

**A Letter from Our Parochial Vicar**

Dear Friends,

Today the Church celebrates the great Solemnity of All Saints. As we aspire to share in this great family reunion, I offer you a timeless homily from Saint Bernard of Clairvaux:

*"Why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of this feast day mean anything to the saints? What do they care about earthly honors when their heavenly Father honors them by fulfilling the faithful promise of the Son? What does our commendation mean to them? The saints have no need of honor from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous yearning.*

*Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself. We long to share in the citizenship of heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed, to join the assembly of patriarchs, the ranks of the prophets, the council of apostles, the great host of martyrs, the noble company of confessors and the choir of virgins. In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints. But our dispositions change. The Church of all the first followers of Christ awaits us, but we do nothing about it. The saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them.*

*Come, brothers, let us at length spur ourselves on. We must rise again with Christ, we must seek the world which is above and set our mind on the things of heaven. Let us long for those who are longing for us, hasten to those who are waiting for us, and ask those who look for our coming to intercede for us. We should not only want to be with the saints, we should also hope to possess their happiness. While we desire to be in their company, we must also earnestly seek to share in their glory.*

*Therefore, we should aim at attaining this glory with a wholehearted and prudent desire. That we may rightly hope and strive for such blessedness, we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession."*

What a joy to share this journey with you!

In Christ,

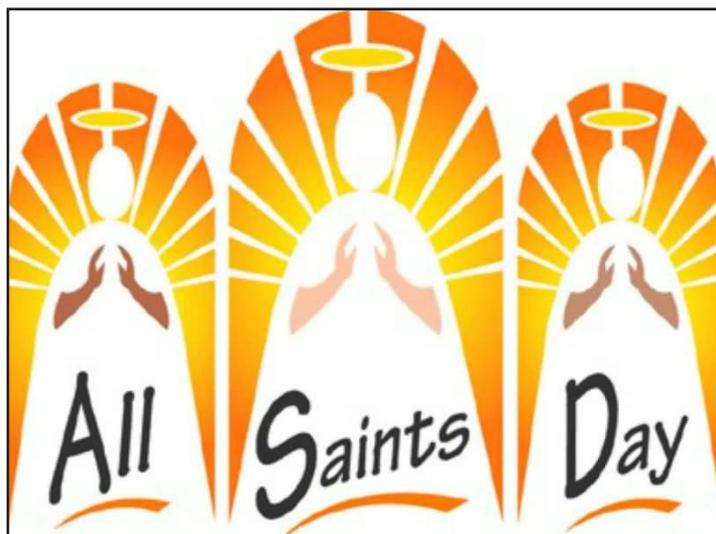
Father James

**Masses for the Week**

**Monday, November 2** (Gospel reading: Jn. 6: 37-40)  
7:00 AM + Danny Redding  
12 NOON Holy Souls  
**Tuesday, November 3** (Gospel reading: Lk. 14: 15-24)  
7:00 AM Int. Our President  
12 NOON Holy Souls  
**Wednesday, November 4** (Gospel reading: Lk. 14: 25-33)  
7:00 AM + Margaret Nolan  
12 NOON Holy Souls  
**Thursday, November 5** (Gospel reading: Lk. 15: 1-10)  
7:00 AM Holy Souls  
12 NOON + Ellen Wycoski  
**Friday, November 6** (Gospel reading: Lk. 16: 1-8)  
7:00 AM Holy Souls  
12 NOON + Elvira Arias  
**Saturday, November 7** (Gospel reading: Lk. 16: 9-15)  
8:00AM Int. Mary Defusco  
11:00-11:55 AM Confessions  
12 NOON Holy Souls  
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions  
5:00PM + Pamela Cafriz  
**Sunday, November 8** (Gospel reading: Mt. 25: 1-13)  
7:30 AM Int. Barbara & Frank Black  
9:00 AM Int. John Peter  
10:30 AM Int. Max H. Walsh  
12 NOON People of the Parish  
1:30 PM + Angela Pichara

**Due to the suspension of the Monday - Friday 8:00am Mass, the intentions scheduled for those Masses will be transferred to Sunday Masses.**

**The graces of each Mass are applied to the persons listed in the book regardless of whether they appear in the bulletin or are mentioned during the Mass.**



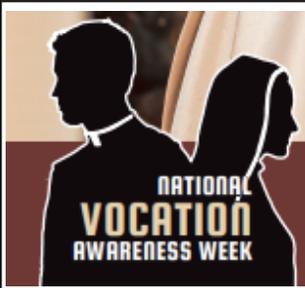
## SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

### ***Religious Education Has Never Been Easier!***

This year our religious education classes are virtual and video based. Each week our team of amazing teachers record videos of themselves teaching the week's lesson. These videos are uploaded to YouTube, and links are sent home to parents so their children can watch the videos anytime, anywhere, on any device.

Register your child today using our online registration form at: [www.lourdesbethesda.net/faith](http://www.lourdesbethesda.net/faith).

**Email Lacy Prebula at [dre@ololrcc.org](mailto:dre@ololrcc.org) with any questions.**



Today begins Vocation Awareness Week. Did you know that in our country, compared to 60 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 129,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has grown steadily. During Vocation Awareness Week, please pray that young people in

today's society will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

***Beginning with the Feast of All Souls on November 2, and continuing throughout the month, we will remember your beloved deceased family members and friends in our daily Masses and prayers.***

***Please list their names on the envelopes provided by your monthly mailings or on the envelopes on the tables in the church. Please put these envelopes in the collection baskets.***

**Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has named Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory a cardinal. The consistory will take place on November 28, 2020. Please join our parish in congratulating and praying for Archbishop Gregory.**



**We would like to encourage our online contribution program, Faith Direct.**

**Use the following link to donate online:**

**<https://membership.faithdirect.net/MD33>**

**Or scan the QR code below:**



**Contact Claire Toms at [ctoms@ololrcc.org](mailto:ctoms@ololrcc.org) with any questions.**

The dispensation issued by Archbishop Gregory from the obligation to attend Mass during this time remains in effect. All persons who are subjects of the Archbishop of Washington no matter where they may be, and all other persons who are actually present in the Archdiocese of Washington who are under the obligation, are dispensed from the obligation until further notice (cann. 87 §1, 91).

**For a complete list of Masses and updates during this time, please visit: [adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/](http://adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/).**

**Stay Connected with Flocknote!**



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Visit [lourdesbethesda.flocknote](https://lourdesbethesda.flocknote.com)  
Text **FNOLOL** to 84576 or  
Email **Claire Toms** at  
[ctoms@lolrcc.org](mailto:ctoms@lolrcc.org)

**Adoration for Our Nation,  
A Nationwide Day of Prayer:**

On election day, Catholic churches across the country are opening their doors for Eucharistic Adoration. We are joining this effort to bring healing, hope and prayer to our nation through our Lord, Jesus. We are asking parishioners to sign up for one hour of adoration between the hours of **12:30pm and 3:00pm on Tuesday, November 3.**

For more information or to sign up for an hour, please contact Mairead McGroarty at 202-834-7533 or [mcgroarty4@verizon.net](mailto:mcgroarty4@verizon.net).

**Coat Drive 2020-2021:**

Join Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of the Washington for our eighth annual Coats of Many Colors Coat Drive! Each year we provide coats, hats, gloves, and scarves to members of our local community. New and gently used coats that are clean and in good condition are being collected from November 2020 until January 2021. We are also seeking volunteers to help on the day of the event to help set up the Coat Drive and assist with the distribution to clients. For more information on how to donate and volunteer, please visit our event page at: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/coats/>.

**Angel Tree 2020:**

Each year, Catholic Charities helps hundreds of families during the holiday season by providing each of their children, ages 16 and younger, with a Christmas gift. This holiday season, Angel Tree will continue to occur with COVID-19 precautions. Due to the pandemic, we are asking for community sponsors to make a monetary donation to purchase gift cards for these families. Help make a family's Christmas wishes come true! It is more than giving presents, it is giving a family joyful holiday memory for years to come! Visit our website at: [catholiccharitiesdc.org](https://catholiccharitiesdc.org) or email [christmas@cc-dc.org](mailto:christmas@cc-dc.org) for more information.



**Join our Local 40 Days for Life Campaign:**

As we pray and witness for an end to abortion outside LeRoy Carhart's late-term abortion clinic at the Wildwood Medical Center on Old Georgetown Road.

A group from Our Lady of Lourdes will be praying outside the clinic  
Each Saturday during the campaign  
from 3:00 - 4:00pm.

**There will also be a closing vigil on  
Sunday, November 1 from 2:00-3:00pm.**

Details at: [40daysforlife.com/bethesda](https://40daysforlife.com/bethesda).  
Email [jill.gadwood@gmail.com](mailto:jill.gadwood@gmail.com) for more info.



Want to become Catholic? Do you still need to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Come to RCIA! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA, at Our Lady of Lourdes began September 30th, 2020. If you or someone you know is interested in RCIA or wants to volunteer as a sponsor, please contact Carl and Kariana Rios at [crios@lolrcc.org](mailto:crios@lolrcc.org). Please reach out if you are interested in helping the RCIA ministry as well.

For more information about RCIA, please visit:  
<https://lourdesbethesda.net/rite-of-christian-initiation-adults/>

or point your smartphone camera at the QR Code below:



***The Gabriel Project Cluster  
of Montgomery County:***

***Needs Assistance Especially in this  
Challenging Time of COVID-19:***

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that assists low-income pregnant women and their children.

You can help provide critically needed material resources by purchasing essential items like baby gear, diapers, and clothing through the Gabriel Project's Amazon Charity List.

For more information about the Gabriel Project and to support our efforts, please visit the website at: [www.gpmoco.org](http://www.gpmoco.org) and scroll down to the Gabriel Project's Amazon Charity List link.

Thank you for your generous support!

***Catholic Medical Association Meeting:***

The Giuseppe Moscati Guild of the Catholic Medical Association will be having a virtual meeting for Catholic doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals on **Sunday, November 22 at 3:00pm**. The invited guest speaker will be Sister Dr. Deirdre (DeDe) Byrne who has served as an Army colonel/general surgeon and who is currently a doctor with the Catholic Charities Medical Clinic, a sister of the Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and a prominent pro-life spokesperson. You do not have to be a current member of the CMA to attend. For further information or to register and obtain the link for the meeting, please send an email to [dc.cma.guild@gmail.com](mailto:dc.cma.guild@gmail.com).

***Catholic Charities Legal Network  
Seeking Volunteer Lawyers:***

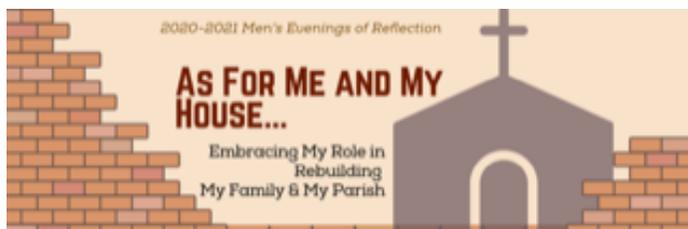
Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low-income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at (301) 615-0949 or [daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org](mailto:daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org) to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

***Men's Evening of Reflection  
"As for Me and My House...Embracing My Role in  
Rebuilding My Family and My Parish"***

**November 4: In-Person program begins at 7:00pm  
Virtual program begins at 8:00pm:**

Discover tools to become a stronger leader in your Church, your parish, and your home. Join us for this month's installment of the Monthly Reflections for Men, on Wednesday, November 4. Virtual and In-Person options! The evening includes: directed meditation, a practical talk, and time for personal reflection; those attending In-Person will also receive Mass, opportunities for Confession, a meal and fellowship. Cost is \$20 In-Person, \$10 Virtual. Advance Registration is required.

**Visit our website to register:  
[www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org).**



***2021-2022 ADW Tuition Assistance Program:***

The open application period for the 2021-2022 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program began on Thursday, October 1, 2020. The deadline date for returning families to apply is **Friday, December 4, 2020**. The deadline date for new families to apply is **Friday, February 19, 2021**.

Please visit [www.adwcatholicsschools.org](http://www.adwcatholicsschools.org) for information and instructions.

***ADW Programa de asistencia de matrícula  
2021-2022:***

El período de solicitud abierto para el Programa Arquidiocesano de Asistencia para la Matrícula 2021-2022 comenzará el jueves 1 de octubre de 2020. La fecha límite para que las familias que regresan presenten su solicitud es el viernes **4 de diciembre de 2020**. La fecha límite para que las nuevas familias envíen solicitudes es el viernes, **19 de febrero de 2021**.

Visite: [www.adwcatholicsschools.org/es](http://www.adwcatholicsschools.org/es) para obtener información e instrucciones.

**Altar Flowers:**



The altar flowers this week have been generously donated by **Lulu Baeza in loving memory of the deceased members of the Arteaga and Baeza Families.**

If you would like to donate the Altar Flowers for a special intention, a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office or email: [sgolden@ololrcc.org](mailto:sgolden@ololrcc.org) or [ctoms@ololrcc.org](mailto:ctoms@ololrcc.org). The donation for the flowers is \$150.00.

**Finance & Administration:**

*“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)*



**Second Collection November 8, 2020: Priests of the Archdiocesan Retirement Fund**

**Our November Poor Box is going to Gift of Peace House, a Missionaries of Charity convent and nursing home located in Washington, DC. Mother Teresa opened Gift of Peace House in 1986 with a focus on serving AIDS patients. Funds are always welcomed and appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.**



**RETIRED PRIESTS  
COLLECTION 2020**

[adw.org/rpc](http://adw.org/rpc) • #LivesofService

**Our priests touch our lives in many ways: they baptize our children, comfort us in the confessional, witness our marriage vows and hold our loved ones hands as the Lord calls them home. Let’s join together to help provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live their retirement in dignity. Thank you for your generosity.**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Registration:**

**Please either fill out the form below or email Claire Toms at [ctoms@ololrcc.org](mailto:ctoms@ololrcc.org) with your information.**

**You will then be emailed a link to a registration form for you to fill out.**

**You can also go directly to [lourdesbethesda.net](http://lourdesbethesda.net) to access our parish registration form.**

**Thank you and we are happy to welcome you to Our Lady of Lourdes.**

**A Million Rosaries:**

Every prayer counts! Please join the Little Sisters of the Poor in praying one million Rosaries to conquer the coronavirus pandemic. Sign up at:

<http://littlesistersofthepoor.org/a-million-families-a-million-rosaries/>.

**OLOL Sunday Meal For the Poor and Homeless:**

**The Sunday meal for the poor and homeless, which traditionally has been held from 4:00-6:00 pm in the OLOL cafeteria, has been temporarily converted to a “carry-out” affair. If you are interested in helping to provide food for the meal, send an email to [OLOLSundayMeal@gmail.com](mailto:OLOLSundayMeal@gmail.com) or call Dan Keen at 301-564-0077.**

**The “clothes closet” run in conjunction with the meal is in need of non-dressy cool weather women’s clothing. Please drop off donations at OLOL between 4:45 and 5:15pm on Sundays. Contact Dan Keen if you have any questions. Thank you!**

**Moving In, Out or Within the Parish?**

Please help us keep our records up-to-date by filling out this form and dropping it in the collection basket or rectory mail slot. Thank you.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ I/we am/are new to the parish. Welcome!
- \_\_\_\_\_ Change of address within the parish. Thank you!
- \_\_\_\_\_ I/we am/are moving out of the parish. God be with you!

## **Noticias en Español – 01 de Noviembre de 2020**

### **CATEQUESIS DE NIÑOS:**

Las clases virtuales de catequesis para niños ya han comenzado. Aún se pueden registrar online en [www.lourdesbethesda.net](http://www.lourdesbethesda.net) en la Sección en Español: Formación y Evangelización. Ahí encontrará un link para registrarse y otro donde podrá realizar el pago de sus libros y materiales.

### **GRUPO DE JOVENES:**

Invitamos a todos los jóvenes a formar parte del grupo de jóvenes de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes. Por el momento las reuniones serán por zoom los miércoles de 6:30 pm a 7:30 pm. La primera reunión será este miércoles 4 de Noviembre.

Si desea más información o tiene alguna pregunta, puede contactar por email a Ashlee De León en: [ashmdleon2009@hotmail.com](mailto:ashmdleon2009@hotmail.com) o a Mónica Benítez en: [monikaybenitez21@gmail.com](mailto:monikaybenitez21@gmail.com). El link para registrarse es: <https://forms.gle/5DtI3LAZrdVddbzx7>.

### **CATEQUESIS DE ADULTOS:**

Las clases de RICA para adultos que les falte alguno o todos los sacramentos ya han comenzado. Si aun no se ha inscrito favor de comunicarse con la Señora Gilvar Morales al (301) 788 8651.

### **OREMOS POR NUESTROS SERES QUERIDOS FALLECIDOS:**

Comenzando con la Fiesta de todas las Almas el 2 de noviembre y continuando a lo largo de todo el mes, recordaremos en nuestras misas y oraciones diarias a sus seres queridos, familiares y amigos fallecidos. Por favor enumere sus nombres en los sobres proporcionados mensualmente o en los sobres que se encuentran en las mesas de la Iglesia. Coloque los sobres en las canastas de la colecta.

### **FLOCKNOTE:**

Queremos comunicarnos más eficazmente con usted y estamos usando un servicio llamado Flocknote que le permitirá mantenerse actualizado con la información y los eventos de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, todo por mensaje de texto o correo electrónico. Si aún no ha proporcionado su correo electrónico y número telefónico, envíe su información a Claire Toms a [ctoms@ololrcc.org](mailto:ctoms@ololrcc.org).

**Regístrese o mantenga Actualizada su información:  
Recorte el siguiente formato de inscripción y entréguelo en la  
Misa junto con la colecta o llévelo a la Rectoría.**

- Soy (somos) nuevo(s) en la Parroquia. **Queremos inscribirnos.**
- Llevo (tenemos) ya tiempo asistiendo a esta parroquia y **queremos inscribirnos.**
- Estoy (estamos) inscritos y **esta es la nueva dirección.**
- Ya no podré volver a esta parroquia. **Favor eliminar mi nombre de la lista.**

Por favor marque  
con una  según  
corresponda

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DIRECION: \_\_\_\_\_ APTO: \_\_\_\_\_ CIUDAD: \_\_\_\_\_

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