

# Mass Intentions

**July 31 - August 6, 2023**

<b>Monday, 7/31</b>	9:00 a.m.	Alain Alerte
<b>Tuesday, 8/1</b>	9:00 a.m.	Alexander O'Connor
<b>Wednesday, 8/2</b>	9:00 a.m.	Margaret Smith
	7:30 p.m.	Gaby & Rod O'Connor
<b>Thursday, 8/3</b>	9:00 a.m.	Amelia Dudenhoeffer
<b>Friday, 8/4</b>	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Lynn Beall
	7:30 p.m.	Paul Lang
<b>Saturday, 8/5</b>	5:00 p.m.	Barbara Lynn Beall
<b>Sunday, 8/6</b>	8:00 a.m.	Lee Beng
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Heartie Burchess
	1:00 p.m.	Carmen Alicia Morales
	5:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving

## In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of John McCarthy.

**Please pray for the sick...** Charles Dillon, Jr., Dennis Reising, Caroline Poticchio, Christine Degen, Rodolfo Gamboa, Anna Calabia, Nicole Behrus-Weiss, Maryann Murphy, Mark Patterson, Michael Waple, Sophia Jusko, Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Angelica Santos, Allison Brauer, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, Sandra Kimball, Ed Dudenhoeffer, 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 July 30, 2023

<b>Sunday:</b>	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
<b>Monday:</b>	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
<b>Thursday:</b>	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53
<b>Friday:</b>	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58
<b>Saturday:</b>	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

## THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Anne-Thérèse Guérin was born in Etambles, France on October 2, 1798. Her father, Laurent Guérin, was an officer in the French navy and was often away from the family for long periods of time. When Anne-Thérèse was fifteen, her father was murdered by bandits whom he encountered on his way home for a family visit. Isabelle Guérin, the mother of Anne-Thérèse, fell into deep depression as a result of the loss of her husband. Anne-Thérèse bore the responsibility of caring for her mother and her young sister as well as the family's home and garden for the next ten years.

When Anne-Thérèse was ten years old, she was able to receive her First Communion. She told the parish priest that one day she would become a nun. She was able to enter the Sisters of Providence of Ruillé-sur-Loir when she was nearly twenty-five. This community had been recently established. Its members were dedicated to serving God through the education of children and the care of the sick and dying. Upon entering the Sisters of Providence Anne-Thérèse received a religious name: Sister Saint Theodore.

The next seventeen years passed quickly. Sister Saint Theodore taught in schools run by her community. In time she became the principal of the school and was appointed the local superior of the sisters. She even received recognition by the French government for being a gifted teacher. In 1840, the Bishop of the recently established Diocese of Vincennes in Indiana came to the motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence in search of sisters to work in his diocese. Sister Saint Theodore and five other Sisters of Providence were chosen for this venture. She was designated as the Mother Superior of this missionary band and was known from that time onward as Mother Theodore. They arrived at their first home, a log cabin in the middle of the woods in Indiana.

Despite their meager resources the Sisters established a thriving community, attracting postulants and educating eager students from the scattered pioneer families. In addition to hunger, cold, and illness, Mother Theodore found a huge challenge in the campaign of harassment waged by the local bishop. He saw the Sisters of Providence as his personal possession and tried to control their affairs in every way possible. Mother Theodore first tried to regard him charitably as an "excellent father." Never had she found "a heart more compassionate under an exterior so cold."

Relations between the two of them became so tense that Mother Theodore offered to resign as Mother Superior. "I love Indiana with my whole soul she wrote to the bishop. "To do good there was my whole ambition; the good God has permitted that you did not wish it. May God's will be done." The bishop was not content with her offer to resign. He declared that she was no longer even a Sister of Providence. He ordered her to leave his diocese and "go elsewhere to hide her disgrace." He even threatened to excommunicate any sister who followed her. Hearing this the entire community began to pack their bags. At this point some surprising news came from the Holy See. A new bishop had been appointed to the Diocese of Vincennes. Mother Theodore was restored to office, and the community prospered under her leadership.

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**July 30, 2023**

### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

*How can I build a world worth treasuring?  
Whom do I need to forgive or of whom do I need  
to ask forgiveness so that we can be reconciled,  
even if we both still disagree.*

### **WALKING WITH PURPOSE RESOURCES OFFER BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN THE PARISH**

All women of the parish are invited to take part in one of two women's Bible study sessions beginning this fall in the Kuehner Room. The options include:

- *"Ordering Your Priorities: Building a Life Well Lived," 4:45-6 pm Mondays in the Kuehner Room. Start date to be determined.* Participants will use "Walking with Purpose" resources, which align with Church teaching. Designed to require limited at-home preparation, the course will take place over 18 weeks, with several week-long breaks around the holidays built into the schedule.
- *"Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point," 10:15-11:45 am Thursdays in the Kuehner Room. Start date to be determined.* This 22-week study has been divided into a nine-week session starting in September; an eight-week session starting in January; and a five-week session beginning in April. Multi-week holiday breaks have been built into the schedule. All women are welcome to join any or all trimesters.

For more information, contact coordinators Eileen Grams at [ehgrams@yahoo.com](mailto:ehgrams@yahoo.com) or Lita Silva at [litasilva4@gmail.com](mailto:litasilva4@gmail.com).

### **THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)**

Mother Theodore's holiness was evident to people who knew her, and many simply described her as "saintly." She had the ability to draw out the best in people, to enable them to attain more than they thought possible. Love was one of her great hallmarks. She loved God, God's people, the Sisters of Providence, the Roman Catholic Church, and the people she served. She did not exclude anyone from her ministries or her prayers. She dedicated her life to helping people know God and live better lives. She knew that alone she could do nothing, but all things were possible with God. She accepted trials, trouble, and occasions when she was treated unjustly as part of her life. In times of persecution, she remained a faithful woman of God.

Mother Theodore died sixteen years after she arrived at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Only 57 when she died, Mother Theodore touched a countless number of lives in a life well lived. Pope Saint John Paul II beatified her in 1998. Pope Benedict XVI canonized her in 2006. At that time the Vatican gave her the official name of Saint Theodora Guérin.

Let me close this column with a quote from Saint Theodora Guérin: *"Let us never forget that if we wish to die like the Saints, we must live like them."*

Until next week,  
**Fr. John**

### **STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP STARTING AUGUST 5**

If you are looking for a new way to pray and meditate, then it's not too late to register for the Prayer and Life Workshop slated to begin Saturday, August 5, in the Rectory's Assisi Room. Participants will gather weekly from 9-11 am on Saturdays, meeting through November 18. Using a program designed by Fr. Ignacio Larrañaga, come learn new ways to pray and how to meditate on the Word of God. There is a \$14 registration fee but no cost to participate. Please register by August 19 by texting (240) 243-3701 or e-mailing [tov.dmv@gmail.com](mailto:tov.dmv@gmail.com). For more information, contact Deacon Will Garcia at [wagarcia@comcast.net](mailto:wagarcia@comcast.net).

### **SUMMER IN THE CITY FOOD DRIVE TAKES PLACE THIS WEEKEND**

This weekend, please return your grocery bags for the Summer in the City Food Drive sponsored by the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation; the food drive will benefit communities in need in the Washington DC area. Needed items include:

- Canned tuna or chicken
- Dry cereal
- Canned vegetables
- Soup (Hearty varieties are best)
- Canned fruit
- Peanut butter and jelly (plastic containers only)
- Baked beans (cans) and rice (any size)
- Pasta and pasta sauce (plastic containers only)

For more information, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at [abosnick@sfadw.org](mailto:abosnick@sfadw.org).

### **SIGN UP STARTING AUGUST 5 FOR THE CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM**

Are you looking for a way to deepen your faith life? Starting the weekend of August 5/6, come sign up for the Christian Life Program (CLP), an integrated course leading into a renewed understanding of God's call to all Christians, including married couples and single adults. Run by the Couples for Christ Ministry, the course will meet from 12-3 pm on Saturdays in September and early October in six weekly sessions. In three modules, participants will learn about The Basic Truths about Christianity; The Authentic Christian Life; and Living a Spirit-filled Christian Life. Please plan to sign up in the Gathering Space next weekend for the CLP. For more information, please e-mail parishioners Cris Flores at [cris\\_jflores@yahoo.com](mailto:cris_jflores@yahoo.com) or Liza Flores at [lizabflores.50@gmail.com](mailto:lizabflores.50@gmail.com)

**REGISTER NOW  
FOR 2023-24 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
FOR CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN  
THROUGH GRADE 8**

Our parish offers families a choice of two options for religious education:

**Option 1: "Classroom model"** offering in-person classes taught by volunteer catechists and classroom aides:

- **Elementary (Kindergarten-Grade 5)** classes offered at two session times: Sunday 9:20-10:35 am and Monday 4:45-6:00 pm. Classes begin September 17 and 18. Calendar and additional information will be posted here by August 1.
- **Middle School (Grade 6, 7 & 8)** classes with students attending weekly. Two session times will be offered: Monday 6:45-8:00 pm and Tuesday 6:45-8:00 pm. Classes begin September 18 and 19. Calendar and additional information will be posted here by August 1.
- **Classes for children and youth with special needs** meeting on Sunday afternoons 3:30-4:30 pm (in-person or online). Calendar and additional information will be posted here by August 1.

**Option 2: "Homeschool model"** offering parents the opportunity to teach their children at home with textbook resources and support provided by the parish, including online parent meetings and additional events (in-person and online) for students and families. Calendar and additional information will be posted here by August 1.

Registration fee: \$125.00 per child  
(Return form by August 15 to receive \$25 discount off total registration.)

Family discounts are available for 3 or more children. Please call for more information.

*If payment of registration fees poses a financial hardship,  
please contact us and allow us to assist you.*

Registration forms and additional information can be found on the parish website at: <https://sfadw.org/children-grades-pre-k-8>.

Completed forms can be mailed to the parish, dropped off in person at the Rectory Office (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm), or returned as digital copies via email to [sfareli-gioused@sfadw.org](mailto:sfareli-gioused@sfadw.org).

**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.

**Registering for Sacramental Preparation**

Sacramental preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist, Confirmation, and Christian Initiation for Children/Teens (CIC/CIT) is not grade specific and involves preparation in addition to grade level Religious Education classes. At minimum, children are expected to have participated in religious education in the year prior to preparing for a sacrament.

***Please note: students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will attend their grade-level Religious Education classes as well as monthly Confirmation sessions.***

**Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School**

*We are...St. Jude*

[www.StJudeRockville.org](http://www.StJudeRockville.org)

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

**We hope you're having a great summer! We are praying for you! Please keep our teachers and students in your prayers!**

**SUMMER CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK**

Go on a retreat! Email us a picture to

[jeanne.donatelli@stjuderockville.org](mailto:jeanne.donatelli@stjuderockville.org)

**CHALLENGE FROM LAST WEEK:**

**Pray a Rosary everyday!**

**STILL A FEW SPOTS LEFT! 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](mailto: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.

**Don't wait until the last minute to work on summer  
reading and math! Let us help you out!**

Mr. Mike Norris

ALL grades - ALL subjects

Email: [Mike.Norris@stjuderockville.org](mailto:Mike.Norris@stjuderockville.org)

Mrs. Pat O'Connell

Math K-8, Reading K-5, Spanish 5-8

Email: Patricia.O'Connell@stjuderockville.org

Ms. Becky Sella

ALL grades - ALL subjects

Email: [Rebecca.Sella@stjuderockville.org](mailto:Rebecca.Sella@stjuderockville.org)

**The 2023 Fr. Kapaun Outdoor Mass** is on Friday, September 22nd at 9:00am. Mass will take place on the Mercury side parking lot. All are invited! Special invite to all active and retired military, police, firefighters, and all first responders are invited. Let's fill our parking lot and pray together for the Sainthood of Fr. Kapaun. ***Fr. Kapaun... pray for us!***

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)  
Registering for Sacramental Preparation  
(continued)**

Families requesting sacramental preparation for their child are asked to mark their registration form accordingly so that additional information can be provided. Please note that there is a separate materials fee for sacramental preparation programs. More details will be provided at the parent meetings next year.

### **ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGES**

Pasta  
Pasta Sauce  
Canned Soup  
Canned Beans (Black, Kidney)  
Meals in a can (stew, canned pasta, chili)  
Canned Vegetables  
Canned Fruit  
Tuna/Canned Meat  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Oatmeal

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

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.

**Help is needed at the Pantry on Sundays! If you can spare a few hours on a Sunday afternoon and want to help, please call Sylvia Jones (240) 755-2247.**

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

### **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](mailto:gtdbpalmer@verizon.net)).

### **MOURNING THE DEATH OF A CHILD**

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) is an organization that can offer help to bereaved parents. TCF is an informal support group of mothers and fathers who know and understand the tragic impact that the death of a child has on a family. St. Francis parishioners Barbara and George Beall have been active members of TCF since their daughter died of cancer in 2004. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm at Potomac Presbyterian Church. There are no professional counselors, only parents who are willing to share their experiences with non-judgmental and understanding listeners. Everything is confidential, and there are no fees of any kind.

If you would like more information, or to receive a TCF brochure, please call George or Barbara at (301) 253-8740. Their e-mail address is [oldedish@starpower.net](mailto:oldedish@starpower.net). You may contact them for help any time of the day or night.

### **TEACHERS NEEDED MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL**

Mother of God School is recruiting for a Pre-Algebra Teacher, PE Teacher, Technology teacher for grades K-5, and a variety of full and part-time para-educators, extended care employees, and substitutes. MOG School is a Private Catholic PreK through 8th-grade school, affiliated with the Archdiocese of Washington. At Mother of God, faith is not an extra but an integral part of everything we do! Interested candidates should contact our Principal, Melissa Sloan, [principal@mogschool.com](mailto:principal@mogschool.com) or (301)990-2088 ex 30.

### **MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL**

20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg MD 20879

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Kindergarten - 8th Grade

Authentically Catholic/Academically Excellent

Financial Assistance Available

Pre-K 3s Openings for Fall 2023

Contact Information:

301-990-2088, Ext. 12

[admissions@mogschool.com](mailto:admissions@mogschool.com)

### **RIGHT TO LIFE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

This year, Right to Life of Montgomery County will again have a pro-life booth at the Montgomery County Fair, August 11-19. If you are interested in helping out at the booth please call Tharpa Roberts, (301) 962-5611 or email Tharpa [rtl-omc@snk.mail.com](mailto:rtl-omc@snk.mail.com). If you volunteered in 2022, Tharpa will be calling you to see if you can help again this year. Your help is greatly appreciated.

### **COMPLETE YOUR SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION THROUGH THE RCIA PROGRAM**

Have you been baptized, but not received First Communion or been confirmed? This fall, join the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which begins in September to complete your Sacraments of Initiation. The length of your formation depends on your readiness. For more information on how to fully enter the Catholic Church through RCIA, please contact Director of Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at (301) 840-1407 or e-mail him at [abosnick@sfadw.org](mailto:abosnick@sfadw.org).

### **SUMMER VACATION MASS TIMES**

While travelling this summer, don't forget to visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for Mass times and locations across the country.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Adoration is held on Fridays  
in the church 9:30 a.m. - 12 Noon.  
All are welcome to attend.

## Anuncios del Boletín para 23 de julio de 2023:

### ***Colecta de alimentos Verano en la Ciudad (Summer in the City) tendrá lugar este fin de semana***

Favor de devolver este fin de semana sus bolsas de comestibles para la Colecta de Alimentos Verano en la Ciudad (*Summer in the City*) patrocinada por la John S. Mulholland Family Foundation; la colecta beneficiará a las comunidades necesitadas en el área de Washington DC. Los artículos necesarios incluyen:

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- Atún ó pollo en lata
- Cereales secos
- Vegetales enlatados
- Sopa (las variedades tipo “*hearty*”(densas ó robustas) son las mejores)
- Fruta enlatada
- Mantequilla de maní y mermelada (solo recipientes de plástico)
- Frijoles horneados (latas) y arroz (cualquier tamaño)
- Pasta y salsa para pasta (sólo recipientes de plástico)

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Director de Asuntos Sociales y Formación de Fe para Adultos Tony Bosnick en [abosnick@sfiadw.org](mailto:abosnick@sfiadw.org).

### ***Regístrese a partir del 5 de agosto para el Programa de Vida Cristiana***

¿Está buscando una manera de profundizar su vida de fe? A partir del fin de semana del 5 al 6 de agosto, inscribáse en el Programa de Vida Cristiana (CLP), un curso integrado que conduce a una comprensión renovada del llamado de Dios a todos los cristianos, incluidas las parejas casadas y los adultos solteros. Dirigido por el Ministerio Parejas para Cristo, el curso se reunirá de 12 a 3 pm los sábados de septiembre y principios de octubre en seis sesiones semanales. En tres módulos, los participantes aprenderán sobre Las verdades básicas sobre el cristianismo; La auténtica vida cristiana; y Vivir una vida cristiana llena del Espíritu.

Planea inscribirse en el Espacio de Reunión el próximo fin de semana para el CLP. Para obtener más información, envíe un correo electrónico a los feligreses Cris Flores a [cris\\_jflores@yahoo.com](mailto:cris_jflores@yahoo.com) ó Liza Flores a [lizabflores.50@gmail.com](mailto:lizabflores.50@gmail.com).

**UN RECORDATORIO DEL P. JOHN...** Si alguien está viviendo en un matrimonio que no ha sido reconocido por la Iglesia Católica, sería prudente consultar con un sacerdote para ver si esa situación podría ser rectificada. Puede ser tan simple como renovar sus votos matrimoniales en silencio frente a un sacerdote y recibir la bendición de la Iglesia. De esa manera, uno puede ser elegible para recibir los sacramentos de la Iglesia, especialmente la Eucaristía.

## Los recursos de Caminar con Propósito ofrecen oportunidades de estudio bíblico para las mujeres de la parroquia

Todas las mujeres de la parroquia están invitadas a participar en una de las dos sesiones de estudio bíblico para mujeres que comienzan este otoño en la Sala Kuehner. Las opciones incluyen:

- *"Ordenando sus prioridades: construyendo una vida bien vivida"*, 4:45-6 pm los lunes en la Sala Kuehner. Fecha de inicio por determinarse. Los participantes utilizarán los recursos de "Caminar con propósito", que se alinean con la enseñanza de la Iglesia. Diseñado para requerir una preparación limitada en el hogar, el curso se llevará a cabo durante 18 semanas, con varios descansos de una semana alrededor de las vacaciones incorporadas en el programa.
- *"Abriendo tu corazón: el punto de partida"*, 10:15-11:45 am los jueves en la Sala Kuehner. Fecha de inicio por determinarse. Este estudio de 22 semanas se ha dividido en una sesión de nueve semanas a partir de septiembre; una sesión de ocho semanas a partir de enero; y una sesión de cinco semanas a partir de abril. Se han incorporado vacaciones de varias semanas en el calendario. Todas las mujeres son bienvenidas a unirse a cualquiera o todos los trimestres.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con las coordinadoras Eileen Grams en [ehgrams@yahoo.com](mailto:ehgrams@yahoo.com) o Lita Silva en [litasilva4@gmail.com](mailto:litasilva4@gmail.com).

### ***Aún está tiempo para inscribirse en el Taller de Oración y Vida a partir del 5 de agosto***

Si está buscando una nueva forma de orar y meditar, entonces no es demasiado tarde para inscribirse en el Taller de Oración y Vida programado para comenzar el sábado 5 de agosto en la Sala de Asís de la Rectoría. Los participantes se reunirán semanalmente de 9 a 11 am los sábados, reuniéndose hasta el 18 de noviembre. Usando un programa diseñado por el P. Ignacio Larrañaga, ven a aprender nuevas formas de orar y cómo meditar en la Palabra de Dios. Hay una cuota de inscripción de \$14, pero no hay costo para participar. Regístrese antes del 19 de agosto enviando un mensaje de texto al (240) 243-3701 o enviando un correo electrónico [tov.dmv@gmail.com](mailto:tov.dmv@gmail.com). Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el diácono Will Garcia en [wagarcia@comcast.net](mailto:wagarcia@comcast.net).