ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER, WILLIAMS, AZ ST. ANNE, ASH FORK & ST. FRANCIS, SELIGMAN

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December 19, 2021 Facebook: @SSJAF Community 928-635-2430

<u>Mass Times</u>

Saturday Evening 4pm (Ash Fork) 5:30pm (Williams)

Sunday Morning 8am (Seligman) 10am (Williams)

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9am (Williams)

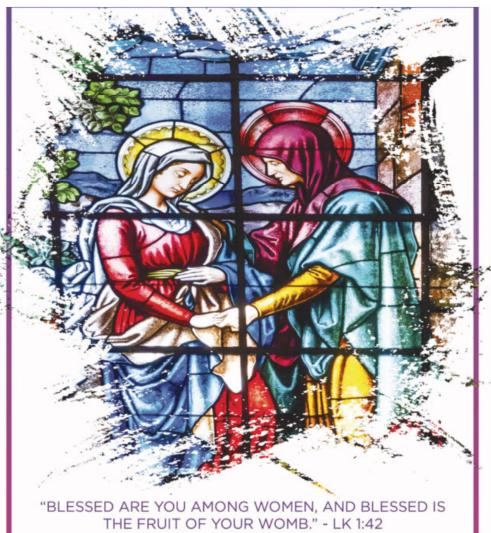
Wednesday Confession before Mass 4:00pm (Ash Fork)

Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday 9:30-10:30am

Thursday 9-10am Saturday 9-10am

<u>Confessions/</u> <u>Confessiones</u> Tuesdays after Mass & Saturday 9 -10 or By Appointment

Office Hours By Appointment Only



THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB." - LK 1:42

"IBENDITA TÚ ENTRE LAS MUJERES Y BENDITO EL FRUTO DE TU VIENTRE!" - LC 1, 42

4º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



If you have a need, please call the SVdP Helpline at 928-308-3294 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:am - 11:am.



Council #7626 Serving Williams, Ash Fork, and Seligman. Contact Grand Knight, John Calley at Knights7626@gmail.com

Safe Environment Contact Obdulia Mayoral at alemeza_0@hotmail.com or (928) 642-2830.



HERE'S HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- 1. Choose a tag from the tree
- 2. Gift wrap present. Please make sure you attach the
- tag securely onto the present
- 3. Return wrapped gift to parish by December 19th

4. Pray throughout the season for the person for whom you bought the present

St. Vincent de Paul will deliver the presents to the family along with a Food Box.

Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you and your family abundantly.

12-Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome June 6 – 17, 2022

Round-Trip Air from Phoenix, AZ Cost \$4,095

WE NEED HELP DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS. Sign-up for set up and clean-up

THIS THURSDAY!!!

We'll <u>decorate</u> on Thursday, Dec. 23rd starting at 10am

<u>Clean-up</u> Sunday, Jan 9th after the 10am Mass St. Joseph, Williams

Symbolon (RCIA) will resume Jan 3rd at 5:30 in the rectory.

We'll continue watching Chosen starting Jan 4th at 5:30 in St. Joseph Hall at 5:30pm

LAST CHANCE TO GO TO CONFESSION BEFORE CHRISTMAS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND AT ST. JOSEPH, WILLIAMS 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Winter Feasts and Solemnities

Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas)

Saturday, December 25th Holy day of Obligation. Christmas outranks the Feast of the Holy Family and is celebrated from 4 pm on December 24th through 11:59 pm on December 25th.

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 26th The Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on Sunday only from 12 am to 11:59 pm. There are no anticipatory Masses on the evening of December 25th. The Sunday obligation is fulfilled by attending Mass on Sunday (calendar day) only.

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Saturday, January 1st, 2022 Falls on a Saturday in 2022, so it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. The Solemnity is observed from 4 pm on Friday, December 31 through 3:59 pm on Saturday, January 1st.

Solemnity of the Epiphany Sunday, January 2, 2022 Epiphany is observed on Sunday, not on the traditional day of January 6th. Epiphany is observed from 4 pm on January 1st through 11:59 pm on January 2nd. December 19, 2021 4th Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes. Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

¹⁹ de diciembre de 2021

^{4°} Domingo de Adviento

Tomar decisiones siempre es difícil; por muy simples que sean, lleva su tiempo de discernimiento. Hoy, la Liturgia se centra en María, y el Evangelio nos dice que: "Por entonces María tomó su decisión y se fue, sin más demora, a una ciudad ubicada en los cerros de Judá" (Lucas 1:39). Hacer la voluntad de Dios, como lo hizo la Madre del Señor, no fue cosa fácil. Al pronunciar su "sí", trajo consecuencias de fidelidad y servicio. "¿Cuáles eran sus pensamientos durante los meses de espera?" La respuesta proviene del pasaje de la visita de María a su pariente anciana, Isabel. "Entró en casa de Zacarías y saludó a Isabel". María estaba feliz por su maternidad, y a su vez, Isabel saludó a María diciendo: "¿Cómo he merecido yo que venga a mí la madre de mi Señor?" (Papa Francisco 12-23-2018).

Un diálogo de amor, entre estas dos mujeres, estalla en las montañas de Judea por el Mesías esperado. María acudió con prontitud, no con ansiedad, sino actuando como una verdadera discípula a su corta edad. La visita de María a su parienta Isabel debe ser un ejemplo vivo para prepararnos a vivir una Navidad de dinamismo, fe y servicio hacia el más necesitado. Un encuentro de alegría auténtica, que manifieste la compasión y la ternura de Dios hacia los que nos rodean a través de nosotros. ¿Cuántos miembros de la familia sufren por falta de una visita, de un saludo? A tan solo unos días del nacimiento del Salvador, es el momento oportuno para las obras de caridad. ¡No pierdas la oportunidad! Camina presuroso al encuentro del Señor

