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Chapel candles are available for purchase during regular office hours and before Saturday 4:00p.m. Mass. Candles are \$3 each.
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The Lesson of Pope St. John Paul II

Dear Friends,

The Church recently celebrated the feast day of Pope St. John Paul II. Often God works in subtle ways to steer the events of history towards His plan for the human family. But the election of John Paul II was anything but subtle. If you remember back to 1978, after the death of Pope Paul VI the Cardinals gathered for the first Conclave in 18 years and many of them had never participated in a Conclave. So, they elected John Paul I, Albino Luciani from Venice. But a mere 30 days later he was dead and the Cardinals reassembled for another Conclave. It almost seems that they had to elect John Paul I in order to come back and now knowing the process find the courage to elect the first non-Italian as Pope in 500 years. And not just a non-Italian but a Pole and one from a Communist country.

When he appeared on the balcony of St. Peter's everyone knew that day that the world had changed in a dramatic way. And no one understood this more than the Communist officials in the Soviet Union. To them, John Paul II was a mortal threat. If you read George Weigel's biography of John Paul II, "The End and the Beginning" he details how the Communist authorities tried to discredit the new Pope, tried to undermine him and how they infiltrated the Vatican with their spies. When all that failed then came the assassination attempt on John Paul II.

Communism and Christianity are incompatible. In order for Marxism to thrive in a society it has to neutralize Christianity. The Soviets tried to outright vanquish Christianity but failed. The more they tried the stronger the underground Church became and the fiercer the resistance from individual Believers grew until as Solzhenitsyn so eloquently wrote, their witness told the world: "it is a lie". None of that was lost on the Communist Party of China and so rather than trying to vanquish the Church they try to control it. But ultimately, they will probably learn that trying to control the Gospel is akin to trying to control fire.

Antonio Gramsci (1891-1937) the founder of the Italian Communist Party was one of the first to realize that capitalism was not the number one enemy of communism rather that position was held by Christianity. And he insisted that Marx's 'Worker's Paradise' could never become a reality as long as Christianity held sway in a society. Gramsci was no lightweight. He was well versed in Catholic teaching and Thomistic philosophy. He also knew that no armed communist revolution could ever succeed in the West. Rather his writings taught his followers ways to undermine Christianity and the values that it had instilled in Western societies. He warned his followers not to waste time on capitalist oppressors but rather to go after the faith-based culture they lived in and to use democratic means, not violent revolution, to achieve power and then use that power to destroy Christian cultural dominance.

And how to do that? Start by influencing the culture, winning over the intellectuals, the academics, implant itself in the press, the publishing houses and the media. This is what has come to be known as "Cultural Marxism". Strip the public square from any awareness of God and the idea that humans are created in the image and likeness of God will be replaced by the idea that humans exist solely for the benefit of the state, which has replaced God.

What we are living through is this revolution of Cultural Marxism. Gramsci's vision is succeeding. When parents are told they have no right to control the education of their children, when the normal desire for marriage and the family becomes "oppressive heteronormativity", when biological sex is defined as a tool for social control and suppression, when the entirety of Western civilization is seen as an evil tool constructed by heterosexual white men for the purpose of enslaving everyone else then you know Gramsci's ideas have been successful. For the Cultural Marxist who has a hammer, every Western value is nail that is somehow linked to a system of oppression.

Antonio Gramsci is probably the most influential thinker you have never heard of. But we are currently living with the consequences of his Marxist ideology. Pope St. John Paul II understood all this. It's one reason he traveled the world warning us of what will come if we fail to act and by his writings making the case for why a culture built on the values of the Bible is far superior in terms of human freedom and human flourishing than a culture built on a Marxist ideology.

In light of all that has happened just in the time since he died, we would do well to go back and reread what he wrote and taught so we can combat the disintegration of our culture and our children's futures. And no matter how dark it may get; we need to always keep front and center the Saint's constant admonition: Be Not Afraid!

Love, Fr. John B.

Pray With Us

Mass Intentions

October 31: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00a.m.: Richard Pakan†

11:00a.m.: for Healing for Beecher Smith

1:00p.m.: for the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

November 1: Solemnity of All Saints

Wade Osantowski†

November 2: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

John & Irene Sillup†

November 3: St. Martin de Porres, Religious

Carmen P. Ifurung†

November 4: Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Charles & Dorothy Chapman†

November 5:

For the Recently Deceased Members of Our Parish & their Families

November 6:

8:30a.m.: Living & Deceased Members of the Weiser & Sturdy Families

4:00p.m.: Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary

November 7: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00a.m.: Suzanne Reece†

11:00a.m.: Leo McCarthy†

1:00p.m.: for the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

More Opportunities for Prayer:

Miraculous Medal Novena: join us each Monday after daily Mass (excluding most holidays or whenever the office is closed) to pray to Our Lady. Prayers take approximately 15 minutes. Booklets with the prayers will be provided and collected following the Novena.

Divine Mercy Devotion: a staple devotion in our parish for over 20 years, Divine Mercy meets each Thursday at 1:00p.m. with a social following in Madonna Hall. Join us as we pray to obtain our Lord's mercy on us and on the whole world. Contact Fred Malcolm for more information at divinemercyprayers7@gmail.com.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Solemnity of All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

Wednesday: Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10

Friday

Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life: Help save lives in Glendale. You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization. "40 Days for Life" has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers! Here's how to take part: Vigil is held from 6:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Monday—Saturday at the Glendale Planned Parenthood. Contact Tammy O'Connor at letusnotsleep@yahoo.com or (901) 275-5869.

Mass Times:

Daily	8:30a.m.
Saturday	4:00p.m.
Sunday	9:00a.m.
Sunday	11:00a.m.

Sunday 1:00p.m.

Vistancia Elementary School

30009 N. Sunrise Point, Peoria, AZ 85383

Confessions:

Tuesday 10:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.

Saturday 9:30a.m. – 10:30a.m.

Adoration:

Thursday 9:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.

Serve With Us



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In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all of your heart, with all of your soul, with all your mind, and with all of your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." *Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.*

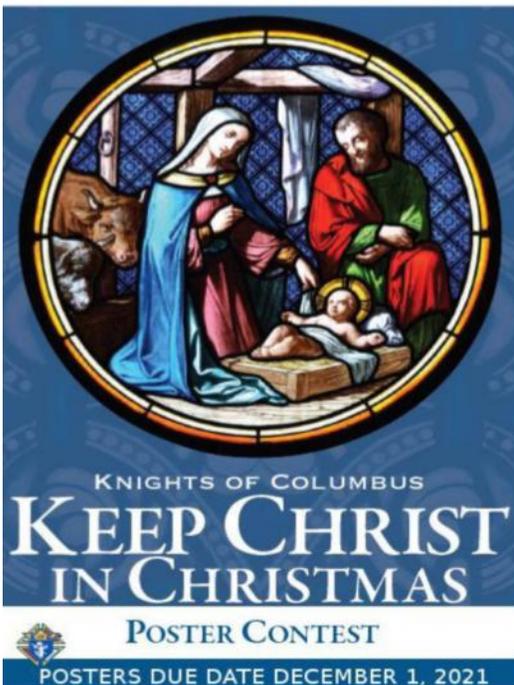
Adopt a Family

We are now preparing for our annual Adopt a Family Program. Your donations will enable us to help less fortunate families experience the joys of Christmas and bring hope to many children.

Your monetary contributions will provide the means to give families who could not afford to purchase a single toy or item of clothing for their children the opportunity to receive Christmas gifts. If you would like to make a monetary gift in any amount as an individual, group, or organization, we would be most grateful!

Checks should be made out to:

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul OLL Conference (SVDP-OLL) and marked on the memo line for Adopt a Family. Please leave your donation at the church office marked, SVDP ADOPT A FAMILY.



Our Knights of Columbus Council invites all the children and young people of the parish to participate in their poster contest! For more information, go to <https://kofc11809.org> or contact Mike Hug at (602) 568-6652 or mhugskofc@gmail.com



Our Lady's Guild

Our Lady's Guild Nov. 8th meeting at 9:30am in Madonna Hall. Come early for rolls and socialization. This meeting will also be available through Zoom. **Meeting ID:** 875 8663 1856.

Passcode: GuildSign up will be available for the Christmas Luncheon that will follow the December 6 meeting. There will be no assigned seating for this luncheon.

ALL ARE INVITED

Joan Campbell is a Community Affairs Coordinator with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. She will speak on, "Trending Scams, Criminals Taking Advantage" Seniors are frequently the target of scammers that use fear and intimidation to frighten us. Join us for this informative talk keeping us aware of current activity. **The program should start about 10:15am.**

Book Club

November 11 at 9:30a.m. live in Madonna Hall or on Zoom. *The Fisherman's Tomb* by John O'Neil.

Meeting ID: 879 0295 6689

Passcode: Book

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Shred-A-Thon

NOVEMBER 13
FROM 8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

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Giving

Your Sacrificial Giving - October 17

Plate Giving

Plate Giving (cash & check)	\$10,126
Mission Giving	\$272
Plate Giving (electronic)	\$7,516
Total Plate Giving This Week	\$17,914

Other Giving Inside the Parish

Maintenance Fund	\$543.50
Easter	\$25

Other Giving Outside the Parish

Respect Life Ministry	\$65.50
St. Vincent de Paul	\$367



Items needed by Aid to Women Center will be collected before or after each Mass this weekend:

- **4 infant car seats**
- Diaper bags
- Bibs
- Pacifiers and teethingers
- Diapers (greatest need in sizes 4-6) & wipes
- 9m-2T clothing
- Baby shampoo, soap, and lotion
- Stuffed animals
- Breast pumps
- Pack-N-Plays and Bassinets
- Small swings
- Bouncy seats
- Strollers

Join Us

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YOU AIN'T DEAD YET...

So come join our ministry leaders on November 6-7 in Madonna Hall to learn how **YOU** can serve your Parish & Community!

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More Events:

- November 13: FullCircle Banquet - fullcircleprogram.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/FullCircleBanquet2021
- November 21: Greg Zelek & Thomas Mesa in Concert, 3:00p.m.
- November 25: Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9:00a.m.
- December 11: Catholic Daughters Cookie Walk, 1:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.



Breakfast with Santa

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Madonna Hall
 SATURDAY DECEMBER 18, 2021 FROM 8:00AM - 11:00AM
 TICKETS \$7 FOR ADULTS CHILDREN FREE WITH PAYING ADULT
 TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE BEGINNING NOVEMBER 6 AFTER MASS

Enjoy a buffet brunch with Santa Claus! Brunch will be served through the air as guests "catch" flying pancakes served by the Knights of Columbus. Along with pancakes, the buffet will include sausage, orange drink and coffee.

Get your picture taken with Santa



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