

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

September 12, 2021

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking as God does, but as humans do."

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Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is a 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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Dear Friends,

Gary Bird died on September 11, 2001. His death certificate lists the cause of death as homicide. Gary flew from Phoenix to New York the day before to attend a scheduled meeting in the North Tower of the World Trade Center. And as his wife has remarked since, "Gary knew he was going to a meeting but what he didn't know was that it was a meeting with God."

That morning his wife Donna arrived at Mt. Carmel in Tempe to drop her son Andrew off at our school where he was in 8th grade at the time. Having already seen the TV reports about the attacks on the twin towers, I was standing outside the Church watching the children come to school on a bright September morning and thinking, "I'm glad we are so far away from New York." But then the distance evaporated with a sickening thud. One of our parishioners who was going into Mass, told me that her daughter worked at the World Trade Center and that she was a little late in getting to work since she stopped for a cup of coffee, which she rarely ever did and when she got to the building she heard the explosion and ran. And then she called her mother to tell her she was safe. Immediately afterwards, Donna came rushing over and just blurted out, "Father I think Gary is in one of those buildings." The joy of the earlier good news sank to the bottom of my stomach. After that came a long series of merciless hours and days spent in trying to find out something, anything. Then the cold reality of nothing.

I have often thought of how such a viciously evil act, seemingly so far away was able to reach out across more than 2,000 miles of fruited plains and purple mountains majesty and disfigure a beautiful sunny day in our little patch of the desert as we were waking from sleep. Why here, why now? It became even more incomprehensible when we learned that Gary was the only resident of Arizona killed that day. Was it really bad luck, incredible coincidence, the capriciousness of evil deeds or something else?

What many of us have discovered since is that trying to figure it all out is well, almost like a dog chasing its tail. And to avoid ending up in a perpetual chain of frustration we need some marker on the horizon in order to find our way. For people of faith then the best way to proceed is to start with the question: How does the Gospel shed light on this situation? How does our faith inform a tragedy of this magnitude? Our Faith insists on bringing life out of death but it takes a courageous willingness to harvest grace from the rubble.

I know that Donna and her children worked hard to find healing and resolution to the loss they suffered on 9/11. As did so many of us. Which is why the disaster unfolding in Afghanistan is so hard to stomach. Those of us who had a front seat to the human tragedy that unfolded on 9/11 feel acutely the horror of watching the human tragedy now engulfing Afghanistan and the queasiness of what possibly comes next?

While I think of Gary and all the other victims of 9/11, I am also thinking of all the veterans of the war that I have meet. Men and women who acted honorably and served courageously but came back very broken physically and mentally. I pray for them and hope they know that they served us well even if our leaders failed us miserably. The failure in Afghanistan is not in any way a reflection of their service and their sacrifice and the wounds they bear are a reminder to the rest of us of the debt of gratitude we owe them all.

9/11/2001 changed our world in way we couldn't have imagined earlier. Now twenty years later our world is changing again and in ways that we are only beginning to see.

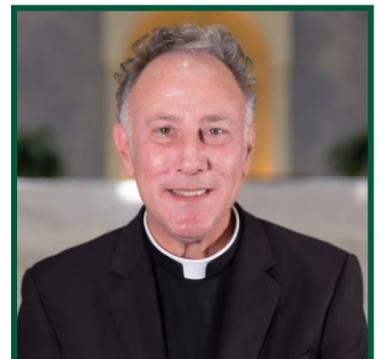
Gary's widow, Donna recounted her journey in a book she authored, "Nothing Will Separate Us: A Widow's Memoir of Faith, Grace and Miracles since 9/11". It's really a story of how she became a steward of God's grace. By allowing faith to shed light on the tragic events of 9/11 she opens for us all a pathway to hope. She writes that she remembers praying on that morning: "I don't know how to get through this, handle this or fix this. I give it all to You. It is in Your hands."

I think we all feel a level of impotency on this 20th anniversary of 9/11 and that's why we need to make her prayer our prayer.

We don't know how to get through this, handle this or fix this. We give it all to You. It is in Your Hands...

Love, Fr. John B.

PS If you ever go to the 9/11 Museum in NY, you will see Gary's cowboy boots and his horse's saddle. A simple reminder of the gentle and peaceful life he lived in AZ.



Mass Intentions

Sunday	<p>September 12 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 a.m. Juanne Burant†</p>
Monday	<p>September 13 Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church No daily Mass</p>
Tuesday	<p>September 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross No daily Mass</p>
Wednesday	<p>September 15 Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows 8:30 a.m. John A. Sillup†</p>
Thursday	<p>September 16 Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 8:30 a.m. for the Deceased Members of the Odle, Weiser, and Sturdy Family</p>
Friday	<p>September 17 St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 8:30 a.m. for Healing for Beecher Smith</p>
Saturday	<p>September 18 8:30 a.m. for Healing for Mike Carey Anticipated Mass 4:00 p.m. Ronald Gillmeister†</p>
Sunday	<p>September 19 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 a.m. for the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish</p>

Readings Of the Week

Sunday	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35
Monday	Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday	Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50
Friday	Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; -Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

There will be no daily Mass on September 13-14 due to priest Convocation in Flagstaff.

Daily Mass times near us:

Please double check that these locations are still having Mass

St. Clement of Rome: 7:30 a.m.

St. Elizabeth Seton: 8:00 a.m.

St. Clare of Assisi: 8:00 a.m.



Please pray for:

Robert "Bob" Milne

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

Catholic Daughters News



Catholic Daughters will resume our monthly meetings on September 15, bringing an end to our summer hiatus. We welcome all members and all new ladies to join us in Madonna Hall at 9:30a.m. Please come early to mingle, have a cup of coffee and a pastry. Please say the rosary prior to arriving.

Pictured from L-R:
 Helen Baie,
 Recording Secretary,
 Lynn Conner, Vice
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 Sue Ward, Treasurer,
 Jean Green,
 Financial Secretary.



OUR BOARD WELCOMES YOU BACK! We have lots of events on the books. The Fashion Show, Pasta Dinner, Cookie Walk, Advent Brunch, Rummage Sale, and a Shred-A-Thon. This is going to be a busy but fun year. Please join us, you'll like it.

Calendar of Events

We are still having Lunch, Cards, Prayer and Fun at Tivoli Gardens. Beginners don't be shy we would love to have you. Catholic Daughters member Laura King, king_25627@msn.com/360-620-3875 handles the head count for us. Please let her know if you would like to join us.

Mark your calendar for the fall Fashion Show on October 16th at Briarwood Country Club.

In Unity and Charity

Your Sacrificial Giving -
 August 29

Plate Giving

Plate Giving (cash & check)	\$6,348
Plate Giving (electronic)	\$3,533.25
Total Plate Giving This Week	\$9,881.25

Other Giving Inside the Parish

Maintenance Fund	\$132.55
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Other Giving Outside the Parish

Respect Life Ministry	\$861.20
St. Vincent de Paul	\$25

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Recently a grandmother came to us who was raising 4 grandchildren. Her time at a local superstore continued to be cut even as they rushed to hire new employees that are younger. She had always paid her rent on time but this time her smaller paycheck could not cover the rent. Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to assist with her rent payment and provide names of other resources that we hope can assist her, if needed, in the future.

Food for the Hungry

In September, we are collecting non perishable food for the Valley View Food Bank. Food may be dropped off in the narthex of the church before and after Mass. Please do Not leave anything other than non perishable food at the church. All other items should be taken to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store at 12571 W Bell Rd. in Crossroads Towne Center across from the R.H. Johnson entrance to SCW. For larger items please call for SVDP truck pick up at (602) 254-3338.



On September 18 at 8:30 a.m., Holy Cross Cemetery & Funeral Home in Avondale is hosting a memorial for victims of abortion on the 8th National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

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