

### A Letter from Our Pastor

Last week I had the opportunity to accompany one of our parishioners (who I won't name, but she does an incredible ministry at our parish) to visit members of Lourdes who are unable to leave home for Mass. In normal times I would refer to these visits as communion calls, but these days it's more like throwing someone a lifeline. I know many of you have been worried about leaving home because of Covid. It is true that we all must remain vigilant and prudent in our decision making (and I am happy to write about this in another letter.) However the people I visited with last Sunday do not have that option. Physical limitations render them unable to leave their homes and they have been alone for quite some time. The opportunity to bring them the Eucharist, to spend time talking and getting to know one another, and to let them know we have not forgotten about them in these tough times, was a reminder that so many people are in much more challenging situations than myself. I was humbled quite a bit.

And yet these parishioners were not feeling sorry for themselves. Rather, they expressed a thankfulness to God for allowing them to still be able to receive the Eucharist, to be able to pray - even if they are separated from the Mass and community. And thankfully they can still have visitors - socially distanced, of course. It brought to mind the great teaching on the Church as the Body of Christ - we are ALL members of the one Body of Christ, He the head of the Church and we all the members. We are never truly separated from one another because we are all one in Christ. I have a brother who lives in Colorado who I miss every day - but I know we are not really separated from one another. We are one in Christ. And it is the same for us here at Lourdes - we may be separated by space and a virus, but we are one in Christ.

I ask those reading this to consider - what can I do for those who are not able to physically be with us right now? Or maybe you are one of those people who is unable to leave home. What can we do for you? Friends, it is times like this that can bring out the greatness that Christ has placed within our hearts. If you are in need of help, please ask. If you are desiring to help, please ask.

### Masses for the Week

**Monday, October 5** (Gospel reading: Lk. 10: 25-37)  
7:00 AM + Mr. & Mrs. Albert Schuelke  
12 NOON + Stephen Stevenson  
**Tuesday, October 6** (Gospel reading: Lk. 10: 38-42)  
7:00 AM + Asuku Family  
12 NOON Int. Our President  
**Wednesday, October 7** (Gospel reading: Lk. 11: 1-4)  
7:00 AM Int. Bridie McGrath  
12 NOON + Monica Wilson  
**Thursday, October 8** (Gospel reading: Lk. 11: 5-13)  
7:00 AM + Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Luby  
12 NOON + Fr. Francis Bober  
**Friday, October 9** (Gospel reading: Lk. 11: 15-26)  
7:00 AM + Ruth Ryan  
12 NOON + Manuel Guixens  
**Saturday, October 10** (Gospel reading: Lk. 11: 27-28)  
8:00AM + Ramon Alvarez  
11:00-11:55 AM Confessions  
12 NOON Int. Sheridan Family  
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions  
5:00PM + Joseph Can Ngoc Pham  
**Sunday, October 11** (Gospel reading: Mt. 22: 1-14)  
7:30 AM + Margaret Arness  
9:00 AM Holy Souls  
10:30 AM + Edward Snyder  
12 NOON People of the Parish  
1:30 PM + Dcn. John Shewmaker

**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.**

### Letter Cont.

We can continue to grow as a community, even if it is as simple as making a phone call or Zoom visit to someone who is homebound. And of course, prayer is always the best thing we can do! Let's continue to strive for greatness as the Body of Christ - His Church.

I mentioned throwing a lifeline at the start of this letter. You may think that it is me throwing the homebound a lifeline. Not true. It is those members of this parish who have thrown me a lifeline. They gave me the chance to serve them just a bit - and in doing so, I was able to serve Christ. For as we read in Matthew's gospel - whatever you did for my brothers and sisters - you did it for me.

In Him,  
Fr. Rob

# Register Online!



**Registration for Religious Education 2020-21 is now open!**

Register and pay online at:  
[www.lourdesbethesda.net/faith](http://www.lourdesbethesda.net/faith)

Our religious education program is for children in grades 1-8. For this school year, our program will be virtual with optional in-person prayer meetings. For more information please contact Lacy Prebula at [dre@ololrcc.org](mailto:dre@ololrcc.org).

OLOL Religious Education program is also looking for volunteers to help with this year's classes for children in grades 1-8. Teachers and technology volunteers are especially needed.

Have you been looking for a safe way to volunteer during the pandemic? Or do you want to volunteer from home? Give us a call!

Please contact Lacy Prebula for details: [dre@ololrcc.org](mailto:dre@ololrcc.org), 301-654-5954.

*Are you wondering how to support Our Lady of Lourdes from home?*

Please consider our online contribution program, Faith Direct.

Use the following link to donate online:

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

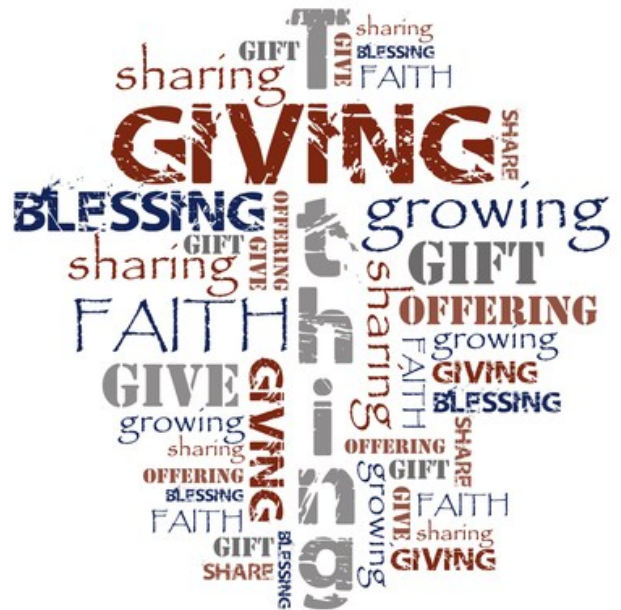
Or scan the QR code below:



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

## **Young Adult Ministry:**

Are you post-college and pre-married with kids? We are looking for young adults between the ages of 22-33 who are interested in joining our newest parish ministry. We are currently meeting Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00pm starting in the Church for prayer and social after. Scan the QR code below to register and learn more.



Please note the rectory office will be closed for Columbus Day, Monday, October 12.

**Child Protection:**

The Archdiocese of Washington requires all persons, 18 years old or older, who provide services or activities to children (volunteers and employees) to follow the Child Protection Policies and Procedures. This includes all virtual contacts.

An application and fingerprinting is needed **before** you volunteer. You must attend an educational workshop within 60 days after start of service.

Sign up now at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and reserve your space at a local workshop: spaces fill quickly. Child Protection Policies, application forms and registration for *The Protecting God's Children workshop* can be found at: [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org) and [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Application packets are available upon request.

**All employees and volunteers need to be fingerprinted through MD or DC services that provide a Livescan process.**

To whom does this apply?

- ◆ New employees and volunteers working with children
- ◆ Current volunteers who have had a background check but no previous fingerprinting through the Archdiocese.

If you had been fingerprinted through the Archdiocese in past years, there is no need for further action.

For more information to check your status, please call Mary Kate Kassman at 301-365-1415 or email [mk@olom.org](mailto:mk@olom.org).

Check out relevant child protection topics on [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).



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@ololrcc.org](mailto:crios@ololrcc.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:



**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!

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.** All are welcome to join!

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



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!

**If you have not already provided your email and phone number and would like to be included, please visit [lourdesbethesda.flocknote](http://lourdesbethesda.flocknote), text FNOLOL to 84576 or email Claire Toms at [ctoms@ololrcc.org](mailto:ctoms@ololrcc.org).**



### Study of Saints (SoS):

Have you ever prayed for the intercession of a Saint? Often times when we do, we are invariably in need of something. Praying for the intercession of a Saint is like sending out an S.O.S. call for help. In this book club, we will read works by or about Saints. Through this Study of Saints (SoS), we will learn about the martyrs and religious who have dedicated their lives to God and learn what they are the Patron Saints of. By knowing our patron Saints, we can understand better whose constant intercession we can rely upon in sending our own SOS.  
Meets on fifth Sundays 3:00 - 4:00pm.

Next will be a two part series on Saint Pope John Paul II with a biography in November followed by one of his encyclicals in January. Logistics of the meeting will be posted in the Bulletin the month of the meeting.

**November 29, 2020** Title: *John Paul the Great*, By: Peggy Noonan, 2006 Penguin Random House

Available by order at the John Paul II National Shrine bookstore. Email [jasmine.kuzner@jp2shrine.org](mailto:jasmine.kuzner@jp2shrine.org).  
Mention this book club to get 10% off!

### 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 for the one million Rosary campaign at:

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

### The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County Needs Assistance Especially in this Challenging Time of COVID-19:

We assist women in crisis pregnancies in Montgomery County. Women volunteers (especially bilingual Spanish-speaking women) are needed to stay in touch with client mothers. Assistance is provided while following safety precautions recommended by health authorities.

We collect new and gently used clothing throughout the year to provide wardrobes, baby items, small toys, and books for newborns through teen size 14/16. We especially need girls' size 5 clothing (fall and summer), newborn (0-3) girls' and boys' clothing, newborn socks, boys' size 2 and 3 summer clothing, boys' size 12-month summer and winter clothing. We are also in need of receiving blankets, newborn caps, diaper bags, and baby soap, lotion, and diaper cream. Please contact us at [www.gpmoco.org](http://www.gpmoco.org) or e-mail Diane at [Isabelle49@aol.com](mailto:Isabelle49@aol.com).

### Marriage Workshop: Strengthening Your Love Marriage Renewal Workshop: October 10 - 11, 2020:

A Christ-centered weekend designed to offer practical tools that can help foster effective communication and emotional closeness in your marriage. Make your marriage thrive, not just survive! The expert speaker team includes Catholic psychologists, therapists, and priests who will offer their

expertise and experience, plus they will be on hand the entire weekend to offer individual consultation, upon request. Please note: This is NOT an overnight program. Cost: \$400 per couple. Seating will be limited to facilitate social distancing. See our website for more details about measures to limit exposure to illness. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Find more information and links to register on the website [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org).



**Altar Flowers:**



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)*



**Twenty - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time 2020 Offertory: \$7,514**

**Our October Poor Box will be going to Centro Tepeyac. They are a non-profit agency offering assistance to anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy or facing post-abortion stress. They are in great need of monetary donations to better assist abortion vulnerable women in need of counseling and resources. Thank you for your generosity.**

**The Peter's Pence Collection has been moved to:**

***Sunday, October 4.***

**This collection supports the most needy and ecclesial communities in difficulty who approach the Apostolic See for help. Thank you for your generosity.**

**Deceased in Our Parish:**

Please pray for our deceased brothers and sisters, especially ***Corrine Stevens.***

**Please note our updated Registration process for Our Lady of Lourdes:**

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

From there you will be emailed a more detailed registration form for you to fill out.

**This gives us important information such as contact information, sacraments received, preference on contribution methods and more.**

**Thank you and we are happy to have you as a part of Our Lady of Lourdes.**

**Fall Call for Volunteers:  
Say YES!**

Catholic Charities is recruiting 50 volunteers to take on a weekly, year-long commitment to service.

**General Volunteer Roles:** Are you friendly, dependable, culturally sensitive and able to encourage a person going through a big change – for example, returning to the community after incarceration or learning to speak English or finding a job? Become a virtual mentor or instructor.

**Pro Bono Volunteer Roles:** Are you a doctor, nurse, lawyer or financial professional? Contribute your expertise pro bono to our most marginalized neighbors. All roles require an application, dialogue with program staff about expectations, and at least a 75-hour commitment including orientation and training. Except for medical professionals, volunteering is done remotely via video chat, phone calls, email, and regular mail.

**Have questions?** Send us an email at: [Volunteer@CC-DC.org](mailto:Volunteer@CC-DC.org)

**Ready to commit?** Complete an application at: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/ongoing/> for the role of your choice.

**Apply by October 14!**

**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 – 04 de Octubre de 2020

### Parábola de los Viñadores infieles.

Santo Evangelio según San Mateo 21:33-43. XXVII Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario. Ciclo A  
*Hay solo un impedimento frente a la voluntad tenaz y tierna de Dios: nuestra arrogancia y nuestra presunción, ¡que se convierte en ocasiones en violencia! Frente a estas actitudes y donde no se producen frutos, la palabra de Dios conserva todo su poder de reproche y advertencia: "se os quitará el reino de Dios para dárselo a un pueblo que rinda sus frutos". La urgencia de responder con frutos de bien a la llamada del Señor, que nos llama a convertirnos en su viña, nos ayuda a entender qué hay de nuevo y de original en la fe cristiana. Esta no es tanto la suma de preceptos y de normas morales como, ante todo, una propuesta de amor que Dios, a través de Jesús hizo y continúa haciendo a la humanidad. Es una invitación a entrar en esta historia de amor, convirtiéndose en una viña vivaz y abierta, rica de frutos y de esperanza para todos. (Ángelus de S.S. Francisco, 8 de octubre de 2017).*

### Anuncios Parroquiales

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

LAS CLASES VIRTUALES DE CATEQUESIS Y RICA PARA NIÑOS ESTAN POR COMENZAR!!!  
Aún se pueden registrar online en [www.lourdesbethesda.net](http://www.lourdesbethesda.net) en la Sección en Español: Formación y Evangelización. Ahí mismo encontrará información sobre el precio de los libros y materiales y podrán realizar su pago. Las clases virtuales comenzarán la próxima semana.

Queremos comunicarnos más eficazmente con usted y estaremos usando un servicio llamado Flocknote que le permitirá mantenerse actualizado con la información y los eventos 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). También puede registrarse en [lourdesbethesda.flocknote](http://lourdesbethesda.flocknote).

**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

NOMBRE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

CODIGO POSTAL: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEFONO: \_\_\_\_\_ CORREO ELECTRONICO: \_\_\_\_\_