

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

DEI-LY LIGHT



JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear Gloria Dei family,

*Come gather 'round people Wherever you roam
And admit that the waters Around you have grown
And accept it that soon You'll be drenched to the bone
If your time to you is worth savin' And you better start swimmin'
Or you'll sink like a stone **For the times they are a-changin'** (Bob Dylan)*

Not wanting to “sink like a stone”, but changes are hard, even if necessary. I thank God, Gloria Dei has been blessed with positive continuity of staffing. But, here are some of the changes happening shortly:

- Our Children and Family Director **Barb Collins** will step down from leading Sunday school and other ministries in June. She will continue to volunteer! Shifting over to that role is **Susie Boland**. As you know, Susie's already working with our preschool children and this will add a bit to her current duties. We will thank Barb for her many years of service!
- **Intern Veronica Gould** finishes in June. We'll say goodbye on May 29 with a thank you lunch.
- With an eye on new ministries - **Michelle Lum** will increase her responsibility at Gloria Dei as Minister of Arts and Outreach. She will be working part-time in the areas of worship, pastoral duties, arts and outreach. She will begin in the middle of June.
- A new seminary student, **Dana Becker** (Burnsville, MN) will join us at the end of July. As a teaching congregation, Gloria Dei will be a blessing to her in terms of learning. Details coming soon.

I could end this article with a joke about how much Lutherans like change... but I'll resist. Instead, a quote from a hymn: “O Thou who changest not, abide with me” (and us). Amen!

Yours in Christ,

David R. Mattson

Pastor David R. Mattson



PASTOR VERONICA

Dear Gloria Dei,

How can I begin to thank you all enough for accompanying me through my internship year? I will treasure the memories, the friendships, the Spirit-filled moments, and the evergreen reminder that grace changes EVERYTHING.

In the seven years since I started the journey toward becoming an ordained pastor, I have had many titles: seminarian, pastoral intern, student chaplain, pastoral resident, intern chaplain,

volunteer chaplain, and intern pastor. I'm sure I've forgotten one or two more! Every step along the way has been a blessing and a chance to learn from the wisdom of my communities. One thing is for sure: I'm still learning and I always will be.

I don't know exactly where I will be going yet, but I am happy to announce that I have been approved as a candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. This means I am in conversation with my home synod about the first call process and ordination. As I have said to many of you already, the theme of this season in my life of faith is TRUST: trust in the call of Christ, trust in God's guidance, and trust that the Holy Spirit is at work in the process. I will let you know when I have more information. In the meantime, celebrate with me—this is your victory, too! You are sending me to serve in the name of Jesus. Thank you for equipping me to answer the call.

God be with you till we meet again!

THE BIG THING (The main thing - put it on your calendar.)

BACCALAUREATE - The area schools have varying graduation dates, primarily in early June, so Gloria Dei's plan is to honor high school graduates on May 29. Please keep all students and teachers in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION - On June 5, 10am service, we will honor our confirmands. Please keep them in your prayers as they stand before God and affirm their faith. They've had an unusual, blessed, crazy journey for three years. Some of it has been online (maybe most of it) and some of it has been in person, but whatever, we celebrate God's love for them always.

MICHELLE LUM increases her role at Gloria Dei as the Minister of Arts and Outreach. Many of you know Michelle through her work as a musician, artist, speaker, etc. She has her MA degree in Theology and is pursuing her MFA (Masters of Fine Arts) degree at Claremont. She will be working part-time, assisting Pastor David with pastoral duties, but also working in areas which will help us grow in new ways. Please welcome her and continue to pray for her ministry! She will be installed officially on July 3. You can reach her at michellelum@mygloriadei.org.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - (July 5-8): We need assistance of all kinds, such as providing snacks, help us set-up/decorate, clean-up, assist leaders, etc. Speak with Susie Boland - fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

LATEST HEALTH PROTOCOLS - **If you are fully vaccinated**, no mask is required inside. Of course, you are welcome to continue to wear a mask, even if fully vaccinated. The pastors will continue to wear one during Holy Communion.



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY - Sunday, June 5 at the 10am service. We have three 8th grade students affirming their baptism, being confirmed: Tanner Boland, Isabella Coveyou, and Daemen Riggelman.

GRADUATION SUNDAY - Baccalaureate Sunday is May 29, as many local schools have graduation on June 2. Among high school graduates, we will recognize two: Emma Hettmann and Zepher Henry are graduating high school. Emma will be attending Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio and Zepher will be attending cosmetology school. Please keep them in your prayers.

DAD'S ROOTBEER FLOATS- Sunday, June 19, between services: The Sr. High kids will be serving rootbeer floats once again for all the fathers. We'll have a traditional float and one with a twist! See you on the patio.

SR. HIGH SUMMER TRIP - With things back in full swing, we are planning a trip for all entering freshman and exiting seniors. Details to come.

YOUNG ADULTS - FAITH ON TAP - The last Tuesday of the month we gather for some good conversation and good beer. This month is Tuesday, June 28 at Escape Craft Brewery, 28162 Camino Capistrano #109A, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. During July & August we are on summer break and will reconvene in September.



DEI-LY WORSHIP

(All things related to worship, music, altar guild, choirs, singing, praise, etc.)

- **Sanctuary Choir** will celebrate Pentecost Sunday with the congregation on June 5th. Our Soprano section leader **Patricia Agoncillo** will sing a beautiful solo *"The Lone, Wild Bird"* in the final choir anthem of the season. Choir will be on break until September but the music will continue with vocal and instrumental guests throughout the summer. My thanks to all our wonderful volunteer musicians for making this year so wonderful.
- **Bell & Chime Choirs** will also be on break for the summer. We have enjoyed an amazing year together of change and growth as we formed a new chime group and welcomed new musicians, both adults and youth. I look forward to resuming in September!
- **Summer Concert Series** Wednesdays at noon-take a break from your workday with these 30 minute lunchtime recitals-
 - Micaela Lum, pianist: June 29th
 - Darius Miertschin, guitarist: TBA

Do you play an instrument? There is an ensemble/opportunity for you! Questions? Email Kathy music@mygloriadei.org.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

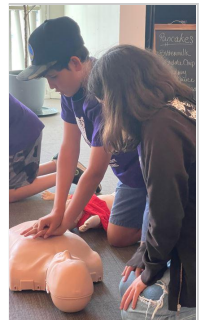
(Young Children's Ministry and Congregation-wide Social and Friendship Events)

SUSIE BOLAND begins her ministry in this area! To reach her, please contact: fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

CHURCH PICNIC - Church Picnic, Sunday, July 3rd at 11:30 at **Dana Woods Park**. Food, games, swimming (no lifeguard on duty), and fellowship! Gloria Dei provides bratwurst/hotdogs, water and utensils. Sign up at the Welcome Table to bring a side dish. Maps are also available. Questions - fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) - July 5 - 8, 9am - 12 noon. Save the date! This is a great opportunity to get to know the kids and other members at Gloria Dei in a very casual, festive atmosphere! Our Summer 2022 theme is: *Built for THIS!* We will explore all the ways God is building us and our communities. Our theme is inspired by 1Corinthians 3:9-11: *"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building"*. Cost \$50 for church members; \$60 for non-member; Scholarships available upon request. Sign up packet is at the Welcome Table or online at mygloriadei.org.

GOD SQUAD (3rd - 5th Graders)



What a successful and fun time we had at the CPR training! Thank you to Loretta Kimberly for teaching us all the first aid and life saving skills. Be on the lookout for more fun events for the group as we move into the Fall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Age 4 - 5th grade) is on summer recess until September 11, 2022. Thanks to all the teachers and assistants for helping out this past year!

- Susie Boland, Kristen Doorn, Ashley Jensen, Shelli Parajeckas and Shannon Schroeder.

As Sunday School teachers, you are planting "seeds" of faith and hope!

BARB COLLINS, as has been mentioned earlier, is stepping down as Children and Family Director. Barb has been responsible for Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, special children's activities (such as Eggstravaganza), God Squad group, and more. Thanks to Barb for her dedication to our children for many years! We will honor Barb this summer with a special event. More details are coming.

NURSERY - A nursery is available for babies to preschool age during both morning worship services. Please pick up a pager after signing your child in.



DEI-LY FRIENDSHIP

FELLOWSHIP - We are so excited to begin preparing for a beautiful summer, our church picnic, VBS and some baseball! We hope that June brings some relaxation, sunshine and cool summer nights!

WOMEN'S BOARD - This group meets on the second Saturday of the month at 9:15am. They will meet on June 11, take a break in July & plan to reconvene on August 13. Questions, contact Susie Boland at fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

WOMEN'S GROUP EVENT - Women's Tea "My Cup Runneth Over" Saturday, June 18th at 2:00pm \$30 per person. Tea sandwiches, scones and sweet treats will be shared as well as lovely conversation. We are also looking for eight Table Hostesses (instructions, and sign-ups, are at the Welcome Table)

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) meets the *third Monday of each month at 2pm*. The group meets in Knudson Hall. Their next meeting is June 20. They are reading *The Firemaker* by Peter May. If you are interested in joining the book club, please contact Diane Kelly or contact the office at 949-493-3414.

MEN'S BOOK GROUP - Meets the *last Tuesday of the month, 7pm*. They are meeting in person at members' homes. They will meet on summer break June - August. For information contact the church office.

ANGELS' BASEBALL GAME AND TAILGATING: Sponsored by MGD-Men of Gloria Dei. August 13, 6pm (game). More details about pre-game tailgating are coming soon.

UPCOMING: Bunco (September 9); Oktoberfest (Saturday, October 8, 5pm) Trick or Trunk (October 30th)



SHELLI PARAJECKAS, PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR



PRESCHOOL

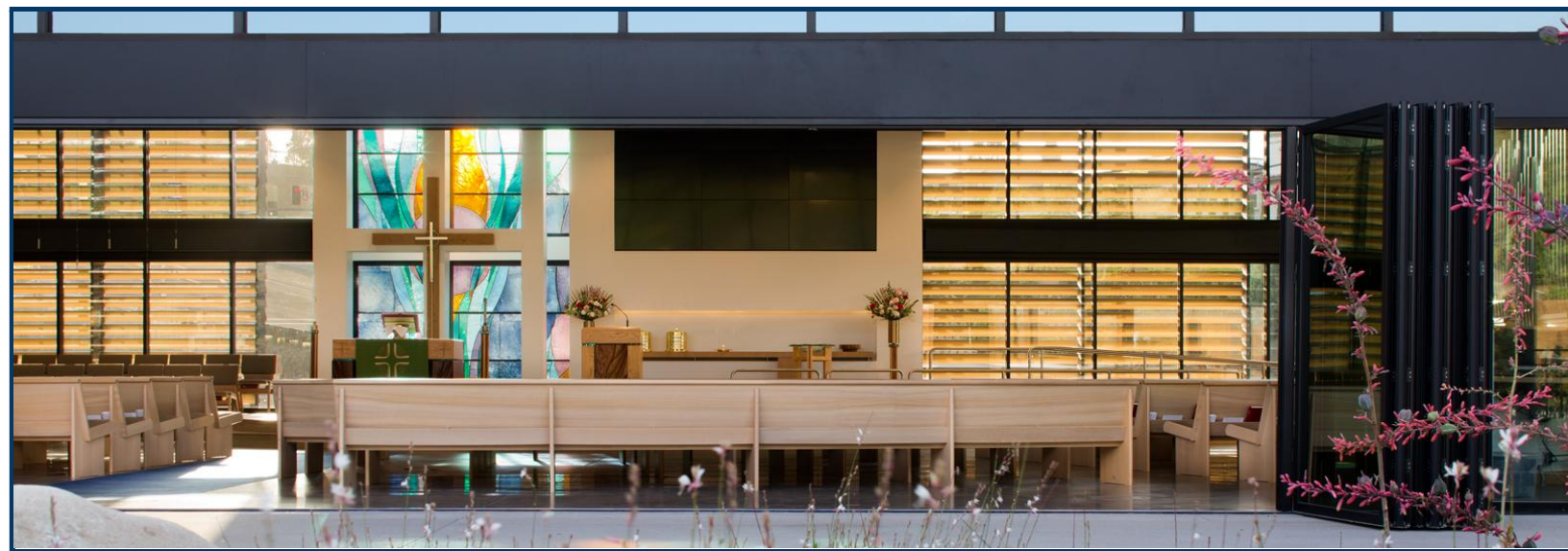
Gloria Dei is a place where children play and pray!

School is out for summer! What a great year we had, and we're looking forward to what the 2022-2023 school year brings. We had 18 students graduate and they will start Kindergarten in August.

During summer break, we will work on campus projects, and tend to the wear and tear which occurs during the regular school year. Happy summer everyone!

In the Fall, we will welcome 24 new students who will enjoy everything Gloria Dei has to offer.

To contact Shelli Parajekas email her at: preschool@mygloriadei.org.



GROWING TOGETHER!

(All things related to learning, Bible study, small groups, G.I.F.T. groups, education, Table Talk, etc.)

G.I.F.T. (GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER) - Led by David & Susan Warneke is typically held in Knudson Hall, in the Sunday School room, on the first Monday of the month, at 6:30pm. On June 6 we are meeting to discuss the overview & objectives of this study of the Book of Acts. To join, contact the church office 949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org, so we can add you to the group.

7 ESSENTIALS will be a summer, adult Bible study based on seven important, memorable scripture passages. Watch the bulletin for details.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY meets the *second Saturday of every month at 8:00am in Bankson Hall*. This group is on summer break and will meet again on September 10. Please let Pastor David know that you plan to attend and there will be a place set for you. All men are welcome.

HEART LIFTERS WOMEN'S EVENING STUDY - 2nd & 4th Tuesday/month. Social 6:30 PM; Study 7pm - 8pm. We just began our study on *"Royalty and Loyalty; Women Who Loved the Lord"* by Daneen Pysz. \$10/book and books are available at the Welcome Table. This group next meets on May 10 & 24 at Ann St. Martin's home. Questions: contact Ann St. Martin, Donna Combe or the office at 949-493-3414.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - This group meets every Wednesday at 10am - Gloria Dei women (and friends) meet in the Sanctuary. In June we will meet through June 8 and then will break for summer until September 14. This study is led by a pastor. All women are invited to join in! Watch for an email/bulletin announcement regarding gathering.

500th ANNIVERSARY OF LUTHER'S TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE - This Fall, there will be new Bible studies to celebrate, plus a church-wide whole Bible reading program. Watch for detail. We will celebrate the power of Scripture. Several Seminary and College professors are lined up to do presentations for us. Watch the bulletin and future bulletins for more details.

DEI-LY SERVICE

(All things related to service, ministry, helping others, compassion, caring, loving, serving "the least of these", etc.)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY - Thanks to those who are involved in meeting with shut-ins, homebound, hospitalized... and bringing the Lord's Supper. Thanks to Daneen Pysz for leading this ministry and to Pastor Veronica for assisting in this area. The new seminary student will help in this area as well beginning in August.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - This ministry invites people of all ages to join their group. They meet the *first Saturday of the month at 9am in Knudson Hall*. They will meet on June 4 and then will take a summer break. If you know of someone in need of a shawl or would like more information, call Peggy Johnson.

SERRA'S PANTRY - volunteer opportunity, in San Juan Capistrano, provides food to those in need. Interested Gloria Dei members serve at Serra's Pantry *every third Saturday of the month at 8:30am*. June 18 is the next volunteer opportunity. This group meets year round. Please join us to help with this important outreach.

THE QUILTING GROUP continues preparing all the quilts from home. The quilts made by this group are provided to our newly Baptized infants & children. If interested in helping, please call the office or Donna Combe.

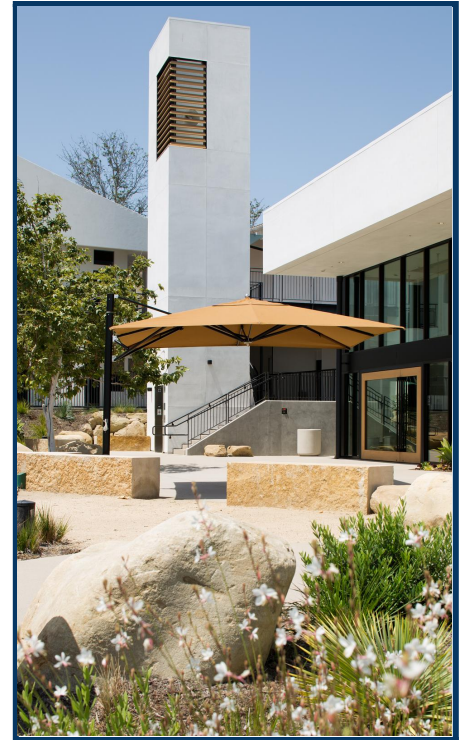
SOUTH COAST LITERACY COUNCIL - This is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization, whose mission is to assist adults in south Orange County to acquire English language skills. They meet on Monday & Thursday mornings 10am - 12pm. Interested in volunteering, contact gloriadei@mygloriadei or 949-493-3414.

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE MINISTRY Los Angelitos orphanage, Tijuana Mexico

Road Trip - Check Your Calendar! Gloria Dei is planning its first group visit to the orphanage after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. For our initial visit we're planning on one van with up to 8 people. It will be a one-day trip, leaving from Gloria Dei on **Saturday June 11, 2022 @ 7 am** and returning the same day @ around 6 pm. Passport required. We need a volunteer(s) to help with driving.



Thank you all so much for making the transportation van purchase for Los Angelitos a reality!





DEI-LY DETAILS

ATTENDANCE and LIVESTREAM VIEWS

5/1: 361

5/8: 357

5/15: 384

5/22: 348

5/29: tbd

"SIMPLY GIVING" - Gloria Dei offers electronic giving, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. You can make "one-time", special donations electronically as well. Choose to donate from your checking account or by using your credit card, so you can accrue miles, etc. Applications are available at the Welcome Table or contact the church office at 949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

ELECTRONIC GIVING THROUGH VENMO - download the app on your phone and make your donation to **@GloriaDei-DanaPoint** (with a picture of our stained glass window overlooking the altar). Add where you want it applied in the Venmo required "memo" section.



venmo

TEXT YOUR OFFERING - It is simple and safe ("text to give", through Vanco) - text \$ amount you want to give to 949-356-5326. You will receive instructions on how to complete registration via a return text.

SANDSTONE BENCHES have now been etched with the names (and scripture) of people who gave gifts during the Gen2Gen of over \$10,000. Thanks to these eight families. Several more will be etched this summer. If you would like to be a part of this fund (which reduces our mortgage), please contact Pastor David about details.

GLORIA DEI ENDOWMENT FUND - More and more people are requesting information about the Endowment Fund. Call the church office and speak with Pastor David for details, or visit our website: www.mygloriadei.org/donate. There you will find the brochure. *"What legacy will you leave?"* Have you considered putting Gloria Dei in your will? If you would like to leave a lasting gift to your church, please consider doing so.

THE COLUMBARIUM - The Columbarium is located in the upper canyon area in the Memorial Garden. Please stop by to see it at your convenience. Several of our members are now interred in the Columbarium and the ceremonies were beautiful family gatherings. Currently, 50 niches and 4 memorial plaques have been purchased and each niche holds two urns. To reserve a niche for yourself or a loved one, please contact the church office, 949-493-3414. For more information, please see our website: mygloriadei.org/columbarium.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!



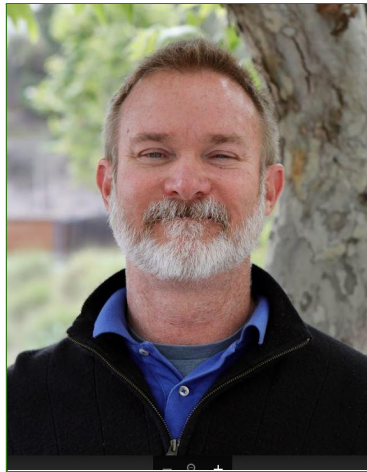
Jim & Yvonne Bell



Dean & Chela Frasché



Sharry Hilyard



David Kelsey



Michelle Lum



Larry & Nadine Lisser



Garry & Toni Nelson

Mike, Casey, Rhett & Andi Calkins (not pictured)

THANKS

(Weddings, memorials, outreach, education, community service, etc.)

THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR GRACIOUS DONATIONS TOWARDS MEDICAL KITS FOR UKRAINE! The first shipment has arrived and subsequent shipments will follow.



Thanks to the Gloria Dei Kids for passing out “a daisy a day” to the moms and ladies!



Thanks to Gloria Dei Youth for providing fabulous parfaits on Mother’s Day & Good Shepherd Sunday!



DEI-LY PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

"Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs..."

HEALING - Tom and Frieda Avery, Blaine & Peggy Johnson, Alice Anderson, Debby Campominosi, Mary Lou & Denny Walters, Jean Meinholtz, Kay Hendrickson, Gwen Layritz, Lars Talstad, Joan Sorge, Ingrid Schuller & Megan Ramirez.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT for Stephanie Anderson & her family as they mourn the loss of her sister, Kimberley Ann Cole. Also pray for Ed Perry's family & the Los Angelitos Orphanage children as they mourn Ed's passing. We also pray for the family of Virginia Moore as they mourn her passing (Memorial - June 16, 3pm).

PEACE AND SAFETY for all our service men and women now serving around the world. We also pray for peace and help in the Ukraine. Prayers of comfort & courage for the local fire victims who lost their homes in the Laguna Niguel fire. We pray for the families of all the murdered children and teachers in Texas and people in Buffalo.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST - To place a loved one on the Prayer Chain, call the church office at 949-493-3414.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL - "Christ in our Home" (April - June 2022), is available for pick up at the Welcome Table on Sunday or at the church office. If you would like to pick one up or have one mailed to you, please call or email the church office (949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org).

DEI-LY DUTIES



JUNE 2022 VOLUNTEERS

New time & talent assignments were sent out on January 14, 2022, primarily via email (although we mailed physical copies to those without an email address).

If you didn't receive your copy, please check your spam folder & if it is not there, please contact Carol Weinhardt at 949-493-3414 or gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

If you are a newer member & turned in your time & talent information, we will work you into the current schedule as a substitute and/or add you into the schedule for the 2nd half of the year.

To assist, you must practice current Covid-19 guidelines. Thank you for your help in 2022!

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Kathy Person music@mygloriadei.org
Fred Johnson organist@mygloriadei.org

JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
		Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week			12:15pm - Last day of	7am - AA Men Meeting 9am - Prayer Shawl 2pm - ACA Meeting 7pm - NA Meeting
			7am - AA Meeting 10am - Women's Bible 7:30pm - 12 Step	7am - AA Men Meeting 9:30am - AA Women 10am - Literacy Group 7pm - AA Men Meeting 7pm - Alanon Coed		
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(See Calendar on Website: <http://www.mycloriadei.org/calendar-2/>)

