St. Joan of Arc Catholic Parish

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SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday/Thursday: 9:00am/5:00pm
Closed Noon til 1:00pm
Friday: 9:00am/Noon

MASS SCHEDULE
DAILY/DIARIO: (Church/Iglesia)
8:30 am (English) Monday/Saturday
6:00 pm (English) Monday
6:00 pm (Español) Wednesday

WEEKEND MASSES
SATURDAY/SÁBADO
4:30 pm (English)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO
8:30 am (English)
10:30 am (English)
12:30 pm (Español)

HOLY DAYS
See bulletin week prior to Holy Day.

CONFESSION/CONFESIÓN
Monday/Saturday 8:00/8:25am(Eng/Esp)
Monday: 5:30pm-5:55 pm (Eng/Esp)
Wednesday 5:30pm-5:55 pm (Eng/Esp)
Saturday: 9:00am-10:30am (Eng/Esp)
or by appointment on above listed days.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & LAST RITES-24 HOURS/ Uncion a los Enfermos y Ultimos Ritos, 24-horas (602) 867-9171.

Communion for the Hospitalized and Homebound Comunión para los que estan en Hospital o Imposibilitados para salir de Casa 602.867.9171.

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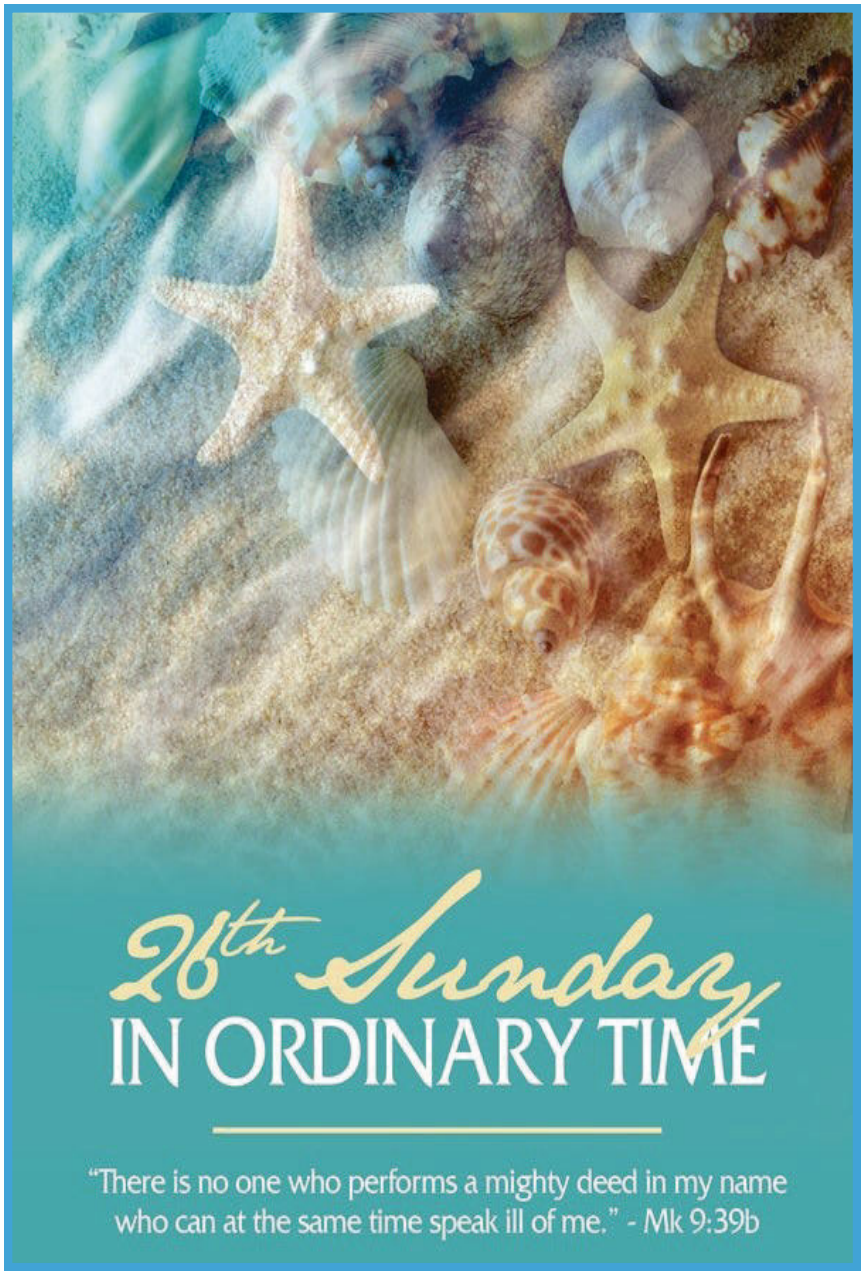

We seek to glorify Jesus Christ by:
KNOWING OUR FAITH,
LIVING OUR FAITH,
SHARING OUR FAITH.

MISSION STATEMENT
Courageously following Christ by serving the community through Catholic liturgy, gospel values, charity and education.

Staff at St. Joan of Arc—
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

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HALL USAGE…

St. Joan of Arc Parish has two halls available. For more information, please contact Andy in the Parish Office at 602.867.9171x307.

ST. JOAN OF ARC MINISTRIES

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY: Please contact Coordinator Tracy Stofflet, at tasarizona@cox.net.

ESTO VIR: SJA Mens' Fellowship. For information, go to www.stjoanofarc.com

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/USHERS: Jean Green at 602.867.9171x308 or greenjeanaz@stjoanofarc.com

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS to the Scared Heart of Jesus: The First Friday of each month after the 8:30 daily Mass.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS to the Blessed Mother: The First Saturday of each month after the 8:30 daily Mass.

HEALING PRAYER AND DELIVERANCE MINISTRY; Is held in the Church on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm. For more info, please call Mary Jo Orkild at 602-956-6107..

HOSPITALITY: Please call the church office at 602.867.9171.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP: Mary Jo Orkild at 602.956.6107. Meets 2nd/4th Thursday after 8:30 Mass in the Church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: tonyordonez@outlook.com or 928-257-8556.

LECTORS: Brian Foley at bjfoley1@cox.net or 862.246.5116.

LEGION OF MARY: Rosemary Rosenberger at 602-690-7702 or r.rosey@q.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Parish musical opportunities, please contact Jeffrey Morse at jmorse@stjoanofarc.com

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: Please contact Josie Savino at 602-996-3887.

PASTORAL CARE: Jean Green at greenjeanaz@stjoanofarc.com

PERPETUAL ADORATION: Desiree Schlangen(English) at Desiree.SJA.Adoration@gmail.com or Nora Cordero (Spanish) at Nora.SJA.Adoration@gmail.com

RESPECT LIFE: For information, please contact CLARICE STAUBLE at 830-377-7718.

ST. DAMIEN'S HELPERS: Edye Malena @602-971-0490

SJA PRAYER LINE: 4prayeronly@gmail.com.

SENIOR MINISTRY: Barbara Matthews at 602.867.9171x312 or bulletin@stjoanofarc.com

UNION WITH CHRIST: Please call 602.312.3246.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Please call 602.867.2288.

INFANT BAPTISM

If you are interested in having your child baptized or simply have questions about the process, please call 602-867-9171, ext. 115 or email us at baptism-english@stjoanofarc.com.

PERPETUAL ADORATION/PRO-LIFE CANDLES

Our Adoration Chapel/Pro-Life Shrine Candle program allows parishioners to honor/memorialize family/friends with lighted candles on the altar in the Adoration Chapel or at the shrine. Names of the sponsors and those being remembered will be in the weekly bulletin. Please come to the parish office to set up your sponsorship of a $10/candle. Each sponsorship is for one week.

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 - OCTOBER 3, 2021,

MONDAY/LUNES
8:30am—Sister Loretta Beyer†
6:00pm—In Thanksgiving for the Finan Family

TUESDAY MARTES
8:30am—Rose & Peter Sonchik†

WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES
8:30am—John J. Crosson†
6:00pm—Arnulfo Patino†

THURSDAY/JUEVES
8:30am—Franjo Radeljak

FRIDAY/VIERNES
8:30am—The Makonnen Children

SATURDAY/*SABADO*
8:30am—Sean Lenchner
4:30pm—Rush Limbaugh†

SUNDAY/DOMINGO
8:30am—SJA Parishioners
10:30am—Clorinda & Dominic Finocchio†
12:30pm—Nacho Garcia†

ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLE SPONSORS

GLORIA & EVARISTO PEREZ

IN MEMORY OF

MATTHEW PEREZ

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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

ST. DAMIEN'S HELPERS…

St. Joan of Arc Parishioners & Community Neighbors

Many thanks to the response from our parishioners. The invitation is always open for you to join our ministry. Some of you choose to join us on Thursdays and others prefer to work at home. Thanks also for the donations of yarn and money to support our mission. We continue to knit/crochet hats, scarfs, blankets and lap quilts for St. Joan of Arc preschoolers, SMIS, St. Vincent de Paul homeless citizens, our US veterans and Merchant Marines. Baby blankets for baptism at Franciscsan Renewal Center and layette items for newborns at Luke Air Force base.

Please pray for our ministry. Please call Edye Malena (602-971-0490) for more information

ALL VOLUNTEERS

Time to renew your 2021-2022 ONLINE SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING.

The year runs from July 1 thru June 30 of the following year.

This means that everyone is required to renew their Safe Environment Training for 2021-2022.

In order to complete your training, please log in to the new site https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org

If you forgotten your password, you can click on the forgotten password link located under SIGN IN.

REST IN PEACE

FILIBERTO ZUNIGA-HUERTA

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will not die."

HOLY CATHOLIC MARRIAGE MENTORING
WW.HOLYCATHOLICMARRIAGE.COM
By Alberta & Gary Pizzitola, PhD
602-743-4303

FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy Sunday!

It is so good to see the parish buzzing again! Mass attendance continues to increase. I want to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families. I have had the opportunity to meet many of you but know there are many more. We're glad to have you join our St. Joan of Arc family!

Religious Education is well under way, Tuesday and Wednesday nights bring lots of life to the parish grounds! Verso l'Alto is also going and we had our largest group of teens at the kickoff night.

I would also like to bring your attention to the Children's Music Class being offered by our Director of Music, Jeffrey Morse. Jeffrey has spoken around the country for many years on music education for children. We are very grateful that he is continuing to offer this class to children of the parish for free. The class will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 4pm-5:15pm. If you are interested in joining the class, please call the parish office or email Jeffrey at jmorse@stjoanofarc.com.

Mark your calendars for November 21st. This year November 21st is the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession like we did in 2019. It will be about a one mile loop through the neighborhood. There will be a Mass at 2:30pm that Sunday and immediately following the Mass we will begin the procession. Please plan to join us as we carry our Lord through the neighborhood!

I hope everyone has a great week and know of my prayers!

In Christ,

Fr. Connealy

WELCOME VISITORS

We are happy to have you join us today and every Sunday. You enrich our Masses by your presence and your participation. We hope that you find our liturgies here to be an inspiring celebration of our faith. Please come back again…and often.

DE NUESTRO PASTOR

¡Feliz domingo!

¡Es tan bueno ver a la parroquia vibrando de nuevo! La asistencia a misa sigue aumentando. Quiero dar una cálida bienvenida a todas nuestras nuevas familias. He tenido la oportunidad de conocer a muchos de ustedes, pero sé que hay muchos más. ¡Nos complace que se una a nuestra familia de Santa Juana de Arco!

La educación religiosa está en marcha, los martes y miércoles por la noche dan mucha vida a la parroquia. Verso l'Alto también asistirá y tuvimos nuestro grupo más grande de adolescentes en la noche inicial.

También me gustaría llamar su atención sobre la Clase de Música para Niños ofrecida por nuestro Director de Música, Jeffrey Morse. Jeffrey ha hablado en todo el país durante muchos años sobre educación musical para niños. Estamos muy agradecidos de que continúe ofreciendo esta clase a los niños de la parroquia por gratis. La clase se reunirá los miércoles por la tarde de 4 hasta la 5:15 de la tarde. Si está interesado en unirse a la clase, llame a la oficina parroquial o envíe un correo electrónico a Jeffrey (jmorse@stjoanofarc.com).

Marque sus calendarios para el 21 de noviembre. Este año el 21 de noviembre es la solemnidad de Jesús Cristo, Rey del Universo. Celebraremos una Procesión Eucarística como lo hicimos en 2019. Será un bucle de una milla a través del vecindario. Habrá una misa a las 2:30 de la tarde ese domingo e inmediatamente después de la misa comenzaremos la procesión. Por favor haga planes para unirse a nosotros mientras llevamos a nuestro Señor por el vecindario!

¡Espero que todos tengan una gran semana y conozcan mis oraciones!

En Cristo,

P. Connealy

Reciben a los visitants

Estamos encantados de que te unas a nosotros hoy y todos los domingos. A enriquecer nuestras misas por su presencia y su anticipación. Esperamos que encuentre nuestras liturgias aquí para ser una celebración inspiradora de nuestra fe. Por favor, vuelve otra vez ... y con frecuencia.

MASS 101...

St. Alphonsus Liguori once said that ***"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."***

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION...

ADORERS NEEDED:

THURSDAY—1:00AM
FRIDAY—8:00AM
SATURDAY—10:00PM

Please contact Desiree.SJA.Adoration@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.

Morning Prayers...

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 8:00 am before daily Mass; Liturgy of the Hours at 8:10am following the Chaplet. Rosary follows Mass Monday/Saturday.

For more information or any questions, please contact Judy Collins at 602-540-4397.

VOCATIONS...

"Whoever is not against us is for us." Is your faith in Christ leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 602-354-2005 or email, dphx.org/vocations.

TV MASS
9:00am Every Sunday
on CHANNEL 7- KAZT-TV.

SJA ALTAR SERVERS...

As the new school year begins, please keep our SJA Altar Servers in your prayers. They are a wonderfully dedicated group of young men who serve with reverence and gratitude.

We are always
looking for young men to join our wonderful Ministry.
Please email the coordinator,
Tracy Stofflet at tasarizona@cox.net
for more information and to set up an interview.

SJA SENIOR MINISTRY...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

LUNCH: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20
WHERE: WIEDNER HALL AT 11:30A
MENU: PIZZA, SALAD, DESSERT & BEVERAGE
COST: STILL ONLY $4.00 PER PERSON
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There will be a SENIOR BOARD MEETING on Thursday, October 14, at 9:30am in Santa Maria Hall.

Please contact Barb Matthews at 602-867-9171x312 for more information.

Returning Catholics:
No matter how long you've been away, you can come home again. Check out ww.catholicscomehome.org

Weekly Readings for the week SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/ Jn 1:47-51
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

1 AN OCTAVE

Please pray for our men & women in the armed forces and also for their families.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT...
A copy of the Diocese of Phoenix Policy & Procedures for the Protection of Minors can be found in the Church Office .or online.

XXVI DOMINGO DE TIME ORDINARIO — 26 DE SEPTIEMBRE 2021

MISA 101 ...

San Alfonso Liguori dijo una vez: ***"De todas las devociones, el de adorar a Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento es el más grande después de los sacramentos, el más querido de Dios y el más útil para nosotros".***

VOCACIONES...

"La sabiduría que viene de arriba es ,ante todo, pura , dócil y amante de la paz ." Orar por sabiduría te ayudará a ser dócil a lo que Cristo ha escogido para ti, si El te regala la vocación a la vida consagrada o al sacerdocio. Si estás discerniendo tu vocación, Llama a la Oficina de Vocaciones al 602-354-2005, o escribe a: dphx.org/vocations.

BAUTISMO INFANTIL...

Póngase en contacto con Maria Diaz para programar una reunión. La información también está disponible en el sitio web y en la oficina principal. Llame a la oficina parroquial para obtener más información.

Informacion para Quinceaneras y Bodas
Contacte con Luz E Mendoza-Gomez
9 meses antes al 480-208-2369 o
lemendoza70@hotmail.com

Si necesita información acerca de la Anulación de un Matrimonio, por favor contacte a Jean Green al 602-867-9171 ext.308.o
greenjeanaz@stjoanofarc.com

Mire la Santa Misa en el canal de YouTube de nuestro
www.youtube.com/PhoenixDiocese

Homecoming para Volviendo Católicos:
No importa cuánto tiempo has estado fuera, usted puede venir a casa de nuevo. Echa un vistazo a www.catholicscomehome.org

Por Favor, oremos por nuestros hombres & mujeres en las fuerzas armadas y tambien por sus familias.

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA ...

ADORADORES NECESARIOS:
JUEVES—1:00AM
VIERNES— 8:00AM
SABADO—10:00PM

Por favor Nora.SJA.Adoration@gmail.com

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA ...

¿POR QUÉ DEBO SER ADORADOR?

¡Hay muchas razones! Lo más impovrtante es visitar y pasar tiempo con Nuestro Señor Jesucristo que es siempre. Presente en la Sagrada Eucaristía (también llamado Santísimo Sacramento). Como cualquier relación, lo que ponemos en es lo que vamos a volver y nuestro Señor no está superado en la generosidad! Como un adorador comprometido también tiene la increíble responsabilidad de mantener al Señor no sólo compañía sino también seguro en la Capilla de la Adoración. Los feligreses y otros generalmente se comprometen a una hora (o más) por semana. Venir a la adoración es una manera perfecta de acercarse cada vez más a Jesús e intensificar nuestra vida espiritual. ¡Que Cristo sea siempre Rey de nuestros corazones!
Para más información, llame a
Norma Ciani al donyaciani@hotmail.com

OPORTUNIDADES ORACIÓN DIARIA

- **Misa diaria a las 8:30am**
- **Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento las 24 horas del día en la Capilla de Adoración**
- **Rezar el Rosario diario**
- **Siga las nuevas presentaciones religiosas en EWTN.**

POR FAVOR MUESTRE RESPETO Y REVERENCIA EN LA MISA SIENDO PUNTUAL Y VESTIDO APROPIADA-MENTE PARA LA IGLESIA.
¡HAGAMOS LO MEJOR POR DIOS!

Las lecturas de la 26 de SEPTIEMBRE 2021:

Lunes: Zac 8, 1-8/Sal 101, 16-18. 19-21. 29 y 22-23/Lc 9, 46-50
Martes: Zac 8, 20-23/Sal 86, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7/Lc 9, 51-56
Miércoles: Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14 o Ap 12, 7-12/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5/ Jn 1, 47-51
Jueves: Neh 8, 1-4. 5-6. 7-12/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11/Lc 10, 1-12
Viernes: Bar 1, 15-22/Sal 78, 1-2. 3-5. 8. 9/Lc 10, 13-16
Sábado: Bar 4, 5-12. 27-29/Sal 68, 33-35. 36-37/Mt 18, 1-5. 10
Domingo: Gn 2, 18-24/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6/Heb 2, 9-11/ Mc 10, 2-16

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...

As Religious Education kicks off for the year, a big THANK YOU to all who have supported the families in Religious Education through prayers, donations for the *Catechism of the Catholic Church,* Bibles, supplies, hospitality and words of encouragement. We are looking forward to a great year ahead! This year would not be the same without your very generous support!

FLIGHTS OF FAITH...

Announcement: Young Adults (21-45)

Come enjoy Flights of Faith, food and drinks and a talk by Fr. Ryan Lee on 9 CHOIRS OF ANGELS.
General Q & A Session to follow.

Where: GROUND CONTROL CRAFT FOOD & DRINK (We will be on the Patio.) 4860 N. Litchfield Rd. Litchfield Park, AZ

When: SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 Arrive around 6:30p for ordering and the talk will start at 7:00p.

Please RSVP to 623-516-4917 to RSVP. Please leave a message if no one answers. Hope to see you there.

Support St. Joan of Arc when you shop on Smile.Amazon.com by choosing "St. Joan of Arc Roman Catholic Parish Phoenix".

When you do this, St. Joan of Arc receives a portion of the proceeds directly.

Thank you for supporting us!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL....

We would like to thank you for the GENEROUS DONATIONS ($6.836.60) to our pantry that you gave to the St. Vincent de Paul collection at the parish few weeks ago. The money will be used to purchase food and assist with rental/utility payments to those in need within our parish boundaries.

Please purchase ONE CAN OF SPAGHETTI SAUCE for our pantry next week.

The times when the pantry is open is below.

---Mondays - 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
---Wednesdays – 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM,
6:00 PM- to 7:30 PM
---Saturdays – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Thank you and God bless...

Coming soon...new crucifixes, rosaries, books, and so much more!

Gift Shop CLOSED...but

2021 St. Joseph Sunday Missals
Magnificat
Children's Books
Rosaries
Bibles
Prayer Cards
Adoration Pins
Crucifixes
Lourdes Lotions & Soap
Statues, Books
Tote Bags, Veils,
And much more....

are available in the Parish Office
Mon thru Thurs
9:00a-12:00p—1:00p-5:00p
Fri 9:00a-12:00p.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for a way to be a part of the St. Joan of Arc community?
For more information, please call Andy Lambros at 602.867.9171x307 or alambros@stjoanofarc.com.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEK-END SEPTEMBER 18/19,2021
FIN DE SEMANA 18/19 DE SEPTIEMBRE 2021

Plate	$8,690.00

ONLINE GIVING

WE09/11/21	$18,108.00
WE9/18/21	$12,257.00

Thank you/Gracias

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ONLINE GIVING
Questions: Contact Andy Lambros
602-867-9171x307

ESTO VIR

For information on ***ESTO VIR***
St. Joan of Arc Mens' Fellowship,
please go to the website www.stjoanofarc.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 14357

Fall into a lifesaving habit:

BLOOD DRIVE
OCTOBER 10 –7:30A-NOON
WEIDNER HALL
Schedule your appointment with the Red Cross at reblood.org/donate.
Note: Masks are required for all volunteers and donors.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain:
Archbishop William Lori challenges Knights This month – *"I challenge you to watch the "Leadership" episode of the Into the Breach video series and use the study guide to reflect on what true humility and service look like. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Soccer Challenge or Free Throw Championship program."*

Upcoming Events:

- Council Meeting – 10/7
- Hospitality – Donuts – 10/10
- Red Cross Blood Drive – 10/10
- Bingo – 10/28

We are looking for Catholic men with a passion for service and supporting our Parish and community. Please contact Grand Knight Tony Ordonez at 928 257-8556 or tonyordonez@outlook.com for more information.

HAND CARVED in BETHLEHEM

PLEASE STOP BY THE TABLES OF RELIGIOUS WARES (Nativity set, rosaries, statues, crucifixes, charms, etc.) AFTER ALL THE MASSES THE WEEK END OF (October 2 & 3).

Ayman Khair is representing about 180 Christian families from Bethlehem. These families have been dependent upon sales of their hand carved religious articles to tourists of the Holy Land. Due to the conflict in the Middle East and the Pandemic, tourism has been stopped completely since March 2, 2020.

It is very important to support them at this critical time, since they have no income and there is no government to take care of them and help them. In order to survive, they have turned to Christian communities in the United State to purchase their articles.

These hand carved religious articles are beyond description. Carved from wood of the sacred Olive tree, this workmanship has been traditional for these families for hundreds of years. It is hoped that through the efforts of Mr. Khair, these families who have little income and are able to stay living and survive in the Holy Land.

Sadly enough, the Christian population dropped from 22 % to less than 2% in the last 20 years.
Thank you in advance for your support

BIBLE STUDY…

Kevin Saunders has started his fall session on Thursdays in Weidner Hall at 10:00A. We welcome all to come and see if this type of study is for you. Visit for a few sessions. Kevin also shares the culture of the time when the books were written. Our fall session starts with the book of John.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA…

1. A feast day and its 7 following days are called what?
2. Who must be present at a Catholic wedding besides the engaged couple?
3. Who founded the Jesuits?

The answers are in this bulletin.
GO FIND THEM!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

September 26, 2021
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealously, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

2. A PRIEST & 2 WITNESSES

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

26 de septiembre 2021
26º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Hoy encontramos en la Liturgia detalles específicos de la paciencia y pedagogía de Dios con su pueblo. La realidad que pasaba el pueblo en la vida del desierto, es algo muy parecido a la existencia humana de la sociedad de hoy. ¿Quién profetiza? ¿Quién tiene la autoridad para hablar del Señor? ¡Celo apostólico, o envidia! Josué pide a Moisés que Eldad y Medad no fueran catequistas, o evangelizadores por decirlo así. Pero el Espíritu de Dios estaba en ellos --- como lo está ahora en todo bautizado. La respuesta de Moisés fue la siguiente: "Ojalá que todo el pueblo de Yavé fuera profeta, que Yavé les diera a todos su espíritu" (Números 11:29).

En una de sus tantas catequesis, el Papa Francisco lo explica así: "De buena fe, con celo, se quisiera proteger la autenticidad de una cierta experiencia, tutelando al fundador o al líder de falsos imitadores. Pero al mismo tiempo está como el temor de la competencia, que alguno pueda robar nuevos seguidores, y entonces no se logra apreciar el bien que los otros hacen; no va bien porque no es de los nuestros, se dice (9/30/2018). Por el otro lado, la respuesta de Jesús a Juan es similar a la de Josué y del Papa: "No se lo prohíban, ya que nadie puede hacer un milagro en mi nombre y luego hablar mal de mí. El que no está contra nosotros está con nosotros" (Marcos 9:39-40). Actuar, hacer todo en nombre de Jesús, implica solo una cosa: fidelidad a su mensaje de amor, paz y justicia. Todo lo que se ha hecho, en este tiempo de pandemia, por amor a los demás es ser generosos al estilo de Jesú.

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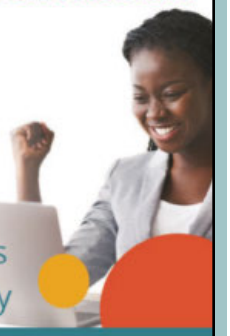

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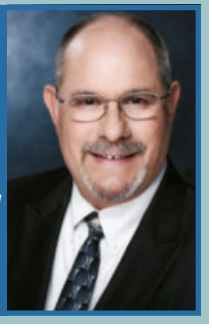
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