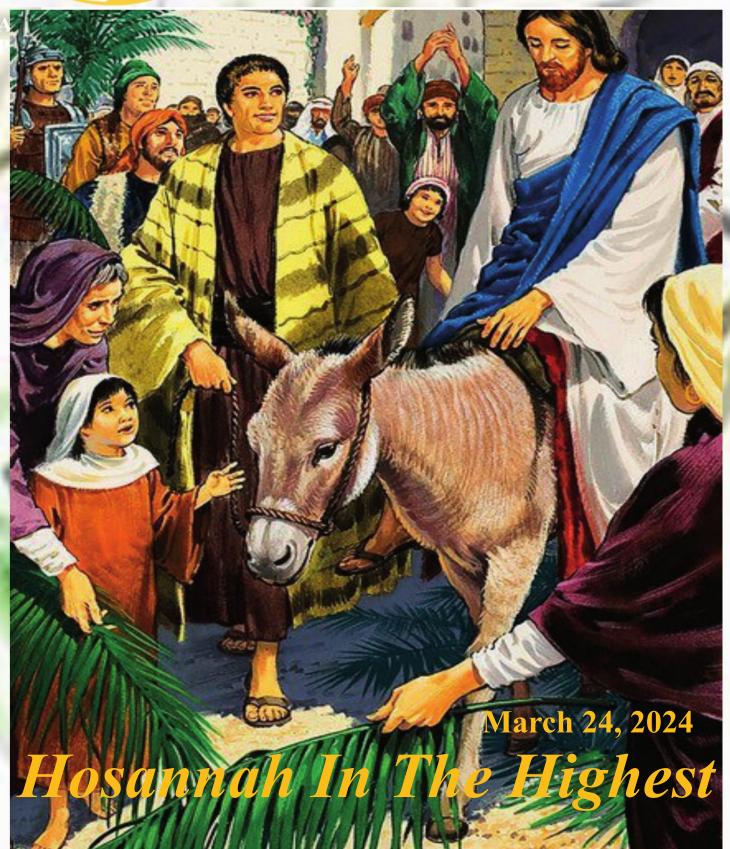


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Daily (Monday - Saturday) 8:30a.m.(*no morning Masses 3/28/29/30*) Saturday 4:00p.m. (Vigil Mass 3/30 at 7pm) Sunday 9:00a.m., 11:00a.m. (Also Easter 3/31 at 9:15am in Hall)

Vistancia Elementary School

30009 N. Sunrise Point, Peoria, AZ 85383 Sunday 1:00p.m.

CONFESSION

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

ADORATION

Thursday 10:00a.m.- 11:00a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 7:00a.m. - 1:00p.m. (Office will be closed 3/31 and 4/1)

Monday - Thursday: 7:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Friday: 7:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

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Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by being prayerful and active stewards of the grace and resources entrusted to us by:

- ◆ Instructing all in the Truth of the Catholic Faith
- ♦ Upholding the dignity of human life by nourishing it from conception and strengthening it to the end
- Following the way of Jesus in our worship and living

Lead Us 70 The Cross ... Lent 2024 Holy Week Schedule



PALM SUNDAY March 27, 2024

Usual Mass times: 4:00pm Saturday Vigil 9:00am, 11:00am and 1:00pm (Vistancia)

HOLY THURSDAY March 28, 2024

(no morning Mass)

5:00pm Mass of The Last Supper

GOOD FRIDAY March 29, 2024

(no morning Mass)

STATIONS

12 Noon in the church

THE PASSION OF THE LORD

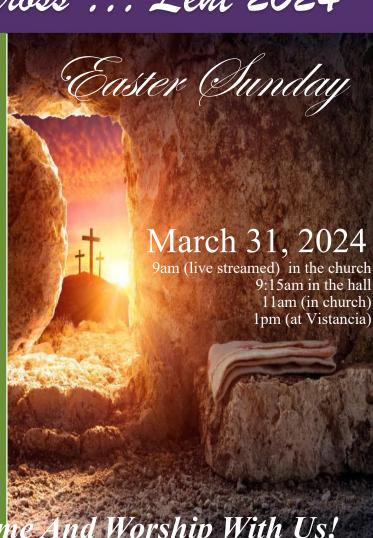
3:00pm in the church

HOLY SATURDAY March 30, 2024

(no morning Mass)

Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm in the church

All Are Welcomed To Come



Dear Friends,

"The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus" Matthew 27:20

Pilate offers the crowd a choice. The Gospel writers keep the Hebrew name Barabbas instead of the Greek translation: Bar- abbas meaning in Hebrew son of God. So the choice Pilate offers: which son of God do you want? The revolutionary, the zealot or this one the Nazarene whom you call king of the Jews...We want Barabbas.



Pilate had every reason not to release the revolutionary. He was a bigger threat to Pilate's control, stirring up political discord. He could see Jesus was being brought to him out of jealousy. He obviously had done no wrong. Yet the crowd wanted Barabbas...Well better to keep the crowd on his side and give them what they wanted...political expediency and not justice was Pilate's motive.

Pilate had already shown a certain cynicism towards the truth. But even he realized that Jesus was not guilty of anything deserving execution. Yet like most political leaders who get backed into doing the wrong thing, Pilate bought into another theory to cover over his lack of integrity: "I personally oppose this, wash my hands of it, but it is my legal duty to do it."

But why do the crowds want son of God called Barabbas? Why not Jesus the son of God? Was it a choice of the material over the spiritual? This world over the elusive kingdom Jesus proclaimed? After all Barabbas represented a new world order, freedom from Roman control. Let us do what we want. Let us hope in the here and now only. Forget this Jesus son of God with his claims to justice. No Barabbas will do.

After all who could blame the crowds? They were manipulated by their leaders, sold a dream that was an illusion in order to give power to an ever-corrupting Temple system. It was all designed to allow Caiphas to keep his power, collect his temple taxes. The crowd was weary of the political games, Roman oppression, the ever high taxation from which they got nothing, tired of the money lenders and their extortion, tired of the business leaders who cleverly cheated them, tired of working with nothing to show.

Barabbas would help fill their bellies. Sure Jesus multiplied the loaves but that was a onetime thing, the price was too high. Give us Barabbas yelled the crowd.

Didn't the blind man in the beginning of Mark's gospel sitting by the side of the road get drowned out by the crowd? They all told him to shut up...yet Jesus heard him, opened his eyes. The crowd is fickle, easily manipulated. No principles, no convictions.

And so we stand there with the crowd today...who do we want? Barabbas or Jesus? Who do we choose? The crowd shouts us down. Stop your silly superstitious ways. We'll get you what you need, what you want. Stop standing in the way of progress, get rid of your irrational religion and ethics and follow the way of the crowd...Choose the son of God called Barabbas..

But we have chosen Jesus the Son of God. When so many of our brothers and sisters have joined the crowd, have rejected the way of life and truth, we today begin the climb to Calvary. It won't be easy, it never is. Today finally after the ministry is complete, the signs have been preformed, the Sermon preached on the Mount, the Gospel now offers us the moment of choosing: do you want the son of this world, the crowd pleaser, the one who offers false security, nothing everlasting? Or do you choose the Son of God Jesus the Nazarene? If you do then you choose his Cross, choose to be despised by this world, insulted at every turn, blamed for the lack of progress towards that one world order, towards that heaven on earth with all its needs taken care of. If you choose the Nazarene, you too will drink from the chalice of his suffering so as to taste his Resurrection.

Jesus may we choose only you, only you, and you alone!

Love, Fr. John B

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Your check may be dropped off at the church office, in the Sunday collection, or in the blue buckets on the 4th weekend of the month—Charity Weekend.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, March 25, 2024 8:30am Dan and Linda Spitzer

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 8:30am † Soul of Kieran Fitzpatrick

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 8:30am Intentions of Sophie Schultz

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024 5:00pm Intentions of Fr. Bill Fournier

Good Friday, March 29, 2024 No Mass

Vigil Saturday, March 30, 2024 7:00pm Founders of Knight's of Columbus

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024
9:00am † Souls of Mr & Mrs Roman F. Krupa
9:15am † Soul of Rodolfo Cacdac
11:00am † Souls of Patrick & Mark Slaughter
1:00pm Intentions of Parishioners of Our Lady of
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Readings for the Week

Sunday, March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

Monday, March 25, 2024

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 **Wednesday, March 27, 2024**

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, March 28, 2024 Holy Thursday

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27; Rv 1:5-8; I k 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday, March 29, 2024 Good Friday

Is 52:13 - 3:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-9:42

Saturday, March 30, 2024 Easter Vigil the Holy Night of Easter Gn1:1 - 2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday, March 31, 2024 The Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

Parish Calendar

Monday, March 25, 2024

9:00am Parish - Conference Room 4:00pm PC - Conference Room

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

10:00am Confessions - Church

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

8:30am Guild Meeting - Fr. McGivney Room

9:00am Guild - Hall

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024 Please Note NO morning Mass

5:00pm Holy Thursday Mass

Good Friday, March 29, 2024 Please Note NO morning Mass

12 Noon Stations of the Cross - Church

3:00pm The Passion - Church

Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024 Please Note NO morning Mass

7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

9:00 am Mass - Church

9:15am Mass - Hall

11:00am Mass - Church

1:00pm Mass - at Vistancia

Important to note:

There will be *NO Morning Masses* on March 28, 29 & 30th Please join us for all other Triduum Liturgical Celebrations

2023 Tax Statements are Ready!

The 2023 tax statements for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish have been emailed out. (If you have provided an email address on your parish registration.) If you have NOT received your emailed statement or you wish to have a printed copy please contact the parish office 623-546-2767.



The Diocesan deadline was December 31, 2023.

IF you missed the opportunity for Renewal training for LAY PEOPLE 2023-2024 you will need to contact Julie Gradillas at the parish office.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY those folks who wish to serve in any capacity in any ministry within the Diocese of Phoenix are required to take the Foundation portion, including back ground check and must maintain their SET training as a means to stay in compliance with this PHOENIX DIOCESAN REQUIREMENT. Visit the site to comply at https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org

If you plan to only attend meetings/events and NOT serve in any capacity you are still welcomed to do so.

Should you have ANY questions or concerns or problems logging in contact Julie Gradillas in the parish office at 623-546-2767 or you may contact her via email jgradillas@ololscw.org.

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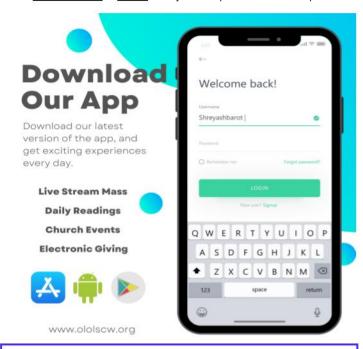
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