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

Dec 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

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PARISH OFFICE

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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 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

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Parochial Administrator, Fr. Paul Avarez ext. 12		
Parish Manager, Lynda Meltonext. 33		
Receptionist, Alicia Aber ext. 10		
Accounting, Diane Cunninghamext. 14		
Facilities, Leticia Garciaext. 51		
Director of Music & Liturgy, Dr. Skye Hart ext. 17		
Admin Assistant, Ministry Placement/Sacramental		
Record Request, Judy Colburn ext. 13		
Faith Formation Office		
Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9:00am-6:00 pm		
Faith Formation Assistant & Marriage Preparation		
Santa Giulianoext. 15		
Coordinator of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd &		
Youth Ministry, Annulment Minister		
Cindy Troiano ext. 21		
Baptism Preparation, Alicia Aberext. 11		
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.

We, the Faithful Family of St. Maria Goretti Learn the Faith to pray better, Love the Faith to serve better, Live the Faith to give better



Parish Offices: Closed December 23 & 24 December 30 & 31

Chapel: Closed December 24 & 25 December 31 & January 1

The parish bulletin is available online on our website (<u>www.smgaz.org</u>). If you would like to receive the bulletin via email, you can subscribe by clicking the "bulletin" tab on our website, then click "subscribe".



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Dec 27 8:00am - Mass

Tuesday, Dec 28 8:00am - Mass 8:45am - Faith Fitness Stretch Class - Piper II 6:00pm - Charismatic Prayer Group - Lambert Rm 6

Wednesday, Dec 29 8:00am - Daily Mass 7:15pm - Choir - Church 7:15pm - AA - Piper II

Thursday, Dec 30 - Parish Offices Closed 8:00am - Mass

Friday, Dec 31 Parish Offices & Chapel Closed 8:00am - Mass

Saturday, Jan 1 Parish Offices & Chapel Closed 8:00am - Mass, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 3:30pm - Confessions 5:00pm - Mass

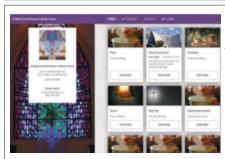


Sunday, Jan 2 8:00am - Mass 10:00am - Mass

Plate Collection Totals for December 12, 2021

Envelopes (79)	\$3,436.00
Loose	\$1,757.00
Online Giving (57)	\$2,273.50
Total Plate Offering his week	\$7,446.50
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,064.00
Year to date Plate Budget (Jul - Oct) Year to date Plate Actual (Jul - Oct)	

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



We've made online giving easier! Visit the parish website (smgaz.org) and click "donate". 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 DEC 26, 2021

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or
	1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
Maria	[cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday	
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk
-	2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk
	2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn
	1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-
	7/Lk 2:16-21
Next Sunday:	ls 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.
2	11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Dec 25	8:00am	SMG Parish Family
		10:00am	Kikel Family
Sunday	Dec 26	8:00am	Rosaria Papa
		10:00am	Mike Evans
Monday	Dec 27	8:00am	Clifford & Marguerite Olson
Tuesday	Dec 28	8:00am	Kathy Deff
Wednesday	Dec 29	8:00am	Catherine Centenni
Thursday	Dec 30	8:00am	Steve Schira
Friday	Dec 31	8:00am	Ignacio Campos
Saturday	Jan 1	8:00am 5:00pm	Wagner & Aber Families SMG Parish Family
Sunday	Jan 2	8:00am	Cynthia Blake
		10:00am	Tess Daley

Altar Flowers

We are pleased to be working with Blooms on a Budget, who are delivering a fresh floral arrangement every week. If you would like to sponsor a weekly floral arrangement, there is



a sign-up sheet in the Parish Office. Here, you can offer the arrangement as a memorial for a deceased loved one, or as an honorarium for someone who is still living. Your memorial/honorarium will be printed in that weekend's bulletin. The offering is \$60 for each arrangement (one arrangement each weekend), which will remain in front of the main altar all week. Thank you for helping us beautify the sanctuary each week and give glory to God!

"Notice how the flowers grow. They do not toil or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of them" (Luke 12:27).



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas Flower Offering



Join us in St. John XXIII Hall Tuesdays at 6:30pm

RCIA Dec. 28th No Session Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

If you would like information about becoming Catholic or are missing some of your sacraments please contact Dcn. Carmene at dcncarmene@smgaz.org, 480-948-8380 ext. 26 or Cindy at ctroiano@smgaz.org, 480-948-8380 ext. 21



Women's Bible Study meets the first and third Thursdays of the month, from 9:30am - 11:00am in St. John XXIII Hall. We will continue study on "The Mass" by Bishop Barron on Jan 6th. If you would

like to more information please email Cindy at ctroiano@smgaz.org or 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 - 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.

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



Parents, its never too early for your little ones to learn all about the love of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ!

We are offering Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Faith Formation Sessions for children age 3 - 5years too! We would like to offer a Wednesday morning session starting in January 2022. Please call for date and time.

If you would like more information please call Cindy at 480-948-8380 ext. 21 or ctroiano@smgaz.org

The Charismatic Prayer Group is part of the worldwide Catholic Charismatic Renewal. The primary mission of the Charismatic Prayer Group is to praise and worship God, and to pray for the people of the parish. Join us Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. For more information, contact Mary Elizabeth at 480-329-2690.







Grades 6 - 8

Grades 9-12

Dec. 27th: Bridges & Crossroads No Session



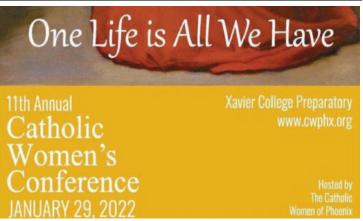
Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year!

Registration is ongoing for our Bridges Middle School and Crossroads High School youth ministry programs.

Both Bridges and Crossroads meet Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00pm

If you have questions about our Youth Ministry contact Cindy at 480-948-8380 ext. 21 or ctroiano@smgaz.org

Youth Ministry Wish List - We have a new space for the teens of our parish to come hand out in and it is AWESOME! It's our Teen Room that we use for our regular youth ministry nights and also our game nights. Our youth ministry program is in need of some items. We would love 4 new basketballs, 3 new kick balls and a Pictionary Board Game. Thank you so much for all the support that you show our teens.



The Catholic Women of Phoenix are pleased to announce the 11th Annual Diocese of Phoenix Catholic Women's Conference

featuring Noelle Mering, author of Awake, Not Woke, Kathleen Beckman, author of A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare and Cari Donaldson, author of Pope Awesome and Other Stories. Our theme this year is "One Life is All We Have" based on a quote from this year's patron, St. Joan of Arc. For more information call 602-471-1944 or email info@cwphx.org. Tickets are on sale now at cwphx.org.



SMG St. Vincent de Paul

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers

and sisters to each other.

At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are poor by assisting many families. Thank you!

If you know of anyone who needs help of any kind, please, let us know. We'll do our best to help. Thank you.



Knights of Columbus Council 11007

We're back!

We are Fraternal men sharing our love of God, Family, the Church and country. Due to health concerns we have been inactive for nearly two years and are now re-engaging and developing objectives for the coming year. In the past we produced The St. Patrick's Day dinner, The Octoberfest dinner, continue to be an integral part of the Guadalupe Outreach program, collaborated on projects with our Youth Ministry and much more.

We invite all men of the parish over 18 to join us at our next meeting Wednesday January 5th at 6:30pm in Piper II. On the agenda is our annual St. Patrick's Dinner and future activities. Come share your ideas and be a part of our future here at SMG. The commitment is just one hour a month.

For more information email Grand Knight, Sean Daley seanaz2nv@vahoo.com.

Faith Fitness Stretch Exercise

We meet Tuesday mornings at 8:45 a.m. in Piper II (off of Piper Hall) for healthy stretching & fellowship. Contact Mary Elizabeth at 480-329-



2960, 480-948-6960 or maryelizabeth23@gmail.com.





Come Join MOM in Action

Join Mission of Mercy Arizona (MOM) for a tour of one of our mobile medical clinics where we bring doctors and vital medications to patients in need through a robust network of volunteers and generous donors. We offer Central Phoenix, East Valley and West Valley tours each month. For more information, visit momaz.org and click on Arizona and "Tour Our Clinic."

2022 Arizona for Life March & Rally

January 15, 2022 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

The 2022 Arizona for Life March and Rally is a celebration of life designed to inspire, educate and activate the pro-life community in Arizona. Hosted by the Arizona Life Coalition, an organization which unified and activates the community of organizations dedicated to the sanctity of human life, this energizing, family-friendly, and bilingual pro-life event features Alveda King, niece of the great Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted, and Karyme Lozano, the famous Latina actress and advocate for Life.

March Location: 7th Ave & Washington (Downtown Phoenix) - Rally: 17th Ave between Adams & Jefferson between Wesley Bolin Plaza and the State Capitol.

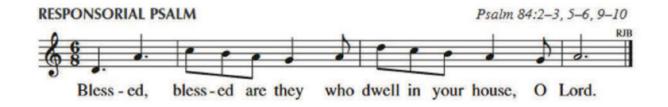
Visit www.azliferally2022.org for event details.



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Reading I 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28

In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite." Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." Hannah left Samuel there.



Reading II 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

Gospel Lk 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

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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 Dinor II)	(480) 048 8380
Alcoholics Anonymous (Wednesdays at 7:15 pm in Piper II) Bingo (1st & 3rd Tuesday at noon in Piper Hall)	(480) 948-8380
Charismatic Prayer Group	Mary Elizabeth (480)329-2960
Christ Child Society	Sue Jaros (480) 290-6070
Crafters Group (1st & 3rd Saturday at 9:30 in Piper II)	
Cursillo	Phil Ondrei (480) 951-5047
Duet: Partners in Health and Aging	
Ecumenical Outreach & Interreligious	
Faith Fitness Stretch Class (Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m. in Piper II)	
Guadalupe Outreach	Michelle DiDomenico (480) 229-9197
Guadalupe Outreach Knights of Columbus (2nd Monday at 6:30 pm in Piper II)	Sean Daley (480) 416-4192
Marriage Encounter	
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)	
Prayer Ministry	
Prayer Request Line	
Prison Ministry	Judy Colburn (480) 948-8380
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)	
Sanctity of Life	
Santa's Workshop	
Secular Franciscans (2nd Saturday at 8:30 am in John XXIII)	
St. Vincent de Paul	(480) 948-8380 X.50
Women's Bible Fellowship (1st & 3rd Thursday at 9:30am in John XXIII)	
Women's Book Discussion Group Women's Group (3rd Thursday at 6:30pm in Piper Hall)	
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