father. Recite it every morning and every evening, in your families too, together with your parents, brothers, sisters and grandparents. But not just by saying the words! Think about those words that Jesus taught us. He is calling us and he wants us to join actively with him, on this World Children’s Day, to become builders of a new, more humane, just and peaceful world. Jesus, who offered himself on the Cross to gather all of us together in love, who conquered death and reconciled us with the Father, wants to continue his work in the Church through us. Think about this, especially those of you who are preparing to receive First Communion.

God has loved us from all eternity (cf. Jer 1:5). He looks upon us with the eyes of a loving father and a gentle mother. He never forgets us (cf. Is 49:15) and every day he accompanies us and renews us with his Spirit.

Together with the Most Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, let us pray in these words:

Come, Holy Spirit,
show us your beauty,
reflected in the faces
of children all over the world.
Come, Jesus,
you who make all things new,
who are the way that leads us to the Father,
come and remain with us always.
Amen.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 2 March 2024

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Knights of Columbus Logan De Rosier Council #7521 Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

<http://www.ololparish.org/kofc/index.htm>

Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 p.m. in the Monsignor Rosettie Hall.
All Knights and visiting Knights are encouraged and welcome to attend. Any practicing Catholic gentleman 18 or older wishing to join the Knights of Columbus may contact the membership drive director S. K. Dan Garcia - 520-444-1339 for more information.

Silver Rose May 29, 2024

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus Councils along routes from Canada to Mexico, in remembrance of Juan Diego's meeting of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 9, 1531 and the miracle of the roses. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for the Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Knights of Columbus, Logan DeRosier Council 7521 has scheduled **one such Silver Rose to be received here at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on Wednesday May 29, 2024 after the 8:00 AM Communion Service.** We invite you to pray as a community with us in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the sanctity of human life.



Please review this list and let the Office Staff know of any changes or additions that are needed.

Please Pray for Our Men and Women in the Military and their Families

ARMY: Brian Curd, Chris Krug, Matthew Lawrence, Richard McMillian, Tommy Montijo, Benjamin Nolting, Richard Matthew Simpson CPT, Colby Tigges, Joseph James Simpson ENS, Quentin Tigges, Kenal Hestand, Matthew Castagno, Joseph Agay, Nicholas Pecina, Andrew Pecina, Jared Romero, Hannah Amavisca, Norman Richard Scroggins, Gordon Molina, Nicolas Amavisca, Faith Daniels

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