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NOVEMBER 15TH, 2026 | THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Welcome!

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses
Saturday | 8:30am and 4:00pm Vigil
Sunday | 9:00am, 11:00am,
1:00pm at Vistancia Elementary School

Weekday Masses
Monday - Saturday | 8:30am

Adoration
Monday - Wednesday | 8:00am - 4:00pm
Thursday | 12:00pm - 6:00pm
Friday | 8:00am - 12:00pm
Saturday | 8:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday | Closed

Confessions
Tuesday | 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Thursday | 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Saturday | 9:30am - 10:30am

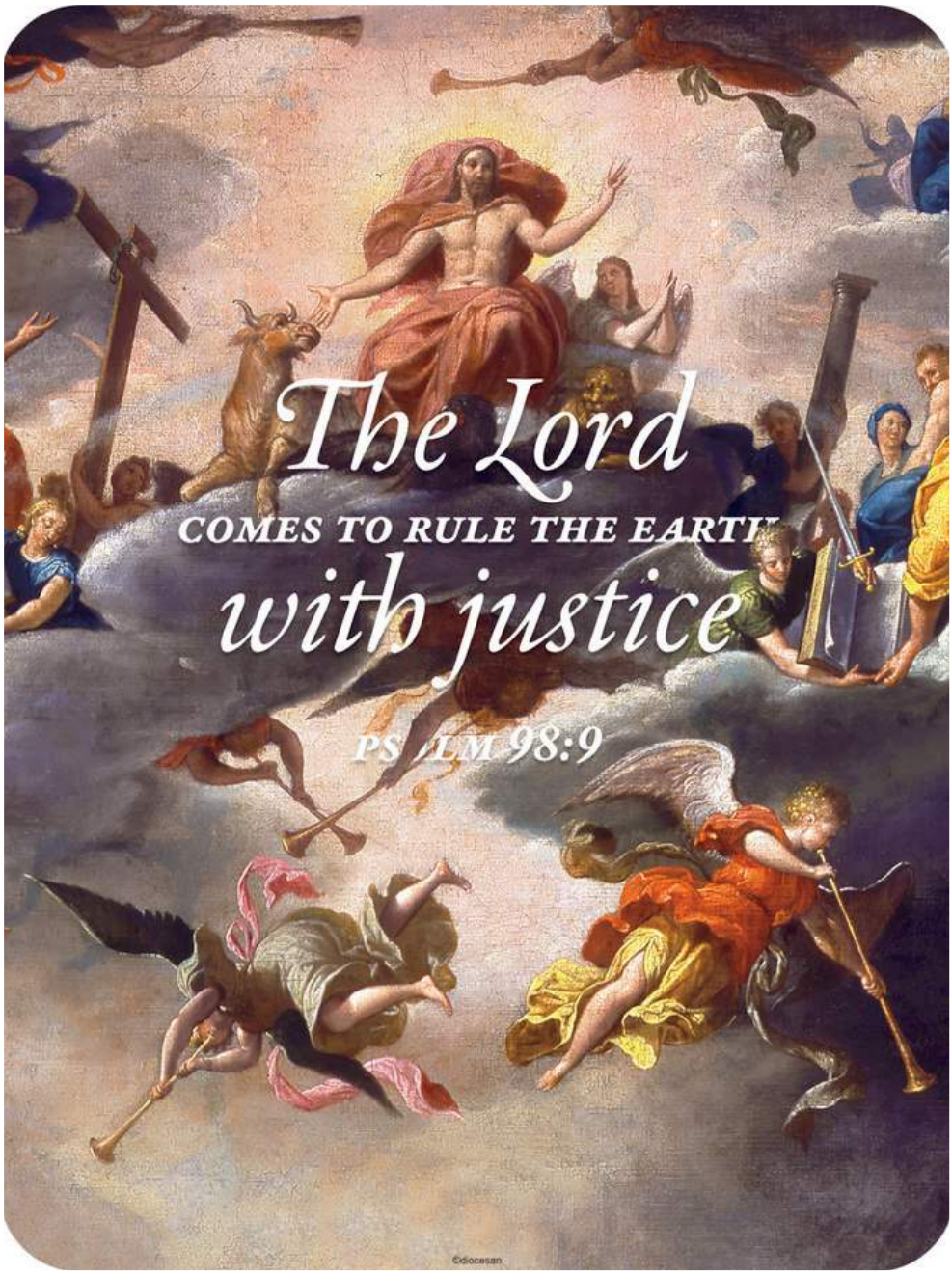
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Core Purpose

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish exists for the salvation of souls and the restoration of all things in Christ.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday | 8:00am - 4:00pm
Friday | 08:00am - 12:00pm
Saturday & Sunday | Closed

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Promote your parish or your parish event with us. We welcome submissions from all parishes and ministries. Visit ololscw.org, click About, then Communications Request under Forms and Requests.





MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 15th
09:00am | For the Souls of the Deceased Members of the CDA ✝

11:00am | For the Souls of John and Sophie Schutz ✝

01:00pm | For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish & Mission at Lake Pleasant Pkw

Monday, November 16th
08:30am | For Lois and Walter Scheid's 58th Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday, November 17th
08:30am | For the Souls of Edna and Herb Chew ✝

Wednesday, November 18th
08:30am | For the Soul of Richard Krivitz ✝

Thursday, November 19th
08:30am | For the Special Intentions of Diana Smith and Alana Labelle Birthday

Friday, November 20th
08:30am | For the Soul of Michael Fuge ✝

Saturday, November 21st
08:30am | For the Souls of the Deceased Members of the Restucci Family ✝

04:00pm | For the Souls of Warren and Bev Hern ✝

Next Sunday, November 22nd
09:00am | For the Soul of Yolanda B. Rinoza ✝

11:00am | For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish & Mission at Lake Pleasant Pkw

01:00pm | For the Soul of Julie Nebel

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sunday, November 15th
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6, Mt 25:14-30 or Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday, November 16th
Rev 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 17th
Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Rev 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 18th
Rev 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, November 19th
Rev 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6b, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

Friday, November 20th
Rev 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday, November 21st
Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rev 11:4-12; Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday, November 22nd
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Prayer List

Adams Family
Destiny Carroll
Blanca Romero
Mary Kate Corrigan
Michelle Simpson
Andrew Nader
Alan Smith
Steve Rogers
Ricardo Sanchez
Colette Hoover
Rose Dzibela
John Spicer
Matthew Mascarenas
Dale St. Peter

IN OUR HEARTS

Those Who Have Died

Rest in Peace



ADVENT TEA: CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF FREEDOM

Join us Saturday, December 5, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Madonna Hall for our Advent Tea! Gather with fellow parishioners, family, and friends for an afternoon filled with Christmas cheer, warm conversation, and the joy of the Advent season. This year's celebration also honors America's 250th anniversary, bringing together faith, family, and freedom in a festive setting. Enjoy the opportunity to reconnect with familiar faces, meet new friends, and share in this parish tradition.

A special guest appearance will add to the excitement of the afternoon, making this gathering one you will not want to miss. Tickets are $5 per person, and everyone is welcome to attend. Invite your neighbors and loved ones to join in the celebration as we prepare our hearts for Christmas and commemorate our nation's milestone anniversary. For tickets or additional information, contact Terese Boas at 904-718-3322 or boasfmly@comcast.net. We look forward to celebrating with you!



SWEET TREATS AND TREASURES AWAIT AT OUR BAKE SALE

Our Lady of Lourdes Women's Guild hosts its annual Bake Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, November 21, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Explore a wonderful selection of homemade baked goods, cards, and estate jewelry. All proceeds support the Women's Guild's continuing parish service.

Join us in Madonna Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 19002 N 128th Avenue, Sun City West, AZ 85375. Welcome relatives and neighbors for a cheerful morning of browsing and fellowship. For additional information, email kellingmelinda@yahoo.com. Thank you for supporting our Women's Guild and this splendid fundraiser!



BRING COMPASSION AS A FUNERAL USHER AT OUR PARISH

Grieving families deserve compassion and care. Our parish seeks funeral ushers to welcome guests, offer guidance, and support families during funeral Masses. No experience is necessary, only a caring heart and willingness to serve. We need you here to help us serve. Your presence helps others feel Christ's loving care during times of loss.

Please consider sharing your time through this ministry. Every warm greeting and gentle gesture brings comfort to those mourning a loved one. To volunteer or learn more, contact Angela Cotta, Director of Pastoral Care, at acotta@ololscw.org or 623-344-7276.



LIFT YOUR VOICE IN PRAISE: JOIN OUR PARISH CHOIR!

Enjoy singing and sharing your faith through music? The Our Lady of Lourdes Choir welcomes parishioners to meaningfully guide our parish in prayer and worship. Whether you have sung before or are joining a choir for the first time, your contribution matters. Experience growth in faith, friendship, and service through sacred music.

Choir members help make every celebration of Mass an expression of praise. We invite you to be part of this transformative ministry. For more information about joining, contact James Salas, Director of Sacred Music and Liturgy, at jsalas@ololscw.org or 623-214-3516.

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES
PARISH & MISSION

A LETTER TO OUR PARISH & MISSION

AN UPDATE ON OUR FUTURE



Dear Parishioners and Mission Families,

We are pleased to share an important update regarding the land purchase for our Mission Parish.

As shared in our Flocknote on October 28, escrow opened on October 9, 2026, and the $50,000 earnest money deposit was received the same day. The title report was delivered on October 12. These key steps are now complete, and we are moving forward in the acquisition process.

The next phase includes a property survey, review of the title and survey, and approval from the Diocese of Phoenix. The investigation period is scheduled to end on February 8, 2027, at 5:00 p.m. Phoenix time. This period allows for the necessary review and due diligence before the purchase can be finalized.

If all required conditions are satisfied, closing is currently scheduled for March 10, 2027, subject to completion of the remaining steps.

Below is a detailed timetable with the key dates and status of each step.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION TIMETABLE

PROCESS / REQUIREMENT	DATE / STATUS
Opening of Escrow – Section 3a	✅ **October 9, 2026** (Completed)
$50,000 Earnest Money Deposit – Section 4ai	✅ **Received October 9, 2026**
Title Report Delivery – Section 5ci	✅ **Delivered October 12, 2026**
Obtain ALTA Survey – Section 5ci	○ After Opening of Escrow
Buyer's Title/Survey Objection Period – Section 5cii	○ On or before 20 days after delivery of survey and title report
Seller's Response to Objections – Section 5cii	○ Within 10 days after seller's receipt
Diocesan Approval Contingency – Section 5b	○ February 8, 2027 (During Investigation Period)
Investigation Period Termination – Section 5aii	○ February 8, 2027 – 5:00 p.m. (Phoenix time) (120 days after opening of escrow)
Close of Escrow – Section 3b	○ **March 10, 2027 – 30 days after the Investigation Period Termination Date**

This is an exciting and important step toward providing a permanent home for our Mission community. We ask for your continued prayers for wisdom, guidance, and a successful completion of this process. Thank you for your faith, generosity, and ongoing support as we take this next step together.

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Fr. Shea needs YOUR help purchasing a new air conditioner for Our Lady of Lourdes Church.



Fr. Shea

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$115,000

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The Danger of a Comfortable Christianity

One of the greatest dangers to Christian life is not open rejection of God, but a faith so comfortable that it no longer changes us. We may pray when convenient, forgive when easy and follow Christ until His teachings challenge our habits.

In the Parable of the Talents, a servant hides what his master entrusted to him. He returns it intact, believing safety will excuse his inaction. Yet the master condemns his failure to act. A gift protected from risk has borne no fruit.

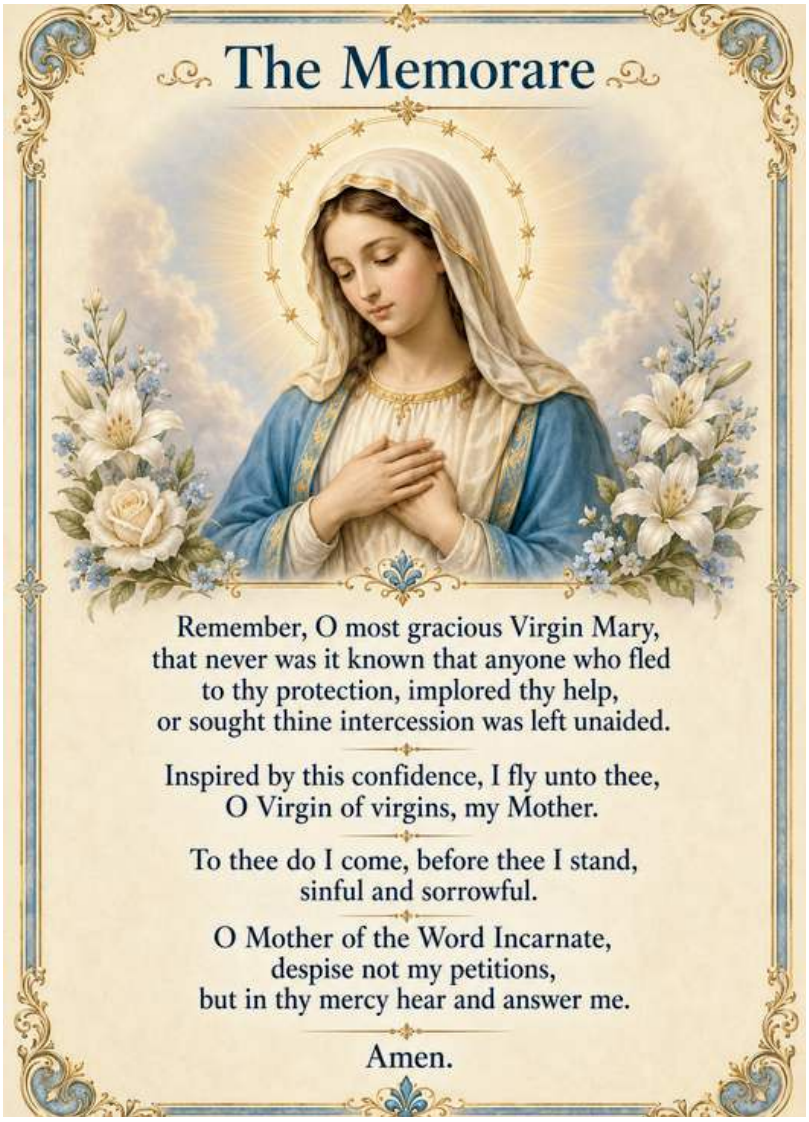
Our faith faces the same test. We may look devout yet keep God at a safe distance. We can attend Mass, know the prayers, and still resist the conversion Christ asks of us. Religious practice matters, but it is not meant to become a substitute for a heart transformed by grace.

Jesus never taught that discipleship would cost us nothing. He calls us to take up our cross, love our enemies, serve those in need, and turn away from sin. These demands are not obstacles to happiness. They are the path toward freedom in Him.

Comfort is not sinful. Rest and peace are gifts. The danger begins when preserving them matters more than obeying God, speaking the truth with charity, or making sacrifices for others. That decision may seem harmless, until we realize how little space we have given Him.

Thankfully, the Lord does not leave us to grow in holiness alone. In prayer, Confession, and the Eucharist, He offers the grace to begin again. Our task is to cooperate with that grace through real choices, even hard ones.

An easy faith asks how little must change. A living faith asks what more love requires. This week, ask where you have stopped letting Christ challenge you. What have you buried that He is calling you to put to work?



STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

From Gratitude Flows Generosity

STEWARDSHIP

November 9th, 2026

Plate Giving.....$13,792
Mission Giving.....$644
Electronic Giving $5,601
Building Fund $323
Respect Life.....$57
Keeping Lourdes Cool.....$5,999
Weekly Total.....$26,416

Thank you for your continued generosity!

FAITHFUL GIVING THROUGHOUT THE FALL

Throughout the fall season, our parish continues its mission through worship, ministries, outreach, and care for our parish family. These efforts are made possible through the faithful generosity of our parishioners. Your regular offertory giving helps support utilities, maintenance, staff, programs, and the many services our parish provides each week.

Please prayerfully consider continuing your consistent giving throughout the season. Every contribution, large or small, helps strengthen our parish and its mission.

Thank you for your continued generosity, faithfulness, and support.



BINGO!

2026 Schedule

Join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 2278 for a fun afternoon of Bingo with snacks! Noon–2PM. Remaining 2026 dates: 12/3. Donations gladly accepted. All are welcome!



A FLAME OF FAITH

Votive Candles For Sale

Votive candles are available for purchase in the parish office for just $5 each. **As a reminder, please only light candles purchased from the church, and do not remove the candle from the plastic globe.** Thank you!



BERNADETTE'S BREW

Faith & Fellowship

Come enjoy faith and fellowship with your fellow parishioners over coffee and donuts at Bernadette's Brew! Enjoy a coffee and donut combo, upgrade to a gourmet espresso for just $5, or pair your donut with a refreshing frozen drink!



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHOIR

Praise God through Song

Do you enjoy singing and want to serve your parish? Join our Parish Choir and share your voice at Mass. All are welcome, and no training is required. Rehearsals are held weekly. Contact James at jsalas@ololscw.org or speak with a choir member after Mass.



DIVINE MERCY

Every Thursday following the 8:30AM Mass, join a dedicated group of faithful parishioners for Divine Mercy Thursday — a beautiful time of prayer, faith, and fellowship. Come encounter God's mercy together, lift one another up in community, and renew your spirit each week. Coffee and snacks are served at the social. All are welcome. Come as you are!

PORTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

Our men's ministry, the Porters of St. Joseph, is calling all men ready to stand guard over our parish! With our snowbirds returning, we need bold men to step up and fill the ranks. Interested? Email Porters@ololscw.org or call the office and ask for Joey or Sam. Answer the call!



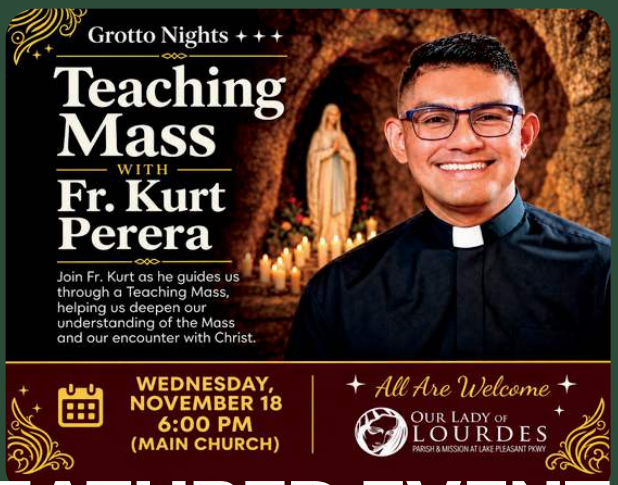




Grotto Nights: Teaching Mass

Wednesday, November 18 | 06:00pm

Have you ever wondered why we do what we do at Mass? Join us for Grotto Nights: Teaching Mass with Fr. Kurt Perera as he explains the deeper meaning behind the prayers, gestures, Scripture, and sacred traditions of the liturgy. Discover how each part of the Mass draws us closer to Christ and deepens our participation in worship. Bring your questions and an open heart! Join us Wednesday, November 18, at 6:00 PM in the Main Church at Our Lady of Lourdes. All are welcome! For more information, call 623-546-2767.



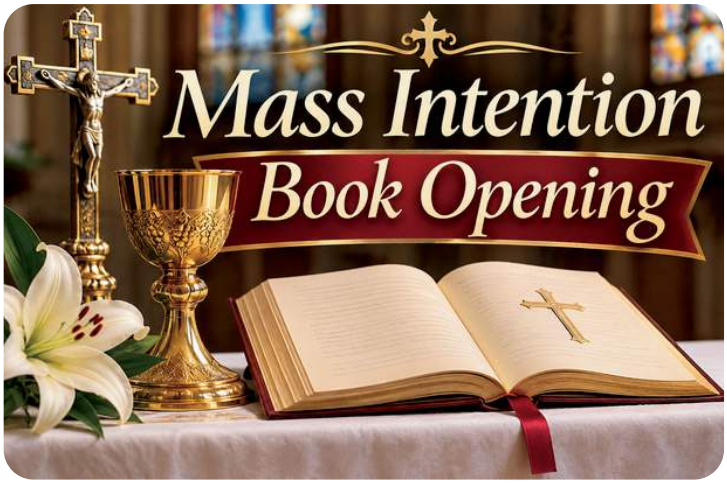
FEATURED EVENT

Organ Concert Series

Sunday, January 17 | 03:00pm

Join us for an inspiring afternoon of beautiful sacred music as organist Dr. Jeremy Peterman performs at Our Lady of Lourdes. Experience the beauty, power, and rich tradition of the pipe organ in our church. Invite family and friends to enjoy this special concert celebrating music, faith, and community together. Reception to follow.





Help Fill Thanksgiving Tables!

November 18th & 19th | 8:00am - 12:00pm

Help make Thanksgiving brighter for local families! Knights of Columbus Council 11809 is collecting turkeys, hams, nonperishable food, and monetary donations for Valley View Community Food Bank. Bring donations November 18 or 19, from 8:00 AM to noon, to Our Lady of Lourdes Church parking lot, 19002 N. 128th Avenue, or Sun City West Foundation parking lot at RH Johnson and Stardust Boulevard. Your generosity makes a difference this Thanksgiving.

Mass Intention Book Opening

Thursday, January 21 | 09:00am - 12:00pm

Our Lady of Lourdes will open the Mass Intention Book for May through December 2027 on Thursday, January 21, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Parishioners are invited to request Masses for loved ones, special intentions, and thanksgiving. January through April 2027 remains open for requests. Existing limits will still apply to ensure everyone has an opportunity to participate. Offering a Mass is a way to remember and pray for others.



HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

Thank you to everyone who helped donate over 580 pounds of food to St. Vincent de Paul food pantries! Your generosity is making a meaningful difference for neighbors in need. As Thanksgiving approaches, our parish conference is already preparing for Christmas through its annual Adopt-a-Family program. Financial contributions will help purchase gift cards so families facing hardship can choose gifts, groceries, and other essentials for their loved ones. To support this effort, please mark your donation "ADOPT-A-FAMILY" and place it in the Sunday collection. Every gift is an expression of compassion and Christian service.

Interested in becoming a Vincentian or learning more about this ministry? Join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, November 17, at 3:30 PM in Madonna Hall. We welcome you to learn how you can serve our community.



Gather Together: A Parish Picnic

Sunday, November 15 | 02:00pm - 04:00pm
Paloma Park, Ramada 9, 10 & 11

Join our parish family for a wonderful day of food, fellowship, and fun at Paloma Park, located at 29799 N. Lake Pleasant Pkwy, Peoria, AZ 85383. Enjoy delicious food provided courtesy of Royal Polish Food while spending time with fellow parishioners and building lasting friendships. Bring your family and friends for this special opportunity to celebrate our parish community together. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



Star of Bethlehem Luncheon

Monday, December 7 | 10:30 AM
Our Lady Of Lourdes Women's Guild

Celebrate the Star of Bethlehem at the Women's Guild festive annual Christmas Luncheon on Monday, December 7, in Madonna Hall. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy Christmas Bingo, a 50/50 raffle, attendance prizes, Sharko's catered lunch, and music by DJ Thomas. Everyone is welcome! Tickets are $15 for Guild members and $20 for guests. Purchase by November 29. For tickets or questions, text Donna Campbell at 512-431-6906.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

GOD, WE PRAISE YOU

1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you!
God, we name you sov'reign Lord!
Mighty King whom angels worship,
Father, by your Church adored:
All creation shows your glory,
Heav'n and earth draw near your throne,
Singing "Holy, holy, holy,"
Lord of hosts and God alone!

2. True apostles, faithful prophets,
Saints who set their world ablaze,
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,
Join one growing song of praise,
While your Church on earth confesses
One majestic Trinity:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God, our hope eternally.

3. Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Everlasting Son of God,
Humble was your virgin mother,
Hard the lonely path you trod:
By your cross is sin defeated,
Hell confronted face to face,
Heaven opened to believers,
Sinners justified by grace.

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GLORIA

Mass of Renewal

FIRST READING

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security, " then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 15:4a, 5b

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

"After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

OFFERTORY HYMN

HERE I AM, LORD

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

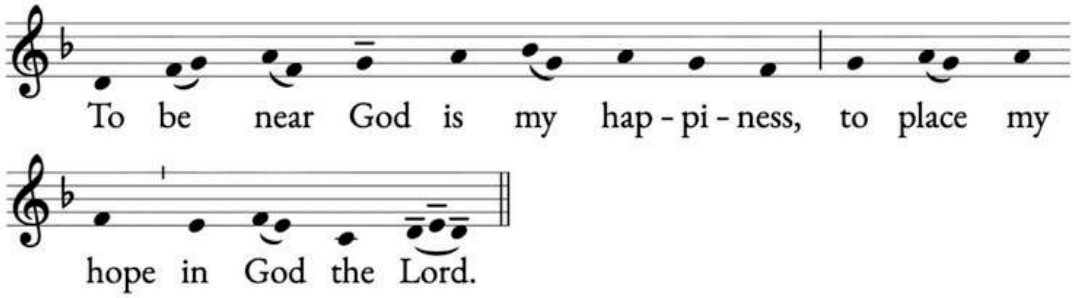
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Sanctus

Mysterium Fidei

Agnus Dei

Communion Antiphon



Communion Hymn — One Bread, One Body

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
Throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more.

2. Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all.

3. Grain for the fields, Scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all.

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Communion Hymn — Eye Has Not Seen

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard
what God has ready for those who love him;
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus,
teach us the wisdom of God.

1. When pain and sorrow weigh us down,
be near to us, O Lord,
forgive the weakness of our faith,
and bear us up within your peaceful word.

2. Our lives are but a single breath,
we flower and we fade,
yet all our days are in your hands,
so we return in love what love has made.

3. To those who see with eyes of faith,
the Lord is ever near,
reflected in the faces of all the poor
and lowly of the world.

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Recessional Hymn — O God, Our Help In Ages Past

1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

2. Under the shadow of your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting you are God,
To endless years the same.

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