



# The Spirit of St. Catherine's

*We, the community of St. Catherine Labouré, empowered by the Holy Spirit, will strive to serve the Gospel message in reaching out as the Body of Christ to serve our brothers and sisters.*

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### Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5 PM Sunday 7:30 & 9:00 AM 10:30 AM (Spanish)

### Week Day Mass

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday 8:30 AM First Saturday Only 9:00 AM

### Confessions

Following the daily Mass on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday and Saturday at 9:30 AM

Or by appointment

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Note: There could be last minute changes to the above Schedule.

**The Month of March....** “March” is named for the Roman god of war, Mars. However, we think of it as the beginning of spring, as March brings the vernal equinox, the Full Worm Moon and the return of Daylight-Saving Time! This was the time of year to resume military campaigns that had been interrupted by winter. **March 8** is **International Women’s Day**, which is a day that not only celebrates the achievements of women and the progress made toward women’s rights, but also brings attention to ongoing struggles for equality around the world. **March 12** is the start of **Daylight Savings Time**, which begins at 2:00 A.M. that day. If your area observes it, don’t forget to “spring forward” and set the clocks one hour ahead, or you may find yourself an hour late to everything! **March 15** is the **Ides of March!** Legend surrounds this ill-fated day. Beware the Ides of March! **March 17** is **St. Patrick’s Day**. According to folklore, folks wear a shamrock on St. Patrick’s Day because the saint used its three leaves to explain the Trinity. **March 20** brings about the **March equinox**—also called the **vernal** or **spring equinox** in the Northern Hemisphere—marking the beginning of spring. In the Southern Hemisphere, this date marks the **autumnal equinox** and the beginning of fall. On this day, the Sun stands directly over Earth’s equator. **March 22** marks the start of **Ramadan**, which begins at sundown on that day. In Islam, Ramadan is considered a holy month when a month-long, sunrise-to-sunset fast is observed. **March 29-31** are known as the **Borrowing Days**. According to lore, the last three days of March have a reputation for being stormy.

**Did you know that March is National Umbrella Month? Here are some more wacky things to celebrate this month:**

**March 3:** What If Cats and Dogs Had Opposable Thumbs Day, **March 11:** International Fanny Pack Day, **March 13:** National Ear Muff Day, **March 16:** National Panda Day, **March 16:** Absolutely Incredible Kid Day, **March 23:** World Meteorological Day, **March 31:** World Backup Day, March’s full Moon, the Worm Moon, reaches peak illumination on the morning of **Tuesday, March 7, 2023**. Look for it on the evening of Monday, March 6, as the Moon rises above the horizon!

**Why is it called the Worm Moon?** March’s full Moon goes by the name **Worm Moon**. For many years, we thought this name referred to the earthworms that appear as the soil warms in spring. This invites robins and other birds to feed a true sign of spring! However, more research revealed another explanation. In the 1760s, Captain Jonathan Carver visited the Naudowessie (Dakota) and other Native American tribes and wrote that the name Worm Moon refers to a different sort of “worm”—beetle larvae—which begin to emerge from the thawing bark of trees and other winter hideouts at this time. March’s full Moon often plays a role in religion, too. Specifically, in Christianity, this Moon is known as the **Lenten Moon** if it is the last full Moon of the winter season (i.e., if it occurs *before* the spring equinox) or as the **Paschal Full Moon** if it is the first full Moon of spring (i.e., if it occurs *after* the spring equinox). This year, March’s full Moon (March 7, 2023) occurs before the **spring equinox** (March 20, 2023), making it the Lenten Moon. April’s full Moon (April 6, 2023) will be the first full Moon to occur after the spring equinox and will therefore determine the date of Easter this year.

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### March 2023: Month of St. Joseph

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph. We don't know much about him except what is mentioned in the Gospels. Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a "just man," and the Church has turned to Joseph for his patronage and protection. By giving Joseph the Blessed Virgin as spouse, God appointed him to be her life's companion, the witness of her maidenhood, and the protector of her honor. Joseph shines among all mankind since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men. Hence it came about that the Word of God was humbly subject to Joseph, that He obeyed him, and that He rendered to him all those offices that children are bound to render to their parents. Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender of the divine house whose chief he was. And during the whole course of his life he fulfilled those charges and those duties. It is, then, natural and worthy that as Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and protected them, he should now be covered with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ. Pope John Paul II hoped "that all may grow in devotion to the Patron of the Universal Church and in love for the Savior whom he served in such an exemplary manner. In this way the whole Christian people not only will turn to St. Joseph with greater fervor and invoke his patronage with trust, but also will always keep before their eyes his humble, mature way of serving and of "taking part" in the plan of salvation." St. Joseph is invoked as patron for many causes. He is the patron of the Universal Church. He is the patron of the dying because Jesus and Mary were at his deathbed. He is also the patron of fathers, of carpenters, and of social justice. The Church encourages us to be devoted to Joseph because he was a model in the heroic practice of all the virtues. The example of virtuous living that he gave in the exact fulfillment of the duties of his state of life is worthy of our reflection. Read the gospel and you will see his faith, hope and charity practiced under trying circumstances. He was prudent in caring for his wife and the child; he showed great leadership in protecting them and assisting them. He was religious in every sense, with that delicacy and sincerity of conscience that is proper to the saints of God. He was just in his dealings with God and man. The Church has made it clear that Joseph is not a saint for only a certain number of souls, but that he can help *all* men. That the solemnity of St. Joseph falls in Lent, when the Church concentrates her attention on preparation for Baptism and the memorial of the Lord's Passion, inevitably gives rise to an attempt to harmonize the Liturgy and popular piety. Hence, the traditional practices of a "month of St. Joseph" should be synchronized with the liturgical Year. Indeed, the liturgical renewal movement attempted to instill among the faithful a realization of the importance of the meaning of Lent. Where the necessary adaptations can be made to the various expressions of popular piety, devotion to St. Joseph should naturally be encouraged among the faithful who should be constantly reminded of the "singular example which, surpassing all states of life, should be recommended to the entire Christian community, whatever their condition or rank."

— *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*

### **" HUNGRY AND RESTLESS "**

In the Beatitudes, Jesus tells us.." Blessed are they who hunger....." **AND** Augustine writes in his Confessions, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord,.. our hearts are restless until they rest in You." How well these words speak of Lent, the time of the year during which we are asked to focus more on the teachings of Christ, and especially on His sufferings and death. As we approached Lent, I am sure each of us experienced a certain "hunger" for prayer, willingness to do something during these 40 days, to express a sincere attempt to offer a sacrifice for the Lord, knowing well the reward we look for is the love of God. What to do? Why not start with Prayer? Ask the Lord what we should focus on for Him. Does He really want the candy we are not consuming? He really wants YOU! He wants your heart, because He does love you, and, if you spend some time alone with Him, you will find a hunger and restlessness for Him in your heart. There is so much more I could write. But then, each of us has a unique relationship with the Lord and His Mother. Now, more than ever is the time to "Cowboy Up, or Cowgirl Up," and start or continue to pray to try to satisfy that **HUNGER**. Let's pray to stay in the present moment.

Mary Anderson, Spiritual Director

### **Divine Mercy**

Jesus told St. Faustina....." **the abundance of graces which I grant ....flows from My Mercy. I desire that these souls distinguish themselves by boundless trust in My Mercy. I Myself will attend to the sanctification of such souls. I will provide them with everything they will need to attain sanctity. The graces of My Mercy are drawn by the means of one vessel only, and that is - Trust! The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive. I rejoice that they ask for much, because it is My desire to give them much, very much! I am sad when souls ask for so little, when they narrow their hearts"**. (Diary of St. Faustina, pg.560) This is just a brief Teaching of Jesus, (if you will) from the various thoughts written by St. Faustina. We would like to share more thoughts and insights with all our Parishioners from Divine Mercy during Lent. We will start the Lenten Novena to the Divine Mercy on February 28th from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. both in the Church and by Conference Call. This call is free for all who use Smart or Cell or mobile phones. 425-436-6314 x6543612# Sorry to say, it is a long distance charge for landlines. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and we will have Special Guest Speakers each week. There will also be a Novena to the Divine Mercy, starting Good Friday, and a Special Celebration of the Divine Mercy on April 16th. More to come on the Novena, and Divine Mercy Sunday. Please set the time aside on your calendars for these special opportunities!

Jesus, I Trust in You!!!

**Marzo 2023: Mes de San José**

El mes de marzo está dedicado a San José. No sabemos mucho acerca de él excepto lo que se menciona en los Evangelios. José fue el esposo de la Santísima Virgen María y el padre adoptivo de Jesús. La Sagrada Escritura lo proclama como un "hombre justo", y la Iglesia se ha vuelto a José para su patrocinio y protección. Al dar a José a la Santísima Virgen por esposo, Dios lo nombró compañero de su vida, testigo de su doncellez y protector de su honor. José resplandece entre toda la humanidad ya que por voluntad divina, fue el guardián del Hijo de Dios y reputado como su padre entre los hombres. Por lo tanto, sucedió que la Palabra de Dios se sometió humildemente a José, que le obedeció y le rindió todos los oficios que los hijos están obligados a rendir a sus padres. José se convirtió en guardián, administrador y defensor legal de la casa divina de la que era jefe. Y durante todo el curso de su vida cumplió esos cargos y esos deberes. ...Es, entonces, natural y digno que así como José atendió todas las necesidades de la familia en Nazaret y los protegió, ahora debe estar cubierto con el manto de su patrocinio celestial y defender la Iglesia de Jesucristo. El Papa Juan Pablo II deseó "que todos crezcan en la devoción al Patrono de la Iglesia universal y en el amor al Salvador, a quien sirvió de manera tan ejemplar... De esta manera, todo el pueblo cristiano no sólo se volverá a San Pablo. José con mayor fervor e invocarán con confianza su patrocinio, pero también tendrán siempre ante sus ojos su manera humilde y madura de servir y de "participar" en el plan de salvación". San José es invocado como patrón por muchas causas. Es el patrono de la Iglesia Universal. Es el patrón de los moribundos porque Jesús y María estuvieron en su lecho de muerte. También es el patrón de los padres, de los carpinteros y de la justicia social. La Iglesia nos anima a ser devotos de José porque fue modelo en la práctica heroica de todas las virtudes. El ejemplo de vida virtuosa que dio en el cumplimiento exacto de los deberes de su estado de vida es digno de nuestra reflexión. Lee el evangelio y verás su fe, esperanza y caridad practicadas en circunstancias difíciles. Era prudente en el cuidado de su mujer y del niño; mostró un gran liderazgo al protegerlos y ayudarlos. Era religioso en todo sentido, con esa delicadeza y sinceridad de conciencia propia de los santos de Dios. Era justo en su trato con Dios y el hombre. La Iglesia ha dejado claro que José no es santo solo para un cierto número de almas, sino que puede ayudar a todos los hombres. Que la solemnidad de San José caiga en Cuaresma, cuando la Iglesia concentra su atención en la preparación al Bautismo y en el memorial de la Pasión del Señor, da lugar inevitablemente a un intento de armonizar Liturgia y piedad popular. Por lo tanto, las prácticas tradicionales de un "mes de San José" deben sincronizarse con el Año litúrgico. De hecho, el movimiento de renovación litúrgica intentó inculcar entre los fieles la comprensión de la importancia del significado de la Cuaresma. Donde se puedan hacer las adaptaciones necesarias a las diversas expresiones de la piedad popular, se debe fomentar naturalmente la devoción a San José entre los fieles, a quienes se les debe recordar constantemente el "ejemplo singular [...] que, superando todos los estados de vida, debe recomendarse a toda la comunidad cristiana, cualquiera que sea su condición o rango".

— Directorio sobre la piedad popular y la liturgia

The Ladies of St. Catherine cordially invites parishioners to be a vendor!

**SPRING CRAFT FAIR APRIL 21-22, 2023 from 9am-2pm**

Applications are being accepted for our Spring Craft Fair. Vendors and anyone helping with sales during the event must be a registered parishioner of a Catholic church in the Diocese of Phoenix. A \$50 fee covers your space for the two-day event. **Applications must be received on or by March 15, 2023.** For complete vendor information and application forms, please contact Jo Billington at (928) 636-3220 or email [billington4birds@gmail.com](mailto:billington4birds@gmail.com).

**Please Note:** No food items may be sold at a vendors table during the Craft Fair.

**SVdP**

Last month our Soup-er Bowl game made me realize just how much a can of hearty soup costs-\$3.00 on sale! With your votes Kansas City 38 and Philadelphia 7 we were able to send 45 cans of soup to the Chino Valley food bank. Thank you for your participation. This month we are in the midst of Lent-a time of prayer, fasting and examining ourselves to see where our priorities lie. Jesus asks us to love God first and our neighbor as ourselves. We as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul want to love and pray for our neighbor but, also to help them with their housing, utilities, etc. James 2:16 If you say to your brother or sister "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet do not supply their bodily needs what good is that? Please continue to help us in that effort. We will be serving soup after the stations of the cross on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please join us.



**Just Coffee**

Please join us on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> for coffee and cookies. I have new fliers to share with you about the Just Coffee Co-op. Call during the month if you need coffee 928 710 3699



**SAINT JOSEPH  
AND  
THE CHRIST CHILD**



**THE CATHOLIC WAY "**  
**" WHY WE DO.....HOW WE DO "**

I'm back.....by popular demand.....thank you, thank you, my faithful followers!! And just in time for that amazing season of Lent! Each of you have such amazing energy at this particular time. Ash Wednesday was only a few days earlier, and here we all are trying to keep our "promises" of attending Mass as often as possible, saying the Rosary.... the Stations of the Cross.....Oops, I guess I missed a few times. Now comes the critical point. Can I return to that minute of love, determination, and energy? It's ok to miss a few times, but don't lose that feeling you had. That was probably Our Lord, or Our Lady speaking to you of the huge opportunities given everyone on Ash Wednesday. Over 40 days to grow closer to God, by increasing prayer and attending additional services provided by the Parish - now you know what they are!! If you cannot find what you are looking for, search the Internet; You Tube, etc. Now, a special word!!! Please try to come to Mass and the various services as often as possible. Sad to say, our Churches are so empty these days, compared with just a few years ago. Imagine Our Lord, when He sees all the huge spaces in the pews during Lenten Masses.... Or, are you viewing Mass on TV, the Internet, etc.? We are given these special days to honor Him.....don't disappoint Him.....please..... Live Lent!

St. Aloysius W.....right

*"You express, when you sing,  
 your soul in song. And when you get  
 together with a group of other singers,  
 it becomes more than the sum of the  
 parts. All of those people are pouring  
 out their hearts and souls in perfect  
 harmony, which is kind of an emblem  
 for what we need in this world,  
 when so much of the world is at odds  
 with itself ...  
 to express, in symbolic terms,  
 what it's like when human beings  
 are in harmony."*

~ John Rutter, composer & conductor



**During the time of Lent we no longer have flowers on the altar  
 until Easter Sunday**

**If you would like to donate for Easter Flowers  
 in Memory of a loved one please stop by the parish office.  
 All names will be printed in our Easter Bulletin**



### From the Choir

**On THIRST**...and two psalms that we hear, sing and proclaim during our Lenten journey.

*As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God. My being thirsts for God, the living God. When can I go and meet the face of God? Psalms 42:1-2*

Our bodies suffer when we do not drink enough water. You may be thirsty and not even know it. This is true for our souls as well. The psalmist uses the image of thirst to describe the soul's longing for God. For those of us who work and serve in religious spaces such as the Church, we may not feel spiritual thirst. Surrounded by expressions of spirituality and serving essential roles in liturgy, we don't realize that we need more water, more beauty, more rest, and more light. If we don't attend to our soul's needs, like those of our physical bodies, we experience negative symptoms. Tending to our soul takes time and intentionality. If we don't take the time to do this, our bodies and souls let us know that we have neglected them. Burn out, fatigue, and apathy start to creep in. Just like carrying your water bottle with you, you must take the time to drink. Just having it with you is not enough. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose. Beside restful waters he leads me, he refreshes my soul. Psalm 23: 1-3*

Surround yourself with beauty and the things that give you joy this Lent. Take the time to truly enjoy them because if you walk quickly by and do not fully take in God's full creation, you can not feed your soul. You need more than you think. Celebrate the beauty of creation as you move about this world. Take in more water, more light, more music, more beauty, and more love. ***We are thirsty beings.*** Come sing with the choir to immerse your soul in the word of God.

Sacred music is a prayer, an offering to God of ourselves. Humbling yes, but so joyful and inspiring. Rehearsals: Wednesdays at 6 PM in the church. Contact the Music Director for more information on singing every week or just for Easter. [music.stcathlab@gmail.com](mailto:music.stcathlab@gmail.com) Praying that a baritone will step forward to sing in our beautiful choral anthems for Mass. Haven't sung since high school or college? No worries. We can help by teaching you how to use your voice with the ease that it once had. It is the instrument that God gave to every one of us.

Therese Holladay Music Director St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church



**HOLY FAMILY MINISTRY**

Greetings Everyone:

It's March already and we have started our Forty Day journey of Lent. Forty days of preparing ourselves as God's family by honoring the passion that his Son Jesus Christ went through. While looking forward to sharing his Glorious Resurrection. Each year during Lent Holy Family Ministry holds a drive collecting beans, rice & pasta for the Chino Valley Food Bank. The generosity was overwhelming last year, which only goes to show how St. Catherine Laboure's family comes together when there is need. On Friday March 3rd Holy Family Ministry will be hosting the **Stations of the Cross** at 5:30 PM. Come, walk with Jesus on his journey, a journey made for all of us. Afterwards, join your fellow parishioners for a nice warm bowl (or two), of delicious soup & bread in the hall. The Holy Family Ministry is planning to have **Vacation Bible School** in July. The theme this year will be Wilderness Adventure through the Sacraments. The dates have not been firmed up by the time this letter went to press. We should know by the end of March. The proposed dates are July 10th thru 13th, or July 17th thru 20th. As soon as we have the dates, we will announce them. So, the parents can plan their summer activities around **VBS**. In closing, may I suggest ---- How about giving up the usage of your phones, computers, tablets, & video games for One Hour each day. It could be in the evening, or during the afternoon, whenever the family gets together. Spending time with each other talking and listening to the day's events. It's a way of showing the ones you care about and love that they are more important than the devices and what is on them. A sacrifice that could turn into a regular daily event. I've watched over the years how little by little we depend on these devices, & less on the **Good Old Action of Communicating** with each other. It may sound old fashioned, but the old way sure had its benefits. Have a Blessed Lent, see you next month.

Sharlia Hartness.

**LADIES OF ST. CATHERINE LABOURÉ**

**Looks like March IS** roaring in like a Lion. Some crazy weather the Lord has sent our way recently. March is a relatively quiet month for our ladies group. That's ok because it is Lent and we need to reflect and pray about all Jesus has gone through to save us. There is still a month of Lent to go, so if you haven't started, start today. **SPRING CRAFT FAIR** – once again the Ladies are going to have a Spring event. Mark your calendars for Friday & Saturday April 21-22, 9am – 2pm both days. Great vendors, fantastic items to purchase & a cork pull to boot! Hope to see many of you browsing and buying those two days. **MAY BABY SHOWER** – Life Pregnancy Center in Chino Valley will be the recipient of the shower. More news to come in the April newsletter. **DONUT SUNDAY** – Donuts will be served March 5<sup>th</sup> after all Sunday masses. Please remember that your donation for a donut is helping a charity in our community. Any lady interested in wanting to know who we are & what we do for the community, please come and observe our meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 9:30am in the church hall. **Our next meeting is March 7th at 9:30am.** April meeting is the 4<sup>th</sup>. Blessings & Prayers, Kathy McCormick, President

Linens for March – Peggy Trout



**In MARCH will you be celebrating a BIRTHDAY or WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?**

Your parish family here at St. Catherine Laboure would like to wish you a Blessed and Happy Day.



This month is synonymous with the onset of spring (in the Northern Hemisphere). Accordingly the flower associated with this month is **Daffodil** also known as Jonquil or Narcissus. The colors of the bloom include white, yellow and orange. A gift of these flowers conveys the hidden meaning of friendship, happiness, rebirth, respect, and best regards. Surprise the one celebrating with a special gift of these flowers.

Aquamarine is not only the birthstone for March, but the gem is also given as a present on the 19th wedding anniversary. As for famous ones, in 1936 the government of Brazil gave First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt a dark blue rectangular step cut aquamarine that weighed 1,298 carats (ct). It was the larger of two stones faceted from a piece of aquamarine rough that itself weighed an impressive 2.9 pounds (1.3 kilograms). It is now housed at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, New York.

## MARCH 2023 MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 1, 2023	8:30 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory	RIP
Thursday, March 2, 2023	8:30 AM	Annica Dungca	INT
Friday, March 3, 2023	8:30 AM	Virgie Olvera	RIP
Saturday, March 4, 2023	9:00 AM	Katie Napp	INT
Saturday, March 4, 2023	5:00 PM	Michael Demyan III	RIP
Sunday, March 5, 2023	7:30 AM	People of St. Catherine	INT
Sunday, March 5, 2023	9:00 AM	Scott Napp	RIP
Sunday, March 5, 2023	10:30 AM	Jose Luis Trujillo Beltran	RIP
Monday, March 6, 2023	8:30 AM	Sung Hea Novak	INT
Tuesday, March 7, 2023	8:30 AM	Victoria Dungca	INT
Wednesday, March 8, 2023	8:30 AM	Bob Erb	RIP
Thursday, March 9, 2023	8:30 AM	David Martin Lamb	RIP
Friday, March 10, 2023	8:30 AM	Fr. Scott Sperry	RIP
Saturday, March 11, 2023	5:00 PM	The Hartness Family	INT
Sunday, March 12, 2023	7:30 AM	Randle Lee Belyeu	RIP
Sunday, March 12, 2023	9:00 AM	Frances Pettigrew	RIP
Sunday, March 12, 2023	10:30 AM	People of St. Catherine	INT
Monday, March 13, 2023	8:30 AM	Mandy Jachimek	INT
Tuesday, March 14, 2023	8:30 AM	Jadisga Jachimek	RIP
Wednesday, March 15, 2023	8:30 AM	Joe Delgado	INT
Thursday, March 16, 2023	8:30 AM	Mark & Kristina McConnell	INT
Friday, March 17, 2023	8:30 AM	Scott Napp	RIP
Saturday, March 18, 2023	5:00 PM	Marie Caffey	RIP
Sunday, March 19, 2023	7:30 AM	James & Anita Merinar	RIP
Sunday, March 19, 2023	9:00 AM	Frank Jurec	RIP
Sunday, March 19, 2023	10:30 AM	People of St. Catherine	INT
Monday, March 20, 2023	8:30 AM	Violet Jachimek	INT
Tuesday, March 21, 2023	8:30 AM	Scott Cyr	INT
Wednesday, March 22, 2023	8:30 AM	Hoben & Kailo Delgado	RIP
Thursday, March 23, 2023	8:30 AM	Amy Dungca	INT
Friday, March 24, 2023	8:30 AM	Phil Ulibarri	RIP
Saturday, March 25, 2023	5:00 PM	Al & Anita Dufrane	INT
Sunday, March 26, 2023	7:30 AM	People of St. Catherine	INT
Sunday, March 26, 2023	9:00 AM	Fr. Fred LeClaire	INT
Sunday, March 26, 2023	10:30 AM	Benito & Victoria Sanchez	INT
Monday, March 27, 2023	8:30 AM	Joe & Ann Delgado	INT
Tuesday, March 28, 2023	8:30 AM	Butch & Carmen Arenivaz	INT
Wednesday, March 29, 2023	8:30 AM	Julie Raines	INT
Thursday, March 30, 2023	8:30 AM	Thuy Raines	INT
Friday, March 31, 2023	8:30 AM	Kyle Bruner	RIP



**MAKE  
THESE  
40DAYS  
HOLY**

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto them, O Lord, and  
May Perpetual Light Shine Upon them:*

JOHN E. RODRIGUEZ



PAUL MANLEEY

**Dear Prayer Warriors,**

Our special intentions for the month of March are :

For all those who have strayed from God to return to Him. All those who are suffering from addictions and their families.

During the past month, we were asked to pray for:

The repose of the souls of John Rodriguez, Paul Maneely, and Len Rechichar's sister,  
May they and all the souls of the faithful departed, through God's Mercy, rest in peace.

Phil Velez, who is now in Hospice, peace and acceptance for him & his family.

Warrior suffering from a very draining disease.

Warrior's family, many of whom are experiencing many difficult medical situations.

9-year-old Grandson, who is having his lymph nodes removed due to possible cancer; peace and acceptance for his family.

Friend, who has a painful Bladder infection for complete recovery.

Father, recovering in Rehab after hip surgery, for complete recovery.

Past parishioner, who recently had a stroke, was recovering in the hospital. for a complete recovery, and peace. Unfortunately, she may experience additional strokes in the near future, so please pray for a "little" miracle.

Michael Mollere, and Joe Merkley, both Knights and Prayer Warriors, in fourth stage cancer.

Close friend, who is now living in Sun City, has many medical situations.

Warrior who will have a medical procedure to relieve intense, chronic back pain, for successful and complete recovery.

Those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

All who have fallen away from the Church.

All caregivers, and our homebound.

Warrior undergoing shoulder surgery for a successful operation and complete recovery.

A Parishioner in Rehab recovering from a broken hip, who is not doing well.

Son, who is suffering from addictions, that he may reach out for help, and accept the road to recovery, although it is difficult.

Friend, suffering from psychological issues.

Grandparents, who care for young children.

Relaxing of world-wide tensions which may be signaling a global war.

Parishioners, who are suffering from covid, flu, etc.

All suffering from severe weather.

All those in need of prayer, esp. those who do not ask for prayer.

Son-in-law to undergo very complicated knee surgery, for complete recovery; peace for his family.

Former Parishioner, now in Assisted Living, who fell and broke both wrists for complete recovery & acceptance.

Friend just diagnosed with dry Macular Degeneration in both eyes.

I pray that each of us will experience a deeper prayer life with Our Lord and Our Lady during these Lenten days!

God Bless, Mary



### Holy Hour for Priests at St Catherine Labouré

**Please join us in the Church for a Eucharistic Holy Hour to pray for priests and priestly vocations.**

**We will meet every 4th Saturday of the month to join our hearts and prayers in a sacrificial offering for our priests. *Why did Our Lord, when He spoke of vocations, single out precisely the word pray? Because prayer is the expression of the Christian community and the yearning of the Church. "Ask, and the gift will come" (Lk 11:9). Can we hope to receive if we do not ask? There are probably hundreds of thousands of vocations hanging from heaven on silken cords; prayer is the sword that cuts them.* Archbishop Fulton Sheen, Venerable Servant of God For more information or to help with these holy hours, please contact Trisha Engel at 903.647.2274**  
**Next Holy Hour will be Saturday, March 25th, 2023**



**The weekend of March 25/26 our Spanish Community will be selling Tamales to take home. For them to know how many will be needed for the sale, we ask that you order and prepay them ahead of time. You will find order blanks in the vestibule. We ask that you fill them out and bring them along with payment to the parish office.**

**El fin de semana del 25/26 de Marzo, nuestra comunidad Latina estará vendiendo Tamales para llevar a casa.**

**Para que ellos sepan cuántos se necesitarán para la venta, les pedimos que ordenen y los paguen de antemano/primerero. Comenzando este fin de semana encontrarán hojas para ordenar en el vestibulo. Les pedimos que llenen la 'orden' y la lleven a la oficina de la parroquia con su respectivo pago.**



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### Prayers for the Month of March



#### Prayers to St. Joseph

Great St. Joseph, to whose will the Savior subjected himself, obtain for me the grace to subject myself in all things to the will of God. Through the merits you obtained when in the darkness of night you obeyed the angel's commands, ask for me this grace, that nothing may detain me from fulfilling the will of God with perfect conformity. In the stable of Bethlehem, on the flight to Egypt, you recommended yourself and those dear to you to divine providence. Ask for me this same grace to conform myself to the will of God in discouragement and despondency, in health and sickness, in happiness and misfortune, in success and failure so that nothing may disturb the tranquility of my soul in obediently following the way of God for me. Amen.

Glorious St. Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations; to work with gratitude and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop, by means of labor, the gifts received from God, disregarding difficulties and weariness; to work, above all, with purity of intention and with detachment from self, having always before my eyes death, and the account which I must render of time lost, of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all for Mary, all after your example, patriarch Joseph. This will be my watchword in life and in death. Amen.