

**A Letter from Our Pastor**

Hello Friends,

As I write this note, the wind is howling outside, temperatures are dropping and it seems that Fall is moving quickly towards winter. Normally, we'd just look at each other and say - no big deal. This year though, it is a bigger deal. Colder temperatures mean more colds, flus and general illness. During this COVID year we need to maintain our prudential discipline in how we socially distance and act around others. I don't like to write about this in a bulletin article, but I feel compelled to do so with, what seems to Fr. James and myself, ever growing numbers of people attending Mass. We love the fact that more and more people are returning to Lourdes, but we need to remain vigilant in our efforts against the ongoing pandemic. Let's remember a couple points moving forward:

- Social distance means remaining six feet apart from those who are not family members. Please maintain appropriate distance from others in the Communion line and please choose a seat which will maintain proper distance from others in the pews. I suggest those with larger groups try and arrive early to choose appropriate seating for the number you are attending with.
  - Please no more standing in the back during Mass. We have been directed to ask that all people at Mass be in a pew for the duration of our worship. This assures that we can maintain social distancing appropriately.
  - If you're not feeling well, please do not come to Mass! COVID or not, if you are ill that is an appropriate reason to miss Mass. Our archbishop has given permission to not attend Mass because of the pandemic, as well. This is for the safety of yourself and for others. In the past, I would ignore illnesses and go to work or school - because I thought this was just what was expected. These days it is the opposite - please stay home if you're ill. And be in touch with us if you would like a visit to receive the Eucharist.
  - Finally, as a reminder - please be sure to always have your mask on while in our church. When you come to receive the Eucharist, please maintain a great respect for our Lord and for others. When you receive in your hand, move several steps to the side, then remove your mask and consume the Eucharist. We need to allow room for others behind us in line. For those who choose to receive on the tongue, please come up after all others have received the Eucharist. This allows for Fr. James and I to properly cleanse our hands.
- I thank you all once again for being so supportive of Fr. James and myself thus far at Lourdes. Together as a community of faith gathered under Jesus Christ and the patronage of His Mother, we will continue to strive towards our true home, unafraid of any worldly danger. We must remain prudent, as always, but courageous in the power of Jesus Christ.

In Him,  
Fr. Rob

**Masses for the Week**

- Monday, November 9** (Gospel reading: Jn. 2: 13-22)  
7:00 AM Holy Souls  
12 NOON + Ann Kikendall
- Tuesday, November 10** (Gospel reading: Lk. 17: 7-10)  
7:00 AM Holy Souls  
12 NOON + Msgr. James Beattie
- Wednesday, November 11** (G. reading: Lk. 17: 11-19)  
7:00 AM + Jack Townsend  
12 NOON Holy Souls
- Thursday, November 12** (Gospel reading: Lk. 17: 20-25)  
7:00 AM Holy Souls  
12 NOON + Ramon Alvarez
- Friday, November 13** (Gospel reading: Lk. 17: 26-37)  
7:00 AM + Asuku Family  
12 NOON Holy Souls
- Saturday, November 14** (Gospel reading: Lk. 18: 1-8)  
8:00AM Holy Souls  
11:00-11:55 AM Confessions  
12 NOON + Margaret D. O'Connor  
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions  
5:00PM + Joseph Can Ngoc Pham
- Sunday, November 15** (Gospel reading: Mt. 25: 1-13)  
7:30 AM Int. The McNamara Family  
9:00 AM + Jerry Collins  
10:30 AM Int. Gene DeLaCroix  
12 NOON People of the Parish  
1:30 PM + Adelfa Fernandez

**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.**



***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.**



***Please note the rectory office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, in honor of Veteran's Day***



***Please remember to pray for our brave parishioners, relatives and friends of our Parish family who are serving their country in the Armed Forces. We ask the Lord to keep them safe from harm, and we pray for their families while they are away from home.***

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.

***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.***

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](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 3-4 PM.

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.

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!

**Join Zoom Meeting**

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75509764175?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75509764175?pwd=OXZUQnRGWFJnc01pb3NDcWY5WEFXZz09)  
[pwd=OXZUQnRGWFJnc01pb3NDcWY5WEFXZz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75509764175?pwd=OXZUQnRGWFJnc01pb3NDcWY5WEFXZz09)

**Meeting ID: 755 0976 4175**

**Passcode: SaintJP11**

**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](http://catholiccharitiesdc.org) or email [christmas@cc-dc.org](mailto:christmas@cc-dc.org) for more information.



**Thanksgiving 2020 Schedule:**

**Wednesday, November 25:**

The rectory office will close at 12:30pm.  
The office will remain closed until Monday, November 30

**Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26:**

Masses will be at 7:00am and 10:00am  
**(PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE OF THE EARLY MASS)**

**Friday, November 27:**

Masses will be at 7:00am and 12 Noon  
and there will be no exposition



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:



***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.

***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.



***November 12-15 (In-Person Only)  
December 4-6 (Virtual Only)***

The Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program is a Catholic Pre-Cana program for engaged couples.

This marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCCUS administration is included. Determination about whether dates will proceed in-person or virtually will be made on a case by case basis and will reflect local mandates and guidance at the time. Space will be limited and these weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Find more information on the website: <https://ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/marriage/virtual-marriage-prep>.

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, Bethesda, MD.

**Altar Flowers:**



The altar flowers this week have been generously donated by **Buffy Cafritz** in loving memory of **Pamela Cafritz**.

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**

**October 2020 Offertory Total: \$44,229**

**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!

## Parábola de las Vírgenes prudentes

Santo Evangelio según San Mateo 25:1-13. XXXII Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario. Ciclo A  
«La lámpara, cuando comienza a debilitarse, tenemos que recargar la batería. ¿Cuál es el aceite del cristiano? ¿Cuál es la batería del cristiano para producir la luz? Sencillamente la oración. Tú puedes hacer muchas cosas, muchas obras, incluso obras de misericordia, puedes hacer muchas cosas grandes por la Iglesia —una universidad católica, un colegio, un hospital...—, e incluso te harán un monumento de bienhechor de la Iglesia, pero si no rezas todo esto no aportará luz. Cuántas obras se convierten en algo oscuro, por falta de luz, por falta de oración de corazón».  
(Cf Homilía de S.S. Francisco, 10 de junio de 2016, en Santa Marta).

### 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.  
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/5Dt3LAZrdVddbzx7>.

### 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.

### 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

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

DIRECCION: \_\_\_\_\_ APTO: \_\_\_\_\_ CIUDAD: \_\_\_\_\_

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