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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
OCIA
K-6 Catechesis
Mondays, 6:30pm-8pm
Mondays, 6pm-7:30pm
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

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-lifearizona.com | (602) 305-5100 Choices Pregnancy Center: www.choicesaz.com | (623) 486-5232 First 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.



# 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 <u>not</u> a manned phone line. Leave a message and someone WILL call you back.

# Mass Intentions

# Week at a Glance 🚟

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Saturday, March 2, 2024					
8:00am	Jack Banasik†	by	Mary Wilcynski		
4:00pm	John & Clara Waskow†	by	Cheryl Marshall		
Sunday, March 3, 2024					
7:00am	Deceased Members of the Huff Family	by	Alice Kephart		
9:00am	Pro Populo	for	St. Clare of Assisi Parishioners		
11:00am	Caesar N Muccioli†	by	The Smith Family		
5:00pm	Lucia Diaz Medina	by	Flor de Maria Medina		
	Monday, Marc	h 4,	2024		
8:00am	Bob Unverzagt† & Ginny Orr	by	Betty Unverzagt		
	Tuesday, March 5, 2024				
8:00am	Jo Van Sant	by	Carolina Revilla		
	Wednesday, Ma	rch	6, 2024		
8:00am	Anthony Daniel Muriel†	by	Miriam Muriel		
	Thursday, March 7, 2024				
8:00am	Andres Minoza & Ireneo Lerias†	by	Marie Mesola		
Friday, March 8, 2024					
8:00am	Tony Gramblicka†	by	Brenda Gramblicka		
	Saturday, March 9, 2024				
8:00am	Jose Agote†	by	Irene Agote		
4:00pm	Marie Reynolds†	_	Richard & Julia Spong		
Sunday, March 10, 2024					
7:00am	Esperanza Gomez†	by	Cynthia Chavez		
9:00am	Larry Castrovinci†	by	Kathy Castrovinci Buckley		
11:00am	Pro Populo	for	St. Clare of Assisi Parishioners		
5:00pm	Megan Mesola & Jandrei Minoza	by	Marie Mesola		

	Monday, March 4, 2024		
6:00pm	Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service—CHURCH		
6:00pm	OCIA-LOBBY		
6:30pm	Youth Group—HALL		
7:00pm	Walking With Moms in Need Meeting—Vestry		
Tuesday, March 5, 2024			
9:00am	Adult Bible Study—HALL		
11:30am	Legion of Mary—HALL		
11:30am	Nomad AA—HALL		
3:30pm	Women's Guild Board Meeting—HALL		
5:00pm	Children's Choir Practice—CHURCH		
6:30pm	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—HALL		
6:30pm	Traditional Choir Practice—CHURCH		
Wednesday, March 6, 2024			
	Men's Scripture Study—HALL		
10:30am	Legion of Mary Jrs—HALL		
•	Catholic Daughters Planning Meeting—VESTRY		
-	RE: 1st Confession, Communion/Confirmation Class—HALL		
6:00pm	RE: 1st Confession, Communion/Confirmation Class—HALL		
	Thursday, March 7, 2024		
	Adult Bible Study—HALL		
	Nomad AA—HALL Grief Support—HALL		
	Scouts—HALL		
-	Anima Christi Charismatics—CHURCH		
	Friday, March 8, 2024		
	Divine Mercy Cenacle Diary Study—VESTRY		
	Catholic Financial Planning Symposium—HALL		
	Rosary Makers—HALL		
1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry—HALL		
6:00pm	Stations of the Cross—CHURCH		
6:00pm	Catholic Financial Planning Symposium—HALL		
7:00pm	El Buen Pastor Carismatica—CHURCH		
	Saturday, March 9, 2024		
	Catholic Men's Fellowship—HALL		
	m Sorority of Lisieux Meeting—VESTRY		
	Shred-a-Thon—SMALL PARKING LOT		
9:00am	Baptism Parents Prep Class—HALL		



Steven Salata Fr. Hans Ruygt

Bob Murphy Karen Opsahl

Christina Hoffman Brian Vergara

Tim Lukaszewski

7:00pm Marriage Prep Class—HALL

Sunday , March 10, 2024

Knights of Columbus Coffee & Donuts—after all Masses—HALL

All Day Blood Drive Signups—NARTHEX

All Day First Responders Dinner Tix Sales—WALKWAY

6:30pm Young Adult Fellowship—HALL

3:30pm First Responders Dinner Tix Sales—WALKWAY

10:00am Healing Mass—CHURCH

3:30pm Blood Drive Signups—NARTHEX



All four Gospels speak of Jesus' cleansing of the Temple. However, there is a difference between the way this event is portrayed in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and in the way it is portrayed in John's Gospel. Jesus was less severe in John's version of the story, stating only that the moneychangers had turned His Father's House into a "marketplace." In the three Synoptic Gospels, this event takes place at the very end of Jesus' public ministry, less than a week before Jesus' death when He returned to Jerusalem for the last time. In those versions, Jesus was more severe, stating that the moneychangers had turned His Father's House into a "den of thieves" and not just a "marketplace." In commenting upon the differences between John's version and the Synoptics, Saint Augustine and Saint Thomas Aquinas believe that they are two different occasions when a similar act of cleansing of the Temple took place. The Jewish Temple, at the time of Jesus' public ministry, was the place people traveled to each year for Passover to offer the sacrifice of a spotless male lamb in commemoration of the first Passover in Egypt when God set the Jews free from slavery. During this annual celebration, Jewish families who traveled to Jerusalem would purchase a lamb for sacrifice. At the appointed time, they slaughtered the animal in the courtyard of the Temple and then presented it to the priest who gathered some of the blood and sprinkled it on the altar, and then removed the skin, organs and fat to be burned in sacrifice. The meat was returned to the family and roasted on a pomegranate branch so that they could feast on it. Today, we see the Jewish Temple as a symbol and prefiguration of Christ, the New Temple Who is also the priest and the Lamb of Sacrifice. Recall, also, that at Jesus' death, the veil of the Temple was torn in two, opening it up to the whole world so that all may share in the Sacrifice of the Lamb of God. We are now invited into this Holy of Holies to share in the new life of grace accomplished by His Sacrifice. Since the grace of this Sacrifice of our Lord enters into each and every heart that believes, to cleanse and purify, then every person receiving this grace becomes a new dwelling place of God, a member of His new Temple, the Body of Christ. When Jesus came to the Passover feast and witnessed the buying and selling of these animals in the Temple, He drove them out with much zeal. It was clear that this holy celebration of the Passover had become less of a celebration of faith and more of a marketplace for profit. Jesus' action is also a symbol of the zeal with which He now seeks to cleanse the temple of your soul. At first, when sin and disorder pervade our souls, our Lord may take the approach of a gentle rebuke, as He did in His first cleansing of the Temple in John's Gospel. If we persist in our sins, then our Lord will become more zealous in His cleansing as He was in His final attempt to cleanse the Temple the week before He died. Reflect, today, upon this twofold cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem by our Lord and apply Jesus' sacred actions today to your own soul. Are there new sins that you have fallen into recently that require a gentle rebuke from our Lord? Are there sins that Jesus has been revealing to you for years now that you obstinately persist in? Allow Him to rebuke you in love and to cleanse you so that His saving Sacrifice as the Lamb of God will indeed purify you, and allow His judgment and wrath to "passover" you this Lent.



# WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 3: 3rd Sunday of Lent First Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8 Verse Before the Gospel: John 4: 42, 15 Gospel: John 4: 5-42

March 4: St. Casimir

First Reading: Second Kings 5: 1-15
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 42: 2, 3; 43: 3, 4
Verse Before the Gospel: Psalms 130: 5, 7

Gospel: Luke 4: 24-30

#### March 5

First Reading: <u>Daniel 3:</u> 25, 34-43
Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 25:</u> 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9
Verse Before the Gospel: <u>Joel 2:</u> 12-13
Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

## March 6

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Verse Before the Gospel: John 6: 63c, 68c
Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-19

March 7: Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

First Reading: <u>Jeremiah 7:</u> 23-28

Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 95:</u> 1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Verse Before the Gospel: <u>Joel 2:</u> 12-13

Gospel: Luke 11: 14-23

March 8: St. John of God

First Reading: Hosea 14: 2-10

**Responsorial Psalm:** <u>Psalms 81:</u> 6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14

and 17

Verse Before the Gospel: Matthew 4: 17 Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

March 9: St. Frances of Rome

First Reading: Hosea 6: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab

Verse Before the Gospel: Psalms 95: 8

Gospel: <u>Luke 18:</u> 9-14

March 10: 4th Sunday of Lent

First Reading: First Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14
Verse Before the Gospel: John 8: 12

Gospel: <u>John 9:</u> 1-41

# Lenten Communal Reconciliation

# March 4 | 6pm Church

There will be 10 priests available to hear confessions! Come take part in this beautiful Sacrament before our Lenten journey is over.

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# CATHOLIC FINANCIAL PLANNING SYMPOSIUM

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March 8

9:30am OR 6:00pm

**PARISH HALL** 

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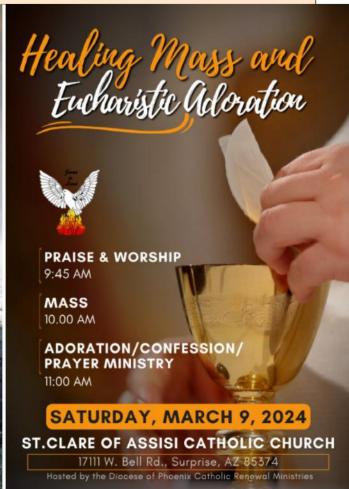
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Questions? Contact Kaitlynn Eaton:

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# **YOU ARE INVITED!**

The 33 Days Preparation to Consecration to **JESUS** 

Through MARY with ST JOHN PAUL II from

March 5 to April 6

Consecration Day on April 7 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



# Resource Book:

Totus Tuus: A Consecration to Jesus through Mary with St. John Paul II and Daily Reading/Prayer Guide as a gift to those participating. Investment of 15-30 min. daily to console the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Through Mary with St. John Paul II.

> RSVP: March 3, 2024 Faye (Fe) Sabado 623-238-8071 mercifullove2017@yahoo.com



# Anniversary Blessings

Our parish wants to highlight, in a special way, the beauty of sacramental marriage! If you are a registered, active parishioners in a sacramental marriage (married in the Catholic Church!), please read on below to learn about the newest guidelines for scheduling an Anniversary Blessing of your marriage.

#### You should:

1.Be married for 25 years, 50 years, or 5 year increments after 50 years (e.g. 55, 60)

2. Give the office a minimum of 2 weeks notice and allow time for the office to confirm the date and Mass time with the Priest

3. Have your family arrive early enough to reserve enough space toward the front

4.Be prepared to receive your Blessing following the Prayer After Communion and before the Final Blessing and Dismissal.



# Please Consider Joining Us In Ministry!

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Catholic Men's Fellowship Christ Renews His Parish

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Men's Scripture Study

Metanoia

Nomad AA Group

Our Lady of Antipolo Ministry

Our Lady of Guadalupe Association

Pastoral Council

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Rosary Makers

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

Saturday Evening Fellowship

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# FLOWER DONATION

- The parishioners of St. Clare of Assisi are invited to participate in supplying flowers for weekend Masses & Holy Days of Obligation.
- Monetary donations are requested for fresh flowers to be placed on the altar for weekend Masses.
- You may request a particular weekend to honor a loved one or a special occasion, or you can indicate it may be used as needed.
- Arrangements for week end Masses are \$100.00; however, all donations are very much appreciated!

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For questions, please contact Kaitlynn Eaton at: (623) 975-5602 or keaton@stcpaz.org



# Anima Christi Charismatic Prayer Group



THURSDAYS, 6:30PM-8:00PM IN THE CHURCH

Reminder: Prayer Teams from the Anima Christi Prayer Group will be available the first Thursday of each month. December's prayer teams will be available on March 7 from 6:30pm to 8pm in the Church. If you have physical needs, spiritual, mental, emotional needs, whatever the need may be-please come and let us pray with you-we trust in the healing power of Jesus. We also meet every Thursday at the same time for Praise and Worship - All are welcome!

For more information call Ferrell McNeal at (623) 340-0057



The St. Clare Knights of Columbus donated \$500 to the Aid to Women Center Baby Bottle Drive. This is our 2nd year in a row of supporting this pregnancy center! We would also like to thank all of our parishioners who supported the Baby Bottle Drive!

Vivat Jesus! Patrick Sullivan

# Third Sunday of Lent, March 2-3: Worship Aid

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:**

My eyes are forever turned towards the Lord; for He shall release my feet from the snare. Look upon me and have mercy on me, for I am abandoned and destitute.

1.To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. In you, O my God, I have trusted. Let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

2.O Lord, make me know your ways. Teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me; for You are the God of my salvation. I have hoped in You all day long.

# 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 1034

# 1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

# **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11**

# R/. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

- 1. The law of the Lord is perfect, Refreshing the soul; the decree of the Lord is trustworthy, Giving wisdom to the simple.
- 2. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye.
- 3. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true, all of them just.
- 4. They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

# 2nd Reading: 1st Corinthians 1:22-25

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

# **Gospel: John 2:13-25**

The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. 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: O Sun of Justice 471

1.O sun of justice, Jesus Christ, dispel the darkness of our hearts, Till Your blest light makes night-time flee and brings the joys Your day imparts.

2.In this our "time acceptable" touch ev'ry heart with sorrow, Lord, that turned from sin renewed by grace, we may press on toward love's reward.

3.The day, Your day, in beauty dawns when in Your light earth blooms anew; led back again to life's true way, may we forgiv'n, rejoice in You.

4.O loving Trinity, our God, to You we bow through endless days, and in Your grace newborn we sing new hymns of gratitude and praise.

# Third Sunday of Lent, March 2-3: Worship Aid

# **Prayer Over the Offerings & Invitation to Prayer**

# **Preface Dialogue & Preface**

## **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:**

The sparrow has found herself a home, and the turtle dove a nest in which to lay her young: at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God! Blessed are they who dwell in Your house; they shall praise You forever and ever.

# 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.

# Communion Hymn: O Sacred Head Surrounded

1.O Sacred Head, surrounded by crown of piercing thorn! O bleeding Head so wounded, reviled and put to scorn! The pow'r of death comes o'er You, the glow of life decays, yet angel hosts adore You and tremble as they gaze.

2.I see Your strength and vigor all fading in the strife. And death with cruel rigor, bereaving You of life; O agony and dying! O love to sinners free! Jesus, all grace supplying, O turn Your face to me. 3.In this, Your bitter passion, Good Shepherd, think of me with Your most sweet compassion, unworthy though I be: Beneath Your cross abiding forever would I rest, in Your dear love confiding, and with Your presence blest.

# **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 prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

# Recessional Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy 645

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea. There's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed. There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head. 2. For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind. And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we should rest upon God's word. And our lives would be thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord. 3. Troubled souls, why will you scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep? Foolish hearts, why will you wander from a love so true and deep? There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good. There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in His blood.

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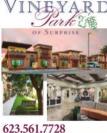


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