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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday at 8:00 a.m.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. in English and **Sunday** at
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. in English,
and 12:00 p.m. in Spanish

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

Mondays through Friday directly after the 8:00 a.m.
daily Mass, and **Saturdays** at 9:00 a.m. in the Church
Confessionals.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms will be celebrated on the third Saturday of the
month in English and the fourth Saturday of the month in
Spanish. We will need the child's birth certificate to begin
the file. Please contact the parish office to begin the
Baptism process.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Arrangements for the
Sacrament of Matrimony must be made at least nine
months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please contact the Parish Office
to schedule a Mass. Suggested donation is \$10.00.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Sunday prior to the Sunday Bulletin date.



DECEMBER 10TH 2023

The Second Sunday of Advent
El Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Reflexión, II Domingo de Adviento. Marcos 1, 1-8

"Yo los he bautizado a ustedes con agua, pero él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo." Este 2º domingo de Adviento nos recuerda no solo la espera de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, sino también la necesidad del bautismo en cada uno de nosotros, porque no es solo agua sino es el Espíritu Santo quien viene a los bautizados, y solo Dios mismo pudo hacer esto posible. Se necesita humildad y fe para empezar a aceptar y entender el mensaje de san Juan Bautista, por eso su predicción redundante en la virtud de la sencillez. El mismo, a pesar de ser el más grande entre los hombres - "En verdad les digo que no ha surgido entre los nacidos de mujer uno mayor que Juan el Bautista; sin embargo, el más pequeño en el Reino de los Cielos es mayor que él." Mt 11, 11 - vivió su vida en la más completa austeridad, vestido con pieles de camello, comiendo saltamontes y miel silvestre, entregado por completo a las manos de Dios para su supervivencia, predicando no solo con palabras, pero aún más: con sus acciones, y si Juan es aún menor que el más pequeño en Cielo, ¿que podríamos esperar de nosotros que somos mil veces menores que Juan el Bautista, por así decir? La respuesta es que no podemos esperar absolutamente nada, si no hay la conversión que Juan anunció: "Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos." Una vez que somos bautizados y tenemos uso de razón, es necesario darle paso a la humildad en el corazón para aceptar y confesar nuestras faltas y en verdad enderezar el sendero de nuestra vida para que nos lleve al Reino de los Cielos por obra de Cristo nuestro Señor a quien esperamos con todo el amor del que podemos ser capaces.

Diacono Guillermo Castro

Reflection, II Sunday of Advent. Mark 1:1-8

"I have baptized you with water, he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." This 2nd Sunday of Advent reminds us not only of the advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, but also of the need for baptism in each one of us, because it is not only water that we receive, but The Holy Spirit who comes to the baptized, and only God himself could make this possible. It takes humility and faith to begin to accept and understand the message of St. John the Baptist, which is why his preaching revolves around the virtue of humility. He himself, though he is the greatest among men - "Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." Mt 11:11 - he lived his life in the most complete austerity, dressed in camel skins, eating locust and wild honey, given completely into the hands of God for his survival, preaching not only with words, but more so: with his actions, and if John is even less than the least in Heaven, what could we expect from us who are a thousand times smaller than John the Baptist, so to speak? The answer is that we can expect absolutely nothing without the conversion that John announced: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Once we are baptized and have the use of reason, it is necessary to give way to humility in our heart to accept and confess our faults and truly straighten the path of our life so that it leads us to the Kingdom of Heaven through our Lord Christ whom we await with all the love that we can be capable of.

Deacon Guillermo Castro

Steubenville West 2024 - MEETING

We will be holding our first Steubenville West Meeting for all parents and teens on **Monday, December 18th at 6:30pm in the Parish Office**. All Current 8th Graders through 12th Grade are invited to attend. Steubenville West 2024 Youth Conference will be held on July 12-14, 2024 in Tucson, AZ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

- * First Communion Year 1 & Kidz Ministry Classes: Monday, Dec. 11th - NO Classes
- * First Communion Year 2 & Kidz Ministry Classes: Tuesday, Dec. 12th - NO Classes
- * Kindergarten Classes: Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 5pm to 6pm at the Parish Office
- * PreKindergarten: Thursday, Dec. 14th, 5pm to 6pm at the Parish Office
- * Edge Middle School First Communion, Pre-Confirmation, Confirmation 1 & 2: Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 6:15pm to 8:30pm at the Church
- * Lifeteen High School First Communion, Pre-Confirmation, Confirmation 1 & 2: Thursday, Dec. 14th, 6:15pm to 8:30pm at the Church

Our Lady of Grace Parish Financial Report Month of September 2023

Sep. 2023 All Income	\$54,118.02
Sep. 2023 All Expenses	(\$92,556.95)
Sep. 2023 Balance: Surplus/Short	(\$38,438.93)
Fiscal Year SURPLUS/SHORTFALL	(\$64,019.49)
Sep. '23 Eyes CC Contributions-Expenses	\$12,366.36
Eyes Campaign-Total Collected to Date -Expenses	\$514,193.97
Mortgage Balance as of 9/30/23:	\$3,667,928.81

Eyes Towards the Future Campaign Drive

# of Donors	304
Amount Pledged	\$931,408.26
Any payments towards Campaign please make following note: "2022 Capital Campaign"	

Young@Heart 55+ Ministry

Meets every Thursday at 10am in the Parish Office. Come and see what's new with Young at Heart and meet new friends along the way.
Theme: Advent Series

Agape Young Adult Ministry

Next Meeting will be in January 2024

Please join the Legion of Mary in praying the rosary every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Church.

Sunday Offering

Weekend of December 2-3, 2023

Sunday Collection \$20,676.28

We Share (Online) Offertory

November 27-December 1, 2023 \$3,344.00

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTED \$24,020.28

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9th

4:00 pm Souls of Al and Dorothy Cross

Sunday, December 10th - Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Soul of Dan Lovato

9:00 am Soul of Juan Rodriguez Jr.

10:30 am Pro populo

12:00 pm Soul of Guadalupe Alvarez Verdugo

Monday, December 11th - St. Damasus I

6:30 am

8:00 am Soul of Jose Martin Segarra

Tuesday, December 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 am Soul of Guadalupe Jimenez

Wednesday, December 13th - St. Lucy

6:30 am Soul of Enrique Jehu Reyes

8:00 am Souls of Kenneth and Stephanie Foos

Thursday, December 14th - St. John of the Cross

8:00 am Soul of James Inendino

Friday, December 15th

6:30 am

8:00 am Soul of Theodore Engle Jr.

Saturday, December 16th

4:00 pm Health and well being of the Salamone family and deceased members

Sunday, December 17th - Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Pro populo

9:00 am Soul of Joseph Demetri Valdez III

10:30 am Soul of Joseph Khanh Kim Ngo

12:00 pm Soul of Guadalupe Alvarez Verdugo

Our Lady of Grace—December 10th, 2023

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, December 10th

7:30 a.m. English Mass, Church
9:00 a.m. English Mass, Church
10:30 a.m. English Mass, Church
12:00 p.m. Spanish Mass, Church

Monday, December 11th

6:30 a.m. Spanish Daily Mass, Church
8:00 a.m. Daily Mass, Church
8:30 a.m. Confessions after Daily Mass, Church

Tuesday, December 12th

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass, Church
8:30 a.m. Confessions after Daily Mass, Church

Wednesday, December 13th

6:30 a.m. Spanish Daily Mass, Church
8:00 a.m. Daily Mass, Church
8:30 a.m. Confessions after Daily Mass, Church
2:00 p.m. Rosary led by Legion of Mary, Church
4:00-4:30 p.m. Penance Service, Church
7:00 p.m. Penance Service, Church

Thursday, December 14th

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass, Church
8:30 a.m. Confessions after Daily Mass, Church

Friday, December 15th

6:30 a.m. Spanish Daily Mass, Church
8:00 a.m. Daily Mass, English
8:30 a.m. Confessions after Daily Mass, Church

Saturday, December 16th

9:00 a.m. Confessions, Church
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, Church

Prayer for the Sick:

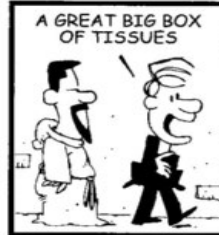
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Judy Celik	Carol Ann Maroni
Mike Wickham	Jayce Pangilinan
Joseph Nowosielski	Jose Navor Rivera
EJ Diaz	Lou Zazzeri
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Maria Encarnación Valdez	Leo Sax
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Annie Ruiz-Colón	Anna Krieger
Cindy Swanson	William Fries
Bemar Hernandez	Juan Francisco Ortiz
John Steinle	Rich G.
Donna Brian	Christine Shekoski
Eva Kalke	Laura
Clarice Green Bechamp	Ray Ortega
Shelley McClaren	Geovany Cangiamila
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Raymond Martinez	Robert Garner
Emiliano	Cindy Murphy
Sarah Smith	Bill Schmidt
Randy Dunn	Fred Hudgens
Linda Morgan	Joan Greer
Danny Lovato	Rose Brown
Alicia Mirasol	Jaime Rodriguez
Francisco Javier Jimenez	Rudy & Betty Jaravata
Manuel Lansang	Ellen Lewis
Loretta Walters	Richard Kam
Sean Soliz	Jerry Leligdon
Bambina Trágico	Anna Leligdon
Mayo Gustillo	Marissa Gustilo
Ron Hollingsworth	Buddy Krogman
Leslie McCarthy	Steve Lamberto
Matthew Monsegur	Richard Gutierrez
Kenneth Murphy	Paul Studer
CeCe Daniel	Melissa Brashears
Jennifer Kraus	Conant Rose
Raul Deberá	James Brassfield
Kris Trenary	Pat Wistl
Jenny Wieseler	Doris Ortega
Joaquin & Suzana Valenzuela	Denise Towne

Please send your *Prayer for the Sick* requests to information@maricopacatholic.org or call the parish office. We will include them on our prayer list for one month or longer by request. If someone is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the church office to make arrangements for our Homebound Ministry. Also, please let the office know if you would like a prayer shawl to comfort those who are sick.

December 10th, 2023– Second Sunday of Advent



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The Sparkle and Clean Team

We are in desperate need of volunteers to help with cleaning our church. Please note that the day and time has been changed in an effort to attract additional volunteers. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry, the commitment is minimal and the rewards are great. No experience is needed and there is a task for everyone's ability level. Cleaning is from 9:00 am until 11:00 am.

Volunteers must be in compliance.

2023 cleaning dates are as follows:

December 13

For additional information please call or text Alyson Cooney at (916) 591-9374.

Youth Christmas Lock-In

All teens in Middle School and High School are invited to attend our Christmas Lock-In on Dec. 15 & 16. Cost is \$10. Please contact Ann Maidman at amaidman@maricopacatholic.org to sign up.

Children's Christmas Eve Mass and Live Nativity

This year will be slightly different. Our Children will be performing the Live Nativity (at 3:00p.m.) prior to the 4pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass. If your child is interested in being an angels or a shepherd or would like to be in the children's choir. Please contact Ann Maidman at amaidman@maricopacatholic.org.

Ministerio Guadalupano

El Ministerio Guadalupano te invita a rezar el Rosario cada domingo a la 1:15 pm y cada primer domingo del mes a rezar el Rosario en una hora de adoración al Santísimo Sacramento.

Para más información:

Diácono Memo Castro memo.castro777@gmail.com

Oficina Parroquial: (520) 568-4605

Vocations News

"No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people. Did not Jesus say: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35)? Pope Francis – January 16, 2014

Youth Ministry

Edge Middle School Youth Group: Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 6:15pm to 8:30pm at the Church

Lifteen High School Youth Group: Thursday, Dec. 14th, 6:15pm to 8:30pm at the Church

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

We all have a duty to protect the vulnerable.

If the abuse happened in the Diocese of Tucson, call 911 then call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson At **520-623-0344 (1-800-234-0344 in Arizona)** and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection of the Diocese of Tucson at **520-838-2513** <https://dicesetucson.org/report-abuse>

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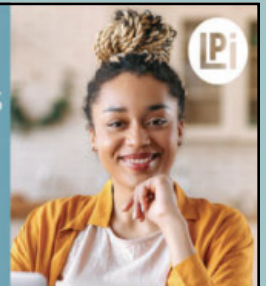
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