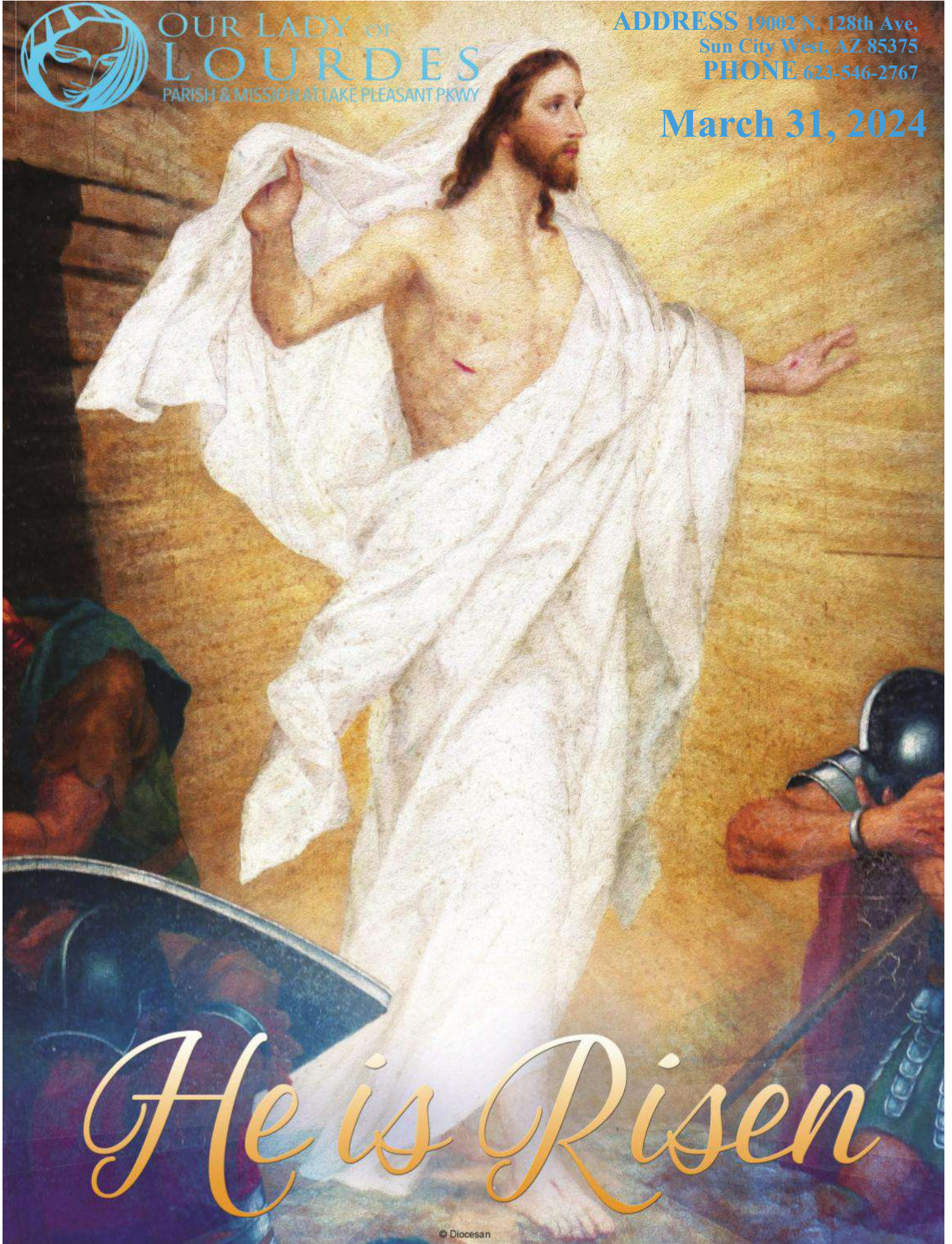




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March 31, 2024



He is Risen

Shrouded in Mystery

Dear Friends,

The Shroud of Turin is still, well shrouded in mystery. The Shroud is thought by many to be the burial cloth of Jesus. I say, “thought” because no one has ever been able to empirically prove that it is and no one has been able to prove that it isn’t. The Shroud of Turin is the most studied and investigated artifact on the planet. And despite the most sophisticated and highly technical scientific analysis it still refuses to yield its secrets.

Back in the 1980’s after a piece of the Shroud underwent Carbon-14 testing many claimed that since the testing dated the Shroud around the 13th century it was a medieval forgery. That despite also finding that pigments and pollen on the Shroud were from first century plants found in the Middle East and not Northern Italy. As it turns out the pieces of the Shroud that were tested were from patches placed on the Shroud after a fire damaged it around the 13th century. So the test results were correct except for testing the wrong piece of cloth.

But the most perplexing part of the Shroud is how the image made its way onto the Shroud. Even though some brilliant researchers have put many interesting hypotheses forward none of these has been able to fully explain the imprint on the Shroud. Each time someone comes up with a theory someone else is able to debunk it. More importantly no one has been able to completely reproduce the image of the Shroud using any of the artistic techniques that many consider may have been used to imprint the image on the Shroud. The image is a photographic negative, which was only revealed after someone took a photo of it in 1898. The question then arises is if it is a 13th century forgery who was around back then that could have understand what a photographic negative is at a time before the invention of the camera? And why use the image from a photographic negative when shrouds with dead bodies don’t produce such images?

The most recent hypothesis to try to explain the origin of the imprint on the Shroud is that it was caused by radiation (specifically the corona discharge effect). Unlike previous theories of how the imprint was made, scientists have been able to reproduce this technique in the laboratory but only partially. Scientists have been able to reproduce only a few inches of a Shroud like image and even for that they had to use over 500,000 volts! So at this point to reproduce the entire image using such a technique would require voltage of tens of millions of volts of radiation. Of course that would be like exploding an atom bomb. Even if this method could possibly create a forgery, who in the 13th century or earlier had the technology to do such a thing? Still maybe this theory can help us understand something of the physics of resurrection. How is a body able to be reanimated without complete obliteration? Was the Resurrection a massive explosion of energy?

Of course maybe we also have to look beyond science and see the image on the Shroud as linked to the reality of resurrection?

The Shroud of Turin and the Gospel Resurrection accounts despite centuries of rigorous historical analysis and scientific scrutiny still stand as witnesses to the Resurrection of Christ. And still no matter how firm a grounding the Resurrection stories have they don’t necessarily lead to an acceptance of Jesus as Lord and Messiah. Why has that been so for generations? Probably because most of us have our own agendas and if we accept the Resurrection we have to also accept what goes along with it: belief in Christ and in his continued presence in his Church.

Just as the Shroud can be taken as a medieval forgery, so the Resurrection stories can be taken as delusions of the grief stricken followers of Jesus. Which leaves us with the only truly effective convincing evidence of Jesus Resurrection: the witness of lives changed by an encounter with the Risen Lord. And either we evidence that in our lives as Christians or we leave ourselves open to being doubted as forgeries or medieval hangovers of a superstitious past.

Yes it is good to ponder and investigate the science behind Resurrection for somehow deep within the laws of physics may be hidden the possibility of how molecules can be reanimated. We however can only go so far since the only known resurrected person is Christ who has ascended back to the Father, which makes it difficult to subject to laboratory experiments! So the only known subjects that can be studied, as Paul says is the believer who carries around in his body the death and resurrection of Christ.

So it is much more of a convincing proof if the imprint of the Crucified One is imprinted on our lives than on a linen cloth.

Happy Easter!
Love, Fr. John B



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MASS TIMES

Daily (Monday - Saturday) 8:30a.m. (*no morning Masses 3/28/29/30*)
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 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.



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Mental Health Ministry

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Pathway to Peace Mental Health Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, coordinated by The Office of Mental Health Ministry, is offering mental health literacy training using the Mental Health First Aid curriculum from the National Council for Mental Wellbeing.

Thanks to a generous donor, this training is available
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Please plan on attending this training and learn more about how you can support your friends, family, neighbors, and faith community.

DATE: April 12, 2024 and April 19, 2024

TIME: 10:00 am to 2:30 pm each day

WHERE: Our Lady of Lourdes Madonna Hall
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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
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- ◆ Following the way of Jesus in our worship and living

Divine Mercy Sunday April 7, 2024



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Your Sacrificial Giving Totals

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APRIL 2

We will pray pro-life Rosary at 1:00pm in the church

Pro Life

General meeting at 1:30pm in Fr. McGivney room.
All are welcome to join us!

**E³AFRICA Founder, Fr. Robert will visit
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish April 6th.**



E3 Africa is a faith-based non-profit registered 501 (c)(3) organization founded by Fr. Robert Seraph Aliunzi, Pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish in Tempe, Arizona. E3 Africa is committed to educating the orphaned, impoverished and often forgotten children in Uganda. All donations are tax deductible.

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Please note! Important Information to keep in mind

Parish Office will be closed Monday, April 1st
No Confessions on Tuesday, April 2nd

Please keep in mind there are some meetings that have been rescheduled for the upcoming week. Please check with the ministry leads to inquire if your ministry/or meeting has been changed.

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.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, April 1, 2024

8:30am Intentions of Ryan Smith

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

8:30am † Soul of Jill Marcanti

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

8:30am † Soul of Ryan Finn

Thursday, April 4, 2024

8:30am † Soul of Roy Forbes

Friday, April 5, 2024

8:30am † Souls of recently deceased of our parish and their families

Saturday, April 6, 2024

8:30am † Soul of Jim Barry

4:00pm † Soul of Rose Hambach

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2024

9:00am Souls and living members of Divine Mercy Group

11:00am Intentions of Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes and Mission at Lake Pleasant Parkway

1:00pm Full Circle Benefactors

Readings for the Week

The Resurrection of the Lord, Sunday, March 31, 2024

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

Monday, April 1, 2024

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 5, 2024

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday of Divine Mercy, April 7, 2024

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Parish Calendar

Monday, April 1, 2024

Parish Office is Close

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

7:00am SET UP - Hall

9:00am Parish - Conference Room

1:00pm Respect Life Rosary - Church

1:30pm Respect Life General Meeting - Conference Room

3:30pm SVdP - TBD

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

7:00am SET UP - Hall

Thursday, April 4, 2024

8:00am Rummage Sale - Hall

Friday, April 5, 2024

8:00am Rummage Sale - Hall

1:30pm Mental Health Ministry - Mental Health Room

Saturday, April 6, 2024

9:00am Parish - Conference Room

9:30am Confessions - Church

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2024

No other activities planned today

All events subject to change based on parish needs



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 *Update not available at print time



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 background 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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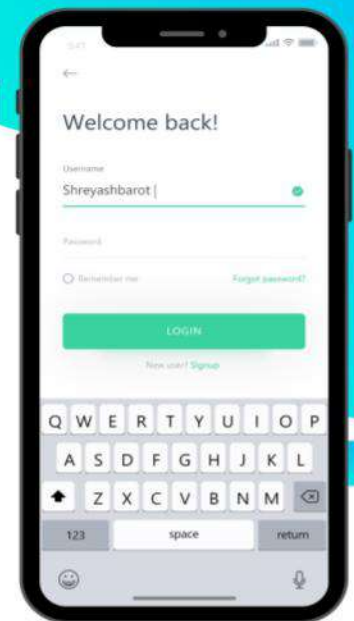
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