



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Women's Guild

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MARDI GRAS!
HONORING PAST GUILD PRESIDENTS TEA PARTY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023
12:00 NOON - 3:00 PM
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SCHOOL HALL
10441 S. DOWNEY AVE. 90241

An array of teas and infused waters, sweet & savories will be served in a colorful and festive carnival tea setting.

Wear your wackiest tea hat! Contest and prizes!
RSVP by April 4

Food will be catered by Zeezo's Inc. The cost for this great event is \$45 per person. Due to popular demand we will sell presale tickets only. Please contact Linda Malme at (562) 869-6491, No refunds past reservation deadline.

OLPH WOMEN'S GUILD MISSION STATEMENT

A group of united, inspired ladies dedicated to enriching the lives of others through spiritual, social and charitable activities in our parish and community guided by the Blessed Mother.

Women's Guild President

JoAnn Ramirez



Lent is a 40-Day Journey

Lent is 40 days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter. Lent is a time of preparation to bring us closer to God and it is a time for personal reflection that prepares our hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter.

The three main things people focus on during Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving or charity.

Prayer: During Lent focuses on our need for God's forgiveness. It is also about repenting and receiving God's mercy and love.

Fasting: Is a common practice during Lent where we give up something that is a regular part of life, like eating chocolate or drinking wine, in order to focus on the sacrifice Christ made on the cross. Fasting is a spiritual and physical purification; the pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God. Fasting and abstinence help us to participate more fully in the cross of Christ.

Almsgiving: The Lenten call to almsgiving means making the needs of other people our own. Sharing our material goods is often just the beginning of real Christian giving. We are also called to share our time tending to people in need.

Jesus sacrificed Himself on Good Friday to bear the punishment for all our wrongdoings and offer us forgiveness. He was raised from the dead on Easter Sunday to give us an opportunity to have a relationship with God for eternity.

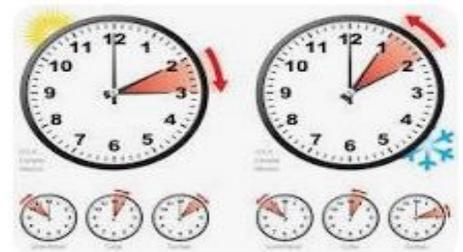
Spending time during Lent praying, fasting and giving can make Jesus' sacrifice on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter even more meaningful.

May the Holy Spirit inspire you and sustain you this Lenten season so that you may experience His divine splendor, confirmed in faith, and persevere in your journey with Him.

Daylight Savings Time

Sun, Mar 12, 2023 2:00 AM -
Sun, Nov 5, 2023 2:00 AM

2:00am clocks are turned forward 1 hour



Women's Guild Vice President

Lucy Solares



As sunshine and spring perennials gently push through the soil, it reminds us of the need to nurture our own seeds of faith as we awaken from a spiritual snooze and prepare for Easter. For those wishing to enrich their Lenten journey, let us look at these 40 days as a time of reflection and renewal; a lifted spirit filled with hope, having Christ in our hearts guided by the Blessed Mother.

Our February General Meeting was well attended. Dr. Zulmy Mancia captivated all with her intriguing presentation giving an overview of naturopathic medicine and its benefits. Kudos to the lunch coordinators for the widespread of deli sandwiches, green salad, hummus, pita chips and dessert by Paula Mayfield,

Margie Delgado, Yolanda Ramirez, Leila Giries, Diane Garcia, and Linda Malme - THANK YOU! Leila Giries donated four beautiful decoupage bottles for raffling - THANK YOU!

Looking ahead on the Guild's Calendar

Please join us at our General Meeting, themed Irish Charm, on Wednesday, March 15, at 10:00 am, Knights of Columbus building. Featuring the Aniar Academy Irish Dancers. The academy consists of dancers of all ages and levels, from beginners to champions, under the instruction of Christine Byrne, TCRG. Christine began her dancing career at age four when her parents, immigrants from Ireland, answered an ad in the local newspaper. She took instruction at an Irish Dance School in South Gate, which has since led her to where she is today.

Also, Nora Szechy is donating a Waterford crystal candy dish to be raffled! The reservation deadline is March 8th and the cost for this meeting is \$20.00 per person.

This year the Guild will combine the Mardi Gras Tea Party with the honoring of our Past Presidents, on Wednesday, April 12 th at the Our Lady Perpetual Help School Hall, from 12:00 – 3:00 pm. The reservation deadline is April 4th, and the cost is \$45.00 per person. Wear your wackiest tea hat and join in the fun, contest and prizes! A little something for everyone as we head into March, with longer days and more sunshine!

Stay well and God Bless!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Join us for a Lenten Enrichment *Eucharist, Communion, Sacrifice and Presence*



The speaker for this Lenten lecture is **Fr. Parker Sandoval**. The topic is *Eucharist, Communion, Sacrifice, Presence*. Father Patrick Sandoval was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 2015. He served as associate pastor of

Resurrection Church in Boyle Heights and then as Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation for the Archdiocese. He currently serves as Vice Chancellor and Senior Director of Ministerial Services of the Archdiocese and his passion remains ministry of the word; preaching the Gospel and teaching the Catholic faith. Fr. Parker resides at Incarnation Church in Glendale.

A Spanish only Lenten Enrichment lecture will be held the following evening, Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 pm in the church. Please check the OLPH bulletin for the topic of the evening and speaker.

**Join Father Patrick at OLPH Church
Tuesday, March 28, 2023
7:00 pm at OLPH Church**

Financial Report for January 2023

Dianna Hampton

Beginning Balance: January 1, 2023..... \$ 20,237.14

Deposits \$ 1,899.58

Expenses..... \$ 1,851.53

Ending Balance: January 31, 2023.....\$ 20,285.19



LIVINGHELP
CENTER

LivingHelp Center, has been supported by many members of the Women's Guild since it was started in 1983. Ever since it began until the present day, girls and women have received the information and support that they needed to make an informed decision when faced with a pregnancy which may put them into "crisis mode". Hundreds and hundreds of women have chosen life for their children, instead of panicking and suffering through an abortion and its aftermath, thanks to this ministry.

The LivingHelp Center is planning a lovely gala fundraising dinner to be held at the Rio Hondo Event Center on **Tuesday, March 21.**

They still need a few people who would like to be table hosts on that evening. Being a table hostess entails filling a table of 10 people who would like to learn about and support this kind of ministry. Crisis pregnancy centers stay open because of generous donors in their community, and usually get no government help.

Please plan to attend this joyful and uplifting event and hear guest speaker, Rebekah Hagan tell her story. This dinner gala will unite pro-lifers and evoke new enthusiasm for our ministry to mothers and their unborn children. If you cannot host a table, but would like to attend, please contact Patti Sharpe so your name can be added to the guest list. Seating is limited and reservations are necessary. There is no charge for admission, but an appeal for donations will be given. Call Patti at 562-243-1232, or email her at pattisharpe@gmail.com.

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**OLPH
Book Club**

A GROUP OF UNITED, INSPIRED LADIES
DEDICATED TO ENRICHING THE LIVES OF
OTHERS THROUGH SPIRITUAL, SOCIAL AND
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH AND
COMMUNITY GUIDED BY THE BLESSED
MOTHER.

We have selected a title to kick off our **Spring into Summer Book Club**. After looking at several recommended titles, we chose **The Shadow of the Wind** by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. Included is a QR code to order your book on Amazon. Book club will meet on Thursday, May 25 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Parish Center. Happy Readings!



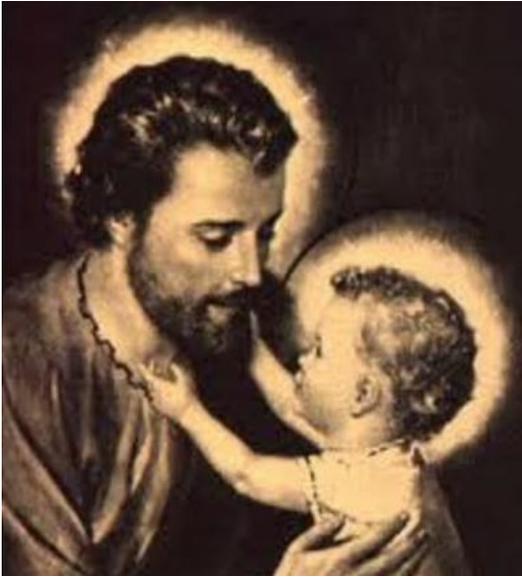
LIVINGHELP
CENTER

The LivingHelp Center Gala

**Rio Hondo Event Center
Tuesday, March 21, 2023**

Guest Speaker Dan Steiner
Founder of
Preborn National Pro-life Ministry

For more information contact Patti Sharpe



St. Joseph, Master Builder (tekton)

by Paula Mayfield

Who was this man, divinely chosen by God Himself to be the foster father of His Son, Jesus; to protect his little family from danger, provide and care for their safety and well-being, this man who was the closest person to the Blessed Mother and Jesus? The angel addressed him as “Joseph, Son of David” and revealed Joseph’s vocation and mission...” take Mary as your wife...name her Son Jesus.” He does not utter one word in the Bible, but his fatherhood was real, “human, legal, affectionate, protective and educative.” Joseph was a faithful, observant Jew and raised Jesus in the Torah in their home. He established the Savior’s earthly residence.

We know the stories of angels appearing in Joseph’s dreams warning him to take his young wife and new baby to Egypt to escape Herod’s rage and subsequently directing Joseph to return to his hometown of Nazareth in Galilee upon the death of Herod. Many pictures depict Joseph as an old man, but the culture at that time, attests that girls were routinely betrothed around the age of 12 or 13 and married a year later to a young man, perhaps 19 years of age. In any case, Joseph couldn’t have been an old man because he was a tekton (a builder of any hard material such as stone or metal), and a carpenter, which is a physically demanding occupation.

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Volunteers Needed for Mardi Gras Tea Luncheon

Ways & Means is recruiting volunteers for this year’s Mardi Gras Tea Party. Help is needed in recruiting ladies to host tea tables. Hosting responsibilities have changed since the Guild has hired a caterer to provide the food. Dinnerware, flatware, and glassware, white tablecloths, napkins and chair coverings will be provided by the Guild as well.

Hostesses will be responsible for providing:

- Centerpiece
- Tea pot
- Containers for sugar and creamer
- Small serving dishes for clotted cream and jam with serving spoons
- Two serving trays for sweets and savories and
- Water pitcher
- Setup tea table on April 11 at 10:00 am - 2:00 pm



The white linens provide a blank canvas for the tea hostesses to personalize their tables incorporating this year’s theme, Mardi Gras Tea into a colorful and festive carnival. If you are interested in hosting a tea table, please contact Heidi De La Rosa at (562) 895-5842 or Lourdes Pena at (562) 394-6823.

St. Joseph, Master Builder (tekton)

by Paula Mayfield

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Judea was declared a Roman province when Jesus was 10 years old. According to the historian Flavius Josephus, Antipas had Sepphoris rebuilt as his capital. The Holy Family's house in Nazareth was just about 4 miles from the bustling, cosmopolitan city of Sepphoris (today, Zipori). "For a construction worker like Joseph, the enlargement of the neighboring city was an absolute windfall....only an hour's distance from Nazareth, it offered him work and income for many years."* Construction workers and carpenters were considered educated, as they used math and the mechanics of equilibrium in their work.

A common proverb during this time was, when dealing with a difficult theological problem, the rabbis would ask "*Is there among us a carpenter or the son of a carpenter who can solve this problem for us?*" It was custom for a son to be apprenticed in the same profession as his father. There were unlimited opportunities in those days for Joseph to train his Son, Jesus, to learn the trade of a tekton. It is also interesting to note that besides the native language of Aramic and the Hebrew of Sacred Scripture, the prevailing language in Sepphoris was Greek, so undoubtedly, Joseph (and Jesus) would have been at least bilingual to be able to apply their skills in this bustling city for many years. Saint Joseph was definitely not a poor, backwoodsman, but instead, a pious practicing Jew, and an accomplished construction worker, able to support his little family and raise up his foster Son according to the Sacred Scriptures.

St. Joseph--silent, humble, obedient, man of faith, servant of God, who does his task well. After all, "Actions speak louder than words!" We would do well to follow Joseph's example in our own daily lives. Amen.

**"Jesus of Nazareth: Archaeologists Retracing the Footsteps of Christ" by Michael Hesemann*



Thank you to all of you who attended "An evening with Father Boyle". The pictures captured Father Boyle along with Father Danny, Lucy Solares and JoAnn Ramirez.

Happy birthday March born!



March

BIRTHDAYS

3 Rose Douglas

4 Sylvia Gardner

5 Terry Wright

9 Lillian Biarnessen

9 Patti Sharpe

11 Heidy De La Rosa

17 Sharon Barela

17 Patricia Lamotte

21 Jo Quigley

23 Molly Douglas

23 Gloria E. Mendoza

25 Maria Stephenson

26 Chloe Mocciano

31 Diana Polselli



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Guild

Membership

ROSE DOUGLAS

If you are a regular member or a Friend of the Guild who paid the extra \$5.00 for a Directory, you should have received your copy by now. If not please contact me. Also, if there are any changes to your information, please let me know. Each month, as needed, there will be a "Directory Updates" section in the Newsletter with changes and new members. Please update your personal Directory when you see these changes.

Thank you for all your positive comments on the new Directory. It was a team effort from Jo Ann Ramirez, Bonnie Beall and me to put it together for our members.

Grant applications for the 2023-2024 year are now available on the Guilds' website. Please contact any non-profit organization doing good work for our community and let them know about the Guild Grant. Letters have been sent to last year's recipients reminding them the Guild needs a letter and photos, if available on how they spent their grant. We will be sharing these in the future.

Deacon John used this Pablo Picasso quote in one of his homilies.

***"The meaning of life is to find your gift.
The purpose of life is to give it away."***



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May the grace of
the Holy Spirit
rejuvenate your
faith this Lenten
season.”

Parliamentarian
by Armida Lugo

The Nominating Committee accepted the task of selecting a proposed Slate of Officers for 2023-2024. The following are the nominees that have accepted the call to serve on the Catholic Women's Guild Executive Board according to Article IV of the Constitution and Bylaws*:

President	Lucy Solares
Vice President	Nancy Lopez
Recording Secretary	Julie Bosdachin
Corresponding Secretary	Ruby Gaytan and Yolanda Ramirez
Treasurer	Dianna Hampton
Altar	Margie Delgado
Ways and Means	Leila Giries and Maria Stevenson

This Slate of Officers will be presented to the membership at the General Meeting on March 15th for **Ratification**. The **Election of Officers** shall take place at the April 12, 2023 General Meeting which is the "Tea Party" and "Past Presidents" luncheon. You will not want to miss this enjoyable afternoon.

Thank you to the nominees and above all to the Nominating Committee, Paula Mayfield and Rose Douglas for their valuable time and support. Please refer to the April newsletter for the details to the Installation Mass and reception for the newly elected officers which takes place in May.

(*for reference refer to Article VII Nominations and Elections in the Guild Directory)

Women's Guild 2023-2024 Grants

Grant applications are now available on the Women's Guild website. Any non-profit organization may apply. Applications due back by March 30, 2023, to the rectory, Attn: Women's Guild/ Grant. Contact Rose Douglas with any questions. 310-849-5157



Catholic Women's Guild Scholarship Committee



Since its founding, the Catholic Women's Guild Scholarship program has had one goal: to help 8th grade students, who live in the City of Downey or attend a grade school within the boundaries of the city and have been accepted to a Catholic High School, with a scholarship to help them in their first year of Catholic High School.

For many years, the Guild has awarded five (5) students, \$500 each. In 2022, we were able to increase that to \$1000 each! We did this through the generosity of members who donated to the fund during the membership drive, but most generously through the profits from our Christmas Guild Luncheon Raffle and Auction.

At the end of the last term, President JoAnn Ramirez set a goal of \$10,000 for the 2022-2023 term. With the Scholarship Committee, she also expressed the wisdom of setting aside at least 15% to be earmarked for the following year. Because of hard work by Ways and Means Committee, attendees of the Christmas Luncheon who purchased raffle tickets and participated in the Auction as well as donations through the membership drive increase, the fund has grown.

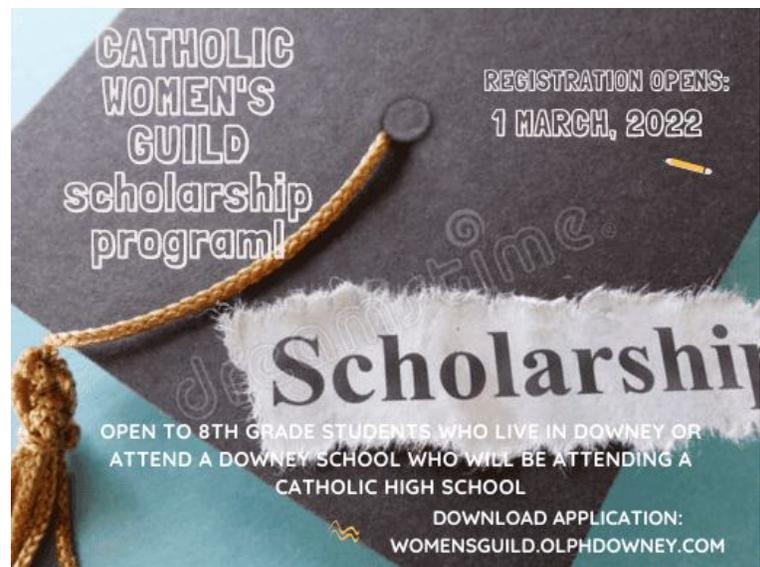
Also, we are blessed to announce that this year, the Baumann family, in memory of Beverly Bauman, have agreed to donate \$2500 to the fund! ***This means that the Guild has reached their goal of \$10,000 earmarked for the Scholarship Fund!***

The Scholarship Committee proudly announces that we will earmark a percentage of the total to help grow the fund for next year AND, most importantly, we can increase the amount of each scholarship.

The Guild Board will be voting on the scholarship amount, which is expected to be between \$1250 - \$1500. Every little bit helps! Let us not lose sight of the incredible increasing cost of attending a Catholic High School AND the important contribution that a Catholic education makes to our society. Ultimately, the Catholic Women's Guild goal is to help qualifying 8th grade students to realize the dream of a Catholic High School education. Application forms may be downloaded from the Women's Guild website: <https://womensguild.olphdowney.com/> Forms may be found on the Grants and Scholarship page.

With the sincere appreciation from the OLPH Women's Guild Scholarship Committee Members

Sylvia Gardner, Melodie Santana, Irene Segura, and Julie Bosdachin, Chair



Download Scholarship applications:
<https://womensguild.olphdowney.com>

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AT OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

Please join us all Fridays in Lent

FEBRUARY 24 | MARCH 3
MARCH 10 | MARCH 17
MARCH 24 | MARCH 31

Hours: 12:15 p.m. Eng. & 7:30 p.m. Bil.



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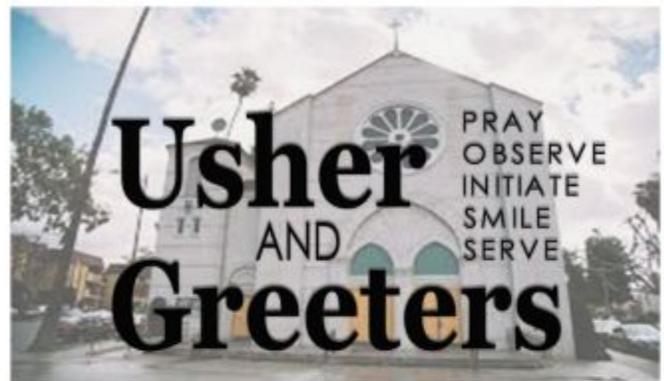
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Eucharistic Ministry

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to be a Eucharistic Minister for the Homebound, you will receive special training. Please call Isabel Valles at (562) 923-3246 for more information.

Ministry News



If you're looking for a way to serve your community and share the love of Christ, why not sign up to be an usher and greeter for mass.

We are looking for new and returning ushers & greeters for all masses. All ages are welcome. If you are under 18 years of age, you must have a chaperon with you that is over 18 years old.

If you are interested you will have special training. If you are a student that needs volunteer hours this is one way to volunteer. If you or someone you know is interested give us a call at 562-923-3246.

We hope to hear from you.

30th ANNIVERSARY
TOGETHER IN MISSION

Shine His Light

2023 Annual Appeal

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Women's Guild March General Meeting

Wednesday, March 15 at 10:00 am
Knights of Columbus Hall,
11231 Rives Ave., Downey CA 90241



Irish Charm

Featuring: The Anjar Academy Irish Dancers

**Menu - Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots and a green salad
including Irish Trifle, soda bread and Irish coffee**



Raffle and fun!!
Cost is \$20.00 per person
Reservation Deadline by March 8
RSVP - Linda Malme at:
(562) 869-6491
No refunds past reservation deadline