

Mass Intentions

June 5 - June 11, 2023

Monday, 6/5	9:00 a.m.	Caballero-Calabia Family
Tuesday, 6/6	9:00 a.m.	Robert D. Ruiz
Wednesday, 6/7	9:00 a.m.	Frank & Margaret French
	7:30 p.m.	Reverend Donald Brice
Thursday, 6/8	9:00 a.m.	Kathy Davis
Friday, 6/9	9:00 a.m.	Gilda Beyer
Saturday, 6/10	5:00 p.m.	Sadie Lue
Sunday, 6/11	8:00 a.m.	Teresa C. Maguire
	9:30 a.m.	Esther Aguilar
	11:15 a.m.	RE Catechists
		& Families (L)
	1:00 p.m.	Beatrice & Kenneth Weiss (L)
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>

In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of So Chan, mother of Michael Man, Jacqueline Lucas, sister of Kathy McKee.

Please pray for the sick... Ursula Man, Anna Calabia, Maria De Los Angeles Concepcion, Caramia Caballero-Calabia, Eugene Parks, Bill Orband, Alicia Church, Paul Matouski, Jan LaPina, Nicole Behrus-Weiss, Maryann Murphy, Christine Vilgos-Mitchell, Mark Patterson, Michael Waple, Sophia Jusko, Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Angelica Santos, Allison Brauer, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, Sandra Kimball, Ed Dudenhoef-fer, Jackie Roebuck King, Jeni Stepanek. *(Names will remain on this list for four consecutive weeks, but can be repeated by calling the Office.)*

Readings for the Week of June 4, 2023

Sunday:	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/ 2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
Monday:	Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6/ Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday:	Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday:	Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday:	Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 12:28-34
Friday:	Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/ Mk 12:35-37
Saturday:	Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8/ Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday:	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12)/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Today we are discussing St. Thérèse of Lisieux, chronologically the last of the thirty-seven men and women who have been named Doctors of the Church. She was born on January 2, 1873, the last daughter of Louis and Zélie Martin, exemplary parents who were canonized together by Pope Francis on October 18, 2015. Louis and Zélie had nine children, four of whom died as babies or small children. The five daughters who remained all became religious. Four of them became Discalced Carmelites and one became a Visitandine.

Zélie was diagnosed with breast cancer shortly after Thérèse was born, and, unfortunately, succumbed to cancer when Thérèse was four. After Zélie died, Louis moved with his daughters to Lisieux, where Thérèse would live for the rest of her life. Later, Thérèse was afflicted by a serious nervous disorder which was cured by what he called “a smile from Our Lady.” Thérèse then received her First Communion, which was an intense religious experience for her. Subsequently, she made Jesus in the Eucharist the center of her life.

At Christmas in 1886 Thérèse experienced a great grace through which she recovered completely from her childhood hypersensitivity. The next year Thérèse became even closer to the crucified Christ. She learned about an impenitent criminal who had been sentenced to death. “I wanted at all costs to prevent him from going to hell,” Thérèse later wrote. She was convinced that her prayers would put him in contact with the redeeming Blood of Christ. This was her first and fundamental experience of spiritual motherhood. “I had such great trust in the Infinite Mercy of Jesus,” she wrote.

In November 1887, Thérèse, her sister Céline, and her father went on a pilgrimage to Rome. The climactic moment of the pilgrimage occurred when the pilgrims had an audience with Pope Leo XIII. At the audience Thérèse disregarded instructions that the pilgrims were not to speak to the Holy Father. After kissing his foot, she took him by complete surprise when she requested his permission to allow her to enter the Carmelites at the age of fifteen. When he said that things would turn out for the best if she only waited, Thérèse remained insistent. Finally, she had to be carried away by papal guards. Finally on April 9, 1888, Thérèse was accepted into the Lisieux Carmel as a postulant. In January of 1889 she became a novice and finally on September 8, 1890, she became a fully professed member of the community, taking the name Sister Thérèse of the Infant Jesus and the Holy Face.

In 1894, her beloved father died after a trying illness and her biological sister Pauline, now Mother Agnes, ordered her to write down the memories of her childhood. This was the beginning of the manuscript that would grow into the *Story of a Soul*. The work consists of three different manuscripts. The eight chapters of Manuscript A were written between December 1894 and January 1896, at the command of Mother Agnes. Manuscript B (chapter 9) on the vocation of love was written in September of 1896 and addressed to Jesus. Finally, Manuscript C (chapters 10-11), addressed to Mother Marie de Gonzague, was written in June of 1897 and describes her final days and the “Dark Night” experience that had begun on April 5 of the previous year and was to continue until her death.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What concrete actions can I take to be a more forgiving person? Can I overcome my insistence that those whom I forgive be deserving of it?

PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP HELPS PEOPLE TO PRAY

Forge a connection with yourself and get closer to God by learning to deepen prayer and biblical meditation during a 16-session Prayer and Life Workshop designed by Father Ignacio Larrañaga that will change your life.

Start: Saturday, August 5, 2023, in the Rectory's Assisi Room, 9-11 am (Weekly session)

Registration deadline: August 19

Materials: Participation Fee \$14

For additional information, text (240) 243-3701 or e-mail tov.dmv@gmail.com.

PLEASE JOIN US AT A "COMMUNAL CONVERSATION WITH FR. JOHN" AT 9 AM ON JUNE 10 IN THE CHURCH

Would you like to learn more about the priestly journey and ministry of our pastor, Fr. John Dillon? If so, then please plan to attend "A Communal Conversation with Fr. John" at 9 am Saturday, June 10, in the church. During this hour-long dialogue, Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan will interview Fr. John on the altar about his 25 years in priestly service to the Archdiocese of Washington (DC); afterward, attendees are invited to enjoy some light refreshments in the Gathering Space.

The parish Communications Ministry will record and edit the interview and subsequently post it on the parish YouTube Channel. By attending, attendees give their implicit permission to allow their image and voice to be used on the video, especially if they pose a question to Fr. John during the Q&A. Please plan to join us!

HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

Join your fellow parishioners in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the "Holy Hour for those to be ordained priests" and an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life on Friday, June 16th during Eucharistic Adoration starting at 9:30 a.m. Unite with parishes around the Archdiocese as we anticipate the ordination of six future priests on Saturday, June 17.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

In this trial, Thérèse's sense of God's presence vanished, and she lived in the midst of a darkness in which all the joy of belief had vanished. These final chapters of the *Story of a Soul* constitute the core of Thérèse's message.

After Thérèse died in October 1897, the nuns at the Lisieux Carmel were faced with a dilemma. It was customary for them to send an obituary notice to the other monasteries when one of the nuns died. What would they say about Thérèse? As far as they were concerned, she was the typical Carmelite nun. Sadly, she had died at a young age, but there was nothing all that notable about her, as far as they were concerned. They decided to send a copy of the *Story of a Soul* which Mother Agnes heavily edited to conform to the standards of nineteenth-century piety. As Thérèse became better known, interest in studying her work increased. The unexpurgated texts revealed in her a far deeper and stronger figure, one whose dark night of the soul was similar to that of John of the Cross and other great mystics.

In 1925 Thérèse was canonized—only twenty-eight years after her death. Pope Pius XI named her the Patroness of the Missions in 1939. In 1997 Pope St. John Paul II named her a Doctor of the Church. Let me close this column with this maxim of St. Thérèse, "*Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be.*"

Until next week,

Fr. John

DONATIONS FOR THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES' SUMMER CLOTHING & SHOES DRIVE TO BE COLLECTED JUNE 11-16

Catholic Charities of Washington DC will be sponsoring a Summer Clothing and Shoes Drive on Saturday, June 17, to help provide 372 migrant families with appropriate attire for the warm weather. St. Francis of Assisi parishioners can help by purchasing or donating some of the following new or professionally cleaned items:

- Men's and women's adult size small and medium T-shirts and shorts
- Women's adult size small and medium sports bras
- Children's summer clothing
- Crocs (or alternatives) for men, women, and children

Please place your donations in the marked boxes in the Gathering Space from Sunday, June 11-Friday, June 16. For more information, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

COME SEE THE PRIESTS IN CONCERT ON JUNE 18!

Looking for something to do on Father's Day? If so, then check out the Priests in Concert from 7-10 pm Sunday, June 18, at the Shrine of St. Jude -- Thaddeus Hall in Rockville. This concert fundraiser involving archdiocesan priests spiritually formed at the Redemptoris Mater - Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary of Washington will raise money to help area youth attend World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, this August. Rumor has it that our own Fr. G will be singing backup vocals! Visit www.priestsinconcert.com to buy tickets. For more information, contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

2022-23 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



REGISTER NOW FOR 2023-24

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Registration forms and program information can be found on the parish website at: <https://sfadw.org/children-grades-pre-k-8>. We look forward to the continuing participation of all families in our parish religious education program! We also look forward to welcoming new families and invite all parishioners to share program information with family, friends, and neighbors! Classes are expected to start on September 17, 18 and 19.

As we look ahead to next year's Religious Education program, please consider whether you can serve as a catechist for our children and young people. If you would like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.



St. Francis of Assisi Church Vacation Bible Camp: June 26-30, 2023

For children age 4 through those who are completing 5th grade in June 2023.

This summer's program will be offered in-person, 9 am to 12:15 pm daily.

VBC Family Program & Social at 7 pm on Thursday, June 29.

Parents of registered campers and accepted teen volunteers: Watch your email for additional information and updates as we prepare for VBC!

Registration is now closed.

Please pray for our campers and volunteers as we share this week of faith and fun!

We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

<http://www.facebook.com/stjuderockvillemd>

REGISTER NOW FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration is open for all interested families! We are a PreK3-8th grade Catholic school. Come and witness a faith-filled school with high academic standards and happy students! MAP scores above the National Average! Tours are available by appointment. Please contact Ellen Donnelly at Ellen.Donnelly@StJudeRockville.org.

SUBSTITUTES ARE NEEDED! If you are a retired teacher or someone who would like to teach children, but not everyday, then being a substitute is for you! Please contact the main office for more information (301) 926-7888.

BOOST Scholarship is open! We highly encourage everyone who is registered to apply! <https://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>

Join us for our 25th Annual St. Jude Athletic Association Golf Tournament on Monday, June 12th at Northwest Golf Course! Registration includes a giveaway hoodie, lunch, 18 holes of golf, and a golf cart! Visit this link for more information and to register! <https://reg.sportspilot.com/106507/login> If you're unable to join us, you can also donate to help us continue to provide outstanding athletics to the youth of the Shrine of St. Jude parish. Whatever amount you can give will help!

<https://reg.sportspilot.com/106507/leagues?search=St%20Jude%20Athletics%20Donations>

8th grade - Class of 2023

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24-26). We said goodbye to our 8th graders... we are so proud of them and will be praying for them as they move onto high school!

ST. MARY'S ROCKVILLE MEAL PACKING EVENT

St. Mary's Parish in Rockville is hosting a **Refugee Meal Packing Kit Event on Saturday, June 24 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**. Meal kits packed will be delivered quickly to Poland for Ukrainian Refugees and to Turkey and Syria for earthquake victims. Please consider donating to support the purchase of food to be distributed. A goal of \$21,000.00 raised to package 60,000 meals is desired. Donations will be gratefully accepted thru PayPal: <https://bit.ly/3ww14n1>.

Checks payable to: The Outreach Program may be mailed to St. Mary's Parish 520 Veirs Mill Rd. Rockville, MD 20852. Many volunteers are also needed on June 24th. Sign-up via <https://bit.ly/3MUhVHv> Any questions, contact Mary McCormick at mary.e.mccormick22@gmail.com.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICE MEN/WOMEN

Please continue to pray for all those parishioners, family members and friends who are serving in the military services. We have a prayer list posted in the Gathering Space for those who are serving in these areas. Please help us to keep it current by letting us know of any parishioner who is currently deployed so we can add them, and also those who have returned so that we can remove their names. Please continue to keep all of our military personnel in your prayers.

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGES

Canned Fruit
Canned Soup
Canned Vegetables
Pasta
Pasta Sauce

Dry Unsweetened Cereal
Canned Beans (Black, Kidney)
Meals in a can (stew, canned pasta, chili)
Canned Soup

Baby Formula: Similac Blue & Similac Orange, and/or domestic or foreign equivalents/substitutes.

Adult Unisex Pullups—Small, Medium & Large
Glucerna

Paper Bags (Trader Joe size or similar).
Plastic Newspaper or Grocery Bags
12-egg cartons (Plastic)

Please place donations in the St. Martin's Food Pantry Bin in the Gathering Space or the Rectory front porch if the church is locked.

***We need your help in order to help those in need!
Thank you for all you do!***

THANK YOU FROM KOFC MONTGOMERY COUNCIL 2323

Through the continued support of St. Francis of Assisi parishioners, Montgomery Council held three very successful fish dinners during Lent. Based on your attendance and donations, we will send checks to the three selected charities totaling \$5,290, as outlined below. It is only with your kindness that we can uphold the Knight's primary principle, which is Charity.

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| • Little Sisters of the Poor | \$1,720 |
| • Shady Grove Pregnancy Center | \$2,180 |
| • Fisher House NSA Bethesda | \$1,390 |

***THANK YOU !!
James R Gierula -
Grand Knight***

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 2323

The Knights of Columbus are looking for new, transferring or readmitted members to share in their Charity, Fraternity, Unity and Patriotism activities. Council 2323 supports many St. Francis activities and has many social events. The KofC offers life and long term care insurance opportunities as well as annuities. If interested in learning more, contact Gary Palmer (301-948-6494 or email gtdbpalmer@verizon.net).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES @ SETON SHRINE

Are you a high school student looking to fulfill service hours? Are you seeking to spend your time in a fulfilling way? The Seton Shrine always has several volunteer opportunities with flexible hours! Email Liz at liz.origenes@setonshrine.org or call 301-447-6606 to learn more.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ARE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Are you looking to serve our church by helping enhance the liturgy? Please consider joining one of our church's many liturgical ministries; see the descriptions below. If you are interested in serving in any one, then please contact the listed ministry coordinator.

- **Ushers** – Teens in ninth grade and above and all male and female adults are invited to join the ushers in helping keep Mass orderly, welcoming, and safe. People are particularly needed at the 5 pm Vigil Mass, the 8 am Sunday Mass, the 1 pm Mass in Spanish, and the 5 pm Sunday liturgy. Please contact Ministry Coordinator Vince Price at price93507@aol.com for more information.
- **Joyful Greeters** – Friendly people are needed to stand at our church's entrances and welcome people as they arrive at Mass. This ministry particularly needs new greeters at the 5 pm Sunday Mass, but new ministers are welcome to help at any liturgy. For more information, contact Ministry Coordinator Helen Hayes at helenhayes@aol.com.
- **Lectors** – People interested in proclaiming the Word of God on the altar are particularly needed at the 8 am Sunday Mass and the 5 pm Sunday liturgy. If you have any questions about becoming a lector, then please contact Ministry Coordinator Ralph Chite at (240) 715-8658.
- **Altar Servers:** Altar servers are needed at all Masses. If your child is in fourth grade or above and would like to participate in this important ministry, please call the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.
- **Altar Guild:** Members of the Altar Guild are responsible for laundering the altar linens and replacing and maintaining proper use of the candles in the church. Teams of three or four people generally serve once every six weeks. For more information, please contact Ministry Coordinator Kathy McKee at (301) 330-2787.
- **Music Ministry** – All who enjoy singing are invited to join one of the parish's ensembles. Outside of the summer, the Choir sings at the 9:30 am liturgy and rehearses Thursday evenings. The Youth Ensemble sings at the 5 pm Sunday Mass and rehearses Sunday afternoons. For more information, contact Director of Music Janet Pate at sfadwmusic@gmail.com.

For more information about any of the liturgical ministries, please contact Coordinator of Liturgy Joan Treacy at jmtreacy@gmail.com.

YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE ABUSED

Domestic violence refers to a pattern of violent and coercive behavior by one adult over another in an intimate relationship. It can consist of repeated severe beatings or subtle forms of abuse, including threats and control. If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. For additional information or to learn more about domestic violence, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace.

Anuncios para el boletín del 4 de junio de 2023:

Únase a nosotros en “Una conversación comunitaria con el P. John” a las 9 am el 10 de junio en la Iglesia

¿Le gustaría aprender más sobre el camino sacerdotal y el ministerio de nuestro párroco, el P. John Dillon? Si es así, planee asistir a “Una conversación comunitaria con el P. John” a las 9 am el sábado, 10 de junio, en la iglesia. Durante este diálogo de una hora, la Coordinadora de Comunicaciones Melissa Egan entrevistará al P. John en el altar sobre sus 25 años de servicio sacerdotal en la Arquidiócesis de Washington (DC); luego, se invita a los asistentes a disfrutar de un refrigerio ligero en el Espacio de Reunión.

El Ministerio de Comunicaciones de la parroquia grabará y editará la entrevista y posteriormente la publicará en el canal de YouTube de la parroquia. Al asistir, los asistentes dan su permiso implícito para permitir que su imagen y voz se usen en el video, especialmente si le hacen una pregunta al P. John durante la sesión de preguntas y respuestas. ¡Por favor haga planes para unirse a nosotros!

Las donaciones para la colecta de ropa y zapatos de verano de Caridades Católicas se recolectarán del 11 al 16 de junio

Caridades Católicas de Washington DC patrocinará una Colecta de Ropa y Zapatos de Verano el sábado, 17 de junio, para ayudar a proporcionar a 372 familias migrantes la vestimenta adecuada para el clima cálido. Los feligreses de St. Francis of Assisi pueden ayudar comprando o donando algunos de los siguientes artículos ya sean nuevos o limpiados profesionalmente:

- Camisetas y pantalones cortos para hombre y mujer de talla pequeña y mediana para adultos
- Sostenes deportivos de talla pequeña y mediana para mujer adulta
- Ropa de verano para niños
- Crocs (ó alternativas) para hombres, mujeres y niños

Coloque sus donaciones en las cajas marcadas en el Espacio de Reunión desde el domingo, 11 de junio hasta el viernes, 16 de junio. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Director de Asuntos Sociales y Formación de Fe para Adultos Tony Bosnick en abosnick@sfadw.org.

¡Ven a ver a los sacerdotes en concierto el 18 de junio!

¿Buscas algo que hacer en el Día del Padre? Si es así, echa un vistazo a Sacerdotes en Concierto de 7 a 10 pm el domingo, 18 de junio en el Santuario de St. Jude -- Thaddeus Hall en Rockville. Este concierto para recaudar fondos que involucra a sacerdotes arquidiocesanos espiritualmente formados en Redemptoris Mater - Seminario Misionero Arquidiocesano de Washington recaudará dinero para ayudar a los jóvenes del área a asistir a la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud en Lisboa, Portugal, este agosto. Se rumora que nuestro propio Padre G estará cantando voces de acompañamiento! Por favor compre boletos en www.priestsinconcert.com. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial al (301) 840-1407.

Los ministerios litúrgicos están buscando nuevos miembros

¿Está buscando servir a nuestra iglesia ayudando a realzar la liturgia? Considere unirse a uno de los muchos ministerios litúrgicos de nuestra iglesia; consulte las descripciones a continuación. Si está interesado en servir en alguno, comuníquese con el coordinador del ministerio que figura en la lista.

- **Ujieres:** los adolescentes de noveno grado en adelante y todos los adultos están invitados a unirse a los ujieres para ayudar a mantener la Misa ordenada, acogedora y segura. Se necesitan personas especialmente la Misa de Vigilia de las 5 pm, la Misa dominical de las 8 am, la Misa en español de la 1 pm y la liturgia del domingo de las 5 pm. Comuníquese con el Coordinador del Ministerio Vince Price en price93507@aol.com para obtener más información.
- **Saludadores alegres:** se necesita gente amable para pararse en las entradas de nuestra iglesia y dar la bienvenida a las personas cuando llegan a Misa. Este ministerio necesita especialmente nuevos saludadores en la Misa dominical de las 5 p. m., pero los nuevos ministros son bienvenidos para ayudar en cualquier liturgia. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la Coordinadora del Ministerio, Helen Hayes, en helenlhayes@aol.com.
- **Lectores** – Las personas interesadas en proclamar la Palabra de Dios en el altar son especialmente necesarias en la Misa dominical de las 8 am y en la liturgia dominical de las 5 pm. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre cómo convertirse en lector, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Ministerio Ralph Chite al (240) 715-8658.
- **Acólitos:** Se necesitan monaguillos en todas las Misas. Si su hijo está en cuarto grado ó más y le gustaría participar en este importante ministerio, llame a la Oficina Parroquial al (301) 840-1407.
- **Cofradía del Altar:** Los miembros de la Cofradía del Altar son responsables de lavar los manteles del altar y reemplazar y mantener el uso adecuado de las velas en la iglesia. Los equipos de tres ó cuatro personas generalmente sirven una vez cada seis semanas. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la Coordinadora del Ministerio Kathy McKee al (301) 330-2787.
- **Ministerio de Música** – Todos los que disfrutan del canto están invitados a unirse a uno de los conjuntos de la parroquia. Fuera del verano, el Coro canta en la liturgia de las 9:30 am y ensaya los jueves por la noche. El Conjunto de Jóvenes canta en la misa dominical de las 5 pm y ensaya los domingos por la tarde. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la Directora de Música Janet Pate en sfadwmusic@gmail.com.

Para obtener más información sobre cualquiera de los ministerios litúrgicos, comuníquese con la directora de liturgia, Joan Treacy, a jmtreacy@gmail.com.