

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

September 19, 2021

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"...and whoever receives me, receives
not me but the One who sent me."

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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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Don't Mess With Texas

Dear Friends,

On this long journey to end abortion in the US, it has often been two steps forward and one step back. That may be the case with the recent US Supreme Court ruling letting stand the Texas law that prohibits abortion after a fetal heartbeat has been detected. The court allowed it to stand for technical reasons while the merits of the law are being litigated in the lower courts. How it ultimately shakes out is anybody's guess at this point but it is a win for the Pro-life cause.

I say it is a win because the Texas law shows that the Pro-life strategy works. Our strategy has been to change minds and hearts to reconsider abortion and consider other options that protect life and help women at the same time. The Pro-life people of Texas did just that. They convinced enough of their fellow Texans to vote for legislators that would enact laws to protect the unborn and a Governor that would sign such laws. That is the democratic process at work. Unlike the Roe v Wade decision, which was more like a ruling of an oligarchy, the recent Texas law was done by a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

Roe v. Wade was an imposition by a 5-4 majority of the Court and it has never sat well with our society. Even the late Justice Ginsberg, who did her best to protect legal abortion, understood that the decision was a usurpation of the democratic process. And the late Justice Scalia often said that if the citizens of this country want abortion than they should pass a law and not look to the Court to create such a law.

Over the years we have learned that working to put in place legal protections for the unborn is a hard, hard battle. Even when a law is passed that restricts abortion, there is usually a court somewhere willing and ready to perform judicial jitsu to overturn it. Hence the reason to try to elect leaders who will appoint judges who don't reflexively defend the misguided logic of Roe at every chance.

But we shouldn't place all our eggs in that basket either. How often have we elected so called "Pro-life" congressmen or senators only to have them betray the cause? Most recently when the Republican Party with its 'Pro-life platform' held both Houses of Congress and the Presidency, they still refused to defund Planned Parent. Not surprising, an abortion poisoned world is a world of broken promises and monstrous betrayals.

And that is why we need to redouble our efforts to change hearts and minds on the issue of abortion else we rely on feckless, spineless politicians and Judges who disdain the democratic process. Could the day come, when even though abortion is still legal, it is never used because we have convinced every one of the dignity of all human life including the unborn child and offered loving and safe alternatives?

In light of all that, continue to do what you have been doing to uphold the dignity of all human life. Don't be shy about telling others that you regularly support Crisis Pregnancy Centers by offering supplies for newborns, products needed by expecting and new moms, by volunteering your time at these centers or by praying in front of Abortion Clinics. By doing so you can start a conversation and as St. Peter wrote, "give reasons for your joy", in other words explain why this is such a critical issue for our world and why there are so many better options for women than abortion. In the process you can plant the seeds that eventually can grow to win another over to the cause for Life.

Finally, in the words of the late Fr. Richard John Neuhaus:

We shall not weary, we shall not rest, until every unborn child is protected in law and welcomed in life. We shall not weary, we shall not rest, until all the elderly who have run life's course are protected against despair and abandonment, protected by the rule of law and the bonds of love. We shall not weary, we shall not rest, until every young woman is given the help she needs to recognize the problem of pregnancy as the gift of life. We shall not weary, we shall not rest, as we stand guard at the entrance gates and the exit gates of life, and at every step along the way of life, bearing witness in word and deed to the dignity of the human person—of every human person.

Love, Fr. John B.



Mass Intentions

Sunday	September 19 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Monday	September 20 Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs 8:30 a.m.: Wade Osantowski†
Tuesday	September 21 Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist 8:30 a.m.: Mary Ellen Staggs†
Wednesday	September 22 8:30 a.m. Bob Milne†
Thursday	September 23 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 8:30 a.m. for the Living & Deceased Members of the Fals & Gajcak Families
Friday	September 24 8:30 a.m. Lee Cap†
Saturday	September 25 8:30 a.m. for the Living & Deceased Members of the Fals & Gajcak Families Anticipated Mass 4:00 p.m. Dan Hoffmann†
Sunday	September 26 Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 a.m. for the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



Please pray for:

All who have recently died

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



Our Lady's Guild

The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Lourdes was founded in 1979 with the establishment of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Sun City West. Through hard work, good leadership and dedication it became an organization that promoted the mission of the Parish and gathered the Parish women for spiritual and social purposes. For 40 years Guild members worked to build community and raise funds that were used to purchase items needed by the Parish. It was a strong organization dedicated to the good of the Parish. When the Guild was disbanded in 2019, confusion, anger and hurt were felt by many. Though many actions were attempted to create a dialogue which could have clarified the circumstances that caused the disbanding the Guild, they were all unsuccessful.

Now we are blessed with a new pastor, Father John. As he had learned about the former, fractured Guild in bits and pieces, he met with former officers Margie Favia and Mary Fox and with the current Our Lady's Guild President, Joyce Stalians to examine the problem and find a way forward for the good of the Parish. Father requested a joint meeting to find a way to resolve the hurt and anger and develop a plan to reunite the parish women.

Therefore, we are happy to announce that we are moving forward with Our Lady's Guild and hope that both former Guild members and new members will join us in making the Guild a centerpiece of our Parish once again. And so, a warm invitation is extended to any and all women of the Parish who would like to join Our Lady's Guild, or any other ministry in the parish.

Our Lady's Guild will hold its **next monthly meeting on October 4** in Madonna Hall. May Our Lady unite us and inspire us to serve her Son without distraction.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 Margie Favia, Mary Fox, Joyce Stalians

NB: Issues have been resolved with regard to the Safe Environment Training. Everyone will need to complete the Safe Environment Class annually to volunteer in the parish or be a member of the Guild or a ministry. In general, only Officers of Parish and non-Parish organizations and all Ministry Leaders/Coordinators or those who work with minors must pass the criminal background check

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In today's Gospel Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help our neighbors feel the arms of Jesus around them. Please consider using the parish website to donate to our St. Vincent de Paul conference online. You may use ololscw.org and click on Giving; or popscw.org and click on Donate, to give your gift to the poor and needy. If you prefer to write checks, please write a separate check to St. Vincent de Paul-OLL in addition to your parish contribution. Thank you.

Charity Weekend

Next weekend, September 25th and 26th, our St. Vincent de Paul conference will be collecting donations 30 minutes before each Mass. These gifts provide funds for us to purchase Food Vouchers for those in need who come to us for help. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Knights of Columbus



**SEPTEMBER 23
5:00 P.M.**

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Your Sacrificial Giving - September 5

Plate Giving

Plate Giving (cash & check)	\$8,645
Plate Giving (electronic)	\$5,191.33
Total Plate Giving This Week	\$13,836.33

Other Giving Inside the Parish

Maintenance Fund	\$1,123.50
Easter	\$20

Other Giving Outside the Parish

Respect Life Ministry	\$115.50
St. Vincent de Paul	\$269
Diocese - Gospel of Life	\$50

Our Lady's Guild

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Our Lady's Guild will meet again October 4. Come after Mass for coffee, rolls, and socialization. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. We will feature a speaker from St. Vincent de Paul. Mark your calendar for the November 8th Guild meeting. Our speaker will be Joan Campbell from the Maricopa County Attorney's office. She will speak on "Trending Scams. Criminals Taking Advantage."

Don't forget out Shred-A-Thon on Saturday, November 13!

Readings Of the Week

- 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
- Monday** **Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs**
Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;
Lc 8:16-18
- Tuesday** **Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
- Wednesday**
Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday** **Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**
Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;
Lk 9:7-9
- Friday**
Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday**
Zec 2: 5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13;
Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday** **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14;
Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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