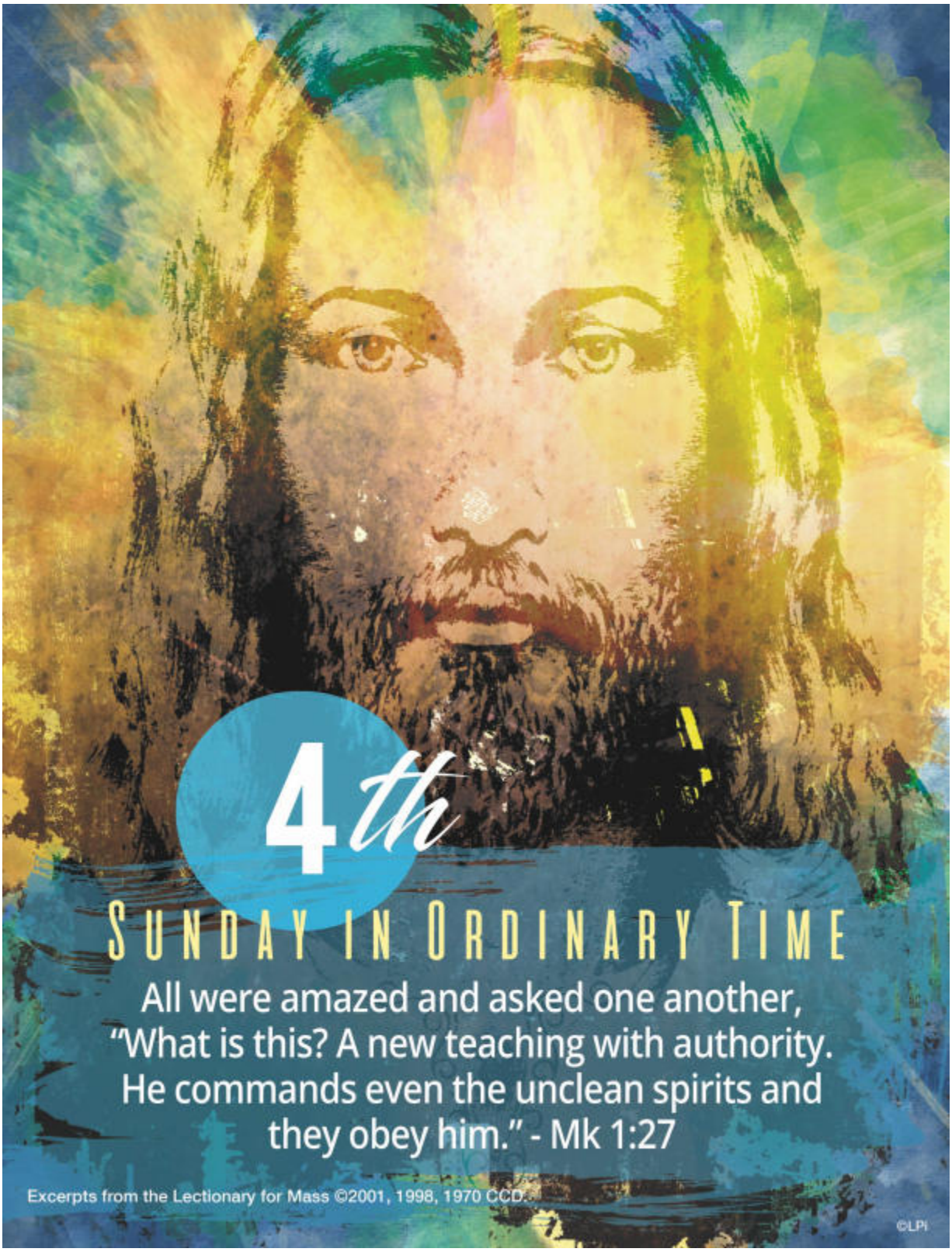
SAINT MARIA GORETTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

The readings for today's Mass can be found on page 6

January 31 , 2021



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OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Friday: 8:30 am - Noon
Saturday & Sunday - Closed

MASS SCHEDULE
Monday - Friday 8:00 am
Saturday (vigil) 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00 & 10:00 am
10:00 am is LIVE STREAM on Facebook.com/smgaz. It is not necessary to have a Facebook account to view the Mass
Holy Day - Please call the Parish Office

ADORATION CHAPEL
Monday - Saturday 7:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 7:00 am - 1:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm (church doors open at 3:15)
Thursday 8:30 am (following morning Mass) and by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF HEALING
Anointing of the Sick: Administered on the 3rd Tuesday of each month after the 8:00 am Mass. Also available upon request if you are shut-in or entering the hospital.

IN AN EMERGENCY
For emergency anointing after office hours, please call (480) 361-3734.

PARISH REGISTRATION
Available online at www.smgaz.org, or call the parish office.

ADMINISTRATION
Parochial Administrator, Fr. Thomas Hallsten ..... ext. 12
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Faith Formation Office
Office Hours..... Monday-Thursday 9:00am-6:00 pm
Faith Formation Assistant & Marriage Preparation Santa Giuliano ..... ext. 15
Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation & Youth Ministry, Annulment Minister Cindy Troiano ..... ext. 21
Baptism Preparation, Alicia Aber ..... .ext. 10
RCIA, Dcn. Carmene Carbone & Cindy Troiano .... ext. 21

To all who worship with us today, St. Maria Goretti warmly welcomes you. We pray that your time with us is spiritually enriching and enjoyable. We invite you to keep in touch with us via email and text. Simply text SMG to 84576 or visit online at Flocknote.com/smgaz to register your cell phone and email address. Flocknote email is how we share important notices with the community so be sure to include your email address. Please feel free to call the parish office with any questions or comments, 480-948-8380.

Mass Attendance Protocols

* All attendees must use a gel on hands and put on a mask over nose and mouth before entering the west door of the church. Mass will be delayed or potentially cancelled if you remove your mask or pull it down under your nose or chin once in the church. Masks and gel are available on the tables outside the church door.
* Usher will offer you a bulletin (readings printed on page 6)
* Take the bulletin home with you or leave in recycle receptacle when exiting
* Please sit in pews with yellow tape on the seat
* Observe six feet distancing (families may sit together)
* Holy Communion procession is reinstated. Please keep appropriate distancing in line
* Holy Communion received in your open, flat palm
* Wear mask until you have moved away from the minister
* Please no congregating in the church. Exit promptly after Mass so disinfecting may begin
* Donations gratefully received in baskets held by ushers at exits
* The devotional candles and Parish Book of Prayer are now available
* Most importantly, if you're ill – STAY HOME. Bishop Olmsted's dispensation from Mass is still in place

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Feb 1
8:00am - Mass
6:30pm - Youth Ministry (via Zoom)

Tuesday, Feb 2
8:00am - Mass
4:00pm - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Via Zoom)
6:30pm - RCIA (online)

Wednesday, Feb 3
8:00am - Mass
8:30am - Bible Study - Piper Hall
4:00pm - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Via Zoom)
7:15pm - AA - Piper Hall

Thursday, Feb 4
8:00am - Mass
8:30am - Holy Hour & Confessions

Friday, Feb 5
8:00am - Mass

Saturday, Feb 6
3:30 - 4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass

Sunday, Feb 7
8:00am - Mass
10:00am - Mass (Live Stream on Facebook.com/smgaz)

Plate Collection Totals for January 24, 2021

Envelopes (63)…….....$8,032.00
Loose…….$3,779.62
Online Giving (63) ……..……...$2,737.79
Total Plate Offering this week…….....$14,549.41

Year to Date Budget (Jul - Dec)…….....$355,000.00
Year to Date Actual (Jul - Dec)……..$347,250.59

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Matthew 6:21

Online Giving

Visit www.smgaz.org, click “donate”.
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If you do not already give online, please consider setting up an online account. It’s convenient for you, and helps the parish to plan more easily knowing regularly scheduled gifts are arranged. You may sign up for continued giving, or make a one-time gift. It’s flexible to meet your needs and circumstances. You may also mail or bring your offering envelope to the parish office. Your continued support is vital to the operation of the parish facility, ministries & staff, and we are grateful.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 31, 2020

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3,5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/ Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Jan 30	5:00pm	Gail Giannantonio
Sunday	Jan 31	8:00am	SMG Parish Family
		10:00am	Vic Bollinger
Monday	Feb 1	8:00am	Candice Braun
Tuesday	Feb 2	8:00am	Jim & Jo Ebentier
Wednesday	Feb 3	8:00am	Ed Smith
Thursday	Feb 4	8:00am	Helen Broock
Friday	Feb 5	8:00am	John & Shirley Fontana
Saturday	Feb 6	5:00pm	Clifford Olson
Sunday	Feb 7	8:00am	Deanna Wajahuskie
		10:00am	SMG Parish Family

Mass Intentions **Call or visit the parish office for information.**

† Please pray for the needs listed in our Parish Prayer Book

† Nancy Lepardo, Rosaria Papa, Ann Traut

May the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace.

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If you would like more information about becoming Catholic, or are missing some of your sacraments or maybe you just want to know more about your faith, then RCIA is for you!

Our Next Session Feb. 2nd at 6:30pm
Topic: The Sacrament of Holy Orders

For more information call Dcn. Carmene at 480-948-8380 ext. 26 or dcncarmene@smgaz.org for an online link. All meetings are currently online

Women's Bible Study meets via Zoom on the first and third Thursdays of the month, 9:00am - 10:30am. Our next session is February 4th and our topic is *The Eucharist, Discovering the Mass in the Bible*. If you would like to receive a Zoom invite please email ctroiano@smgaz.org or call Cindy at 480-948-8380 ext. 21

Gospel Reflections with Kevin Saunders
Wednesdays, 8:30 - 9:15 am
in Piper Hall.
(check the parish calendar for schedule)
No charge - Masks Required - Join us!

Baptism

If you have a child in need of the sacrament of Baptism please contact Alicia Aber in the parish office at least 3 months before the anticipated baptism date.

Living the Liturgy

Inspiration for the Week

Most of us are not trail blazers. Throughout history though, there have been many folks who tirelessly and persistently pursued the promptings of their hearts without giving any care to what others thought or trends dictated. Jesus is one of them. St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi are examples of others. The rest of us are people who take a more measured look at things, want to test the waters, and take our time choosing what path or person to follow. We need credible witnesses of faith. We need the Moses people in our lives to show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life looks like. They are the pointers to truth, who even though they struggle themselves, seem to embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and caught the attention of the greatest of skeptics. They were astonished. Even though we need our human prophets we can also be somewhat prophetic ourselves by putting integrity and conviction behind our embrace of the Gospel. Perhaps much to our surprise, we all have the power to be a credible witness. Are you willing to give it a try?

Grades 6 – 8 | Grades 9-12

We will be meeting via Zoom until we can meet in person.

Feb. 1st Bridges: Jesus the Christ, True God and True Man
Crossroads: Sin and Forgiveness Part I

Bridges Middle School and Crossroads High School Youth Groups Zoom Monday Nights from 6:30 –7:30pm

Registration forms can be found online at smgaz.org
Questions about our Youth Ministry contact Cindy at 480-948-8380 ext. 21 or ctroiano@smgaz.org

Engaged? Congratulations!

If you are planning to be married at St. Maria Goretti, please note that wedding preparation is at least nine months. Contact Santa Giuliano in the parish office for more information 480-948-8380. ext 15

Mark your calendars for our next Catechesis of the Good Shepherd First Eucharist Workshop #3
Feb. 3rd at 6:30pm via Zoom
A link will be sent the day before the workshop. Please have your children complete Chapters 5 & 6 in their "Blessed" book

Join us the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month
Noon - 3:00 pm in Piper Hall
Great Fun & Fellowship
*** * Face Masks Required * ***
BINGO IS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
STAY HEALHTY!

SMG St. Vincent de Paul

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority, his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into actions by helping the poor and suffering. Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining SVDP? We need clerical, retail, legal and medical volunteers. Will this be the year that you join answer the call? Call the office at 948-8380 and ask for ext #50.

If you or someone you know in our parish boundaries is in need of assistance, please call us at 480-948-8380, ext. 50.

REMINDER: Our monthly food drive is next weekend, February 6 & 7. Our pantry is in need of pasta sauce, canned fruit, juice & juice boxes, crackers, snacks, cookies and mac & cheese. Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need.

Our St. Maria Goretti Crafter's Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 9:30 am in Piper Hall.
All seamstresses, knitters & crafters welcome - we need you!
If you would like information about this ministry call Judy at 480-948-8380 ext. 13.

St. Maria Goretti Parish

Golf League

The St. Maria Golf League will be starting its 2021 season on January 7. All men and women are invited to participate and enjoy meeting other golfers. We welcome individuals, teams or groups so just show up.

Every Thursday
2:00pm
Continental Golf course
Osborn & Hayden Roads

For more information, contact:
Tim McEntee at 605-999-9948
Larry Hagan at 480-947-0364

Interested in becoming a Deacon? Do you feel a call to be a Servant Leader? Are you curious what being a Deacon is all about...??

The Office of the Diaconate for the Diocese of Phoenix invites you to an Inquiry / Information Session

Saturday, February 27, 2021 at OLPH – Glendale, 5614 W. Orangewood - 9:00 – noon

Please join us for time of prayer, discernment and sharing as we explore the call to the Ministry of the Diaconate. Anyone interested in learning more about the ordained ministry of a Permanent Deacon is invited to attend.

For more information, including the general requirements for admission to formation, is available at http://dphx.org/deacons/. To RSVP, please contact Carmen Lomelí at the Office of the Diaconate, (602) 354-2496.

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For more info: www.momaz.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

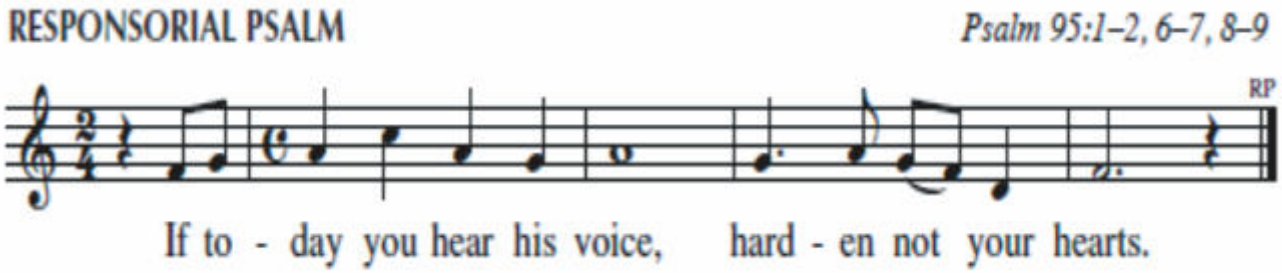
We are very grateful to parishioner Jerry Hackert for the many years he has dedicated to caring for the rose bushes around the church and rectory. At 93, it's time to retire and pass the torch. A green thumb is not required, and the time commitment is minimal.

Can you spare a few hours?? Please call Jerry at (480) 949-8878 for details.

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I Dt 18:15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"



Reading II 1 Cor 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

Gospel Mk 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

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Ministries & Organizations Serving Our Community - Please see the Parish Calendar of Events for groups meeting in-person

Alcoholics Anonymous (Wednesdays at 7:15 pm in Piper II) ..... (480) 948-8380
Bingo (1st & 3rd Tuesday at noon in Piper Hall).....(480) 948-8380
Catholic Men's Fellowship (1st Wednesday at 7:00 pm in Piper Hall)..... Sean Fitzgerald..(480) 293-4565
Christ Child Society .....Helen Jaros (480) 991-2207
Crafters Group (1st & 3rd Saturday at 9:30 in Piper II).....Judy Colburn (480) 948-8380
Cursillo .....Phil Ondrei (480) 951-5047
Duet: Partners in Health and Aging.....www.duetaz.org (602) 274-5022
Ecumenical Outreach & Interreligious.....Phil Ondrei (480) 951-5047
Faith Fitness Stretch Class (Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m. in Piper II).....MaryElizabeth(480) 329-2960
Guadalupe Outreach.....Michelle DiDomenico (480) 229-9197
Knights of Columbus (2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm in Piper II).....Shane Luensmann (602) 400-9335
Marriage Encounter ..... (480) 948-8380
Men's Club (2nd Sunday at 10:00 am in Piper Hall)..... Bob Bundy (480) 998-7401
Pastoral Care .....Judy Colburn (480) 948-8380
Pastoral Council (Pastoralcouncil@smgaz.org).....Phil Ondrei (480) 948-8380
Prayer Ministry.....Bob & Carol Bundy(480) 948-8380
Prayer Request Line.....Judy Colburn (480) 948-8380
Prison Ministry .....Judy Colburn (480) 948-8380
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages).....(602) 254-6723
Sanctity of Life.....Julie Watson (480) 326-2277
Santa's Workshop .....Jodina Errichetti (480) 948-8380
Secular Franciscans (2nd Saturday at 8:30 am in John XXIII).....Robert Bundy, ofs (480) 998-7401
St. Vincent de Paul .....(480) 948-8380 x.50
Women's Bible Fellowship (1st & 3rd Thursday at 9:00am in John XXIII) .....Mary Arnold (480) 235-9806
Women's Book Discussion Group .....Denise Schaffer (480) 948-3473
Women's Group (3rd Thursday at 6:30pm in Piper Hall).....Kathy Nord (602) 705-9643

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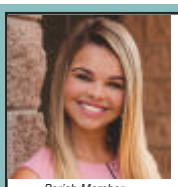
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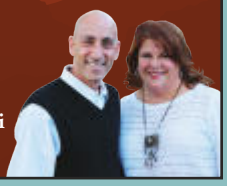

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