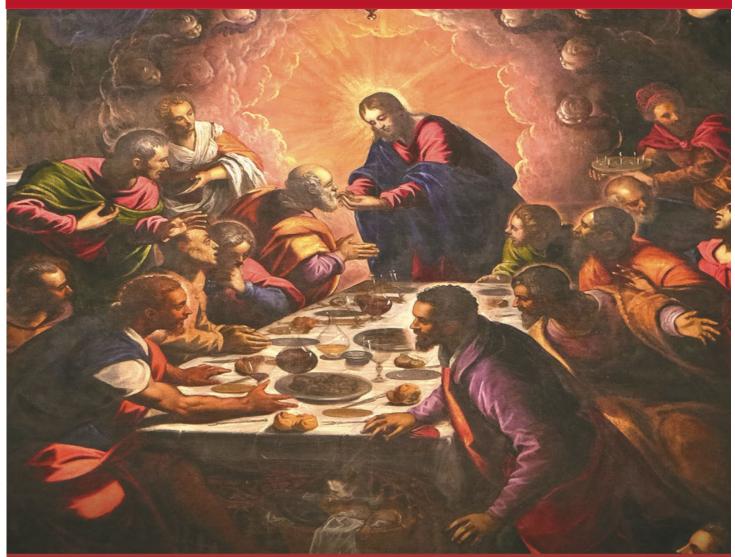
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Fifth Sunday of Easter May 7th, 2023



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

Our Mass Times: Office Hours Monday - Friday: 8AM Monday-Thursday: 8AM-4PM Saturday: 8AM & 4PM Vigil Friday: 8AM-12PM Sunday: 7AM, 9AM & 11AM *There will be a communal rosary prayed 35 minutes prior to each scheduled Mass. **Reconciliation/Confession Parish Newsletter** Mass Readings Saturdav: **1PM-3PM Ministries and Groups:** St. Elizabeth Seton Staff St. Vincent de Paul Society 1st Tuesday at 2PM, Deacon Tone Room CLERGY: 3rd Tuesday at 2PM, Deacon Tone Room Tina Prosenick, 623-583-7303 Pastor, Fr. Kilian McCaffrey, Knights of Columbus frmccaffrey@sescc.org 2nd Tuesday at 6:30PM, Parish Hall Priest in Residence, Fr. John Slobig Mike Wooldridge, 602-717-6700 frslobig@sescc.org Holy Spirit Prayer Group Dcn. Jeff Arner, jarner@sescc.org Every Wednesday at 9am-10:30am Parish Hall Dcn. Jim Brown, jbrownis@outlook.com Maureen Kight, 602-503-5379 Dcn. Sal Lema, salster49@gmail.com Faith Sharing—Weekly Gospel Discussion Dcn. Marty Pogioli, pogioli67@gmail.com Every Thursday at 9AM, Deacon Tone Room Dcn. Craig Reaktenwalt, dclr85351@gmail.com Parish Office, 623-972-2129 STAFF: Women's Seton Society Every Thursday at 9AM, Parish Hall Parish Manager, 623-866-5224 Margie O'Boyle, 623-738-8800/pmo99@cox.net Joseph Pergolizzi, jpergolizzi@sescc.org Healing Ministry Administrative Assistant, 623-972-2129 Every Wednesday10:45am-12Noon in the Sylvia Cabral, office@sescc.org Library. Maureen Kight, 602-503-5379 Liturgy & Music Director, 623-866-5233 Our Lady of Fatima Devotions Steve Raml, sraml@sescc.org 1st Saturday at 8AM, Church Jack Limberg, 574-286-1562 Facilitator of Evangelization, 623-972-2129 Sr. Mary Beverly, srmarybeverly@sescc.org Solo Group 1st Tuesday at 1PM, Palmbrook Country Club Faith Formation Director, 623-866-5221 John Battoe, 623-977-7073 Deacon Jeff Arner, jarner@sescc.org **Evening Prayer Group** Youth Formation Director, 623-866-5229 Monday—Friday 3:50PM, Chapel Linda Watkins, lwatkins@sescc.org Parish Office, 623-972-2129 Maintenance/Housekeeping, 623-866-5232 Chalice Apostolate Ministry Rachel Ruby, 623-972-1051 Jeff Adams, jadams@sescc.org Frank Raskey, fraskey@sescc.org Margarita Gonzalez, office@sescc.org

Mass Intentions		Votive Candles
Living ♥ Decease	d †	Blessed Virgin : Leonardo
Sunday, May 7th		
7 AM Parishioners ♥	Fr. Kilian	Benitez
9 AM Aurora Alvarez †	Fr. Kilian	Requested by: Dolores Banzon
11 AM Shelia Espinoza †	Fr. John	
<u>Monday, May 8th</u>		
8 AM Leo Mausbach†	Fr. John	Tabernacle Candle: John Paul
<u>Tuesday, May 9th</u>		<u>Chakravarty</u>
8 AM Becky Krank	Fr. John	Requested by: Bernadette Labat
Wednesday, May 10th		Requested by: Demadette Labat
8 AM Mr. and Mrs. Midex †	Fr. John	
Thursday, May 11th		Saint Joseph Candle: Shelia
8 AM Steve Saulinskas †	Fr. John	Espinoza
<u>Friday, May 12th</u> 8 AM Bill's Anniversay †	Fr. Kilian	<u>Espinoza</u>
	TT. Rundin	Requested by: Espinoza Family
<u>Saturday, May 13th</u> 8 AM Franziska Wise ♥	Fr. Kilian	
4PM John William Plott †	Fr. John	To kindly and generously request a
Sunday, May 14th		Mass Intention or Votive Candle,
7 AM Paulette Giffa	Fr. Kilian	
9 AM Parishioners ♥	Fr. John	please contact Sylvia at the
11 AM Jason Yrrizarry	Fr. Kilian	Parish Of <mark>fice 623-</mark> 972-2129.

Readings for the Week

Sunday April 30th	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday May 1st	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday May 2nd	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27- 31a
Wednesday May 3rd	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday May 4th	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday May 5th	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday May 6th	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Sunday May 7th	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Stewardship

Your Financial Stewardship April 30th, 2023 Plate: \$11,234.50 Online:\$4,970.00 Weekly Goal: <u>\$18,780.75</u>





<u>Pastor's Letter:</u> <u>May 7, 2023</u> Fifth Sunday <u>of Easter:</u> ather's House

"In My Father's House there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have

told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?"

As we move towards the next great feats of **Ascension and Pentecost**, the rich language used by Our Lord at the Last Supper was from a Jewish **Wedding Ceremony.** This is very important to point out because our Gospel reading is more familiar to us because it is so popular at Funeral Masses.

The Mass is The Wedding Feast

"Part of the ancient Jewish marriage proposal ing each guest, one by one. Each guest would was for the prospective groom, if he lived at receive a wedding garment from the groom, home with his parents, then he would cover typically the robe or scarf was worn. Everyone the potential bride with his cloak or mantel. at the feast was declared identical, with their

If she let the cloak rest upon her, she was accepting marriage to the groom, and then the wedding contract was drawn up. The woman was now called a bride, and the man a groom. And the bride took a cup of wine, called the Cup of Acceptance, offered to her by the groom, and they became legally married, and they entered the betrothal period, the *erusin*.

During the *erusin* time, the couple was legally married, but the bride remained in her father's house, while the groom prepared a home.

Or he may have prepared a place for her in his father's house. Either way, this often took several months to a year. Before leaving the house of the bride's father, the groom would speak a prayer called **The Grooms Promise:**

"I go to prepare a place for you in my father's house that where I am you also may be."

It was not until about a year later, at the actual marriage ceremony, called *nessuim*.



that they were permitted to consummate their relationship physically, and that the bride moved into the groom's home.

Later, when the groom's father declared that all is ready, he called together both extended families, and they threw a wedding feast. This literally means the lifting up, referred to the custom of the groom, lifting up the bride and carrying her to the wedding feast.

The father's servants or family members would escort the couples to the wedding feast, where they joined the extended families of the bride with the extended family of the groom.

The feast would begin with the groom greeting each guest, one by one. Each guest would receive a wedding garment from the groom, typically the robe or scarf was worn. Everyone at the feast was declared identical, with their wedding garments symbolizing the union of the two families. The groom would bring each guest to be formally presented to his father, before he went to greet the next guest. John's gospel often used the Jewish wedding motif to recall Jesus saying: "No one comes to the father except through me."

When all the guests had been properly presented to the grooms father, the couple would share a cup of wine, called the cup of blessing. The couple with then leave for the marriage chamber, and the guests party continued, eating and drinking for seven days."

Excerpt from *Walking The Parables of Jesus* by Deacon Bob Evans

Fr. Kilian Sr. Mary Beverly & Our Staff



Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2023

In today's Gospel, Jesus has a hard time convincing his disci ples that by seeing him, they

have seen the Father. He tells them that the Father who dwells in him is doing his work and if they believe in him, they will continue doing the good works of the Father.

Please know that by your kind donations to the Society you are doing our Father's work far greater than you think. You have read through this weekly bulletin the many ways your support allows our members to bring relief, hope, prayerful inspiration and independence to our neighbors in need.

As the summer heat arrives and inflation is ongoing more assistance is needed for housing, utility, auto, gas, food expenses, and providing professional referrals. **Thank you parishioners** for your continued generous support making it possible for the Society to continue our ministry of helping those in need.

Remember to **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for our **June 3rd and 4th** jean and T-shirt drive we will be holding. All donations will be given to the homeless. Details are forthcoming.

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others, the feet to hasten to the poor and needy, it has the eyes to see misery and want, it has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. This is what love looks like ~ St. Augustine

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SVdP can pick up donations directly from your home. Just call (602) 254-3338 to schedule a pick-up.



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Our thrift stores not only generate funding for our programs for the homeless and working poor, they also act as distribution points for families in need of essential items like clothing, beds and household items.



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The Catholic Daughters Of the Americas



The Catholic Ladies of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Also St. Clement of Rome and St. Joachim & Anne Parishes host our monthly meeting in the Parish Hall
from 12 PM to 3 PM every 4th Tuesday of the month. For more information please contact: Bernadette Labat (602) 565-6429



(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 amazing Candidates and Catechumens.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Deacon Jeff Arner, the Director of Religious Formation at 623-866-5221 or email at:

jarner@sescc.org for an appointment.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

1st Saturday Devotion at St. Elizabeth Seton right after 8am mass, May 6th 2023

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." - Jn 14:2-3



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. Contact Dcn. Jeff Arner for registration information. We will begin this <u>6-week course on each Wednesday beginning on April 26 through</u> <u>May 31 from 2 to 4 pm in the Guadalupe meeting room.</u>

Order of Christian Initiation of Adult's (O.C.I.C)

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<u>Get Ready for VBS (Vacation Bible School) "Cool Kingdom Party"</u> **Cool Kingdom Party!** Our children going into Kindergarten through 5th grade are officially invited to spend a royal week with the King and Queen of Heaven and Earth. Enter through the gates of the Cool Kingdom and learn all about Mary, our Blessed Mother, and how

she leads us closer to her Son, the King of Kings. **This is scheduled for July 10th through July 14th from 5 pm to 8:30 pm.**

We are looking for a number of volunteers to help out from planning, decorating, hospitality, leading the children to and from their sessions, games, skits, etc... <u>We will have our</u> second planning meeting on Thursday, May 11th in Seton Hall beginning at

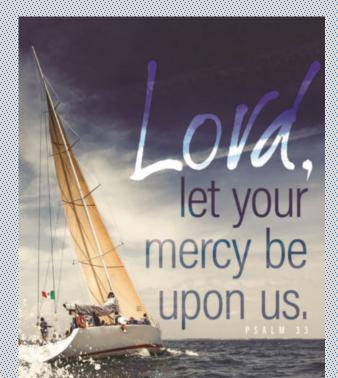
<u>5:30 pm.</u> If you want more information please contact Dcn. Jeff Arner, Director of Formation at 623-866-5221 or email at <u>jarner@sescc.org</u>.

Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion Celebration

<u>Please pray for our youth and adults who will be receiving the Sacraments</u> <u>of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist on Saturday, May 13th at 10 am.</u> This is a very special time for these families and our community of faith. They will be on retreat Saturday, April 29th and are very excited to be completing their Sacraments of Initiation.

If you have children who will be entering Kindergarten through High School and would like to have them in our Faith Formation Program please contact Ms. Linda Watkins at 623-866-5229 or lwatkins@sescc.org for more information.





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WHO Chose You

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MAY 27th

Conference 9am - 9pm Anderson Hall (\$25)

Holy Mass 11am Worshipfest 7pm Church (free)

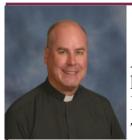
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church 4715 N. Central Ave Phoenix, AZ

\$25 Registration

For more info contact: Jan McLean (508) 423-2402 or Jojo Concepcion (623) 229-6902 Hosted by The Diocese of Phoenix, Catholic Ru

Acts 1:8 "You will receive power when the Holy Spiri has come upon you."

Special Pastor's Message: Moving On In July



As I mentioned at all Masses last weekend, our new Bishop John Dolan, has recently asked me to become the new Pastor of **Blessed Sacrament Parish** in Scottsdale, beginning on July 1st, 2023.

This was certainly a surprise development and it came out of the blue.

Bishop Dolan has also named Fr. David Kulandaisamy (pictured on the right)

as **Parochial Administrator of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish**, also beginning on July 1st, 2023. Fr. David is a great priest and he is currently the Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor) of St. Gabriel Parish in Cave Creek.

Fr. John Slobig worked with Fr. David at St. Gabriel's for two years and has a very high regard for him. I will have much more information on Fr. David soon.



Blessed Sacrament Parish is my home parish.

I moved to Phoenix almost 25 years ago and looked up the closest parish to where I lived.

I walked into Blessed Sacrament Church on Mothers' Day, May 10th of 1998 and I was made feel welcome immediately. It became my spiritual home and also the parish is where I truly discovered my vocation to the priesthood; it was where I first spoke with the-then Pastor, Fr. Patrick Robinson, and then applied to the Diocese of Phoenix Vocations Office with the view to becoming a seminarian; and it is also where I celebrated my First Mass on June **3rd**, 2007 nearly 16 years ago. What a day that was!

It truly has been a wonderful six years serving you as your Pastor as St. Elizabeth Seton Parish and I am sad to be moving on, but I am not moving too far away. God Bless You All.



Knights of Columbus Annual Raffle

The Knights of Columbus are once again holding our annual State Raffle to support local charities. These efforts include our work with Special Olympics, Pro-Life, Veterans, and Seminarian Support to name just a few. <u>10 Cash Prizes will be awarded, with a top prize of \$10,000!!!</u>

Drawing will be held May 20th. Ticket prices are as follows: Each Ticket: \$5.00 Each Book of 5 Tickets: \$20 30 Tickets: \$100 Tickets will be sold after Masses On: <u>April 29th/30th & May 6th/May</u> 7th

To Purchase Tickets in Advance, Contact: Dan Kudulis-Raffle Chairman 602-647-3551 <u>dansiluduk@cox.net</u>



New Bible Study beginning Tuesday, May 16 from 9 to 11 am in Seton Hall



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

JEFF CAVINS and SARAH CHRISTMYER

Many Catholics want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** helps you get the "big picture" by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how to read the Bible so that you can actually understand it. Aided by the unique color-coded *Bible Timeline*® Chart, which arranges the key people, places, and events of Scripture in chronological order, **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** will help you discover the story of salvation history and understand how you fit into God's plan. This eight-session study program includes video presentations that explore all twelve time periods of **The Bible Timeline Chart**.

The fee is <u>\$30 per person</u> that includes <u>tax and shipping</u>, <u>workbook</u>, <u>Bible</u> <u>Timeline Chart</u>, <u>Bible Timeline Bookmark</u>, and <u>Online Video Access for</u>

<u>1 year.</u>

For registration and more information please contact Dcn. Jeff Arner at jarner@sescc.org or 632-866-5221



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