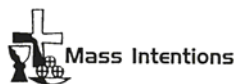


Remember that prayer must be humble and confident, persevering and full of fire.

- Exercises, Blessed Basil Moreau, CSC



Monday, November 30	St. Andrew
Our Lady of the Valley	9:00 am † Florencio Herrin
Tuesday, December 1	
St. Raphael	9:00 am † Dr. Glenn Schoper
Wednesday, December 2	
Our Lady of the Valley	9:00 am † Barbara Fitzmaurice
Thursday, December 3	St. Francis Xavier
St. Raphael	9:00 am † Anita Desesto
Friday, December 4	St. John Damascene
Our Lady of the Valley	9:00 am † Bud Riley
Saturday, December 5	Vigil - 2nd Sunday of Advent
Our Lady of the Valley	4:00 pm † Cunningham family
St. Raphael	5:30 pm Dignity of Life
Sunday, December 6	2nd Sunday of Advent
Our Lady of the Valley	7:30 am † Everett Garrison
St. Raphael	9:00 am † Elton Schlim
Our Lady of the Valley	10:30 am Parishioners of OLV & STR
St. Raphael	12:00 pm Int. of Frederick & Luz Luna
Our Lady of the Valley	5:00 pm † Philip Scandura

Today's Readings

First Reading — The days are coming when the Lord will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2).

Gospel — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).



Holy day of Obligation
Tuesday, December 8
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Vigil Mass 6:00 pm Monday, Dec. 7:
St. Raphael Church
Mass 9:00 am Tuesday, Dec. 8:
St. Raphael Church
Mass 7:00 pm Tuesday, Dec. 8:
Our Lady of the Valley Church

Readings for the Week of November 30

Monday	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8,9,10,11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Advent Communal Reconciliation
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14
7:00 PM
ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH

‘Why, oh why do I love Paris?’

Maybe I first heard it on *The Hit Parade*, the 1950s television music show. It might have been Gisele MacKenzie that sang it, I don't really recall, but it was a popular song in that era. It is likely Ella Fitzgerald or Frank Sinatra sang their renditions on *The Ed Sullivan Show*, the “really big” hour long variety show that aired on Sunday night. Cole Porter's “I Love Paris” (1953) was first featured in the musical *Can Can*, but was a hugely popular single played on the phonograph, and heard on radio and TV.

There was not a lot of depth to the simple lyric, but it attests to someone's love for the City of Lights because of the nearness of a loved one there. “I love Paris in the springtime. / I love Paris in the fall. / I love Paris in the winter when it drizzles. / I love Paris in the summer when it sizzles. I love Paris every moment, / every month of the year.” Its full and engaging refrain had everyone singing along.

It evoked images of the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre and the Cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris – images which scream Paris to viewers around the world. Her narrow streets and broad boulevards along with quaint shops and cafes are captured in a variety of art works. Her theaters and museums and churches speak eloquently of her long and storied history.

From a very early age that song instilled in me a desire to see Paris and to determine for myself whether all the hype was merited. From church history I knew France to be the Eldest Daughter of the Church, an accolade still accorded this revered nation even though the people of France and the church may have, over the years, developed a distant relationship.

As a student of European history, I retained a special interest in France. I joined a religious congregation that had its origins in France and took a meager year of French in college, all in the hopes that one day I would visit Paris, not as an alien or a stranger, but as a friend. Finally in 2006 my hope of visiting France and her capitol was realized when I attended the Holy Cross International Spirituality Institute in Lemans, the birthplace of Holy Cross, about 130 miles (208 kilometers), southwest of Paris. Both before and after the conference, I was able to befriend this enchanting capitol.

Americans say the French are rude. That was not my experience. Even when I encountered rude Americans operating on the premise that all French people are rude, thus being rude in their attitude toward the locals, the French were courteous. At my hotel, on the city streets, in bars and restaurants, on the buses and the metro, I only encountered people who were gracious and hospitable, especially when my embarrassingly rudimentary French was not sufficient to get me to where I wanted to go.

In those treasured days I came to understand why Cole Porter wrote so effusively of this city. Needless to say, when news broke about the terrorist attacks in Paris on November 14 I felt as if a personal friend had been assaulted. While the attacks did not take place in the neighborhood I stayed in, the images of Paris are hauntingly similar. I sat in street side cafes like the bullet ridden ones the evening news portrayed in the aftermath of the attacks. Music venues like the Bataclan are common to every Parisian neighborhood. Taking the train into Paris upon my arrival one could clearly see the soccer stadium just outside the city.

When senseless acts of violence whose sole purpose is to instill terror in the hearts of innocent people occur, it pulls at the heart of humane people everywhere in a painfully wrenching way. You didn't have to know any of the victims or the families ripped apart to feel the sadness and loss of these events. It is not necessary to see Paris or even to love Paris to feel what the people of that city and nation feel. We know what they feel; our September 11 is not a distant memory.

In the Congregation of Holy Cross, it is customary for our provinces, districts and vicariates to send notice to all the members when one of our priests or brothers dies. Sometimes within these geographic designations, we also share news of loss within the family of our members. Last week the Vicariate of France, encompassing the priests and brothers ministering in the nation of our birth, sent a notice to all Holy Cross religious on five continents asking for prayer for the repose of the souls of two victims of that November 14 tragedy.

St. Michel de Picpus is a primary/secondary school operated under Holy Cross sponsorship in Paris. Romain Dunet, a 25 year old English teacher at the school was killed at the concert at the Bataclan. Veronique de Bourgies, the mother of a fifth grade student, died in the café attack at rue de Charonne. The communiqué calls for prayer “for an end to this violence and for peace in the hearts of all,” and pledges to “hold in prayer all those who suffer from fear and uncertainty.” Essentially that pledge holds us all in prayer.

In an opening stanza the Cole Porter classic states, “whether loud be her cheers or soft be her tears, / more and more do I realize: / I love Paris...” We pledge our prayer to the people of Paris, the nation of France and to all who” suffer from fear and uncertainty.”

Fr. Ed Kaminski, CSC
pastor

Our Lady of the Valley and St. Raphael Parishes

Our warmest welcome to all who worship with our parish family, whether long time parishioners or newly arrived in our parishes. If you are not registered, please pick up a registration form located in the vestibules.

The Nursing Ministry will be serving bagels, fruit, yogurt, coffee and juice today after the Masses in the Social Room of Our Lady of the Valley Church.

Music Ministry will be selling breakfast burritos today, November 29, after the Masses in the hall at St. Raphael. Please come and support our Music Ministry!



Our Lady of the Valley Women's Club

is sponsoring an **Open House Membership Drive** on **Tuesday, December 1, at 6:00 pm** in Rooms four through six. All women of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend. Our club is very active in fundraising and social events occurring within our parish. Please consider spending an hour with us this Tuesday to learn more about our Club. You'll be glad you did! Pizza, snacks and beverages will be served. We hope to see you there.



The Club will be collecting **Shoebboxes for the Homeless**



this weekend and December 5/6. Boxes should be wrapped and include personal toiletries: deodorant, body wash, toothbrushes/paste, brushes, combs, shampoo, conditioner, disposable razors, shaving cream and white socks. Hats, gloves and scarves are optional. **Please mark each box for either a male or female.** Please contact Jovie (602-866-3664) with questions or to make a monetary donation.

Help to bring a little good cheer to those in need.

St. Vincent de Paul Societies

If you can assist the SVDP Society, call OLV (602-993-9111) or STR Society (602-439-2341).

(The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an independent ministry staffed by parishioners).

LAST CALL: The weekend of **December 10** will be the last call for anyone who would like to have their **directory pictures** taken or retake. Please contact Jane (623-330-8657; ajsb34@yahoo.com) or Loretta (602-547-1991; bcclmst@q.com) for an appointment.

Our Lady of the Valley and Saint Raphael Stewardship Report

Due to an earlier deadline for the holidays, the bulletin will publish the collection information in a future bulletin. **Thank you for your continued support.**

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FESTIVITIES

at St. Raphael Parish

All are welcome to the bilingual Rosary Novena beginning **December 3** at 6:30 pm in St. Raphael chapel.

On Saturday, **December 12**, there will be a Rosary Procession outside at 10:30 am before the bilingual Mariachi Mass at 11:00 am in the church.

Raffle tickets and calendars will be sold after all Masses at St. Raphael Parish this weekend and December 5/6. Please join us.

Los Guadalupanos of St. Raphael



On **December 6** we will celebrate the combined Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and the Rite of Welcoming Candidates for full Communion with adult, teen and children inquirers in the RCIA process.

These Rites mark the beginning of the Catechumenate for these individuals, which is a time of instruction, prayer, and spiritual formation. They now come in faith, and we here at Our Lady of the Valley and St. Raphael Parish will have the privilege of accepting them on behalf of the entire Church. Please join us at the 10:30 am Mass at Our Lady of the Valley and meet them in the Social Room for a simple reception.

Full Initiation:

Joseph (Ammar) Al-Shammad
Hannah Briand
Sara Hinojosa
Dominick Jessup
Jizelle Jessup
Ricardo Mondragon
Angelo Montenegro

Continuing Conversion:

Nicholas Peter Maretta
Olivia Reeves

The Church Sanctuary Lamp at Our Lady of the Valley this week is burning in loving memory of **Robbie Meireis** as requested by Johann and Larry Blowers.

Women's Retreat

Our Lady of the Valley and St. Raphael

PRAYER: "OXYGEN FOR YOUR SOUL"

Saturday, January 23, 2016

Franciscan Renewal Center

*Sign up next weekend for this wonderful day of
Prayer, Reflection and Community starting with morning Mass.*

Facilitators: Dr. Anne Borik and Anita Kilcran

Registration is available December 5/6 after all the Masses.

Cost: \$30/person includes continental breakfast, lunch and several surprises.

Information contacts are Marianne (602-843-4757) or Loretta (602-547-1991).