November 3, 2024



## **Our Lady of the Lake** Roman Catholic Parish

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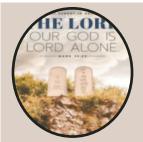
## Thirty - First Sunday In Ordinary Time

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab Schedule of Masses 4:00 pm (Saturday Vigil) Sunday Masses 7:00 am, 8:45 am 10:30 am (Live Streamed) 12:30 pm (Spanish/Español) 5:00 pm Weekdays & Saturday 8:30 am & Wednesday 5:30 pm First Friday Mass with Anointing 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

## Confessions

Tuesday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm Wednesday 9:00 am - 9:30 am Saturday 9:00 am - 9:30 am First Friday 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm First Saturday 7:00 am - 7:30 am (or by appointment)

### Holy Hour with Benediction Tuesday 9:00 am or Friday 3:00 pm Morning Prayer Monday - Friday 7:30 am Rosary Monday - Saturday 7:50 am Sacraments Anointing of the Sick 928-855-2685



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The two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor, go hand in hand. Through the priesthood of Jesus, we are brought into communion with the God who is love.

# Pastor's Corner

## Appeal for Our Air Condition Units

#### Beloved Parishioners,

I wish to dedicate this week's Pastor's Corner on some of our parish financial needs. The highest of them all is the situation of the church air conditioner units of which I have spoken to you in the past. However, before I go into that, I would like to thank everyone for the significant increase that has been recorded in the weekly plate collection. As many of you can see, the monthly summary indicates a significant increase which helps us to meet our monthly expenses. I say a BIG THANK YOU to all. If there are those who have not stepped up to increase their offering, this is the time you may consider adding something to what you have given in the past.

The various committees, like the Parish Council, the Building Committee with the help of the Finance Committee recently compiled a list of the various parish financial needs and the aim is to assist the parish in the effort to become more proactive in providing for our current and future needs. I would make the list available in the coming weeks so that anyone who is touched can look at the items and see where he/she can assist.

In the past few weeks, I have been sharing with you the state of our air conditioning units in our church, which are more than twenty years old and right now at the brink of total collapse. As I said in my first address to you, it is an emergency, and they need to be replaced as soon as possible. We have obtained multiple proposals from local air conditioning contractors and the lowest bid to replace both units is about one hundred and sixty thousand dollars, \$160,000.00 as opposed to the \$240,000.00, which was the initial proposal we received, that I told you about in the past. But we received a good bid that agreed to do it for us at a very discounted price. Half of the amount must be submitted when we sign the purchase order. The balance of it would be due when the installation is completed. It is estimated that the unit will be received in approximately six months. Installation will take approximately one month.

Unfortunately, we do not have adequate cash reserves to provide for this necessary expense. As a result of this situation, I am appealing to everyone as we wish us to embark on a second collection once a month which would be used specifically for this purchase. We may need to take a loan to allow us to place the order. Our hope is that the funds from the second collection will accumulate quickly to reduce the amount of interest we will need to pay on the loan. As of October 28<sup>th</sup>, the total amount we have received for the air conditioners is \$25,051.38.

I wish to thank many of you who, being aware of this need, have made significant contributions to assist us in taking care of this need. Your positive response is highly appreciated while I sincerely appeal for more support in this regard. It is not difficult to notice that our parish has other immediate financial needs which require our attention. As the second collection accumulates, part of it would be used to address some of these needs. Many areas of our parking lot are in bad shape and some of our pew kneelers are falling off, so also the stucco. As I said, with time I would make available the list of our highest priority needs of the parish so that people are free to choose which one they wish to support. Everyone will have the opportunity to decide.

Finally, I remain ever grateful to you all my beloved parishioners for your constant support in various ways for the good of the parish while I appeal that you do not get tired in your support as I know that the world economy right now is hard on everyone but with God on our side and your support we would get over it

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## Theme: God Does Miracles in Our Lives

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, November 3, 2024 First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6, Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28, Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord Our God, is the Lord alone. Therefore, you shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today." These were the words of Moses to the Israelites in today's first reading from the book of Deuteronomy. It is called Jewish "shema" perhaps one of the most recited and most beloved prayers of Judaism. The prayer proclaims the oneness of God and the basis of the Jewish pure monotheism. The most amazing thing about this is that Jews proclaim this oneness of God at a time when all other countries around them embraced polytheism. For the Jews, this God demands wholehearted love and devotion above any other acts of worship. It is this absolute confidence in the oneness of God that Moses enjoins his people to have and with that their lives would be prolonged. In the same way, our observance of God's commandment guarantees our loyalty to God. When we give God true and undivided devotion and worship, we become more of what God wants us to be because we are created in His image and likeness.

The second reading presents us with Our Lord Jesus Christ who is the Eternal High Priest, our sole Mediator before God the Father and humans. His priesthood is eternal, so His one Sacrifice suffices for all time. Jesus' priesthood is different from the Levitical priests who offer sacrifices day after day for themselves and the people, but Jesus offers one single sacrifice for us when He offered Himself at the cross. Every other sacrifice we might make is subsumed in the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. The greatest sacrifice we can offer God is our observance of His commandment which is a commandment of love to Him and for our fellow brothers and sisters. We demonstrate our appreciation for the sacrifice of Jesus for us on how we care for each other.

In today's gospel we witness another encounter between Jesus and a young scribe. In the last two weeks it was between Jesus and a young rich man, today it was with a Jewish scribe of the law. He wanted to know which of the commandments is the first and most important of all the other commandments. His quest was because of the various interpretations given by different schools of thoughts within Judaism. Moses gave them ten commandments but religious scholars, teachers and scribes in their interpretations of the law expanded it to 613 precepts while David reduced it to 11 in Psalm 15. Thus, with these different nuances there were conflicting opinions on which was the most important of the commandments.

Jesus in response to the question summarized the whole law under love of God and love of neighbor. In effect Jesus was asked for one commandment, but He gave two to demonstrate that they are inseparable. What Jesus did was to take the shema, known to every Jew, which they recite every day and carry around to include that of the neighbor. No one has ever done it except Jesus and in doing so He made the *shema* something that binds us with God and our fellow human being together. What Jesus is telling us with His response is that love is what should be at the center of every activity. When all our words and deeds are motivated by love of God and love of neighbor, we will truly be living as members of the kingdom of God. There is no way we can claim we truly love God without that love transcending to our fellow brothers and sisters. According to St. John if anyone says "I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen." 1 Jn 4:20 If we follow the commandment of love, we will keep other commandments. Love of God is a matter of giving God our trust, our time and our obedience.

Happy Sunday to you all.

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## **PLANNED GIVING**

to Our Lady of the Lake allows you to share the **blessings** you have received by **investing** in **the mission** of our church and make a **wise** and **generous** financial decision. Thank you for making a difference!



#### **Online Giving**

Scan this QR code to visit our Online Giving Site. Thank you for your donations!



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## Mass Intentions & Readings

Sunday	November 3	Dt 6:2-6 Heb 7:23-28	Mk 12:28b- 34	7:00 am All Souls 8:45 am All Souls 10:30 am All Souls 12:30 pm All Souls 5:00 pm All Souls
Monday	November 4	Phil 2:1-4	Lk 14:12-14	8:30 am All Souls
Tuesday	November 5	Phil 2:5-11	Lk 14:15-24	8:30 am All Souls
Wednesday	November 6	Phil 2:12-18	Lk 14:25-33	8:30 am All Souls 5:30 pm All Souls
Thursday	November 7	Phil 3:3-8a	Lk 15:1-10	8:30 am All Souls
Friday	November 8	Phil 3:17—4:1	Lk 16:1-8	8:30 am All Souls 5:30 pm All Souls
Saturday	November 9	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Heb 9:24-28	Jn 2:13-22 Mk 12:38-44 Or Mk 12:41-44	8:30 am All Souls 4:00 pm All Souls
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**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for November** For anyone who has lost a child. We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and



### OREMUS ROSARY MAKERS

consolation from the Holy Spirit.

The Oremus Rosary Makers next meeting is November 7th at 3:00 p.m. in the John Paul II Garage.

If you would like more information on becoming a member or would like to donate to our cause of making rosaries to send throughout the world to the needy, please contact

Annette Troffer at 661-972-1070.



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ALTAR CANDLES In Memory of Deacon Patrick 7 From, Ann Capwell & Carolyn Pimental



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## ST. JOSEPH'S HALL

November 3 - After mass 8:45 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM November 8 - Friday after Mass 8:30 AM Please join us!

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Volunteer Appreciation

Please join us on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at the 4:00 pm Mass to say thank you

to all our volunteers for their time & talents! A country themed barbeque will follow in St. Joseph Hall. Come dressed in your cowboy boots or come as you are. *Please call the Parish Office at 928-855-2685 to RSVP.* 



## Youth Ministry Session Calendar

Location: St. Joseph Hall

## High School Nights

Sunday Nights - 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm November 3, 10 SE (Mandatory)

## <u>Junior High Nights</u>

Wednesday Nights - 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm November 6 SE (Mandatory)



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## **Mass in Yucca**

This is a reminder that the mission mass in Yucca is held on the second Saturday of the month at 4:00 pm. The next mass will be November 9, 2024. Should you have any questions please contact Toni Cain at 760-419-5455. All are invited!



The **Bi-Annual Water Drive** is being held this weekend. We ask you to join us by donating a case or more of bottled water or make a monetary donation in the Narthex. (Please make checks payable to Susan Harris). With your

help, we can provide much needed water and supplies to those who are at risk of dehydration or heat related issues due to homelessness. Thank you in advance for

your support and generosity. Feel free to contact Susan Harris at 928-706-4420 with any questions.



## Virtue of the Month

The Virtue for November is <u>Moderation</u>.

**Meaning:** Attention to balance in one's life.

## **Opposing Trait:**

Giving in to being excessive in one or more areas of one's life.



## REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates the month of November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory, those faithful Christians who have

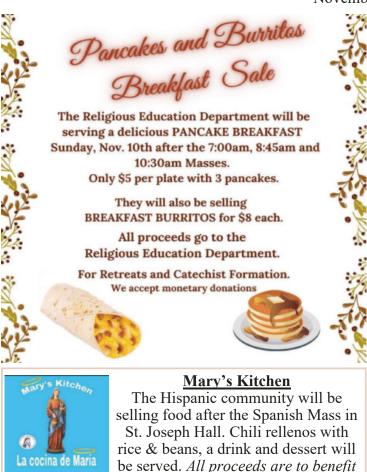
died and gone before us but who still must atone for their sins. The time they spend in Purgatory cleanses them so that they may enter heaven free from all effects of sin.

Praying for the dead, especially for those we have known, is part of Christian charity. Our prayers and sacrifices can be offered up to relieve their suffering.

The parish will offer over 40 Masses this November for all the faithfully departed whose names are written in the Book of Memory located in the Narthex of the church. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to pray for and remember your parents, children, grandparents, family and friends.

Envelopes are available for your sacrificial offering to pray for the deceased.

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### <u>Cocina de Maria</u>

the Church

La comunidad hispana estará vendiendo comida saliendo de la misa de español en el salón de San José. Van a servir plato de chiles rellenos, con frijoles y arroz. Acompañado de bebida, y postres. *Todo lo recaudado es para la Iglesia*.



## SAFE ENVIRONMENT RENEWAL 2024

#### The deadline is December 31, 2024

Anyone that has not renewed as of July 1, 2024 is required to renew by Dec. 31, 2024.

Website: <u>phoenix.cmgconnect.org</u> Please call Laura at the Parish Office 855-2685, if you have any questions.



Loss of a Child During the month of November we remember our loved ones who have gone before us. On Monday, November

11th at 6:30 pm we will have the Mass for those who have lost a child. All will be given a candle to remember your child. *A reception will follow in the Narthex after Mass.* 



## **Lost Spouse Mass**

During the month of November we remember our loved ones who have gone before us. On

Saturday, November 16th, at 10:00 am we will have the Mass for those who have lost a spouse. We ask that you bring a flower for your loved one and during Offertory you may bring your flower to the Altar. *A reception will follow the Mass in St. Joseph Hall.* 



## St. Vincent de Paul Fall Food Drive

On Saturday, November 9th and Sunday November 10th a representative from St. Vincent de Paul will be handing out empty donation

bags at the doors of the Church. Please remember to pick up a donation bag and return it filled with your donations on Saturday, November 16th or Sunday, November 17th. This is St. Vincent's semi-annual food drive to help all those who are in need. Thank you for your generosity.





**Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration** We are looking for volunteers

to help organize the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration that will take place on December 11th.

If you would like to help please contact Martha at the parish office at 928-855-2685.



Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Estamos buscando voluntarios para organizar la celebración de La Virgen de Guadalupe que se llevara acabo el día 11 de Diciembre.

Si a usted le gustaría ayudar por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia y comuníquese con Martha al 928-855-2685.



# Parents & Families

Our Lady of the Lake has been chosen to be a part of a new program! We have been selected by the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) to participate in: "The Catholic Family Survey".

Taking this survey will provide useful information to assist in the creation of a parish plan for supporting

parents to engage their entire family in faith formation.



Please scan the QR code to fill out the survey, it only takes about 8 minutes! Thank you and God bless!



## Our Lady of the Lake Gift Shop Hours

Christmas is just around the corner! Start your holiday shopping at Our Lady of the Lake Gift shop. The shop is stocked with lots of wonderful items for the loved ones on your list!

Friday - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Saturday - 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm Sunday - 7:30 am to 12:30 pm

## **Thanksgiving Meals**

Our Lady of the Lake Parish and the Knights of Columbus are blessed to provide a delicious Thanksgiving meal to be served at the Columbian Hall, located at 186 London Bridge Road on **Thanksgiving day from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm**. Please call the Parish office at 928-855-2685 for homebound delivery **before 12:00pm on Monday November 25th.** 

Please leave your name, home address, phone number and the number of meals you need.



Did you know that a donation at Albertson's can help Our Lady of the Lake Soup Kitchen?

Yes! When Albertsons' ask if you would like donate \$1, \$3, \$5, \$10, or other amount to a local charity during the months of November and December, that money stays right here in Lake Havasu City!

All donations (100%) are converted into Albertson's gift cards which are given to local food banks, including the Our Lady of the Lake Soup Kitchen. We share these gift cards with our guests and also use them to purchase necessary food to prepare our meals.

Since December, 2021 up until February, 2024, we have received \$62,500.00 in gift cards from Albertson's! So, just say YES, to even a \$1.00 donation. *Thanks in advance from the Soup Kitchen!!!* 



La Encuesta Familiar Católica ayudará a su parroquia a comprender mejor a su familia y su vida como padre. Los resultados de la encuesta son muy importantes.

Se utilizarán para crear un plan parroquial para apoyar a los padres de niños y jóvenes, y para involucrar a toda la

familia en la formación en la fe, desde el nacimiento hasta la graduación de la escuela secundaria. La

encuesta solo tardará entre 8 y 10 minutos en completarse.

¡Agradecemos su tiempo y contribución! Por favor tome el tiempo de participar y apoyenos!

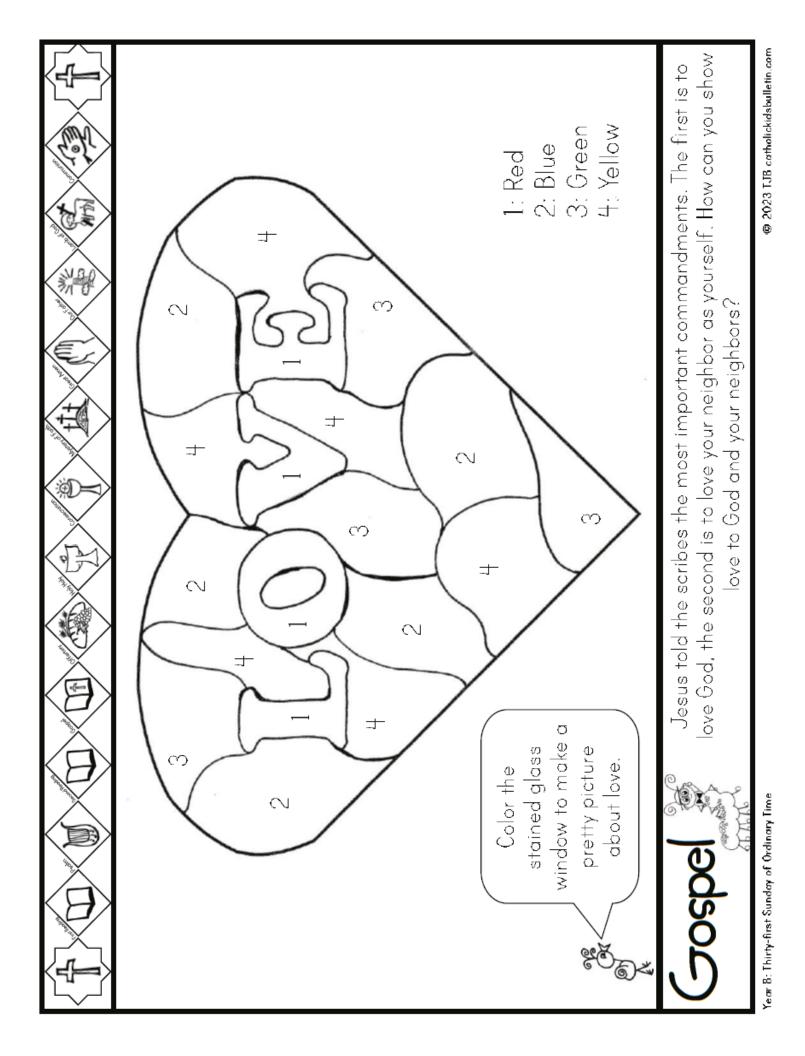


Our Lady of the Lake Calendar of Events November 2024	Saturday 09 Confessions 9:00 to 9:30 am St. Joseph Hall 8:30 am - 12:00 pm Catholic Daughter's Meeting Church - 4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass Yucca mass - 4:00 pm	Saturday 16 Youth Ministry Bake Sale After Each Mass Confessions 9:00 to 9:30 am Mental Heatth Meeting STM - 10:30 am Mass for Lost Spouses Church - 10:00 am Mass for Lost Spouses Church - 4:00 pm Stu Vincent DePaul Food Pickup St. Vincent DePaul Food Pickup	Saturday 23 Confessions 9:00 to 9:30 am Church - 4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass Nolunteer Appreciation Dinner - Following 4:00pm mass St. Joseph Hall	ss Saturday 30 Confessions 9:00 to 9:30 am Church - 4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass
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	Thursday 07 JP II - 8:00 am Women's Bible Study St. Joseph Hall - 1:00 pm JCDA HPPC - 1:00 pm JCDA HPPC - 1:00 pm Conquest St. Joseph Hall - 3:00 pm Rosary Makes Meeting St. Chastes - 210 pm Sacrament Preparation - 6th-12th grade E.SL. Clastes - Ch #1 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Thursday 14 JP11-8:00 am women's Bible Study St. Joseph Hall - 10:00 am Catholic Daughters Meeting St. Joseph Hall - 1:00 pm HFPC - 1:00 pm HFPC - 1:00 pm Conquest St. Casses - CB #1 Sacrament Preparation - 6th-12th grade ESL Casses - CB #1 Sacrament Preparation - 6th-12th grade ESL Casses - CB #1 Church - 6:30 pm - Choir Practice STM 7:00 pm Spanish Choir STM 7:00 pm Spanish Choir	Thursday 21 JP 11-8:00 am Women's Bible Study St. Joseph Hall - 1:00 pm JCDA HFPC - 1:00 pm LPCG - 1:00 pm St. Joseph Hall - 3:30 pm St. Joseph Hall - 3:30 pm St. Joseph Hall - 3:30 pm St. Joseph Hall - 6:15 pm St. Joseph Hall - 6:15 pm St. Joseph Hall - 6:15 pm	Thursday 28 Thanksgiving Parish & School Offices Closed
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	Tuesday 05 Tuesdays with Mary 9:00 am - Church Confessions 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm ESL Classes - CR#1 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting 5:30 pm - JPHI Garage	Tuesday 12 Tuesdays with Mary 9:00 am ESL Classes - CR#1 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Tuesday 19 Tuesdays with Mary 9:00 am Confessions 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm ESL Classes - CR#1 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm HFPC - 6:00 pm Catechist Meeting	Tuesday 26 Tuesdays with Mary 9:00 am Confessions 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm
	Monday 04 HFPC - 7:00 pm JPC	Monday 11 Veterans Day School & Parish Offices Closed Church - 6:30 pm Lost Child Mass HFPC - 7:00 pm JPC	Monday 18 HFPC - 7:00 pm JPC	Monday 25 HFPC - 7:00 pm JPC
	Sunday 03 Anniversary Blessings After All Masses Water Drive Parking lot - All Masses St. Joseph Hall Parent Café S. Joseph Hall Anary S Kichen Anary S Kichen Anary S Kichen Atter 12:30 pm Mass HFPC - 440 pm RE Famity Meetings S. Joseph Hall Atter 12:30 pm Voit Atter 12:30 pm Voit Atte	Sunday 10 Saint Vincent DePaul Bag Distribution St. Joseph Hall RE Pancake Fundraiser After Every Mass St. Joseph Hall 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Youth Ministry High School	Sunday 17 Youth Ministry Bake Sale After Each Mass St. Vincent DePaul Food Pickup Catholic Daughters of the Americas & Knights of Columbus Corporate Columbus Corporate Columbus Corporate Columbus Corporate Columbus Corporate St. Joseph Hall Mary's Kirchen Alter 12:30 pm Mass HIFPC - 4:00 pm RE Family Meeting St. Joseph Hall SiO pm to 8:00 pm High School YM	Sunday 24 St. Joseph Hall Mary's Kitchen After 12:30 pm Mass St. Joseph Hall 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm High School YM

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Saint Martin de Porres Saint Martin de Porres is known as the Saint of the Broom. He served everyone as a way to serve God. He worked in a monastery and took care of the priests and brothers. He cooked, cleaned, and cared for the sick. He did every job without complaining. Pray to Saint Martin instead of complaining when it is time to clean your room.

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