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Daily (Monday - Saturday)	8:30a.m.
Saturday	4:00p.m.
Sunday	9:00a.m.
Sunday	11:00a.m.
<u>Vistancia Elementary School</u>	
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Sunday	1:00p.m.

#### Confessions:

Saturday 9:30a.m.-10:30a.m.

#### Adoration:

Thursday 9:00a.m.-11:00a.m.

## Fr. John's Pasta Sauce

Fr. John's pasta sauce is available for purchase during regular office hours and before Saturday 4:00p.m. Mass. Jars are \$8.50 and come in Divine Tomato Basil and Spicy Arrabiata.

Proceeds benefit *FullCircle*.

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## Bernadette's Brew

Open Sundays after 9:00a.m. Mass. Bring a bulletin and join us for coffee, donuts or fritters, and fellowship! We look forward to seeing you there!

## Teen Killers and Us

Dear Friends,

Most young people in their late teens and early twenties are looking forward to and planning their future. Whether its finishing up college, moving into a career, saving up for a new car or planning to be married, it's an exciting time in life. But not for all. Why do some young people lose the hope and the excitement of a future? Why is the suicide rate among young people skyrocketing, and why do some young men decide to blow up their future and the future of dozens and dozens of others? It's easy to point the finger of blame at this or that but as we have found out, it's much harder to find effective solutions that could stop the metamorphosis of a bright young teenager into a cold-blooded killer.

One of the key take-aways from the Bible is that God knows what is best for His creation. The things God told ancient Israel to observe, and follow were critical for humans to flourish and thrive upon the face of the earth. Most of what's best for us to thrive are contained in the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments are one of the world's first juridical codes and any society that follows them is guaranteed to flourish and grow. More to the point, individuals that are immerse in a culture that affirms the Commandments and the principles they enshrine will be very unlikely to become a mass murderer.

Let's just look at two of the Commandments, these two are generally more and more ignored. The first is the First Commandment: I am the Lord. The Commandment establishes the principle of authority. Namely that there is an authority above us to which we are accountable. As this principle is lived out in human societies, it means that children recognize the authority of their parents over them, students recognize the authority of their teachers and other adults in positions of authority, citizens recognize the authority of the Law and those who legitimately enforce the Law. Once we dislodge ourselves from the authority of God, we are generally left with either a state of anarchy or totalitarianism.

One of the biggest problems our schools face is the breakdown of the authority of teachers. Increasingly teachers will tell you that parents will subvert their authority when it comes to student discipline. "Not my kid", parents will defend their student even in the face of overwhelming evidence. Once that happens a student will no longer respect the authority of the teacher. Another way this plays out is through a victim culture. Nothing is my fault and I refuse to own my part in the problem or behavior. Either way, anarchy starts to reign in the classroom.

Once the principle of authority is subverted in a young person's mind then they become a law unto themselves. So why should I follow the other commandments? Who says I can't kill, or commit adultery or steal or defame others with the most hateful and vile statements? This is recipe for nihilism. Most of these young killers are nihilists, they believe in nothing. Their so called "manifestos" are nothing more than jumbled gooblygook. There was no higher objective in their actions just the plain banality of evil.

The other Commandment that is widely ignored in our times is: Keep holy the Sabbath. While this Commandment reminds us that we are oriented towards God and the transcendent it also establishes the principle of community. In addition to needing God, we need other people. Moreover, we need to be a part of a community of people with a shared vision and shared values. By being a consistent part of such a community we are week after week reminded of who we are, what we strive to be and can measure ourselves when we fall short.

When you cut yourself from community, you will find yourself isolated and lonely and prone to all sort of paranoid thinking. This Commandment also reminds us we are all in need of love and affirmation. These young killers still searched for community in their isolation, and they found cyber-communities that affirmed their worst thinking and most vile thoughts. In the dark world of the deep internet, they were cheered on in their desire to kill the other. Just think how unlikely it would be for anyone who worships with others on a regular basis to commit mass murder.

Maybe one of the causes of our frustration is that we keep looking for a political solution to what is in essence a spiritual and moral problem. One thing all these killers have in common is that at some point they became disconnected from love and the sources of love, and they become connected to a steady flow of hate and antipathy. So, remind yourself not to disconnect from God or community, it is a sure bulwark against the darkness that threatens.

Love, Fr. John B.

## Mass Intentions

### August 7: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:00a.m.:** for the Repose of the Souls of Louise & Carol Voit†

**11:00a.m.:** Dan Hoffman†

**1:00p.m.:** Emma Lopez†

### August 8

Marylyn (Scheid) Marshall†

### August 9

Hazel Wittig†

### August 10

Dolores Ravine†

### August 11

Happy Birthday and Special Intentions to Susanna Lee!

### August 12

Charles & Alvina McDonald†

### August 13

**8:30a.m.:** For the Edward Howenstein Family†

**4:00p.m.:** Happy 55th Wedding Anniversary—Jim and Kathi Peterson!

### August 14: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:00a.m.:** Moquin Family

**11:00a.m.:** in Thanksgiving for Armand & Lily Barone

**1:00p.m.:** for the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes

## Readings for the Week

### Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

### Monday: Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Mt 17:22-27

### Tuesday: Memorial of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

### Wednesday: Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

### Thursday: Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21-19:1

### Friday: Memorial of Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12

### Saturday: Memorial of Saint Pontian, Pope, and Saint Hippolytus, Priest; Martyrs

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

### Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

## More Opportunities for Prayer:

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** join us each Monday after daily Mass (excluding most holidays or whenever the office is closed) to pray to Our Lady. Prayers take approximately 15 minutes. Booklets with the prayers will be provided and collected following the Novena.

**Divine Mercy Devotion:** a staple devotion in our parish for over 20 years, Divine Mercy meets each Thursday morning following daily Mass with a social following in Madonna Hall. Join us as we pray to obtain our Lord's mercy on us and on the whole world. Contact Fred Malcolm for more information at [divinemercyprayers7@gmail.com](mailto:divinemercyprayers7@gmail.com).

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## PRAYER PROGRAM

THIS OPPORTUNITY IS FOR ANYONE WHO IS SEEKING SPECIAL HEALING AND COMFORT FOR THEMSELVES. WITH MODIFICATIONS, THE PRAYERS CAN ALSO BE SAID FOR A LOVED ONE. BY PRAYING THIS PROGRAM WITH THE STATUE, YOU ARE PETITIONING THROUGH BLESSED FR. MCGIVNEY, FOR A MIRACLE TO OCCUR AND ASKING FOR YOUR SPECIAL INTENTION TO BE ANSWERED BY GOD.

*After your prayer program is completed the statue will be returned to the office. The prayer booklet is yours to keep.*



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Our Lady's Guild

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## Parish Choir News

Choir practices will start Thursday,  
August 18 at 3pm in the church!

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Lord? We're ready to have you! No  
auditions or music reading necessary.

Questions? Call or email Kaitlynn  
623-344-7292 | keaton@ololscw.org

### **THE BAZAAR IS COMING!! NOVEMBER 4-5**

November will be here before we know it! As a result, the Wednesday morning Guild Workshops in Madonna Hall are busier than ever. There are Christmas items being created, jewelry cleaned and sorted, knitting and crocheted projects underway, donations accepted and dispersed, greeting cards being made, floral arrangements planned...and so much more! There are new friends being made, and old friendships sustained. Don't miss out on this unique chance to work together for the benefit of our parish. Both creative and "just helping" hands are needed.

#### **CURRENT WISH LIST ITEMS**

Project creators always have wish lists. Currently they are looking for wooden thread spools (not plastic), cotton fabric, both baby and 4 ply yarn, old greeting cards. The "Household Treasures" booth is looking for quality items in good condition such as small lamps, silverware, art work, china and kitchen dishes, wine glasses and more. (no clothes, please), If you wish to donate ANY useful items, bring them to a workshop to be evaluated., Workshops will continue every Wednesday morning during July and August. **Starting in September there will NOT be workshops on the 3<sup>d</sup> Wednesday.**

#### **BOOTH CHAIR MEETINGS**

On the last Wednesday of August, September and October there will be a meeting of ALL Booth chairs in Madonna Hall at 10:00 am. Mark your calendars now and make sure your booth is represented.

#### **TIME TO RENEW SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING.**

It is time for all parish volunteers to renew their Safe Environment Training for the 2022-23 year. This can be completed online at [phoenix.cmgconnect.org](http://phoenix.cmgconnect.org).. New volunteers will need to complete the Foundation class.

#### **SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> GUILD MEETING**

Our Lady's Guild will hold its first meeting of the new year on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> in Madonna Hall. Sign-in and social time starts at 9:00 am. The "Getting to Know You!" meeting will start at 9:30 am. Guests are always welcome! Mark the date on your calendar NOW!

**QUESTIONS OR DONATIONS:** If you have questions about the Bazaar, have donations, or wish to volunteer, contact Christa (602) 505-4182 or Debbie (623) 882-5607. If you have questions about being a Guild member contact Lori Duryea (623) 243-6952.

**Your Sacrificial Giving - July 24**

Plate Giving (cash & check)	\$6,810
Mission Giving:	\$962
Plate Giving (electronic)	\$6,795
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$14,267</b>
Maintenance Fund	\$82
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*Summer*  
**MINISTRY OF CARE**

Looking for a summer Ministry? Have some of your friends gone out of state so you have free time? Have some of your regular Ministries taken the summer off? Ministry of Care, which is taking Holy Communion to the Homebound and Care Centers needs volunteer's year round. Especially during the summer when substitutes and vacation Ministers of Care are always in high demand. Please call Whitney Lynch, 623-344-7285 or [wlynch@ololscw.org](mailto:wlynch@ololscw.org) to be trained as a Minister of Care.

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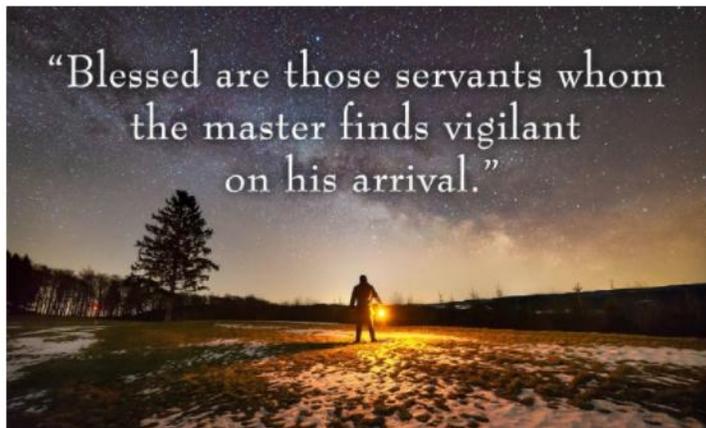
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