



RADIATE LOVE | 2024-25 CALENDAR OF MONTHLY PASTORAL THEMES

DATE / TITLE	READINGS	SAINT(S)	KEY POINTS
July 28, 2024 – Marriage: The Multiplication of Love	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44 – Give to the people, that they may eat. Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145 – The hand of the Lord feeds us. Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6 – Walk worthy of the vocation in which you were called. Gospel: John 6:1-15 – Multiplication of the loaves and fishes.	Blessed Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi	Connection between Eucharistic Revival (multiplication of loaves) and the vocation of marriage: the multiplication of love in Christ, not only between the couple, but expanding to the children they bring forth; abundance as a gift from God is able to satisfy all needs
August 25, 2024 – Who's Keeping Score?	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-17,18 – We will serve the Lord. Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34 – Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32 (Long version) – Be subordinate to one another... The two shall be one flesh; I speak of Christ and the Church. Gospel: John 6:60-69 – Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.	Saint Lorenzo Ruiz	Jesus is our light and our hope, in a world that is short on both; male and female complementarity and voluntary mutual subordination in marriage—not 50/50 but 100/100; love calls us to give more when the other is struggling; parallel life-giving “one flesh” unions – Christ/Church and husband/wife
September 22, 2024 – Children: The Unexpected Gift	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Wisdom 2:12,17-20 – God will defend him and deliver him. Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 54 – The Lord upholds my life. Second Reading: James 3:16 – 4:3 – Wisdom from above is pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits. Gospel: Mark 9:30-37 – Whoever shall receive one child such as this in my name, receives me.	Venerable Pierre Toussaint	Children are an amazing gift from God, always unexpected because what they bring and who they are is unknown; diverse abilities and lengths of life; we grow from this gift to become our best selves; Catholic marriage is always open to life and calls us to responsible parenthood; family life is the basis for social goods; baptize your babies so that the Church may receive them in the name of Jesus
October 6, 2024 – The Adventure of Commitment	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24 – It is not good for the man to be alone. Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128 – May the Lord bless us all our lives. Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11 – He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin as “brothers.” Gospel: Mark 10:2-16 – God made them male and female... What God has joined together no human being must separate.	Our Lady, Untier of Knots	The faithfulness, exclusiveness, and indissolubility of marriage; male and female together reflect God’s communion and are given a share in God’s creative action to bring new life; “for whom am I?” (<i>Christus Vivit 286</i>); unforeseen risks and challenges like mental/physical health, job loss, miscarriage...
November 10, 2024 – What Does Love Cost?	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16 – He saw a widow gathering sticks and called to her: Fear not. Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146 – Praise the Lord, my soul! Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28 – Christ was offered once to exhaust the sins of many. Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44 or Mark 12: 41-44 – The widow’s mite.	Venerable Vittorio and Rosalia Trancanelli	Some believe the poor should not become parents, and others put off marriage or children for financial reasons, but love/joy/prosperity beyond wealth are greater goals; families find true happiness in the abundance of love from the Sacred Heart of Jesus
December 29, 2024 – Your Mission, Should You Choose to Accept It...	The Feast of the Holy Family First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 – The Lord sets a father over his children and confirms a mother’s authority. Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84 or Psalm 128 – Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2,21-24 – Beloved, we are now the children of God; or Colossians 3:12-21 – Put on charity, the bond of perfection; children obey your parents. Gospel: Luke 2:41-52 – And his mother kept all these things in her heart.	The Holy Family	Families, become what you are—a community of life and love, the domestic church (<i>Familiaris Consortio, 17 & 21</i>); a mission has parameters and rules... the Church’s rules about marriage are not to be mean, but to help us flourish, with the love of Christ as model; the joy and gift of having children as a response in faith that calls us to responsibility and sometimes suffering; hospitality and service as a family mission



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January 19, 2025 – Bring On the Wine!	<p>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 – You shall be called “My Delight is in her,” and your land “Espoused.”</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95 – Let us sing joyfully to the Lord.</p> <p>Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 – There are many gifts, but the same Spirit.</p> <p>Gospel: John 2:1-11 – The wedding in Cana.</p>	Tobiah and Sarah (Tobit 6–8)	Marriage in the Church does not guarantee a perfect life in blissful harmony, but it is a step toward growth in faith, hope, and love; social benefits of an enduring marriage; a wedding as the starting point of Jesus’ ministry for a reason; the sacrament adds grace – new wine that gets better throughout life
February 9, 2025 – Marriage Is a Trip and God Has the Map!	<p>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time and World Marriage Day</p> <p>First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8 – Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord... I am a man of unclean lips... Here I am, send me!</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138 – Lord, your mercy is forever.</p> <p>Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 – By the grace of God, I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective.</p> <p>Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 – The call of Simon, James, and John: “From now on, you will be catching men.”</p>	Chiara Corbella Petrillo , Servant of God	A vocation is a call that is put on our heart by God, actualizing our deepest longings while we wait for the fullness of redemption in Christ; discernment and preparation; rebounding from disillusionment and unrealized hopes (i.e. infertility, not finding a spouse)
March 2, 2025 – Humble Pie	<p>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7 – The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 92 – Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.</p> <p>Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 – Death is swallowed in victory.</p> <p>Gospel: Luke 6:39-45 – Remove the beam from your own eye before addressing the splinter in your brother’s. Every tree is known by its fruit; a good person produces good.</p>	Saints Louis and Zélie Martin	Marriage and family are the crucible in which we are purified over a lifetime; Jesus calls us to humbly recognize our own shortcomings; parents must learn correction in love; and spouses must learn mutual correction in love without falling into paternalism; forgiveness and healing
April 6, 2025 – Love Is a Verb!	<p>5th Sunday of Lent (Cycle C readings)</p> <p>First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21 – See, I am doing something new!</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126 – The Lord has done great things for us.</p> <p>Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14 – Straining forward, I continue my pursuit toward the goal.</p> <p>Gospel: John 8:1-11 – The woman caught in adultery: “Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more.”</p>	Saint Agnes Lê Thị Thành	Marriage and family life invite us to love as God loves; humility, service, forgiveness, sincerity, vulnerability, and reconciliation; the marriage vows; growing love through the seasons of marriage; doing something new for the relationship leads to spiritual growth; pastoral accompaniment in the parish to build strong marriages
May 11, 2025 – Honoring All Mothers	<p>4th Sunday of Easter and Mother’s Day</p> <p>First Reading: Acts 13:14,43 – Those destined for eternal life came to believe.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100 – We are the sheep of his flock.</p> <p>Second Reading: Revelation 7:9,14b-17 – A multitude standing before the throne of the lamb.</p> <p>Gospel: John 10:27-30 – The Good Shepherd: “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”</p>	Saint Monica	For mothers, following Christ means imitating the Good Shepherd for their children; sacrificing for the needs of a child who struggles demonstrates great love, made meaningful through faith; recognize spiritual mothers, mothers who have lost a child, and women who still long to be mothers
June 15, 2025 – The Love of the Father	<p>Trinity Sunday and Father’s Day</p> <p>First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31 – Before the mountains were settled into place, I was brought forth.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 8 – How wonderful your name in all the earth!</p> <p>Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5 – We have been justified by faith... and we boast in hope of the glory of God.</p> <p>Gospel: John 16:12-15 – The Spirit of truth will guide you to all truth. Everything the Father has is mine.</p>	Dr. Ernesto Cofiño , Servant of God	The mystery of God’s own interrelatedness informs our understanding of human relationships and family; Father’s Day; the indispensable role of fathers for the good of children and society; the Christian family shares in the communion of the Holy Trinity; self-sacrificial priestliness of fatherhood; God as Father to the fatherless

