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## February 25, 2024

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white. Mark 9:2.3

> sfiguration of Jesus by Carl Bloch, 1872

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#### MASS TIMES

Daily (Monday - Saturday) 8:30a.m. Saturday 4:00p.m. Sunday 9:00a.m. 11:00a.m.

Vistancia Elementary School 30009 N. Sunrise Point, Peoria, AZ 85383 Sunday 1:00p.m.

Saturday Tuesday Thursday

9:30a.m.- 10:30a.m. 10:00a.m. - 11:00a.m. Adoration

9:00a.m.- 11:00a.m.

Confessions

### **Parish OFFICE HOURS**

Sunday: 7:00a.m. - 1:00p.m. Monday - Thursday: 7:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. Friday: 7:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. \*\*Closed February 19. 2024\*\*

Emergency Sacrament Assistance (Anointing of the Sick) After Office Hours please call 623.546.2767 for assistance.

## Parish Mission Statement

Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by being prayerful and active stewards of the grace and resources entrusted to us by:

• Instructing all in the Truth of the Catholic Faith

• Upholding the dignity of human life by nourishing it from conception and strengthening it to the end

• Following the way of Jesus in our worship and living

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. LISTEN TO HIM.



"Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, bevond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God." St. John Paul II

#### A Quick Guide to Confession

1. The Priest will begin with the Sign of the Cross.

2. The Penitent begins by saying, "Bless me Father for I 7. The Penitent makes an act of contrition in these or simihave sinned, it has been \_\_\_\_(number of days, weeks, months, etc.) since my last confession. These are my sins. "

3. Confess all mortal sins committed since your last confession by kind and number. You may also confess any venial sins.

4. At the end of your confession say these or similar words: "For these and all the sins of my life I am sorry."

you some counsel on a point from your confession.

## **LENTEN ACTIVITIES**

**MONDAYS** 9:00am Novena Prayer in the church

TUESDAYS 10:00am Confessions in the church

THURSDAYS 9:00am Adoration in the church

FRIDAYS 3:30pm Stations of the Cross in the Church

4:00pm K of C Fish Fry in the hall

**SATURDAYS** 9:30am Confessions in the church

## SPECIAL LENTEN RETREATS

#### **SATURDAY MARCH 9**

**Lenten Retreat** 8:30am to 2:00pm **Registration information on Website** or call the front office to register

6. The Priest will give you a penance.

lar words: O my God, I am heartily sorry for having of-fended Thee, and I detest all of my sins because of Thy just punishments. But, most of all because they offend Thee my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more, and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

8. The Priest will give you absolution, (The words necessary for forgiveness are "I absolve you from your sins in single for forgiveness are "I absolve you from your sins in single for the Priest may ask questions for clarification of give the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.")

#### HOLY TRIDUUM SCHEDULE HOLY THURSDAY March 28, 2024 5:00pm Mass of the Last Supper in the church

GOOD FRIDAY March 29, 2024 (no morning Mass)

**STATIONS** 12Noon in the church

THE PASSION OF THE LORD 3:30pm in the church

HOLY SATURDAY March 30, 2024 (no morning Mass) Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm in the church

## EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

March 31, 2024 9am\* (live streamed) in the church 9:15am in the hall 11am (in church) 1pm (at Vistancia)

## Toxic Assets

#### Dear Friends,

Our old friend *norma loquendi* says that the term "toxic asset" is an oxymoron that you can bank on! It is amazing at what speed we distort the meaning of words or just outright change the definition of a word to make it seem like it is something it is not. George Orwell would be proud. One of my favorite obfuscations is "pre-embryo." It is a nonsensical and non-scientific redefining of the meaning of embryo to describe an embryo that is not yet implanted in a womb but is rather in a Petri dish. Of course no matter where the embryo is, it is still an embryo. By describing it as a "pre" embryo makes experimenting on



it or destroying it a little more palatable. We do the same with baby and fetus. It is easier to stomach "aborting a fetus" than "killing a baby" in the womb. Confronting the language that empowers the culture of death is the first step in defending equality for all human life.

But back to "toxic" assets... We all have them, and for some, our balance sheet is way too full of them. As Christians we would call them sins. Precisely because we know that sin easily makes our assets toxic, just as the toxic assets that threaten financial institutions, our sins threaten our spiritual and moral equilibrium. St. Paul even said that there are some toxic assets that are mortal. They lead to spiritual bankruptcy. But the good news is that there is a bail out plan! Jesus Christ paid our debt with his life. No longer are our souls in hock to Satan, but we now belong to God. Only we can sell ourselves back into slavery.

Lent is the ideal time to have an audit of our balance sheet. We call that a thorough examination of conscience. One of the reasons we call in independent auditors to examine finances and policy compliance is because a "self audit" tends to overlook things and easily rationalize bad accounting procedures, not to mention hiding fraud, if any. Likewise, we do the same with our sins. Left on our own, we tend to rationalize things away, justify bad behavior, or simply refuse to admit our guilt. This is why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is so key to an honest self-appraisal. Confession insures a higher degree of honesty than we could achieve on our own.

How do our assets become toxic? Anytime we use our natural instincts for purposes other than intended or in excess, we convert the good into the bad, the right into the wrong. Just take, for instance, our human appetites. Look what happens when we misuse our physical appetite for food: obesity, chronic illness, and more frequent work absenteeism are some areas that affect us directly. Then there is the issue of justice: consuming more than our share so that others do not have enough. We also overly moralize about what type of food is right to eat or if it is produced ethically to the distraction of other areas of moral significance. Today, we are very mindful of the food we eat but mindless when it comes to sex. Today's younger generation has been taught to think about food with the moral standards that someone thought about sexual intimacy in the 1950's. And to think about sex, as food was thought about in the 50's: no big deal as long as it tastes good, satisfies, and doesn't hurt anyone. If you struggle more over whether to eat a Quarter pounder with cheese than over watching pornography, you have some moral reworking to do. And if you pay more attention to your physical body than your spiritual side, then Lent is the perfect time to energize your soul.

So, what's on your Balance Sheet? Are there more liabilities than assets?

Love, Fr. John B

#### Our Lady of Lourdes Parish CLERGY

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#### Your Sacrificial Giving Totals February 11, 2024 Thank you for sharing your treasure!

Plate Giving (cash & check)	\$16,154.05
Mission Giving	\$2,154.00
Plate Giving (electronic)	\$5,200.00
Total Giving	\$23,508.05
Respect Life Ministry	\$62.50
LP - Building Fund	\$691.50
SVdP	\$2.00
Ash Wednesday	\$70.00
Holy Day/Campaign for Hum. Devel.	\$30.00

# ARIZONA MARCH FOR LIFE

#### WHEN

Friday, March 1, 2024

#### WHERE

Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza 1700 W Washington St, Phcenix, AZ 85007

#### SCHEDULE

11:00 am – Rally at Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza 12:00 pm – Arizona March for Life

For more information and FAQ's visit:

az.marchforlife.org



We can all help prevent suicide. The 988 Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals in the United States.

#### Our Lady of Lourdes Parish & Mission at Lake Pleasant Pkwy

## Mass Intentions

Monday, February 26, 2024 8:30am † Soul of Mario Spanelli

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024** 8:30am † Soul of Mark Braun

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 8:30am Intentions of Rupert Family

Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:30am † Souls of Loyd & Catherine Klimpel

Friday, March 1, 2024 8:30am Recently deceased of Parish & their families

Saturday, March 2, 2024 8:30am † Soul of Daniel Piccilo 4:00pm Intentions of the FullCircle Benefactors

#### Sunday, March 3, 2024

9:00am Intentions of parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes and Mission at Lake Pleasant Parkway
11:00am Deceased & Living Members of Leon Family
1:00pm † Soul of Betty Waechter





#### **Readings for the Week**

Second Sunday of Lent, Sunday, February 25, 2024 Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10 Monday, February 26, 2024 Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38 Tuesday, February 27, 2024 Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12 Wednesday, February 28, 2024 Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28 Thursday, February 29, 2024 Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31 Friday, March 1, 2024 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 Saturday, March 2, 2024 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Third Sunday of Lent, Sunday, March 3, 2024 Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

### **Parish Calendar**

Monday, February 26, 2024 9:00am Parish - Conference Room 4:00pm PC - Hall

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024** 9:00 am Grief Support Group - Fr. McGivney Room 10:00 am Confessions - Church

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 8:30 am Guild - Fr. McGivney Room 9:00 am Guild - Hall

**Thursday, February 29, 2024** 9:00am Divine Mercy/Adoration - Church 10:00am Divine Mercy Social - Hall

Friday, March 1, 2024 1:00pm Mental Health Ministry - Ministry Room 3:30pm Stations of the Cross - Church 4:00pm Fish Fry - Hall

Saturday, March 2, 2024 9:00am Parish - Conference Room 9:30am Confessions - Church 11:00am OCIA- Fr. McGivney Room

Sunday, March 3, 2024 No other activities scheduled

**Important to note:** All events subject to change based on parish needs

## 2023 Tax Statements are Ready!

The 2023 tax statements for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish have been emailed out. (If you have provided an email address on your parish registration.) If you have NOT received your emailed statement or you wish to have a printed copy please contact the parish office 623.546.2767.



The Diocesan deadline was December 31, 2023.

#### IF you missed the opportunity for Renewal training for LAY PEOPLE 2023-2024 you will need to contact Julie Gradillas at the parish office.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY those folks who wish to serve in any capacity in any ministry within the Diocese of Phoenix are required to take the Foundation portion, including back ground check and must maintain their SET training as a means to stay in compliance with this PHOENIX DIOCESAN REQUIREMENT. Visit the site to comply at https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org

If you plan to only attend meetings/events and NOT serve in any capacity you are still welcomed to do so.

Should you have ANY questions or concerns or problems logging in contact Julie Gradillas in the parish office at 623-546-2767 or you may contact her via email jgradillas@ololscw.org.

Thanks for your service to HIS people!



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas CDA Court #2278 invites you to a one-day Lenten Retreat presented by Father Brian Kennedy, C.S.C., Pastoral Director, Andre House of Hospitality

#### Schedule of events:

8:30am Celebration of Mass (Church) 9:30am Continental Breakfast (Madonna Hall) 10:00am Retreat (church) - Topic: What's Your Spiritual Credit Score? 11:00am Lunch (Madonna Hall) 12:15pm Retreat (church) - Topic: How to be More Magnanimous: Expanding Your Soul 1:30pm Close (church)

Registration is \$20 and will take place at: Prince of Peace Feb 10/11 & Feb 17-18 Our Lady of Lourdes Feb 24/25 & Mar 2/3

For more info, please the OLOL Parish office at 623-546-2767 leave message and someone from the CDA will contact you .

## <u>Flocknote</u>

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- Choose to receive updates from groups you're interested in
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www.oiolscw.org

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#### Here's how:

- Navigate to Facebook and type 'OLOL Sun City West' into the search bar to find Our Lady of Lourdes.
- Click the "Like" and "Follow" buttons.
- On the "Follow" dropdown menu, choose "See first" and you'll always get Our Lady of Lourdes updates at the top of your newsfeed.

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