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April 1
HOLY THURSDAY
7pm

April 2
FRIDAY 7pm

April 3
EASTER VIGIL 7pm

April 4
EASTER DAY

5am Spanish Sunrise Service

8am English

10am English

11am Mission Mass in Tonopah

12pm Spanish

There will be no 6pm Easter Sunday evening Mass!

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sábado (Español) 7:00pm

Sunday 8:00am

10:00am

Domingo (Español) . . . 12:00pm

(Español) 6:00pm

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. . . . 8:30am

Wednesday . . . . . 12:00pm noon

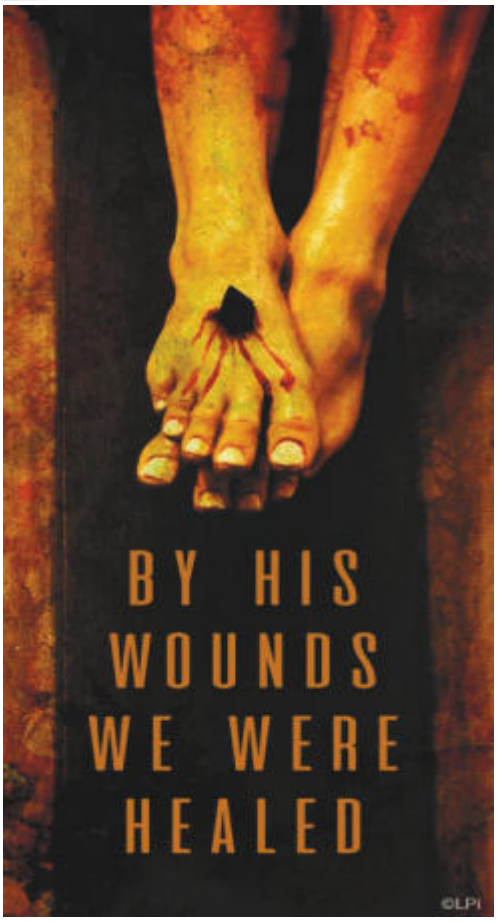
CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 3:00 - 5:00pm

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30pm

ADORATION

Wednesday 1:00 - 5:00pm



This week our Chapel Sanctuary Candle burns in honor of the Presence of Christ in the Blessed sacrament in memory of:

+ Ernesto & Linda DeLeon +
By
Simbang Gabi

LENTEN JOURNEY ZOOM MEETING

The Ladies of St. Henry is offering a zoom meeting for our Lenten Journey this year. If you are interested in attending you can go to Facebook and message Nita Davis for the link or you can call her and she will text you the information to join. If you have any questions, please contact Nita Davis at 602 390- 7682.

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The Pastor's Perspective

CREMATION & THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Easter Season is a time to remember the great promise: resurrection. Resurrection is the hope we cling to whenever we confront the death of a loved one. When death separates the soul from the body, we commend the dead to God's mercy. As Catholics, we pray for the dead and in our funeral rites we show respect for the dead by acknowledging the beauty, the purpose, and the power of the human body while at the same time we look forward to the promise of receiving an even more powerful and mysterious body that we call "the glorified body".

Many Catholics ask if it is permissible to cremate a body for burial or is cremation a denial of the resurrection? In 1917, Church law forbade cremation as an act that is not in keeping with Catholic belief. But starting in 1963 and finally in 1983 the Church law was officially changed to read, *"The Church earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the deceased be observed; nevertheless, the Church does not prohibit cremation unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine."* (Canon Law #1176)

Because of our belief in resurrection, we must treat cremains with the same respect, reverence, and due care as bodies which are not cremated. This means that the bodily remains must be given a final disposition in an earthly tomb, mausoleum, columbarium, or cemetery grave. *"The scattering of ashes or the keeping of cremains in the home are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires."* (Liturgical Norms on Cremation, 417)

When body cremains are not buried, they risk being forgotten, lost, or worse (I could tell you stories). Besides, a community needs cemeteries: places that remind us of our spiritual journey, our final destination, and of those who once lived among us. Burying our loved ones gives us the ability to visit their graves to reflect in prayer. Cemeteries can provide us a space of peace and quiet in our noisy cities. When I worked in post-communist Eastern Europe I learned that the communist authorities often would not permit cemeteries in their new cities because they did not want people to think about the afterlife. Burying our loved ones, regardless of whether it is a full body or simply cremains, is a statement of faith that we share with the whole community.

New Seminary in Phoenix!

Nazareth House is a new seminary in Phoenix, allowing firs-and second -year seminarians to live in a household-style setting alongside formator priests. They share daily meals, household responsibilities, volunteer time, prayer and study. Many will complete early college credits while in formation here. Your gift to the **Charity and Development Appeal (CDA)** helps fund seminarian education, building up the priesthood in our Diocese.
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Cremación: ¿Por qué no?

La Iglesia Católica ha permitido la cremación durante más de 50 años. Durante siglos estuvo prohibido porque se percibía como tal vez un desprecio por el cuerpo humano, mientras que la Iglesia ve el cuerpo humano como un maravilloso acto de creación que volveremos a recibir después de la purificación del alma (purgatorio y el juicio final de toda la. creación).

Hoy en día, la cremación se prefiere en gran medida por ser de bajo costo. Según las estadísticas, casi el 55% de todas las familias en los EE. UU. Eligen la cremación sobre el entierro corporal.

La pregunta hoy en día suele ser qué hacer *después* de la cremación. La regulación de la Iglesia es que si un cuerpo es incinerado, debe ser devuelto a la tierra de manera adecuada, legal y respetuosa, preferiblemente en un cementerio. No se permite que las cenizas se repartan entre los miembros de la familia, se coloquen en una brocheta de collar, se agreguen a la tinta del tatuaje, se consuman u otras cosas inusuales. . . que se sabe que suceden realmente!

Pero antes de decidir incinerar, solo considere algunas razones para no incinerar o no mantener las incineraciones. Por ejemplo:

Si existe alguna preocupación sobre la causa de la muerte, ¡nunca puede haber una autopsia concluyente después de la cremación!

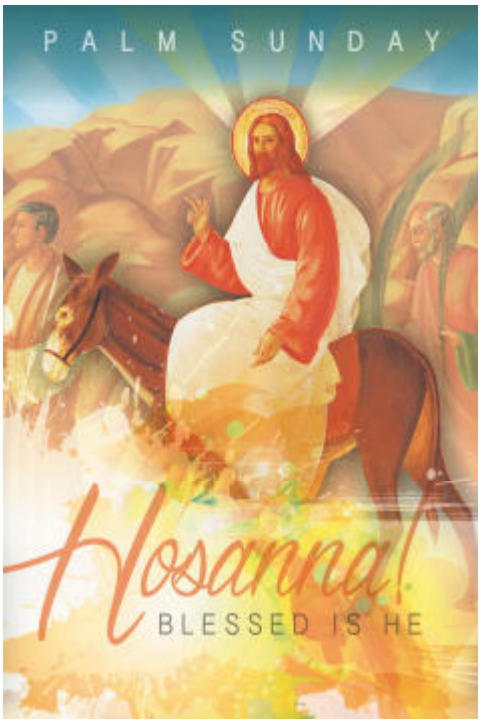
Mantener las cenizas puede ser psicológicamente no saludable: debemos “dejar ir” y devolver los cuerpos materiales a la tierra como un acto de entrega y confianza.

Con frecuencia, las cenizas se han perdido, robado, extraviado durante una mudanza, tirado accidentalmente, vendido en ventas de garaje e incluso retirado por la TSA del aeropuerto del equipaje y nunca recuperado (las cenizas parecen explosivos plásticos, así que no las transporte en su maleta del aeropuerto)

Los miembros de la familia a veces se pelean por quién se queda con las cenizas de un ser querido, en particular las cenizas de los padres. ¿Estás seguro de que no habrá celos sobre quién guarda y protege las cenizas?

Las cenizas generalmente se pierden en incendios domésticos, tornados, huracanes, inundaciones, etc.

Son solo algunas cosas para pensar.



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