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Daily 8:30a.m.

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Sunday 9:00a.m.

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Bernadette's Brew

Open Sundays after morning Masses. Bring a bulletin and join us for coffee, donuts or fritters, and fellowship! We look forward to seeing you there!

Chapel Candles

Chapel candles are available for purchase during regular office hours and before Saturday 4:00p.m. Mass. Candles are \$3 each. Please make checks out to *Our Lady of Lourdes Parish*

When the Bell Tolls

Dear Friends,

During November we call to mind both the Saints and the holy Souls. It is also a time to focus ourselves on how well we are prepared for our own deaths. And while end of life issues and health care decisions need to be carefully considered before our demise, I want to focus on what happens after death, in other words the funeral and burial practices that are appropriate for Christians.

In the Order of Christian Funerals the Church lays out a consoling series of rites that are designed to both comfort the bereaved as well as how to reverently treat the deceased. For baptized Catholics that normally means having a Funeral Mass at the parish church. This can be done with the body being present or in the presence of the cremated remains. One of the dilemma's we are seeing is that family members, usually children, no longer practice the faith of their parent making the Funeral Mass very awkward. And in many situations the children even refuse to provide a Catholic funeral for their deceased parent. But it can also be an opportunity for a family to reconnect with the Church. Still it always saddens me when a faithful, active parishioner dies and the family refuses to provide a funeral. (In situations like this we can still have a Memorial Mass offered for the deceased.)

In order to avoid some of these dilemmas I suggest that Catholics write in their Wills instructions for their funerals. Sometimes surviving family members opt out of providing a funeral because they don't want to spend the inheritance on the funeral. So it would also help if funds are set aside and earmarked for the funeral expenses. Better still is to prepay for your funeral. But perhaps the best way to ensure you will be given a Catholic funeral and burial is to communicate your wishes to your family.

With the increase in cremation (about 40% of funerals in the Diocese) another strange problem has developed: not properly interring or entombing the remains. Catholic teaching insists on proper burial/entombment of cremated remains. After all you would not keep a corpse on our mantelpiece. I have often gone to homes and see an urn sitting on a table and ask where they got the nice vase and they usually tell me, "oh it's not a vase it's my father's ashes". Well I first tell them that I find it really creepy, "why would you want to keep them in your home?" Then I ask: "do you believe the person is still here?" They usually say no and I reply, "well why keep the remains? Additionally, there is the whole psychology of grief and letting go that is being ignored.

Again, to avoid this from happening to you have a burial plot or a tomb in a mausoleum pre-purchased for your remains. Why is this important? Because as Christians we believe that the body and soul are an integrated unit and make us who we are. So the body even without the soul is still worthy of our respect. We believe in the resurrection of the body. So the way we treat the body even in death bespeaks of this belief. This practice I believe is one of the reasons our culture has such a hard time with respecting the body even while alive. And so by not interring the remains reverently we are furthering this cultural disrespect for the human body.

A few other points: Life Insurance, life insurance, and life insurance! Having this will greatly assist your family in properly providing a funeral. Today in AZ a basic funeral (cremation) can cost several thousand dollars and a funeral with a viewing, Mass and burial plot can cost over \$10,000. I would imagine that many of you do carry life insurance but probably not your children. Encourage them to have it and have a policy on their minor children as well. Death can often come as an uninvited and very expensive visitor to a family.

Today in AZ the days of the family-run funeral home are all but gone. Large corporations have bought most of the Mortuaries even though they often retain familiar family names of previous owners. I point this out because many times families are surprised when they don't see the familiar faces at a Mortuary whose services their family may have used for years. (There are still a few family-run businesses in the Valley and we also have our own Catholic Mortuary at Queen of Heaven in Mesa and Holy Cross in Avondale, which ensures the funeral and burial will follow Catholic practice.)

This is probably not the most uplifting of my letters but none of us will get out of this life alive. So act and plan accordingly!

Eternal rest grant unto them O, Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Love, Fr. John B.

Pray With Us

Mass Intentions

November 14: Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00a.m.: Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters

11:00a.m.: Living & Deceased Members of the Luaderback Family

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

November 15: St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Joseph & Margaret Shade†

November 16: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

Living & Deceased Members of the Fals, Diedrich & Gajczak Families

November 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Willia Sgro†

November 18: The Dedication of the Basilicast of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Living & Deceased Members of the Fals, Diedrich & Gajczak Families

November 19:

Wilma Jean Suesse†

November 20:

8:30a.m.: Living & Deceased Members of the Fals, Deidrich & Gajczak Families

4:00p.m.: Devin McKeever†

November 21: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Kind of the Universe

9:00a.m.: Joseph Anthony†

11:00a.m.: In Thanksgiving for Good Health & In Loving Memory of the Jacobson, Relloza, Barra & Ryan Families

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

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Heb 10:11-14,18; Mk 13:24-32

Monday: Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin

2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44, Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 14:22-33

Friday

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Book of Healing & Comfort

THE BOOK OF HEALING AND COMFORT is for the names of people who are sick, not for the deceased. The names of the sick will remain in the BOOK for six months and they will be prayed for at Mass. Please do not repeat the same name in the Book within the sixth month period.

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.



Please pray for:

Dino Cisonno

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

Serve With Us



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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. Your monetary contribution will provide the means to give families who could not afford a single toy or article of clothing for their children the opportunity to receive gifts.

If you would like to make a monetary gift 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 and marked on the memo line for Adopt a Family. Your gift can be mailed, dropped off at the office or placed in the collection basket. Please place your gift in a envelope clearly marked ADOPT a FAMILY.*

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Our Lady's Guild

Our Lady's Guild last workshop of 2021 is November 22nd. We will start again in January, meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 9:30am. Come meet the Ladies and make plans for next year.

We will be working toward a Craft Fair to be scheduled in the fall. For a successful fair we need lots of creative ideas and the ladies to put them into action. All women of the parish are invited to join Our Lady's Guild. God gave everyone a talent and we need yours to help us be successful. Please think on it!

Our next meeting is our Christmas Luncheon on Monday December 6th at 11:30a.m. Tickets are available in the office, on the parish website, or call Holly Zody 602-463-0965 or Jean Green 824-9817 or see the sign up form in next week's bulletin.

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Total Plate Giving This Week	\$

Other Giving Inside the Parish

Maintenance Fund	\$
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Other Giving Outside the Parish

Respect Life Ministry	\$
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World Mission	\$

Our Lady's Guild Christmas Party

December 6, 2021
Madonna Hall
On Our Lady of Lourdes Parish campus
11:30a.m.

TICKETS: \$17/MEMBERS
\$23/GUESTS

CHECKS PAYABLE TO "OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH"

PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE NOVEMBER 8 GENERAL MEETING OR IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Menu:
Salads: Tri-colored Pasta Salad | Wild Field Greens w/ Grape tomatoes
Entrees: Southwest Grilled Chicken
Beef Bourguignon w/ Mushrooms
Sides: Herb Roasted Potatoes | Italian Green Beans
Assorted Desserts

Indicate your choice of entree

Southwest Grilled Chicken _____

Beef Bourguignon _____

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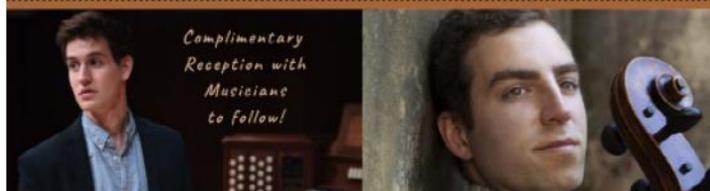


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Please consider bringing a book or an unwrapped toy to be donated to the Fire Department for a child's Christmas gift

Reservations: Jean Green (623) 824-9817 | Holly Zody (602) 463-0965

RSVP forms are available on the parish website and in next week's bulletin.

Upcoming Events:

- November 19, 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m.: Safe Environment Drive (no RSVP needed)
- December 1: Poster contest submissions due
- December 6, 11:30a.m.: Our Lady's Guild Christmas Luncheon - RSVP form online
- December 11, 1:00p.m.: Catholic Daughters Cookie Walk
- December 18: Breakfast With Santa



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