



SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Office Hours:

Sunday 7:30am-1:30pm

Monday—Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm

Closed for lunch from 12:00pm-1:00pm on weekdays

Friday-Saturday Closed

Religious Education

Youth Group Mondays, 6:30pm-8pm

OCIA Mondays, 6pm-7:30pm

K-6 Catechesis Wednesdays, 4pm or 6pm

Sacramental Prep Wednesdays, 4pm or 6pm

St. Clare of Assisi is an official Baby Safe Haven location. Parents or agents of parents can drop off an unharmed newborn baby to a staff member during regular office hours. For more information, please visit azsafebabyhaven.org

Pro-Life Resources:

Are you struggling with a crisis pregnancy and need help? These resources are recognized by the Diocese of Phoenix and can help you, regardless of income.

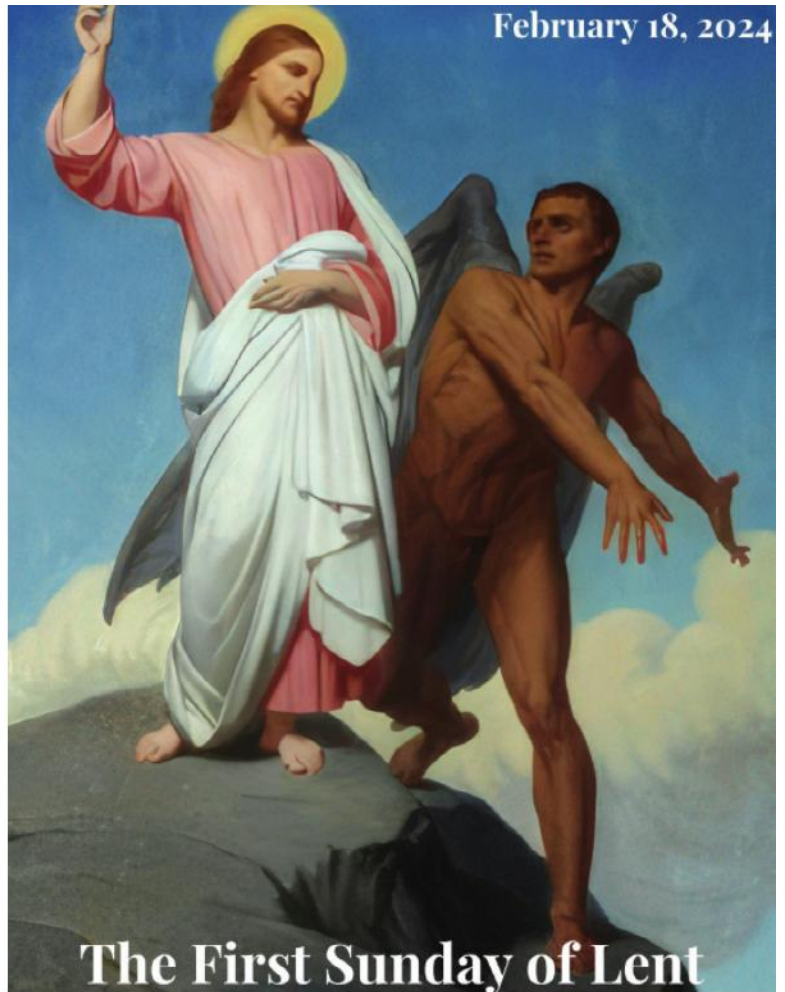
Life Choices Women's Clinic: www.pro-life-arizona.com | (602) 305-5100

Choices Pregnancy Center: www.choicesaz.com | (623) 486-5232

1- Way Pregnancy Center: www.1stway.net | (602) 261-7522

For a comprehensive list of ministries and ways to get involved, please see the parish website and go to "Parish Life" at the top of the page.

February 18, 2024



The First Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:00pm
Sunday Masses	7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm
Daily Masses	Monday-Saturday, 8:00am

Adoration & Reconciliation

Eucharistic Adoration	1:00pm-4:00pm
Reconciliation	Wednesdays 12:00pm-1:00pm
	Fridays 5:00pm-6:00pm
	Saturdays 2:30pm-3:30pm

Sacraments

For more information on the Sacraments of Baptism or Marriage, and what is needed to complete your sacraments, please contact Pastoral Care Coordinator Joe Lukaszewski. For all other Sacraments, please contact Director of Religious Education, Sarah Camplese.

Ministry of Care

If you are homebound, hospitalized or in a care facility, or know of someone who is and would like Holy Communion on a weekly basis, please contact Joe to make arrangements.

Mission Statement

St. Clare of Assisi parishioners strive to be faithful disciples of Christ's Catholic Church, drawing strength from the Sacraments, living the Gospel of Jesus without compromise, doing works of charity and justice.

St. Vincent de Paul 24 Hour Assistance Helpline

Please call (623) 975-5617. This is not a manned phone line. Leave a message and someone WILL call you back.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 17, 2024

8:00am Carol Kehren† by Al Kehren
 4:00pm Pro Populo for St. Clare of Assisi Parishioners

Sunday, February 18, 2024

7:00am Rosita Gutierrez† by Anie Tabil
 9:00am William Polubinski† by Judy Polubinski
 11:00am Irene Danek† by Mr. & Mrs. Leflore
 5:00pm Ken Warren† for The Lakandulas

Monday, February 19, 2024

8:00am Bob Unverzagt† by Betty Unverzagt

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

8:00am Phil Dreisbach† by Deb Christopherson

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

8:00am Cecilia Camia† by Becky Nievera

Thursday, February 22, 2024

8:00am Alfred Nasaire Jr.† by Becky Nievera

Friday, February 23, 2024

8:00am Donald Stinson† by Lorena Rappolee

Saturday, February 24, 2024

8:00am Elaine L. Allarie† by Robert & Boys Allarie
 4:00pm Jesus H. Sanchez† by Carmen Sanchez

Sunday, February 25, 2024

7:00am Pro Populo for St. Clare of Assisi Parishioners
 9:00am Matthew Lee Dombrovski† by Donna Bader
 11:00am Edward Danek† by Mr. & Mrs. Leflore
 5:00pm Rodolfo Beltran† by Miriam Muriel

Week at a Glance



Monday, February 19, 2024

Office Closed due to President's Day

6:00pm Contemporary Choir Practice—CHURCH
 6:00pm OCIA—NARTHEX

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

9:00am Adult Bible Study—HALL
 11:30am Legion of Mary—HALL
 11:30am Nomad AA—HALL
 5:00pm Children's Choir Practice—CHURCH
 6:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—HALL
 6:30pm Traditional Choir Practice—CHURCH

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

9:00am Men's Scripture Study—HALL
 10:30am Legion of Mary Jrs—HALL
 4:00pm RE: 1st Confession, Confirmation/Communion Class—HALL
 6:00pm Guadalupanos Rosary—CHURCH
 6:00pm RE: 1st Confession, Confirmation/Communion Class—HALL

Thursday, February 22, 2024

9:00am Adult Bible Study—HALL
 11:30am Nomad AA—HALL
 2:00pm Grief Support—HALL
 6:00pm Scouts Meeting—HALL
 6:30pm Anima Christi Charismatics—CHURCH

Friday, February 23, 2024

8:45am Holy Family Homeschool Co-Op—HALL
 8:45am Divine Mercy Cenacle Diary Study—VESTRY
 4:00pm Christ Renews His Parish Retreat—HALL

Saturday, February 24, 2024

8:00am Christ Renews His Parish Retreat—HALL
 3:30pm Knights of Columbus Voter Guides—WALKWAY
 7:00pm Marriage Prep Class—HALL

Sunday, February 25, 2024

8:00am Christ Renews His Parish Retreat—HALL
 6:30am Knights of Columbus Voter Guides—WALKWAY
 11:00am National Junior Catholic Daughters Sunday—CHURCH



Marie Frasca

Fr. Hans Ruygt

Brian Vergara

Karen Opsahl

Don McLane

David Bailey

Glenn Sutton

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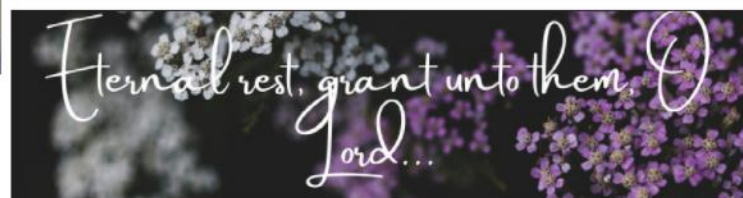
Michael & Carolyn Rouse

Rich Fager

Tim Lukaszewski

Susan Salata

Steve Salata



Please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of

William "Bill" Wild

Susan Salata



Weekly Reflection

What an amazing event we reflect upon today. Jesus, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity humbled Himself in two ways in the passage quoted above. First, He allowed Himself to endure the temptations of satan. Second, He permitted His very own creation, the good angels, to minister to Him in His human form. First of all, recall that satan is a fallen angel. He was created by God and was created good. But the Book of Revelation (12:4) indicates that one-third of the created angels were cast out of Heaven to roam the earth. These demons act under the direction of the highest fallen angel, satan. Thus, according to the passage above, it was satan himself who tempted Jesus in the desert. Additionally, Jesus permitted the good angels to minister to Him in His human nature. These acts reveal the perfection of the virtue of humility within the humanity of our Lord. According to Saint Thomas Aquinas, angels were created for three primary reasons. The first is for the purpose of worship. Worship of God brings about communion with God and enables perfect love to flow back and forth from God to each angelic being. Second, angels enact the will of God in all things. This includes the implementation of the laws of nature and the imparting of the grace that Christ won on the Cross. Third, God uses angels as messengers. Scripture records various ways that the angels spoke to the prophets, to our Blessed Mother, to Saint Joseph and to others. Saint Thomas Aquinas also believed that each of us is given a particular guardian angel whose role is not only to protect us but also to communicate the will of God to us. As God, Jesus was the Creator of all angelic beings with the Father and the Holy Spirit. As man, Jesus was the recipient of both the ministry of the good angels and the attacks of the fallen angels. By humbly subjecting Himself to the natural powers of these angelic creatures, Jesus was also teaching us that we must do the same. One of the primary natural powers of both the good and bad angels is the power of influence and suggestive thought. Angelic beings have the ability to put before your imagination ideas meant to either influence you for the good (the good angels) or to deceive you and lead you into sin (the bad angels). These communications are real, and we should be aware of them. In his book, *The Spiritual Exercises*, Saint Ignatius of Loyola devotes much time and energy to the ministry of angels. He teaches how to distinguish the lies and deceptions of the fallen angels from the consoling direction communicated by the good angels. In many ways, our Gospel passage today, by which Jesus submitted Himself to the temptations and ministry of the angels, lends much support to the importance of trying to understand how these angelic creatures influence us. Reflect, today, upon the amazing truth that both angels and demons are constantly active in your life, seeking to influence you. As you ponder their spiritual role in your life, consider the various ways you can learn more about them. Speak to your guardian angel. Ask for the intercession of the highest of angels. Try to join them in their divine worship. Pray for their protection. Ask them to communicate to you the highest of truths from God. Seek to be attentive to these holy angels so that as you learn to discern their voices, you will be ready to follow the direction they give to you from God.

Reflection found on mycatholic.life



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 18: 1st Sunday of Lent

First Reading: [Genesis 9: 8-15](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9](#)

Second Reading: [First Peter 3: 18-22](#)

Verse Before the Gospel: [Matthew 4: 4b](#)

Gospel: [Mark 1: 12-15](#)

February 19

First Reading: [Leviticus 19: 1-2, 11-18](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 15](#)

Verse Before the Gospel: [Second Corinthians 6: 2b](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 25: 31-46](#)

February 20

First Reading: [Isaiah 55: 10-11](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 34: 4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19](#)

Verse Before the Gospel: [Matthew 4: 4b](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 6: 7-15](#)

February 21: St. Peter Damian

First Reading: [Jonah 3: 1-10](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 51: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19](#)

Verse Before the Gospel: [Joel 2: 12-13](#)

Gospel: [Luke 11: 29-32](#)

February 22: Chair of Peter, Apostle

First Reading: [First Peter 5: 1-4](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 23: 1-3a, 4, 5, 6](#)

Verse Before the Gospel: [Matthew 16: 18](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 16: 13-19](#)

February 23: St. Polycarp

First Reading: [Ezekiel 18: 21-28](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8](#)

Verse Before the Gospel: [Ezekiel 18: 31](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 5: 20-26](#)

February 24

First Reading: [Deuteronomy 26: 16-19](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 119: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8](#)

Verse Before the Gospel: [Second Corinthians 6: 2b](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 5: 43-48](#)

February 25: 2nd Sunday of Lent

First Reading: [Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 116: 10, 15, 16-17, 18-19](#)

Second Reading: [Romans 8: 31b-34](#)

Verse Before the Gospel: [Matthew 17: 5](#)

Gospel: [Mark 9: 2-10](#)

Do Not Sign Abortion Campaign in Arizona

February 2, 2024

azcatholicconference.org/uncategorized/do-not-sign-abortion-campaign-in-arizona/

Pro-abortion Signature Campaign in Arizona

Millions of dollars from the pro-abortion industry are flooding into Arizona from out of State. This includes paying workers to collect signatures in front of grocery stores and other public locations for an amendment to our State Constitution.

Do not sign pro-abortion campaign in Arizona.

The goal of the signature campaign is to enshrine a constitutional right to unrestricted abortion in Arizona. What makes a constitutional amendment especially grave is that our own Arizona Legislators could lose the ability to regulate abortion in any way, leaving us with the potential for fully unrestricted abortion.

The proposed amendment would put women and girls at risk by no longer requiring the use of a qualified medical doctor as well as by removing safety standards for abortion clinics. By eliminating current parental consent laws, mothers and fathers would be left out of decision-making when their minor daughter needs them the most. Too, the proposed amendment would allow for painful late-term abortions and open the door to taxpayer funding of them. While the effort claims to be moderate in nature, its vague language would make Arizona one of the most extreme states in terms of abortion. We believe that even many of those who support abortion in limited instances would find the proposed Constitutional amendment extreme and misleading.

Arizonans deserve far better than the measures being proposed in this signature campaign. We humbly ask for your prayers that this signature campaign will fail and that mothers and their babies will be kept alive and safe.

Again, we urge the citizens of Arizona not to sign when approached by these paid canvassers in front of stores or public locations.

Most Rev. John P. Dolan

Bishop of Phoenix

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger

Bishop of Tucson

Most Rev. James S. Wall

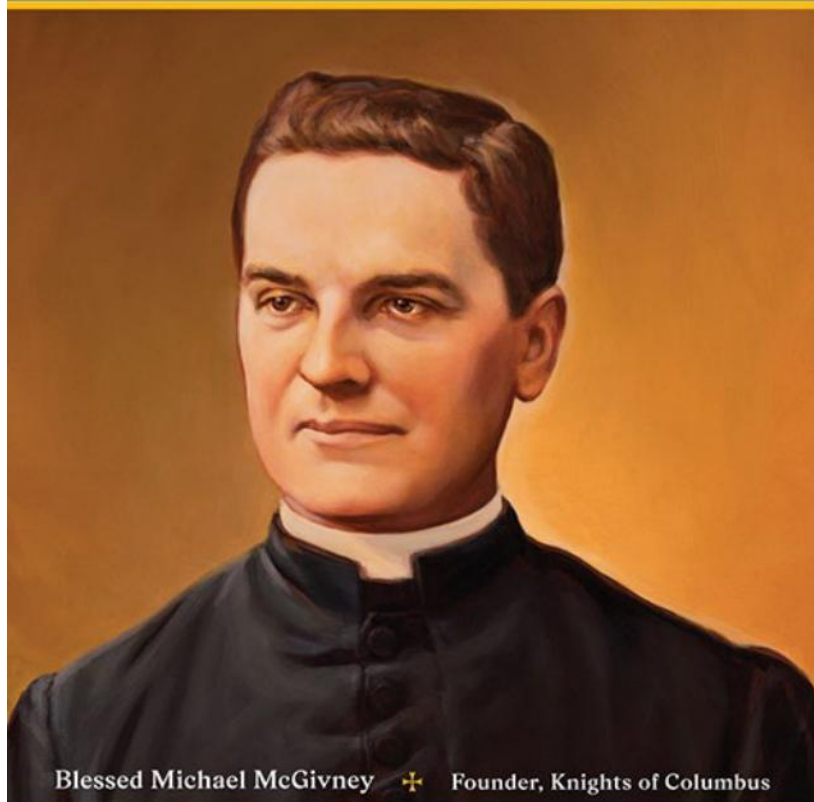
Bishop of Gallup

Most Rev. Eduardo Nevares

Auxiliary Bishop of Phoenix



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Join Us!

All the paths of the Lord
are mercy and truth

Psalm 25:10

Todas las sendas del Señor
son misericordia y verdad

Salmo 24, 10

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Clare of Assisi Conference

Many of you have already purchased one or two of our CLUB 25 raffle tickets over the years. St. Clare of Assisi Conference would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. The net proceeds go to our conference to help the needs of our many local neighbors. Each year we try to sell 1,000 tickets. At the first Tuesday meeting of each month, starting in March 2024 through February 2025, we draw out three tickets, one for \$500, the next for \$300, and the last for \$200. All the monthly winner's names go back into the drawing, so you could be a multiple winner! All winners will be contacted by phone. You need not be present or even in the state of Arizona to win. Please support this popular fundraiser. Thank you for all the wonderful support you give to St. Vincent de Paul and good luck! Tickets will be sold **this weekend**, February 17-18!

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Retreat

Do you sense something is missing in your life? Do you feel that if you were not so busy you would be happier, healthier, more effective, more fulfilled, and maybe even a better person? Why not come to the next Christ Renews His Parish Retreat? The whole weekend is free, with all food provided, and takes place right here at the Parish Hall! The Retreat is an incredible experience that helps you discover what is missing in your life and what you can do about it! Want to connect with other parishioners, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of every day life? You will find what you're looking for **and more!**

MEN'S RETREAT: 2.24-25.24 | 7AM - 5PM MASS

LOOK FOR THE REGISTRATION FLYER IN THE NARTHEX OR REGISTER ONLINE AT:
STCPAZ.ORG/CRHP-WELCOME-RETREAT

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DEN DAVE: KDOOPSAN@HOTMAIL.COM

	January 2024 <u>Actual</u>	January 2024 <u>Budget</u>	January 2024 <u>Difference</u>	Fiscal Year to Date July - Jan 2023-2024 <u>Actual</u>	Fiscal Year to Date July - Jan 2023 2024 <u>Budget</u>	Fiscal Year to Date July - Jan 2023 -2024 <u>Difference</u>
<u>Ordinary Plate Collection</u>						
In Pew Giving	92,474.84			\$637,281.35		
Online Giving	\$41,148.00			306,126.60		
TOTAL	133,622.84	116,400.00	17,222.84	943,207.95	814,800.00	128,407.95
<u>Building Fund Collection</u>						
In Pew Giving	26,088.84			152,360.83		
Online Giving	10,490.00			70,958.00		
TOTAL	36,589.84	40,000.00	-3,410.16	223,318.83	280,000.00	-56,681.17
PAC/PEWS DONATION	43,072.00	4,167.00	38,905.00	257,069.82	29,169.00	227,900.82

*Fiscal Year in the Diocese of Phoenix is July to June

RUMMAGE

SALE

March 1st & 2nd
Friday 8am-3pm
Saturday 8am – 12pm

To Volunteer – call Lorrie 623-512-1042

Drop off dates are Feb. 28th & 29th 8am to 4 pm

We have no place to store anything before those dates

PICK UP

For Knights pickup of larger items contact:

Barb Grattan at 623-544-0855 or brubrb31@gmail.com

or

Janet Bluhm at 623-910-6880 or jlbluhm@hotmail.com



Have jewelry that you want to donate. It takes time to clean, polish, & repair jewelry. To arrange pick up call or text Cathy Young, Chair at 603-781-8943 or send her an email at cyoung774@aol.com

Let's pull together to benefit our new parish center.

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Your gift to the **Charity & Development Appeal** serves
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2. Complete a CDA card from your parish and return to parish or mail in yellow reply envelope.
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Healing Mass and Eucharistic Adoration



PRAISE & WORSHIP

9:45 AM

MASS

10:00 AM

ADORATION/CONFESSION/ PRAYER MINISTRY

11:00 AM

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

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Hosted by the Diocese of Phoenix Catholic Renewal Ministries

Our awesome Boy Scouts Pack 400 was awarded Pack of the Year for the Sonoran Sunset District, through the Grand Canyon Council of the Boy Scouts! Congratulations—you all deserve it, for your hard work and dedication to the Scouts and to our parish.

Pictured below is George Strickland of the Grand Canyon Council (left), Pack 400 Cubmaster Bryan Luce (center), and Assistant Pack 400 Cubmaster Jamie Foley (right).



SAVE THE DATE

Annual Priest's & Clergy Appreciation/ Celebration
will take place on
Sunday, April 21st
at 12:30 pm
in the parish hall.

Tickets will go on sale after all Masses the
weekends of March 23rd & 24th and
April 6th & 7th.

Tickets \$25.00 each

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Welcome to St. Clare of Assisi Parish! We are glad you are here for the celebration of the Holy Mass. Please take note of the guidelines for the reception of Holy Communion: Prior to receiving Communion, Catholics should have fasted for one hour; water and medicine excepting. Catholics aware of grave sin (e.g. intentionally missing Mass on Sunday/Holy Days, abortion, theft, sexual sin, use of contraceptives, etc.) should go to Confession prior to receiving Communion. Because of our belief in the Eucharist being the Body and Blood of Christ, reception of Communion is reserved to Catholics. There may exist circumstances in the lives of some individual Catholics, which may not facilitate immediate participation in receiving Communion (e.g., cohabitation, marriage outside the Church). A priest would be happy to assist you in rectifying these situations. We come together to worship God in spirit and in truth.

Entrance Antiphon:

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will rescue him and honor him; with long life will I satisfy him.

Entrance Hymn: Forty Days and Forty Nights 466

1. Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild; forty days and forty nights tempted and yet undefiled.
2. Shall not we your sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain, fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with you to suffer pain?
3. Then, if Satan on us press, flesh or spirit to assail, victor in the wilderness, grant we may not faint nor fail.

Sign of the Cross & Greeting

Penitential Act:

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

[striking their breast, they say:]

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

[then they continue:]

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Christe Eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Liturgy of the Word: Worship Hymnal 1028

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Responsorial Psalm: R/. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep Your covenant.

1. Your ways, O LORD, make known to me, teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me for You are God my savior.
2. Remember that Your compassion, O LORD, and Your love are from of old. In Your kindness remember me, because of Your goodness, O LORD.

Responsorial Psalm: R/. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep Your covenant.

3. Good and upright is the LORD, thus He shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and He teaches the humble His way.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Gospel Acclamation: Praise and Honor, to You O Lord, Jesus Christ.

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15

The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Creed

Prayers of the Faithful

Your response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: Parce Domine 469

Parce Domine, parce populo tuo; ne in aeternum irascaris nobis. Spare us, gracious Lord, spare your people, who have sinned: spare us, lest we face your reproach forever.

1. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your merciful love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions.
2. Wash me completely from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
3. My transgressions, truly I know them; my sin is always before me.
4. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done.
5. Create a pure heart for me, O God; renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Prayer Over the Offerings & Invitation to Prayer

Preface Dialogue & Preface

Sanctus:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

Mystery of Faith:

We proclaim Your death, O Lord, and profess Your Resurrection, until You come again.

The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

The Sign of Peace

Agnus Dei:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. (2x)
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2x) Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion Antiphon:

He will overshadow you with his pinions, and you will find refuge under his wings. His faithfulness will encompass you with a shield.

Communion Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast 512

1. At the Lamb's high feast, we sing praise to our victorious King, who has washed us in the tide flowing from His pierced side. Praise we Him, whose love divine gives His sacred Blood for wine, gives His Body for the feast: Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
2. Where the Paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheaths his sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, Paschal bread. With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.
3. Mighty victim from on high, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you life; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And in You Your saints shall rise.
4. Easter triumph, Easter joy, this alone can sin destroy; from sin's pow'r Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise.

Communion Hymn: Eat This Bread 943

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to Him and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in Him and you will not thirst.

1. Christ is the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father.
2. Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, but his is the bread come down from heaven.
3. Eat His flesh and drink His blood and Christ will raise you up on the last day.
4. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.
5. If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life.

The Concluding Rites

Blessing & Dismissal

Prayer to St. Michael: St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Divine Power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: The Glory of These Forty Days 467

1. The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise; For Christ, through whom all things were made, Himself has fasted and has prayed.
2. Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law; and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.
3. So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions' might; and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.
4. Then grant, O God, that we may, too, return in fast and prayer to you. Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Heard an important pre-Mass announcement but can't remember what it was? Scan the QR code to the right to read our weekly announcements online!



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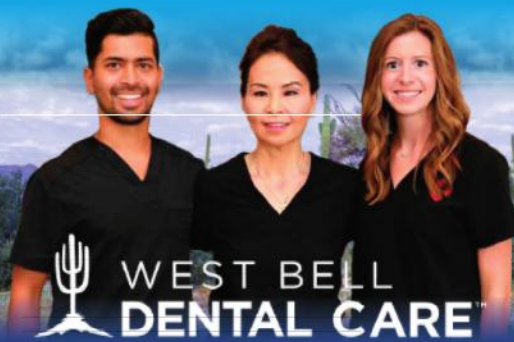
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