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Parish Office Hours:

7:30am-1:30pm Sunday Monday—Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm Closed for lunch from 12:00pm-1:00pm on weekdays Friday-Saturday Closed

Religious Education

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

Sunday Masses Daily Masses

4:00pm 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Monday-Saturday, 8:00am

Adoration & Reconciliation

Reconciliation

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00pm-4:00pm

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.

tentions

Saturday, March 16, 2024 8:00am Lorna Balangue-Salang by Miguel Salang 4:00pm Bill Knight[†] by Dorothy Knight Sunday, March 17, 2024 Don & Gayle 7:00am by Tim Lukaszewski Lukaszewski† 9:00am Philomena Peraginet by Robert & Josephine Bart Bob Giovanini† 11:00am by Nancy Giovanini St. Clare of Assisi 5:00pm Pro Populo

Monday,	March	18,	2024

8:00am by Lourdes Lori Joe Lorit

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Deceased Members of the

8:00am Barron Seguame and by Hanany Ballesteros

Pacheco Ibarra Families

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

8:00am Helen Carnehl by Helen Carnehl

Thursday, March 21, 2024

8:00am Leo Sempert by Fred & Kathy Semper

Friday, March 22, 2024

8:00am Jozef Fabot by Martha Ryel

Saturday, March 23, 2024

8:00am **Enrique Reyes** by Aracely Lugo for St. Clare of Assisi Parishioners 4:00pm Pro Populo

Sunday, March 24, 2024

7:00am The Encarnacion Family by The Encarnacion Family

9:00am Michael Raphael Carney by Claire Carney 11:00am Yvonne & Armando Reyes by Ana M. Reyes

Adolf & Danuta Niemiec by Jwona Piech 5:00pm

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Steven Salata Fr. Hans Ruygt Bob Murphy Karen Opsahl Christina Hoffman Brian Vergara Marie Frasca Tim Lukaszewski Rolanda Grijalva Aurelia Formoso Alfred Tony Muñoz Wade Chio

Week at a Glance

Monday, March 18, 2024

6:00pm Contemporary Choir Practice—CHURCH

6:30pm OCIA-NARTHEX 6:30pm Youth Group—HALL

Tuesday, March 19, 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, March 20, 2024

9:00am Men's Scripture Study-HALL 10:30am Legion of Mary Jrs—HALL 6:00pm Guadalupanos Rosary—CHURCH

Thursday, March 21, 2024

9:00am Adult Bible Study-HALL 11:30am Nomad AA—HALL 2:00pm Grief Support-HALL 6:00pm Scouts Meeting-RAMADA

6:30pm Anima Christi Charismatics—CHURCH 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting—HALL

Friday, March 22, 2024

8:45am Holy Family Homeschool Co-Op-HALL 8:45am Divine Mercy Cenacle Diary Study-VESTRY

1:00pm Rosary Makers—HALL

1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry—HALL 6:00pm Metanoia Retreat-HALL

6:00pm Stations of the Cross-CHURCH

7:00pm El Buen Pastor Carismatica—CHURCH

Saturday, March 23, 2024

8:00am Metanoia Retreat-HALL

Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:00am Metanoia Retreat—HALL

1:30pm St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity—HALL

6:30pm Young Adult Fellowship—HALL



Please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of

Angel Edgar Ibanez

Emmanuel Lopez

Bonnie Jean Martin

Dean Hoffman



Weekly Reflection



Throughout Jesus' life, He traveled to Jerusalem many times. As a child, He was presented in the Temple. At age twelve, He was found teaching the teachers of the Law in the Temple. As He grew, He made regular pilgrimages to the Temple. During His temptation in the desert, the devil took Him to the pinnacle of the Temple. In the Gospels, we read of at least four different trips to the Temple during Jesus' public ministry. However, the trip to Jerusalem that we commemorate today was unlike any other. As Jesus entered Jerusalem this time, His life was already being sought by the religious leaders. Despite that fact, Jesus entered Jerusalem with great solemnity and with much attention. "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" was the cry by the crowd as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while palm branches and cloaks were strewn before Him. Though this was the most fitting way for the people of faith to welcome their King, their warm welcome, their cries "Hosanna!" and their excitement were more beneficial to them than they were to Jesus. Jesus is God. He has no need of our praise and honor. But Jesus came to us to invite us to praise, honor and worship Him because it is good for us. We need to praise Him. This is what we are made for. This leads to the fulfillment of our lives. As we begin Holy Week, try to spend time with this image of the people honoring our Lord with much enthusiasm. This is an image depicting who we must become. As we continue through this Holy Week, we must become increasingly aware of the God to Whom we offer our praise and worship. He is a God Who lowered Himself in the eyes of all, took on the form of a slave, permitted Himself to be labeled as a grave sinner, was rejected, beaten and killed. This week, especially, we worship the suffering Christ. We worship a Man Who was arrested and cruelly treated. We worship a Man who was hated and mistreated in the worst way possible. In many ways, it is easier to worship God as He is in Heaven on His glorious throne. When we ponder the myriads of angels gathered around Him, the saints of all time bowing to the ground and glory and splendor radiating from His face, worship seems right. To worship a Man accused of being a criminal and suffering capital punishment while enduring the hatred of many is more difficult to comprehend. But if we are able to see Jesus through the eyes of faith and peer through the hatred and lies that surrounded Him, then we will be in awe of the humility of our God Who came to us this way. My suffering Lord, I worship You and praise You with all my heart. As You entered Jerusalem for the Passover, You intended to give new power to that celebration by becoming the New and Eternal Paschal Lamb. May I always worship You Who suffered for me. Jesus, I trust in You.



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 17: 5th Sunday of Lent
First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 12-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Second Reading: Romans 8: 8-11
Verse Before the Gospel: John 11: 25a, 26
Gospel: John 11: 1-45

March 18: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
First Reading: Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
or Daniel 13: 41c-62
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Verse Before the Gospel: Ezekiel 33: 11
Gospel: John 8: 1-11

March 19: St. Joseph

First Reading: Second Samuel 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29
Second Reading: Romans 4: 13, 16-18, 22
Verse Before the Gospel: Psalms 84: 5
Gospel: Matthew 1: 16, 18-21, 24 or Luke 2: 41-51a

March 20

First Reading: Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95
Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56
Verse Before the Gospel: Luke 8: 15
Gospel: John 8: 31-42

March 21

First Reading: Genesis 17: 3-9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 105: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Verse Before the Gospel: Psalms 95: 8
Gospel: John 8: 51-59

March 22

First Reading: <u>Jeremiah 20:</u> 10-13 Responsorial Psalm: <u>Psalms 18:</u> 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 Verse Before the Gospel: <u>John 6:</u> 63c, 68c Gospel: <u>John 10:</u> 31-42

March 23: St. Toribio de Mogrovejo First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 21-28 Responsorial Psalm: Jeremiah 31: 10, 11-12, 13 Verse Before the Gospel: Ezekiel 18: 31 Gospel: John 11: 45-56

March 24: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Procession: Mark 11: 1-10 or John 12: 12-16 First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7 Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Second Reading: <u>Philippians 2:</u> 6-11 Verse Before the Gospel: <u>Philippians 2:</u> 8-9 Gospel: <u>Mark 14:</u> 1 - 15: 47

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

AT ST. CLARE OF ASSISI ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Holy Week is a time to reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and His sacrifices for us. His Passion, Death, & Resurrection becomes our Sacred Feast. Remembering Jesus' actions, reflecting on His messages and recommitting to living as His disciples of the New Evangelization. We hope this schedule helps you plan to observe these important days! May you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter.

Monday, March 25, 2024

8:00am Daily Mass

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

8:00am Daily Mass

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

8:00am Daily Mass

12:00pm Confessions

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024

12:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

3:00pm Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena Starts on Flocknote

6:30pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024

10:00am Blessing of Easter Food

7:00pm Easter Vigil

Please note: this Liturgy typically lasts about 3 hours

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

7:00am, 9:00am, or 11:00am Mass

There is no evening Mass on Easter Sunday





for the monthly ROSARY

March 20 at 6:00pm in the Church





Whoever serves me MUST FOLLOW ME



ADOPT-A-LILY

Easter Lily Program

We have 50 Easter lilies available for our first annual "Adopt-A-Lily" program! Lilies can be sponsored for a suggested donation of \$15 and then picked up after your regularly attended Mass on April 6-7.

Your name will be written on the bottom of your lily!

Name:_____

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No. of Lilies Desired (limit 2):_____

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In Honor/Memory Of:

Purchase in the Parish Office with cash or check by bringing this form or by mailing to the Parish Office!

Questions? Contact Kaitlynn Eaton at keaton@stcpaz.org or 623-975-5602

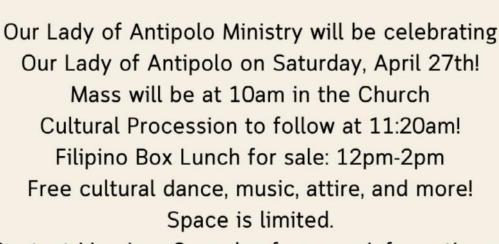


The Divine Mercy Novena is a beautiful tradition, based on the Diary of St. Faustina and her experiences with Our Lord as He came to her to express His great mercy!

Join us each day on Flocknote or on the parish website (stcpaz.org/novena), or the pamphlets that will be mad available in the Narthex as we pray the Divine Mercy Novena, beginning on Good Friday (March 29th)! There will not be an in-person recitation of the Novena at this time but we hope you will all join together in praying the Novena at the Hour of Great Mercy (3pm) daily.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, we will have a Eucharistic Procession around our campus following the 11am Mass. We hope you join us for the Novena and Eucharistic Procession!

Save the Date!



Contact MaryLou Gonzalez for more information at (571) 437-8461

A CLEAN HEART CREATE FOR ME, GOD

PSALM 51:12



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St. Vincent de Paul Society

Saturday Evening Fellowship

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Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 16-17: 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:

Vindicate me, O God; and defend my cause against an ungodly nation; from wicked and deceitful men deliver me, for You are my God and my strength.

- 1.O send forth your light and your truth; they will guide me on. They will bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.
- 2.And I will come to the altar of God, to God, my joy and gladness. To you will I give thanks on the harp, O God, my God.

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.

<u>Liturgy of the Word: Worship Hymnal 1040</u> 1st Reading: Jeremiah 31;31-34

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 51: 3-4, 12-13, 14-15 R/. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

- 1. Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness in the greatness of Your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.
- 2.A clean heart create for me, O God and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from Your presence and Your Holy Spirit take not from me.
- 3. Give me back the joy of Your salvation and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors Your ways and sinners shall return to You.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

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

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be.

Gospel: John 12: 20-33

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: Forty Days & Forty Nights 466

- 1. Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild; forty days and forty nights tempted and vet 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.
- 4.So shall we have peace divine; Holier gladness ours shall be. 'Round us, too, shall angels shine, such as served you faithfully.
- 5.Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by your side, that with you we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 16-17: 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:

If a man would serve me, let him follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

1.O Lord, hear a cause that is just; pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. From you may my justice come forth. Your eyes discern what is upright.

Communion Hymn: O Sacred Head Surrounded 489

- 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.

Communion 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.

The Concluding Rites

Blessing & Dismissal

<u>Prayer to St. Michael:</u> 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: Lift High the Cross 885 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.

- 1.Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.
- 2.Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
- 3.Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of Him who died.
- 4.O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, Your death has bought us life eternally.



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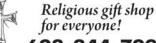
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