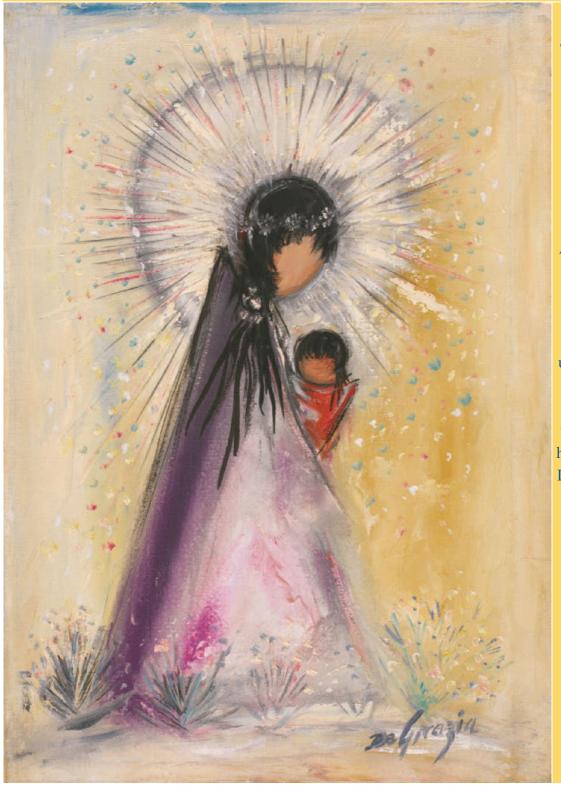
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The Nativity of the Lord December 25, 2022

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'Little Madonna'

by Ted DeGrazia
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Legendary Arizona Artist, Ted DeGrazia,

in this classic example of one his favorite Christmas themes.

Mary & Child Jesus,

of purple, turquoise,
ochre and white colors
to depict **The Madonna**holding the *Christ Child*.
Like most of DeGrazia's
many oil paintings,
it was done with
a palette knife using
very bold strokes
and would make
a unique and worthy
addition to any
DeGrazia enthusiast's

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art collection.

Mass Times

Monday - Saturday: 8AM

Saturday Vigil: 4PM, 6PM

Sunday: 7AM, 9AM & 11AM

*There will be a communal rosary prayed 35 minutes prior to each scheduled Mass..

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 1PM-3PM

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Monday-Thursday: 8AM—4PM Friday: 8AM—12PM

Closed Monday, December 26th



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Mass Readings

Ministries and Groups

St. Vincent de Paul

1st Tuesday at 2PM, Deacon Tone Room 3rd Tuesday at 6:30PM, Deacon Tone Room Tina Prosenick, 623-583-7303

Knights of Columbus

2nd Tuesday at 6:30PM, Parish Hall Mike Wooldridge, 602-717-6700

Holy Spirit Prayer Group

Every Wednesday at 10AM, Dcn. Tone Room Maureen Kight, 602-503-5379

Faith Sharing—Weekly Gospel Discussion

Every Thursday at 9AM, Deacon Tone Room Parish Office, 623-972-2129

Women's Seton Society

Every Thursday at 9AM, Parish Hall Margie O'Boyle, 623-738-8800/pmo99@cox.net

Healing Ministry

Every Wednesday following 8:00AM Daily Mass in the Library, Maureen Kight, 602-503-5379

Our Lady of Fatima

1st Saturday at 8AM, Church Jack Limberg, 574-286-1562

Solo Group

1st Tuesday at 1PM, Palmbrook Country Club John Battoe, 623-977-7073

Evening Prayer Group

Monday—Friday 3:50PM, Chapel Parish Office, 623-972-2129

Chalice Apostolate Ministry

Rachel Ruby, 623-972-1051

Mass Intentions

Living ♥ | Deceased †

Sunday, December 25th

7AM Jerry Bertram † Fr. Bill 9AM Jane Koczot † Fr. Kilian 11AM Aurora & Antonio Alvarez † Fr. John

Monday, December 26th

8AM Jerry Hofman † Fr. Tom

Tuesday, December 27th

8AM Ruth Lense † Fr. Kilian

Wednesday, December 28th

8AM Edward H. McFadden † Fr. Kilian

Thursday, December 29th

8AM The Halpin Family † Fr. Kilian

Friday, December 30th

8AM Barbara Malinowski † Fr. John

Saturday, December 31st

8AM Theresa Salmi † Fr. Kilian 4PM Mary Burton † Fr. Kilian 6PM Parishioners ♥ Fr. John

Sunday, January 1st, Mary, Mother of God

7AM Parishioners ♥ Fr. Kilian

9AM Joseph McCord† Fr. John 11AM Sanda Alonge† Fr. Kilian

Votive Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle:

Sebastian Consolino

Requested by: Jan Consolino

Tabernacle Candle:

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Requested by: Jan Consolino

Saint Joseph Candle:

Sebastian Consolino

Requested by: Jan Consolino

To request a Mass Intention or Votive Candle, please contact Yvonne at the Parish Office 623-972-2129.



Readings for the Week

Sunday The Nativity of the Lord

Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/

Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Monday St. Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3-4, 6 and 8,

16 and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1-8

Wednesday The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-8/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-6/Lk 2:22-35

Friday Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/

Ps 128:1-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-2

Saturday 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/

Jn 1:1-18

Sunday Mary, Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/

Lk 2:16-21

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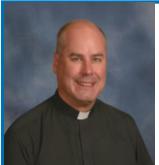
December 18th, 2022

Plate/Online

Offering: \$Not Available

Weekly Goal \$ At This Time





Pastor's Letter: December 25th The Holiest Season

Jesus, the Son of God, was born in Bethlehem about 2023 years ago. Some ask: "So what?" Jesus spoke in parables. Often, this is the best way to explain a mystery. Paul Harvey made it famous, but it goes back farther than him, to a man named Louis Cassels, a journalist.

and he was too honest to pretend otherwise. tion, except into the warm, lighted barn. He just couldn't swallow the Jesus Story, "And then, he realized, that they were afraid about God coming to Earth as a man.

so he stayed and they went to Midnight Mass.

"Shortly after the family drove away in the be led or shooed because they feared him. car, snow began to fall. He went to the win- "'If only I could be a bird,' he thought to hima thump or a thud. At first he thought someone see, and hear and understand.' must be throwing snowballs against his living "At that moment the church bell began to ring. room window.

"But when he went to the front door to investithe storm and, in a desperate search for And he sank to his knees in the snow...." shelter, had tried to fly through his large landscape window.

"Well, he couldn't let the poor creatures lie there and freeze, so he remembered the barn where his children stabled their pony. That would provide a warm shelter, if he could direct the birds to it.



Quickly he put on a coat, galoshes, tramped through the deepening snow to the barn. He opened the doors wide and turned on a light, but the birds did not come in. He figured food would entice them in. So he hurried back to the house, fetched bread crumbs, sprinkled them on the snow, Harvey began: "Now the man to whom I'm making a trail to the yellow-lighted wide open going to introduce you was not a scrooge, he doorway of the stable. But to his dismay, the was a kind, decent, mostly good man. Gener- birds ignored the bread crumbs, and continued ous to his family, upright in his dealings with to flap around helplessly in the snow. He tried other men. But he just didn't believe all that catching them. He tried shooing them into the incarnation stuff which the churches proclaim barn by walking around them waving his at Christmas Time. It just didn't make sense arms. Instead, they scattered in every direc-

of him. To them, he reasoned, I am a strange "I'm truly sorry to distress you,' he told his and terrifying creature. If only I could think of wife, "but I'm not going with you to church some way to let them know that they can trust this Christmas Eve." He said he'd feel like a me. That I am not trying to hurt them, but to hypocrite. That he'd much rather just stay at help them. But how? Because any move he home, but that he would wait up for them. And made tended to frighten them, confuse them. They just would not follow. They would not

dow to watch the flurries getting heavier and self, 'and mingle with them and speak their heavier and then went back to his fireside language. Then I could tell them not to be chair and began to read his newspaper. afraid. Then I could show them the way to Minutes later he was startled by a thudding safe, warm ...to the safe warm barn. But I sound. Then another, and then another. Sort of would have to be one of them so they could

The sound reached his ears above the sounds of the wind. And he stood there listening to gate he found a large flock of birds all huddled the bells - Adeste Fidelis - listening to the miserably in the snow. They'd been caught in bells pealing the glad tidings of Christmas.

> Fr. Kilian, Sr. Mary Beverly, Deacon Jeff and all of our Parish Staff and Volunteers.



Today we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jessus Christ, hearing the words of the angel: "Do not be afraid. I proclaim to you good news of great joy.... For today a savior has been born who is Christ and Lord!"

As we look forward to the start of the new year, we give profound thanks for your support of our mission this past year. We earnestly ask that you continue this support, not only financially, but with your prayers for our members and our neighbors in need whom we serve.

We are so grateful for your contributions and participation in our Christmas Adopt a Family, Angel Tree and Winter Wear Collection. These projects were all very successful. Thanks for your contributions to our shoe box collection last weekend, and we also appreciate your ongoing support of our pantry. We could use additional laundry detergent and cleaning supplies at this time. Thank you.

As year 2022 is soon ending, please remember the Arizona Charitable Gift Tax Credit. A couple filing jointly can donate up to \$800 to an eligible charity such as the Society. See last week's bulletin for details. Please contact Cindy, our Treasurer, at 623-594-5017 with any questions.

"Christmas is the feast of love incarnate and born for us in Jesus Christ. He is the light of mankind shining in the darkness, giving meaning to human existence and to the whole of history. ~ *Pope Francis*

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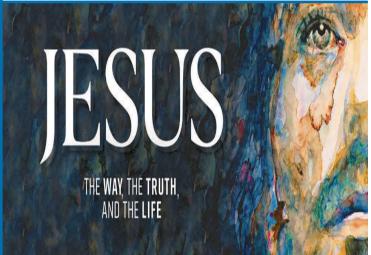
(RCIA) The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you been curious about the Roman Catholic Church and how it might fit for you in your faith journey? Are you wanting to know more about the Catholic Church before you decide that it is the place for you before you make the next step? Perhaps, you have been Baptized but haven't receive the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist and you would like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation. We meet in the Guadalupe Room by the parish office from 9am to 10:30am on Sunday's.

We are excited to have 12 individuals who desire to be received into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist: Philip Boynton, Maria Campos, Julian Rosales Lopez, Dazy Sanchez, David Sanchez, Joseph Zamora Torres, Jennifer Henderson, Mason Henderson, Jimmy Nquyen, James Smith, & Israel Valadez. Please continue to show your support by praying for each of these individuals. If you are interested in being a prayer sponsor, please choose a name and commit to praying for them weekly. You can also send notes to these individuals by dropping your notes off at the parish office and we will get them to these Candidates and Catechumens.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Deacon Jeff Arner, Director of Religious Formation at 623-866-5221 or email at jarner@sescc.org for an appointment.

New Faith Formation Program



Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what he means for us as Catholics today. St. Elizabeth Seton has begun the Jesus study and will continue through January 31st from 9AM to 11AM in the

Seton Hall. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship.

For more information or to register, contact Don. Jeff Arner at 623-866-5221 or/and jarner@sescc.org.

Children and Youth



There will be no classes due to Christmas and New Year's on the following days:

December 21st, December 28th, and January 4th

If you have any questions please contact:

Deacon Jeff at 623-866-5221 or
Linda Watkins at 623-866-5229

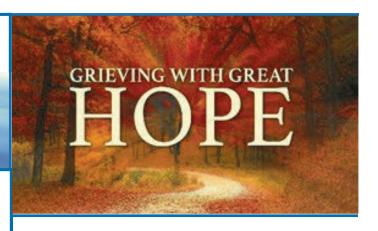
Wishing all the students, families and catechists a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Adopt-A-Student Program

We are getting more and more families interested in having their children attend St. Elizabeth Seton Religious Education program because of how we are impacting the children and families. There are a few families that could use the help with their registration fee. We never turn a family away when they want to bring their children here to receive the teachings of our rich faith. You can help these families by contributing to their registration fees. The cost for each child is \$45 if they are a parishioner.

Sacrament classes are an additional \$30 per student. VBS fee is \$25 per child. All you have to do is put your donation in the collection box or bring it to the parish office and label it "Adopt-A-Student." Whatever you can contribute is greatly appreciated!



Grieving with Great HOPE is a SIX-WEEK grief support workshop using a video-on-demand format. It offers a prayerful, practical, and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member, or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. Presenters will include, two priests, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement organization. We will begin this 6-week course Wednesday, January 11 from 2 to 4 PM in the Guadalupe Meeting Room.

For registration information please contact: Deacon Jeff Arner at 623-866-5224

Due to the Holidays the **Parish Office** will be **closed** on the following:

Monday, December 26th & Monday, January 2nd.

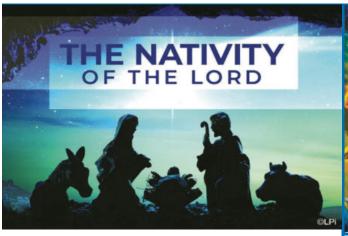


Thank you for your understanding!



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Friday, December 30th 8AM Mass Not a Holy Day of Obligation



The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.

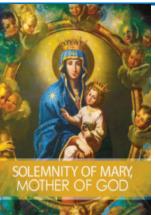


Saturday, December 24th

8:00AM Fr. Tom 4:00PM Fr. Kilian 7:00PM Fr. John

Sunday, December 25th

7:00AM Fr. Bill 9:00AM Fr. Kilian 11:00AM Fr. John



Mary, Mother of God

This year the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God falls on a Sunday. We invite you to join us in celebration of our Lady's greatest title.

Saturday, December 31st 4PM, 6PM Monday, January 1st

londay, January 1st 7AM, 9AM, 11AM

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Madonna #2067

Women of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Clement of Rome and St. Joachim and Ann are welcome to join us. Our first meeting at St. Elizabeth's will be on:

Tuesday, December 27th from 12Noon—3PM in the Parish Hall. This will be our annual Christmas Lunch and "Baby Shower for Baby Jesus." Lunch will be from Leo's Hawaiian and the cost is \$15.00. Please call Marge (623) 633-4287 or Peggy (503)939-7607 for more information. Baby gifts are to be unwrapped. Diapers, outfits, gift certificates for CVS, Walmart, etc., and/or maternity tops. All items will be donated to:

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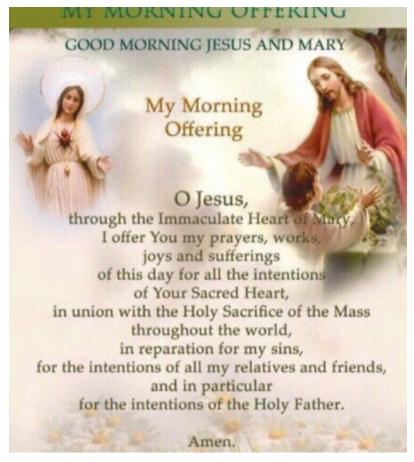
The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin. Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers,

of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant

mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death. Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

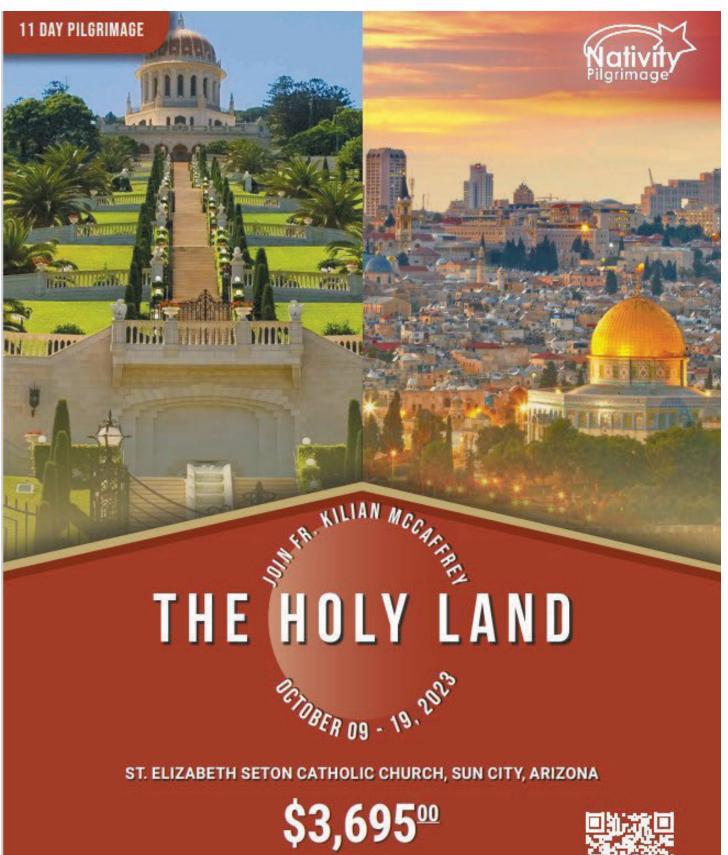
Our Lady of Fatima 1st Saturday Devotion at St. Elizabeth Seton after the 8:00AM Mass

January 7, 2023



Prayer is at the very heart of the message of Fatima because it is at the heart of growing in a personal relationsip with God. From the first apparitions of the Angel, the children were asked to pray. When Our Lady appeared for six consecutive months in 1917, she asked the children to pray the Rosary every day for peace. Those of us living in the twenty-first century can take this request to heart. The peace Our Lady asks us to pray for is not only peace between nations and in our country, but peace within our hearts and homes. Now, more that ever, we need prayer.

Please join us after the 8:00AM Mass this coming 1st Saturday for Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima



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