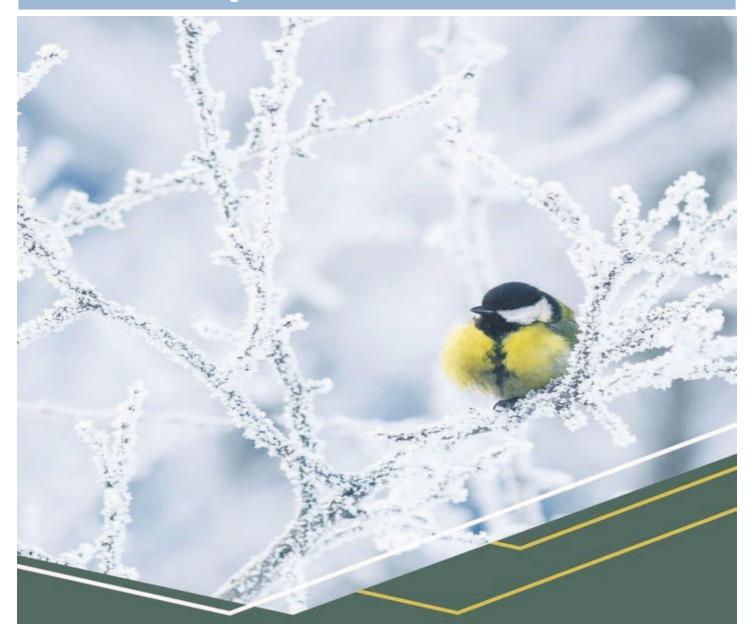
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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:34

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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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8AM—4PM

Friday: 8AM—12PM

Parish office Closed January 16, 2023



Parish Newsletter www.sescenews.org



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, January 15th

7AM Lorna Wilson † Fr. Bill 9AM Ed Vivio Family † Fr. Kilian 11AM Parishioners ♥ Fr. John

Monday, January 16th, Parish office Closed

8AM Anthony Calta † Fr. Tom

Tuesday, January 17th

8AM Marlon Edwards † Fr. Kilian

Wednesday, January 18th

8AM Mary Infantino † Fr. Kilian

Thursday, January 19th

8AM Robert Tomich † Fr. Kilian

Friday, January 20th

8AM Ray Sherwood † Fr. John

Saturday, January 21st

8AM Parishioners ♥ Fr. Kilian 4PM Norma Z. Boyle † Fr. Kilian 6PM Gino Defini † Fr. John

Sunday, January 22nd

7AM John Murphy † Fr. Kilian 9AM Dennis Ranaldi † Fr. John 11AM Colette Dohner † Fr. Kilian

Readings for the Week

Sunday 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10/

1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10-M

2:23-2

Wednesday Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1-4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/

Mk 3:13-19

Saturday St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk

3:20-21

Sunday 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-

13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-1

Votive Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle:

Adoptive Mothers

Requested by: SESCC Parishioners

Tabernacle Candle:

Monica Chiralo

Requested by: Art Major

Saint Joseph Candle:

Ron Arner

Requested by: SESCC Staff

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



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\$4,334.29





Pastor's Letter: January 15th, 2023

The Baptism of the Lord

We continue our study of the **Baptism of the**Lord in these weeks after Christmas and the
Epiphany of the Lord. After Mary had given
birth to Jesus at the Nativity of the Lord and
revealed Him to the Jewish shepherds in The
City of David, Bethlehem; and then again to
the gentile foreigners (the Magi); finally, the
Father reveals who The Beloved Son is at His
Baptism in the River Jordan. His Mission "to
take away the sins of the world" so began.

Sadly, too many Christians aren't comfortable in studying and understanding the Bible. To help the Church grow in love and in faithful witness to God, Pope Francis has recently

declared the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** to be dedicated to the **Word of God**.

Jesus Christ is The Word of God Made Flesh. **We call the Bible the Word of God.** So we see the link between the two and Jesus' purpose.

"Salvation, faith, unity and mercy all depend on Baptism and also in knowing Christ and sacred Scripture," the pope wrote in a new document published late last year...By devoting a special day "to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God" will help the Church "experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world," the pope said.

> <u>Please bring your Bible</u> <u>with you next week.</u>

What Exactly is The Bible?

The Bible is The Word of God...



Three key points help us to understand this:

- 1. **The Bible is** the inspired Word of God which comes to us in Sacred Scripture.
- 2. **The Bible is** the living Word of God which also comes to us equally through the living Tradition of the Church.
- The Bible is the infallible Word of God as transmitted by Scripture and Tradition and has been entrusted to the living Magisterium of the Church solely and which exercises its authority in the name of Jesus Christ.

How Can I Tell If My Bible is Catholic?

Catholic and Protestant Bibles both include 27 books in the New Testament. A Catholic Bibles has 46 books of the Old Testament - 7 more than a non-Catholic Bible. These 7 books are 1 & 2 Maccabees, Judith, Wisdom, Tobit, Sirach, and Baruch. Catholic Bibles also include sections in the Books of Esther and Daniel. They are called the deuterocanonical books. The Catholic Church believes these books to be inspired by the Holy Spirit.

There's also a Latin word **Imprimatur** which means 'Let it be printed' - a permission by a bishop for the publication of any work on Scripture. **Much more about this next week.**

Our good friend Mr. Ayman Khair from Beit Sahour (Shepherds' Field) in Bethlehem will be with us next week with his amazing range of Olive Wood Carvings from the Holy Land.

Have a Very Blessed Week, Fr. Kilian



In the Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him." When you give to the Society, know that you are a sign of God's Spirit of love to those who are

suffering. This past quarter, your donations served 432 neighbors which included 375 bags of groceries, 24 rents, 38 utilities, 3 car repairs and 4 medical bills.

The Time Near! Our second annual Chili Cook-off & Dessert Auction will be held Sunday, February 5, 2023 from 3-5 p.m. Due to last year's success, we are inviting you to join in the fun by preparing your favorite chili recipe to compete for prizes and to ensure we have enough for all to enjoy. In addition to chili tasting, a gift basket silent auction and a dessert auction will be held. To help the Society's goal of increasing our services to those in need, do you have a timeshare, season sporting ticket, vacation trip or any other exciting offering you could donate for our auction? We greatly appreciate your consideration of these requests to make this another successful parish event to support our ministries. If you are able to assist with making chili or an auction item, please call Denise Steffen at 623 703-7979

Our pantry is in dire need of dish soap, washing detergent, shampoo and deodorant. Additionally, travel size soaps, shampoos, toothpastes/brushes and deodorants are needed for packets given to those we serve at the Santa Teresita food kitchen. Items may be left in our collection boxes in the church vestibule.

The Society's monthly shoebox collection is being held this weekend after all Masses; donations may also be made on line at https://sescc.org/donate **THANK YOU** for your continued loving, kind support

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Saturday, February 4th, 2023 at 6:00pm

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 Doors open at 5pm
 Dinner and dancing at 6pm

Tickets will be available after each weekend mass before Feb. 4. Or contact Dick McManus at (623) 308-4380.





(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 Nguyen, 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.

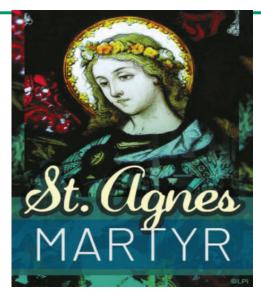
New Faith Formation Program



Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied the book, especially from a Catholic perspective. Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an intriguing Bible study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in this Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. St. Elizabeth Seton will begin an eleven-week Bible study Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come on Tuesday, February 7 from 9 am to 11 am. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register contact Dcn. **Jeffrey Arner at 623-866-5221 or**

jarner@sescc.org.

In this intriguing look at one of the most talkedabout books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation present, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.



Feast day of St. Agnes January 21st

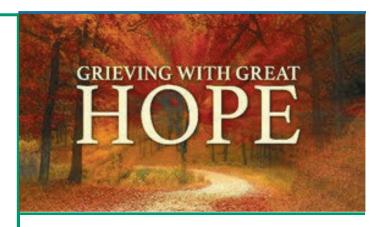
Agnes, you refused to give up your faith; help us to be proud of our faith, to love it, to be strong in it, and to give witness to it daily. St. Agnes, patron saint of children, watch over the children of the world; keep them safe from harm; be with them in their hour of need; and always pray for them.

Amen.

Are you Registered?

Did you know that attendance at Mass does not mean that you are a registered member of the parish? Formally registering and being an active parishioner is necessary to receive Pastor approval to serve as a godparent or sponsor, to have a child baptized, to receive in-parish rates for weddings, funerals, hall rentals, and to have your donations tracked for tax purposes.

Don't wait—Please call the Parish Office at 623-972-2129, visit www.sescc.org, or see an usher to register today.



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

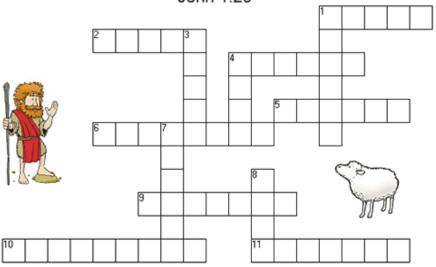


Diocese of Phoenix Men's Conference

Saturday, February 4th
Doors open at 7:30AM
Location:
Xavier College Prep Performing Arts

4710 North 5th Street
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Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29



ACROSS

- 1. The Son of God.
- John baptized with
- 4. A dry, barren plain.
- 5. The place where God lives.
- A strict observer of Jewish law.
- 9. The promised one; the Christ.
- 10. The mother of John the Baptist
- 11. To immerse by water or fire.

DOWN

- 1. The river where John baptized.
- A Jewish title of respect for a teacher.
- 4. The Spirit landed on Jesus in the form of \boldsymbol{a}
- 7. To turn away from sin.
- Behold, the _____of God that takes away the sins of the world.

desert	Jesus	repent	Messiah
lamb	heaven	Jordan	
baptize	dove	water	
Elizabeth	Pharisee	Rabbi	



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Madonna #2067

Women of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Clement of Rome, and St. Joachim and Anne please join us for our monthly meeting on January 24th in the Seton Hall from 12:00PM to 3:00PM.

We meet every 4th Tuesday of the month.

For more information please contact: Bernadette Labat (602)565-6429

HAND CARVED in BETHLEHEM

PLEASE STOP BY THE TABLES OF RELIGIOUS WARES (Nativity set, rosaries, statues, crucifixes, charms, etc.) AFTER ALL THE MASSES THE WEEK END OF January 21 & 22.

Ayman Khair representing about 180 Christian families from Bethlehem. In order to survive, these families have turned to Christian communities in the US to purchase their items.

These are hand carved religious items from the wood of the sacred Olive tree, are beyond description. This workmanship has been traditional for these families for hundreds of years. It is hoped that through the efforts of Mr. Khair that these families have a little income and are able to stay living in the Holy Land.

Thank you in advance for your support.

You are invited to a LIFE IN THE SPRIT SEMINAR

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, parish hall 9728 Palmeras Dr., Sun City, AZ Wednesdays, Febuary 15th thru March 29th, 2023 9 am to 11 am

The Spirit will guide you to all truth John 16:13

What is a Life in the Spirit Seminar?



The Seminar is an invitation to make or renew a deep personal commitment to Jesus Christ in openness to the Holy Spirit and His gifts. It serves as an introduction to a life in the power of the Holy Spirit. It provides teaching, guidance, and prayer leading to a new and deeper relationship with the Lord. Come and experience the presence of the Lord, through prayer, praise and worship in community.

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" John 14:6

The Life in the Spirit consist of seven Wednesday mornings.

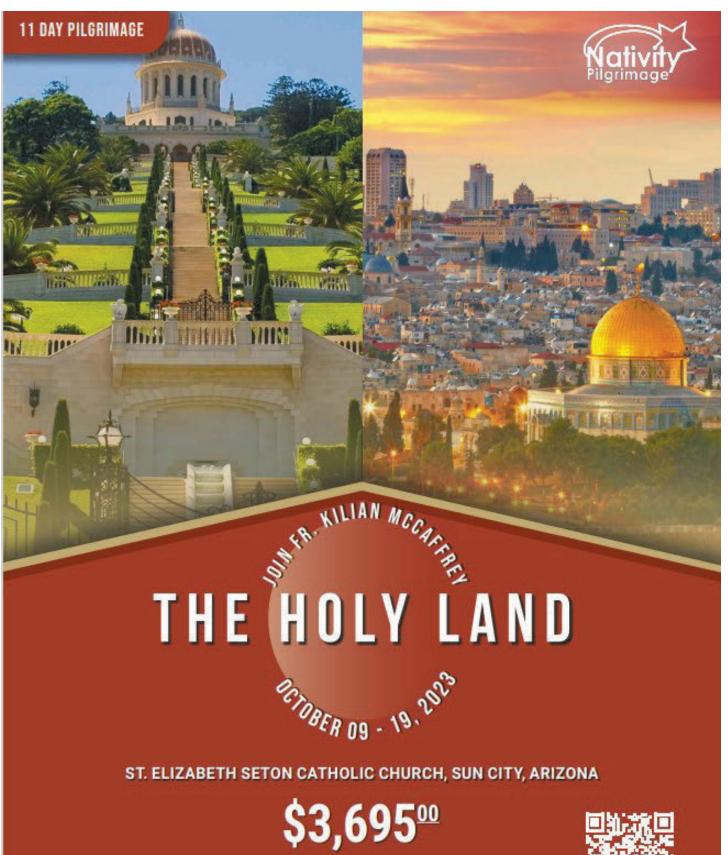
2/15/23	Session 1	God's Love	
2/22/23	Session 2	Salvation	
3/01/23	Session 3	New Life	
3/08/23	Session 4	Receiving God's Gifts	
3/15/23	Session 5	Baptism in the Spirit	
3/22/23	Session 6	Growth	
3/29/23	Session 7	Transformation	

Register in the office at SESCC for a \$10.00 fee to cover materials.

Materials will be handed out at the sessions.

For information about registration call the office at 623-972-2129. For information about the seminar call Maureen Kight at 602-503-5379.

Life in the Spirit is sponsored by Holy Spirit Prayer group of SESCC and by Charismatic Renewal Ministries



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