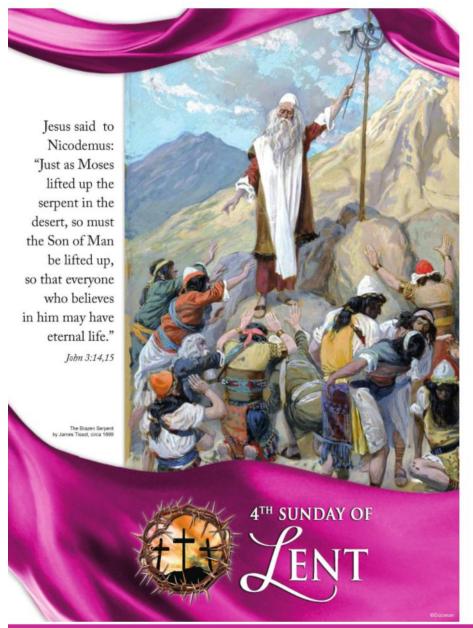


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Vistancia Elementary School 30009 N. Sunrise Point, Peoria, AZ 85383 Sunday 1:00p.m.

**Confessions** 

Saturday 9:30a.m.- 10:30a.m. Tuesday 10:00a.m. - 11:00a.m. **Adoration** 

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

#### **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.

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- 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

For God did not send His Son, into the world to condemn the world, but that world might be saved through him.

## Lead Us 70 The Cross ... Lent 2024

"By the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread, until you return to the ground, from which you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Genesis 3:19

#### 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, lar words: O my God, I am heartily sorry for having ofmonths, etc.) since my last confession. These are my sins. "fended Thee, and I detest all of my sins because of Thy just
- 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."
- 5. The Priest may ask questions for clarification and give you some counsel on a point from your confession.

- 6. The Priest will give you a penance.
- 7. The Penitent makes an act of contrition in these or similar words: O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended 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 the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.")

#### 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 (live streamed)

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

#### **SATURDAYS**

9:30am Confessions in the church

## LENTEN RETREAT

#### SATURDAY MARCH 9

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

#### 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

3:00pm 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)

### **Ethically Sourced Humans**

Dear Friends.

Let's put on our Moral Thinking caps to consider the issue of Invitro-Fertilization (IVF). The issue has popped up again with a recent ruling by the Alabama Supreme Court. The Court ruled that since Alabama passed a Constitutional Amendment that enshrined that human life begins at conception, the embryos created through IVF are human life and therefore require the protections afforded to human life. This includes the embryos that are created via IVF and are frozen. The Court's logic is spot on: human life begins at conception therefore human life in its embryonic stage constitutes a child. This kicked up a huge kerfuffle and lots of misunderstanding. And this is part of the fallout as we try to straighten out the twisted logic of Roe v. Wade and its many manifestations in our culture, law, and ethics.



To start with, the Church has a entire body of teaching on this issue. All this falls under the category of Bioethics, particularly as it relates to the transmission of human life. To take a step back, Ethics is an important part of a civilized society. When we act ethically, we become morally good people who create a just society. Ethics is also a foundational part of health care, hence Medical Ethics. In the West it began with the Hippocratic Oath: "First Do No Harm." The physician has a fiduciary relationship to his patients, therefore he or she is to act in their best interests and be unwilling to do anything that would intentionally inflict harm up to and including death.

One of the foundational principles of our Ethics is that "the ends do not justify the means." That simply means you cannot use an illicit or evil means to achieve a good end. Experience has taught us that when we disobey that principle bad things happen. Every dictator that ever-lived used immoral means to achieve his end of a good society. So, if you abandon the principle that the ends do not justify the means, you end up with gulags, concentration camps, mass murder. Or you end up with innocent people who are harmed and whole lot of unintended consequences which create injustices in a society. Without clear and concise ethics, you end up in the Wild West. Ethics helps us answer the question: even though we can, should we?

Now back to the Church's teaching on the transmission of human life. The wisdom of the Bible and the collective wisdom of human experience conclusively demonstrates that the human sex drive is the most powerful of all human appetites. And if left unchecked it will destroy individuals, families, communities, and nations. Just look at the wreckage around us caused by the so-called Sexual Revolution. Based on the teachings of the Bible and of Jesus himself, the only morally licit human intercourse that leads to completion, is penile-vaginal in the context of marriage. That is a very narrow boundary. Which means it excludes masturbation, sodomy, oral climax. It also excludes IVF since the sperm and ovum are united outside the natural sex act. It is a good end, the gift of new human life, but it uses an illicit means to get there. Here is where you need to be careful and not get emotionally worked up. This does not mean that the children created by IVF are anything but gifts. They are not illicit or immoral in anyway. Also, couples who have used IVF are not to be condemned. I doubt very much they were given any info on natural techniques. Nor is it the case that the Church doesn't care about couples who struggle with fertility. This is no cold-hearted moral teaching but rather a teaching that helps us maintain our ethics even when it is difficult and live and act in ways conforming to human dignity.

Just as with artificial contraception, the Church has answered that by developing the science based Natural Family Planning techniques. In fact, many of the NFP techniques, such as the Creighton Model Fertility Care, which in addition to helping a couple postpone conception, can help couples spot fertility problems. But beyond that, here in the US, we have developed natural procreative technology also called NaPro Technology. I realize this issue is very personal to some of you so please educate yourself on it BEFORE you criticize the Church's teaching.

IVF separates the marital act from procreation and establishes the domination of technology over human life. In that way it is not in keeping with the demands of human dignity. Technology that assists or supports human procreation and does not replace it is in keeping with the demands of human dignity. We so often insist that our food be ethically sourced, fair trade or our energy be climate friendly and carbon neutral. The technology that assists in the transmission of human life should be guided by the highest ethics and moral safeguards. We sort our trash to make sure we are recycling what we can and yet we discard human embryos like a person throwing trash out a car window. Beyond that, there is a spiritual dimension that infertile couples should try to discern. Is it possible God is calling you to parent in a different way? I know infertility is painful, disappointing, and frustrating. But still, we must be careful how we try to alleviate the reality of infertility lest our solutions create bigger moral problems that chip away at human dignity.

Love, Fr. John B

PS The teaching is laid out concisely in the 1987 Vatican document: Donum Vitae. Also see the Catechism of the Catholic Church #2337. Also https://naprotechnology.com . And to read more of the moral problems arising from IVF see https://www.geneticsandsociety.org and for more information on ways to deal with infertility: https://veritasfertility.com

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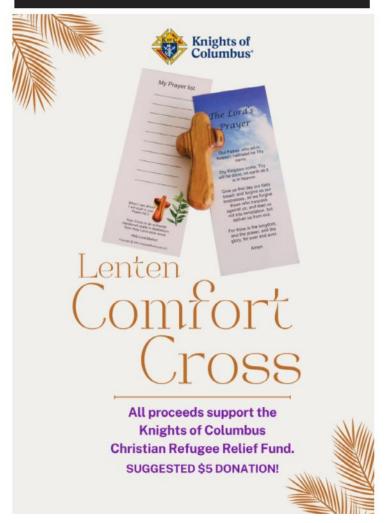
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#### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, March 11, 2024

8:30am Souls of the Grandparents Gulla & Haja Family

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

8:30am † Soul of Dominic Fleri

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

8:30am † Soul of Helen Jastrzembowski

Thursday, March 14, 2024

8:30am † Souls of Francis and David Rupert

Friday, March 15, 2024

8:30am † Soul of Shirley Conry

Saturday, March 16, 2024

8:30am † Soul of Ronald Paskey

4:00pm † Soul of Lyle Oveson

Sunday, March 17, 2024

9:00am † Soul of Patrick R. Laux

11:00am † Soul of Joe Perry

1:00pm Intentions of Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes and Mission at Lake Pleasant Parkway

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#### Tuesday, March 19th after 8:30am Mass

Attention ALL who were unable to attend the previous

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## Readings for the Week

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Sunday, March 10, 2024

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Monday, March 11, 2024

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 12, 2024

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 13, 2024

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 14, 2024

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2,

10, 25-30

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

Fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 17, 2024

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

#### **Parish Calendar**

#### Monday, March 11, 2024

9:00am Parish - Conference Room

1:00pm K of C - Fr. McGivney Room

1:00pm K of C Aux. - Hall

#### Tuesday, March 12, 2024

8:00am SVdP - Fr. McGivney Room

10:00am Confessions - Church

#### Wednesday, March 13, 2024

9:00am CDA - Fr. McGivney Room

9:00am Guild - Hall

#### Thursday, March 14, 2024

9:00am Divine Mercy/Adoration - Church

9:00am Guild - Fr McGivney Room

10:00am Divine Mercy Social - Hall

10:00am St Bernadette Ministry - Conference Room

1:00pm K of C - Madonna Hall

1:00pm K of C Aux. - Fr. McGivney Room

#### **Friday, March 15, 2024**

1:00pm Mental Health Ministry - Ministry Room

3:30pm Stations of the Cross - Church

4:00pm Fish Fry - Hall

#### Saturday, March 16, 2024

9:00am Parish - Conference Room

9:30am Confessions - Church

11:00am OCIA- Fr. McGivney Room

#### Sunday, March 17, 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!





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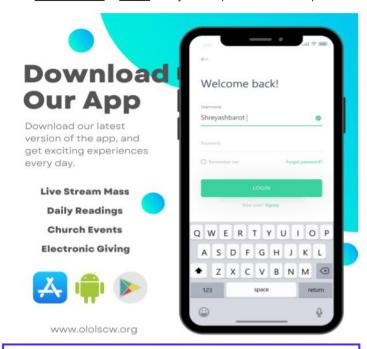
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