

*Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar*

**JULY 2015**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>5 T-Shirt Sunday</b> RCIA 8:30A Women's Council 10A Social Action 11:30A	<b>6</b> Finance Council 6:30P	<b>7</b> Baptismal Prep 7P Lector-Prep 7P	<b>8</b> Bible Study 7:00P	<b>9</b> Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Lector Prep 10:30A Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
<b>12 Live Stream 10A Mass</b> RCIA 8:30A KPC/KPCLA Meeting 12N Jr. Daughter Meeting 12N	<b>13</b> Pastoral Council 7P Zumba 7:15P	<b>14</b> Zumba Class 6:00P	<b>15</b> Zumba 6:30P Bible Study 7:00P	<b>16</b> Zumba Class 6:30P Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P	<b>17</b> <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night for Kidgewood</i> 7:30P	<b>18 T-Shirt Weekend</b> Newcomers Meet & Greet 3P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
<b>19 T-Shirt Sunday</b> RCIA 8:30A Hair Committee Meet 11:30A	<b>20</b> Zumba 7:15P	<b>21</b> Zumba Class 6:00P	<b>22</b> Zumba 6:30P Bible Study 7:00P	<b>23</b> Zumba Class 6:30P Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
<b>26 Live Stream 10A Mass</b> RCIA 8:30A Health Promotions 11:30A Lourdes Alumni 2P Lay Dominicans Meet 2P	<b>27</b> Zumba 7:15P <i>Tate's Prayer Group</i> 8:00PM	<b>28</b> Zumba Class 6:00P	<b>29</b> Zumba 6:30P Bible Study 7:00P	<b>30</b> Zumba Class 6:30P Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P	<b>31</b>	

**Save the Date**

July 4/5 ~ Lourdes T-Shirt Weekend  
June 18/19 ~ Lourdes T-Shirt Weekend



**SAN ROMERO**

Long ago, deceased Christians were recognized as saints by the acclamation of those who remembered their holiness and heroism. Only later did Church officials ratify their choices by recognizing these men and women as worthy models for all Christians.

Something very similar happened in the case of Archbishop Óscar Romero, the Salvadoran prelate beatified by Pope Francis in late May. In 1980, after he was gunned down while saying mass, Romero was immediately hailed as a saint martyred for defending the poor in Central America. Wall murals honoring "San Romero" appeared in Latino communities as far away as the United States. But until Pope Francis reversed course, Romero's canonization was blocked at the Vatican.

### **THE SUBVERSIVE WITNESS OF THE BEATITUDES**

In Rome, powerful interests made the same charge against him that he had faced during his three tumultuous years leading the Archdiocese of San Salvador: he was "too political." Moved by the plight of the landless peasants in his flock, the bishop--once thought a conservative choice--had insisted that "we only preach the subversive witness of the Beatitudes, which have turned everything upside down to proclaim blessed the poor, blessed the thirsting for justice, blessed the suffering." To preach only "pretty sermons" without disturbing the world, he concluded, would betray the gospel message.

But Romero maintained that his goal was not to turn the poor into clones of the wealthy. "It would be worthless," he said, "to have an economic liberation in which the poor all had their own houses, their own money, but were all sinners, their hearts estranged from God." For that reason, he begged his beloved poor not "to try to drown—in drink, in bad habits, in excess—a dignity that could be God's light, God's presence on earth."

### **BECOME GOD'S MICROPHONE**

Archbishop Romero's radio broadcasts made him a "voice for the voiceless" throughout his native country, but he knew he risked losing his radio transmitter, his newspaper, even his life and those of his priests. Still, he reminded his listeners, "The Church will always exist as long as there is one baptized person . . . responsible before the world for holding aloft the banner of the Lord's truth and of his divine justice." If he himself were silenced, he told them, "each one of you must become God's microphone."

*The Violence of Love*, a collection of Archbishop Romero's words, is free to download at <http://servicioskoinonia.org/biblioteca/pastoral/RomeroBrockmanViolenceOfLove.pdf>