Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

August 22, 2021

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Lourdes

Roman Catholic Parish
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Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is community of the Christian Faithful entrusted to the care of our pastor, under the authority of the Bishop of the Diocese of Phoenix, who leads us to proclaim the Word of God in its entirety to all who live in our territorial boundaries. We seek to instruct in the truth of the faith and foster good works in the name of Christ. The miracle of the Most Holy Eucharist is the center of our Christian life.

For Anointing of the Sick (24 hours), Baptisms, Funerals, and Marriages & Annulments, please contact the parish office at (623) 546-2767

Mass Times

Saturday	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.
Daily	8:30 a.m.

Confessions

Tuesday	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Saturday	9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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Worst Day of My Life

Dear Friends,

The worst day of my life was always the first day of school. I hated going to school as a child. I was just a giant heap of anxiety. At first when they took me to school, I would sneak out the door and run home. Then they started locking the door. Then I would cry. After a few rounds of the that the kindergarten teacher would put me in the restroom and I could not come out until I stopped crying. Then I would just make myself sick, literally, and vomit so they would send me home. They caught on to that as well and just made me sit in the nurse's office till I would go back to class. That didn't take long as the nurse must have been related to Nurse Ratched. I think it was around the time I got to High School that I finally liked school.

The irony of all that was that for the past 21yrs I ran a school! I admit on the first day of school, I always felt a twinge of guilt and would think, "sorry kids for doing this to you but…" So, I find myself thinking about all those children, like me, who really can't stomach going to school! I hope they make it.

A funny thing happened last year on the first day of School. Almost every student was thrilled to be back in school! After the shut-down in the spring of 2020, they were very happy to get away from their parents, out of the house and back with their friends and it seemed the parents were glad to send them off! Would've thought!

Having in-person learning during the Pandemic was no easy task. Though I had confidence in our Plan and Mitigation Strategy and in our staff, still the thought would come in the back of my head thinking" "is this the day we have a major outbreak of the virus in the school"? But then I would think how I never had that thought with colds, flu, strep throat, pink-eye, even lice. So, I just accepted the fact that we probably would have cases of the virus, despite our best efforts, and we would just have to manage the situation. Fortunately, we never did. Our protocols and mitigation efforts worked better than we had imagined.

Still there was a whole lot of back and forth as students who were exposed to the virus outside of school would stay home and use the virtual on-line Classroom and then after being cleared medically would return to the in-person option. I imagine this year schools will be doing a lot of that as well.

I want our Parish to have the same option for In-person Mass and Virtual Mass. There may be a lot of back and forth once again this year as the virus continues to do its thing. There may be times when you take yourself out of circulation until you know an exposure did not result in an infection or the circumstances may not yet be right for very vulnerable persons to attend in-person.

With that in mind, we are going to install cameras so that we can Live Stream the Mass so that if you need to stay home for a bit you can still participate virtually. Also, it will give our Parish the ability to make the Live Stream Mass available for all those who live in Care Homes located in our Parish. I don't envision any shut downs again but I want the Live Stream available for those situations for when you cannot attend because of illness and for those who are permanently home-bound.

At the moment, because of back orders and supply chain problems as well as the high demand for the Live Streaming equipment and cameras installation is taking longer than anticipated.

In the meantime, please keep in your prayers all of our schools and especially the administrators and school nurses who are once again trying to navigate keeping students in their seats during a Pandemic. And of course, pray for all those students, like me who hated being in their seat!

Love, Fr. John B.

Mass Intentions

Sunday	**August 22**	**Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
	9:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Eaton & Zemek Families
Monday	**August 23**	**Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin**
	8:30 a.m.	Charles Horton†
Tuesday	**August 24**	**Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle**
	8:30 a.m.	Charles Horton†
Wednesday	**August 25**	**Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest**
	8:30 a.m.	healing for Johnny Benavidez
Thursday	**August 26**	
	8:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Choir
Friday	**August 27**	**Memorial of Saint Monica**
	8:30 a.m.	Rosie Avancena, in honor of her birthday
Saturday	**August 28**	**Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
	8:30 a.m.	Bill Fox†
	Anticipated Mass	
	4:00 p.m.	Mike Armstrong†
Sunday	**August 29**	**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
	9:00 a.m.	for the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Please pray for:

Dorothy Butler

That they may know the eternal joy of God's reign.

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Readings Of the Week

Sunday	**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69
Monday	**Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	**Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle** Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday	**Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	**Memorial of Saint Monica** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	**Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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Our Lady's Guild News

Our Lady's Guild

Providing the women of the parish an opportunity for Christ-centered fellowship and service to the parish.

BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet in Madonna Hall on Thursday September 9 at 9:30 a.m. or via Zoom. The book is "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah. Join our Zoom meeting with the details below:
September 9 at 9:30 a.m. MST
Meeting ID: 832 3348 0630
Passcode: Book
Passcode: 476529

SEPTEMBER GUILD MEETING

Here is your chance to get to meet lots of ladies! Our Lady's Guild is meeting Sept. 13 at 9:30 a.m. in Madonna Hall and it is open to all women of the parish. Come at 9:00 a.m. and enjoy coffee and rolls and a chance to visit. After the meeting we will have a meet-and-greet exercise to help everyone get to know each other better.

There is a new registration form for new and renewal members to be completed at registration. There is also an emergency form that you will be asked to complete. These will be sent as an attachment to your meeting reminder so that you can bring a completed form to the meeting. Please come early to register for the Guild and to enjoy refreshments prior to the meeting.

Dues are $5.00 and they will be collected at the door.
If you want a new name badge, the dues are $12.00.
All women of the parish are invited to join the guild.

GUILD WORKSHOPS

Workshops are meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30 in Madonna Hall. Bring your craft to work on or just come and see what's happening. Greeting cards are always needed for the members to make the beautiful cards they make and sell. Please no Christmas or mission cards. We also take donated jewelry and occasionally turn that into crafts or cash.

Your Sacrificial Giving - August 8

Plate Giving

Plate Giving (cash & check)	$7,180
Plate Giving (electronic)	$6,070.33
Total **Plate Giving** This Week	**$13,250.33**

Other Giving Inside the Parish

Maintenance Fund	$727.50
Easter	$20

Other Giving Outside the Parish

Cradle Sunday	$82.50
St. Vincent de Paul	$370

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA, which stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter into the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass.

If you are interested in RCIA or being a sponsor on the RCIA team, please contact Whitney Lynch in the parish office at (623) 344- or wlynch@ololscw.org.

Coffee and Donuts

Join us for the first Sunday of Coffee and Donuts after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 5 in Madonna Hall. This will be an opportunity for fellowship and strengthening of our parish family.

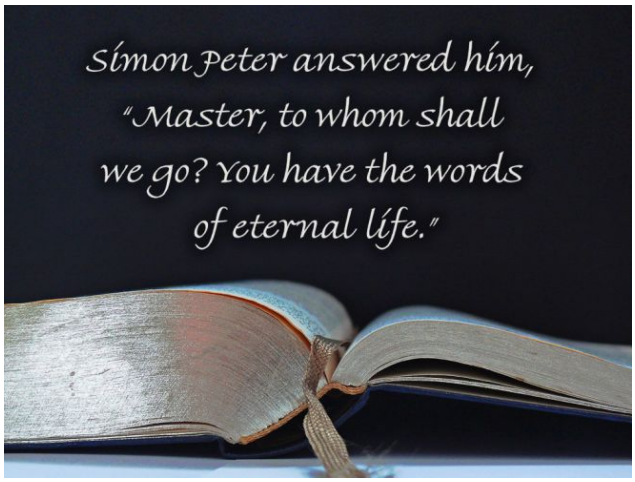
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

At Our Parish:
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin on Thursdays in September immediately following daily Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed at 2:00 p.m., following Divine Mercy Devotion.

In Our Community:
St. Clement of Rome: Adoration is daily from 5:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. in their secure chapel. A sigh-up sheet is required to obtain the chapel security code. Please contact Kaitlynn in the office for further information at (623) 344-7292 or keaton@ololscw.org.

Prince of Peace Parish: Adoration is daily from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Please contact their parish office for further information at (623) 214-5180.

St. Elizabeth Seton: Adoration is held from Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Please contact their parish office for further information at (623) 972-2129.



Greeters Needed

As more people begin to return to Mass, the vital Greeter Ministry needs your help! We need extra hands to help welcome people to our church, hand out song sheets, and be a friendly face for newcomers.

If you are a former Greeter and wish to return to ministry or you would like to sign up to be a Greeter, please contact Kaitlynn in the office to help put a team together. You can reach Kaitlynn for more information at (623) 344-7292 or keaton@ololscw.org.

St. Vincent de Paul News

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In today's Gospel, Jesus asks "Do you also want to leave?" We must ask ourselves if we really want to hear the good news of his love for us and for others. Is the word of God able to break into our consciousness, change us and call us to hear the cries of the poor?

In the month of June, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Our Lady of Lourdes conference was able to hear the cries of the poor by assisting families, providing more than $8,400 in food, utility, rent and other bills. God Bless You!

Charity Weekend
Next weekend is Charity Weekend. St. Vincent de Paul Our Lady of Lourdes conference will be collecting donations 30 minutes **before** each Mass. Your generous donations provide the funds for us to purchase Food Vouchers for those in need who come to us for help. Thank you.

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Holy Communion to Homebound Spouses & Family Members

Is your spouse or family member not yet able to attend Mass?

If so, and you are attending Mass, or coming for Holy Communion after watching a Mass, you can be trained to bring Holy Communion to your family member.

For more information, please contact Whitney Lynch at (623) 344-7285 or wlynch@ololscw.org.

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