

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Roman Catholic Parish

Parish Information

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday: 5:30PM

Wednesday - Friday: 8:00AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30AM, & 9:30AM,

Mass of Anointing of the Sick

& Holy Hour w/ Confessions: First Friday of each month, 8:00AM

Confessions: Saturday-4:30PM, Sunday-7:00AM or by appointment

Parish Groups & Ministries

Choir: Elizabeth Myers

Martha Ministry: Patsy Williams

Liturgical Ministry Coordinator: Dr. John Valeri

Knights of Columbus: Deacon Ernie Trujillo

Lectors: Margaret Busse

Rosary Prayer Group: Marian Celaya

Church Decorum: Rose Marie Monks

Youth Ministry: Julie Keaveney

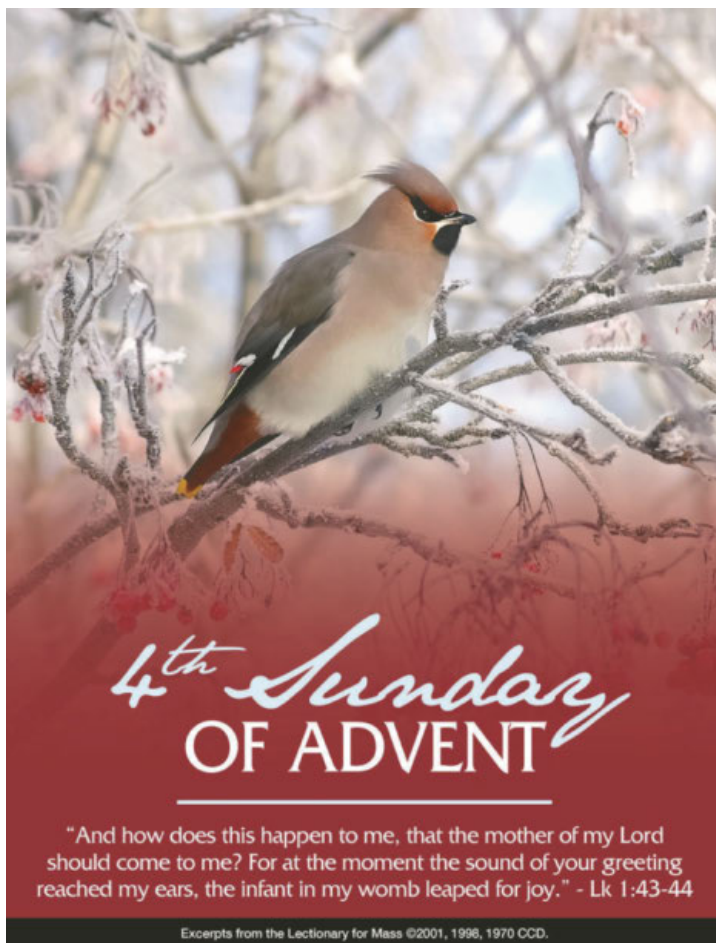
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Welcome! If you would like to become a registered member of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, or would like to contact a Group or Ministry leader, please contact the Parish Office



DECEMBER 19, 2021

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sat: 12/18, 5:00PM John & Pauline Conrad (D)
Michelle Gallagher (D)

Sun: 12/19, 7:30AM Josefa R. Gallano (D)
Isaiah Jun Cruz (D)
Grace Santasiero (D)

Sun: 12/19, 9:30AM For The People

Sun: 12/19 11:00AM For The People

Mon : 12/20 No Mass

Tue: 12/21, No Mass

Wed: 12/22, 8:00AM For The People

Thur: 12/23, 8:00AM Mike Fitzgerald (D)

Fri: 12/24 5:00PM Olga Marie, Tom & Tommy Cathemer

Fri: 12/24 10:00PM Michelle Gallagher (D)
Mary Salazar (D)

The Knights of Columbus

Monthly Meetings for the Knights of Columbus are held the 1st Wednesday of every month. At 6:00 PM in Phelan Hall. Next meeting-January 5th. New Members Always Welcome! For more information call Deacon Ernie Trujillo 480-861-5420 or email deaconernie08@gmail.com, www.KofCflorence.com.

Sacramental Policies

Anointing of the Sick: 1st Friday of the month, 8:00AM Mass. Holy hour and confession follows.

Baptism: Mass attendance every Sunday is encouraged. Baptism Preparation class: please contact Deacon Ernie for an appointment at (480)-861-5420/Deaconernie08@gmail.com A Baptism Preparation class is required for both the parents and for the godparents. Baptisms are scheduled on Saturdays between 10AM and no later than 2PM and on Sundays during masses only.

Confession: Saturday-4:30PM, Sunday-7:00AM or by appointment. In dire need, approach the priest immediately.

First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion: Students will be prepared to celebrate First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion from second grade and up; First Holy Communion will follow the year of First Reconciliation and receive from third grade and up. Students must be enrolled in a formal religious education program two years before celebrating the Sacraments

Confirmation: Students will celebrate Confirmation in ninth grade after being enrolled in a formal religious education program from the reception of First Holy Communion on. Students not meeting this criteria will be eligible for tutoring of any missed grades.

Rite of Christian Initiation : Available to any Adult or Child (grade three and older) interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith with the added desire of celebrating the Sacraments with us.

Safe Environment Program: Any person experiencing offensive behavior on the part of any employee or volunteer of the parish is encouraged to inform our Compliance Officer: Liz Trujillo at 3139 E. Gable Circle, Mesa, AZ 85204 or 480-861-7208 or liz.trujillo59@gmail.com.



St Michael's San Tan Valley Dec. 21st -7pm
St, Helen's Eloy Dec. 22nd-7pm

The Legend of the Candy Cane



Look at the candy cane. What do you see? Stripes that are red like the blood shed for me. White for my Savior who's sinless and pure. "J" is for Jesus, my Lord, that's for sure! Turn it around and it's a staff you will see. Jesus, my shepherd was born for me.

One cry... Awakened the world. One birth...Changed history. One life....Made all the difference.

December 5th Contributions
Offertory \$2099.81

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Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25**Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Assumption DATEBOOK

- ◆ **The Knights of Columbus WILL BE SERVING COFFEE AND DONUTS** in Phelan Hall after the 7:30 and 9:30AM Masses.
- ◆ **The Knight of Columbus** will be holding their Cash Raffle for this coming year. Grand Prize is \$10,000. 2ndPlace \$1000.00 (3 prizes) 3rd Place \$500.00 (5prizes) 4th Place \$100.00 (5 prizes) for a total of 14 winners. Tickets \$50.00 each or 1 time purchase of 3 for \$100.00. Drawing will be held at the Mother's Day Breakfast on May 8, 2022. All proceeds will be used to support local charity activities in the community.
- ◆ **The Knights of Columbus** will be selling 'Keep Christ in Christmas' manger scene ornaments for \$5 each They will also be raffling a Nativity made in the Holy Land. The drawing will be during the Festival in February. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. All proceeds go to support our ultra sound initiative.
- ◆ **A BIG THANK YOU** to all that participated in our **GIVING TREE!** It was a big success again this year and all tags were fulfilled. Special appreciation to Pat Valeri for her organizational skills!

Assumption REMINDER

- ◆ **Parish Gift Shop Clearance Sale— Opens after Saturday 5:00PM Mass. Store contact (anytime) 520-868-4810**
- ◆ **Rosary Prayer Group and Divine Mercy Chaplet will meet in Gila Chapel Mondays at 3:00pm.**
- ◆ **Bible Study every Wednesday from 9:30— 11:00 AM in Phelan Hall Classrooms 2&3. If you have questions call or text Linda 480-250-1320**
- ◆ **All Parish Volunteers, please be reminded to complete your Safe Environment Training online (<https://tucson.cmgconnect.org>) ASAP. Deadline would be December 31st, 2021. Volunteers that have not completed the CMG System on this date, will be suspended from active ministry. They may return to active ministry upon completion of CMG. Any volunteer that has a fingerprint card on file must select 'High Level Volunteer'.**



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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.**

J. Warren

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