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## MASS TIMES

Daily (Monday - Saturday) 8:30a.m.  
Saturday 4:00p.m.  
Sunday 9:00a.m., 11:00a.m.

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.  
Monday - Thursday: 7:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.  
Friday: 7:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

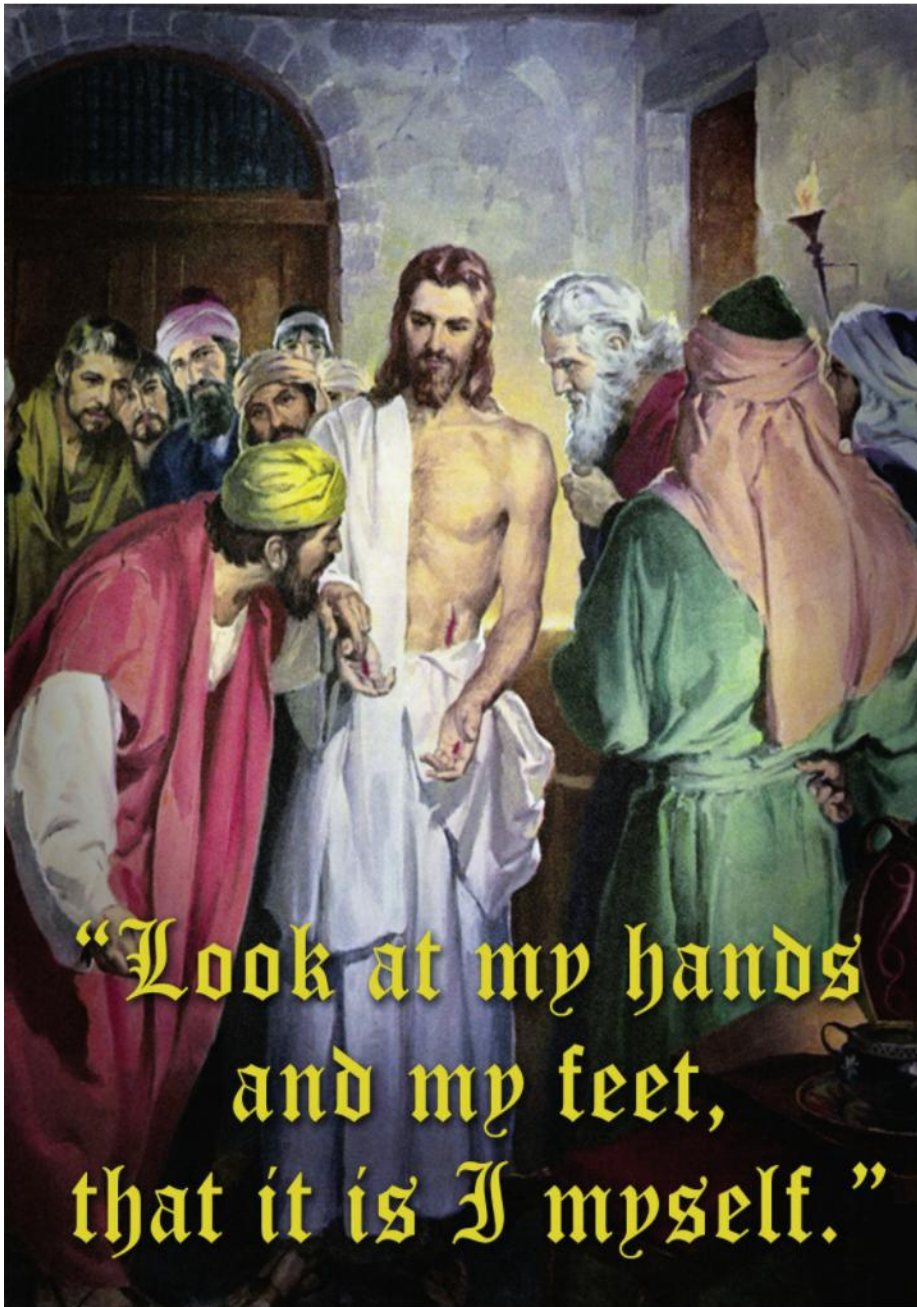
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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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



**“Look at my hands  
and my feet,  
that it is I myself.”**

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## You say Hello, I say Goodbye!

Dear Father Shay,

Before you take over shepherding the flock that is in the Northwest Valley, I wanted to share with you who your new flock is. I'm sure as it was with me, they will work their way into your heart very quickly.

The first thing to know is that there are "year-rounders", who thrive in any kind of weather and "fair-weather friends", called such because they thrive here in the nice weather and smartly evacuate when the temperature hits triple digits. I admit it was a little disconcerting my first year, when all the fair-weather friends departed. Was it something I said? But they assured me they would return. And they did! You'll probably feel the same the first year but then you adjust, and it gives a very nice rhythm to the year.

These are also parishioners who have the wisdom of experience. Most, but not all, are cradle Catholics and they have been coming to Mass their entire lives and are not going to stop now. Because of that they are very well informed about the teachings of the Church and what the practice of the faith looks like. They are also Catholics who helped build the parishes and schools in their hometowns. They have a vested interest in the Church and understand what it means to be Church and the sacrifices it requires. In fact, their giving habits are the best I have ever seen. One thing that weighs heavy on their hearts is that so many of their children no longer practice the faith. Maybe you can help them with that since you are part of their children's generation.

Even though many of them are content and happy at their stage in life, it doesn't mean they have lived a charmed lives! They have had their share of the challenges and heartbreaks that life too often brings: sickness, an uninvited divorce, the death of a child, business and career losses, disappointments, and frustrations. Yet they have learned the lessons that only suffering can teach and the power of the Cross to transform suffering into wisdom and strength. From that you can draw on their wisdom and experience. You have a flock that is not just mature in years but in faith as well.

As with all things, gravity has its effect. The aging process happens. But you will not find them complainers or whiners. They know what time of life it is for them and plan to live out their years with gratitude and serenity. This does mean, however, that there will be lots of anointings of the sick. For me, it has allowed me to appreciate better than I had, the beauty, compassion, and the gift that the sacrament is for us.

Also, you should remember that here in Sun City West, this is an active adult community. Which means you will have no shortage of ministry helpers and volunteers. So, this is not a crowd that sits at home watching TV and sipping diet soda. They seem to live by the theme: "ain't dead yet" and most of them probably run circles around their children and peers. And at least one of your parishioners gets a hole-in-one, every week! Well, almost.

Then, as Jesus told his apostles, "I have another flock of which you do not know..." For you that will be the Mission in Vistancia/North Peoria/Lake Pleasant area. There you will find a large group of parishioners who are enthusiastic and energetic, ready to build the next new Parish in the Diocese. The plan is all laid out for you, and I will be a willing consultant. These projects move slower than we like but don't underestimate how God works on the unseen plan, preparing things in a way that will surprise you. Sunday Mass in the elementary school requires a lot of hands to make it happen but there is something unique in having Church-in- a- Box that very few priests get to experience. As Jesus said, "blessed is the steward who brings forth from his store house both the old and the new". You will have both in your ministry here.

My heart breaks to leave this wonderful flock. But I leave with a heart overflowing with gratitude and joy. So, Father, always remember, "God's flock is in your midst. Give it a shepherd's care."

Love, Fr. John B.



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<b>Total Giving</b>	\$34,718.61
<b>Respect Life Ministry</b>	\$32.50
<b>LP - Building Fund</b>	\$1,290.00
<b>SVdP</b>	\$457.00
<b>Catholic Relief Service</b>	\$300.00
<b>Holy Thursday/Good Friday</b>	\$4,906.00

**Parish Calendar**

**Monday, April 15, 2024**

8:00am Parish - Conference Room

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024**

10:00am Confession - Church

3:30pm SVdP - Hall

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

8:30am CDA - Fr McGivney Room

9:00am Guild - Hall

11:30am Parish Council - Fr. McGivney Room

**Thursday, April 18, 2024**

9:00am Divine Mercy - Church

10:00am Divine Mercy Fellowship - Hall

11:00am Advisor - Fr. McGivney Room

**Friday, April 19, 2024**

9:00am First Aide Training - Hall

**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

10:00am CDA - Hall

9:00am Parish - Conference Room

9:30am Confessions - Church

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

No other activities planned today

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**Thursdays**

Divine Mercy Devotion after 8:30am Mass

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Adoration 10am to 11am



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, April 15, 2024**  
**8:30am** † Soul of John R. Pietrzyk

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024**  
**8:30am** † Soul of Joseph D. Everitt

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**  
**8:30am** Living & Deceased members of Buehler/Goodrum Fam.

**Thursday, April 18, 2024**  
**8:30am** † Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, April 19, 2024**  
**8:30am** Special Intentions

**Saturday, April 20, 2024**  
**8:30am** † Soul of Sulaiman Mansour  
**4:00pm** Intentions of Janet and Michael Malack  
 50th Wedding Anniversary

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**  
**9:00am** Intentions of Mike and Sue Ward  
**11:00am** Intentions of Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes and  
 Mission at Lake Pleasant Parkway  
**1:00pm** Living and Deceased members of Lowen/Pajunos Fam.

**Readings for the Week**

**Third Sunday of Easter, Sunday April 14, 2024**  
 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

**Monday, April 15, 2024**  
 Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024**  
 Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab;  
 Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**  
 Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday, April 18, 2024**  
 Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday, April 18, 2024**  
 Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday, April 19, 2024**  
 Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69



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Please join us to pray the Miraculous Medal Novena after the 8:30 am daily Mass.

These prayers take approximately 15 minutes. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Haja at [623-214-6250](tel:623-214-6250) or Maryann Frison at [623-398-8178](tel:623-398-8178).

There is no need to sign up for this Novena, just come in and join us. We have prayer booklets to follow.



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**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](mailto:jgradillas@ololscw.org).

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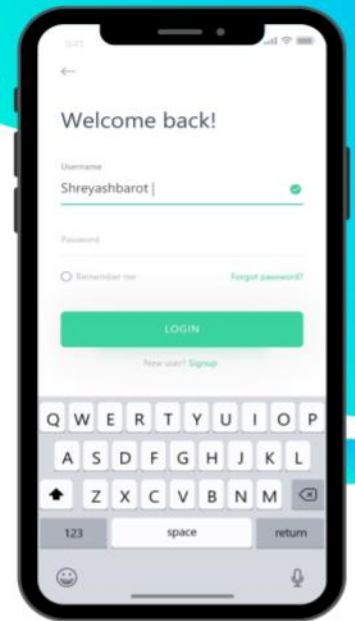
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