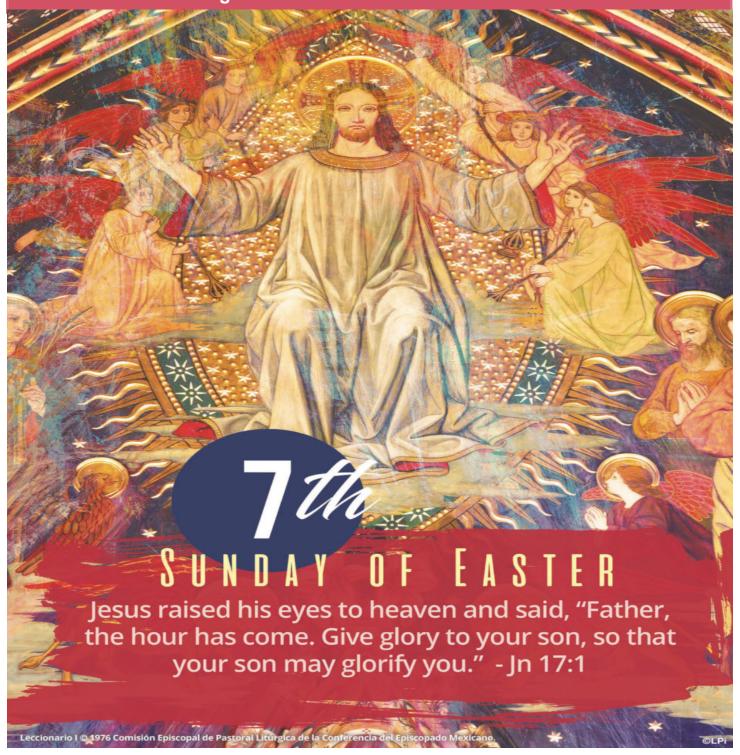
# St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church

9728 W. Palmeras Drive Sun City, Arizona 85373

Telephone: (623) 972-2129

Email: office@sescc.org Website: www.sescc.org Sixth Sunday of Easter May 21, 2023



# **Our Mass Times:**

Monday - Friday: 8AM Saturday: 8AM & 4PM Vigil Sunday: 7AM, 9AM & 11AM

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

# Reconciliation/Confession Saturday: 1PM-3PM

# St. Elizabeth Seton Staff

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### **Office Hours**

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



**Parish Newsletter** 



Mass Readings

# **Ministries and Groups:**

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

1st Tuesday at 2PM, Deacon Tone Room 3rd Tuesday at 2PM, 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 9am-10:30am Parish Hall 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 Wednesday10:45am-12Noon in the Library, Maureen Kight, 602-503-5379

### **Our Lady of Fatima Devotions**

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, May 21st

7AM Meronek & McDonald Families † ♥ Fr. John 9AM Les Keeley † Fr. Bill 11AM Parishioners ♥ Fr. John

Monday, May 22nd

8AM Ruben Dizon † Fr. Tom

Tuesday, May 23rd

8AM Rose Bouts † Fr. Tom

Wednesday, May 24th

8AM Cory Gillham † Fr. Bill

Thursday, May 25th

8AM Tom Angel † Fr. Bill

Friday, May 26th

8AM Joe Quintana † Fr. John

Saturday, May 27th

8AM Donald McLean † Fr. John 4PM Parishioners ♥ Fr. Bill

Sunday, May 28th

7AM Marilyn Lenox † Fr. John 9AM Frank Beck † Fr. Bill 11AM Robert Malkiewicz † Fr. John

# **Votive Candles**

Blessed Virgin: Fr. Kilian McCaffrey

Requested by: Parishioners

Tabernacle Candle: Hugh C. Callahan

Requested by: Karen Vollmuth

Saint Joseph Candle: Robert Myers

Requested by: Carol Myers

To kindly and generously request a

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



# **Readings for the Week**

Sunday Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-

16/Jn 17:1-11a

Monday Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

May 22nd

**Tuesday** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

May 23rd

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn

Wednesday Acts 20:28 May 24th 17:11b-19

**Thursday** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn

May 25th 17:20-26

Friday Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-

May 26th 19

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Saturday May 27th

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Sunday May 28th

Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1 -5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22

-27/Jn 7:37-39

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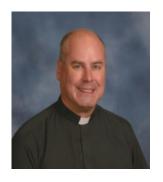
May 21st, 2023

Plate: \$13,473.00

Online: \$4,936.50

Weekly Goal: <u>\$18,780.75</u>





# Pastor's Letter:

May 21, 2023

# Ascension Sunday

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20).

In the Breaking of the Bread at Mass, Jesus, the Body of Christ, is with us always.

Jesus ministry began with His 40 days in the desert and ended with His 40 days of glory. The Risen Christ is finally taken up into His Glory. Jesus glorious wounds are fresh in the memory of His eleven apostles as well as the newly-chosen Matthias. Some followers had scattered, while others went home north to Galilee. Yet they were all back in Jerusalem to witness Jesus' last earthly work, the mystery of The Ascension, when they saw Him rise up to Heaven and were filled with amazement as He went to prepare a place for them and us.

readings this Easter. Season. This language of the love of God at the Last Supper is reflected in the Groom's Promise of going tp prepare a ceded us. place for his bride in His Father's house.

teaches us in Paragraph 648:

"Christ's Ascension, like his Resurrection, is not only about him, it is also about us" We are called to this same Heavenly destiny as Jesus Body where we too will one day live in Heaven in heavenly, resurrected bodies.

When you stop and think about it, the simple bread and wine that we bring as the fruits of our work, is elevated in the Mass, lifted up to the very highest level of being, really and truly the Body of Christ and the Son of God!

"I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God" (John 20:17).



660 "The veiled character of the glory of the Risen One during this time is intimated in his mysterious words to Mary Magdalene:

This indicates a difference in manifestation between the glory of the risen Christ and that of the Christ exalted to the Father's right hand, a transition marked by the historical and transcendent event of the Ascension.

661 This final stage stays closely linked to the first, that is, to his descent from heaven in the Incarnation. Only the one who "came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus

"No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man." Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house", to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open I have spoken a lot about the rich Scripture to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has pre-

662 "And I, when I am lifted up from the The Catechism of The Catholic Church earth, will draw all men to myself." The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, "entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands. . . but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf."

Wear RED for Pentecost Next Weekend.

I am away in Medugorje this week.

Fr. Kilian, McCaffrey



# The Ascension of the Lord May 21, 2023

Today we are reminded of the importance of the feast of the Ascension.

We are told that Jesus accomplished his ministry while on earth and is returned to his heavenly home to prepare a place for us. As believers we know that we, too, will leave this earth; however, the gift of the Ascension assures us that we will also be raised. After Jesus' Ascension his saving work on earth continued through his disciples and now... **through us.** 

The parish's Society conference members THANK YOU for making it possible for us to join with conferences throughout the state to respond to the community's needs. Below are some of the services that were provided in 2022. 3.25 million meals served; 45,208 shelter nights to neighbors working to end their homelessness; \$7 million in rent and utility assistance helped families avoid eviction; 6.2 million pounds of food received and distributed through our Central Food Bank; 14,562 medical, dental and wellness visits at our charity clinic; 30,200 lbs. of fresh produce harvested in our Urban Farms to complement meals and food boxes; 208,000 service hours completed by 14,000 committed and compassionate volunteers. Additionally, YOUR generous donations allowed our conference to provide over \$12,600 in rental assistance last month! Jesus' saving work continues.....

In two weeks, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our <u>jean and T-shirt</u> drive for the homeless. Donation boxes will be located outside the Society's pantry (near the east parking lot), at each of the church entrances and in the church vestibule. Donations may be dropped off Saturday, June 3 from 7-9 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. Sunday, June 4 hours are from 6 a.m. to noon

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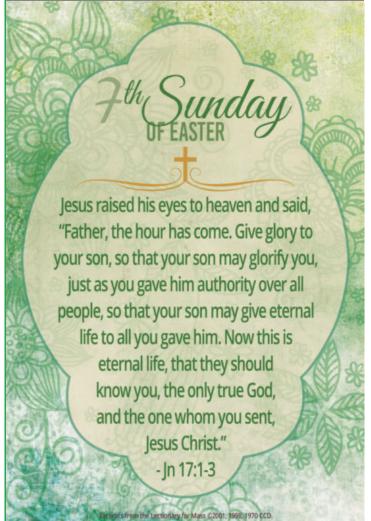
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# (RCIA) The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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 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:

<u>jarner@sescc.org</u> for an appointment.





# 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.



Grieving with **Great HOPE is a SIX-WEEK grief support work-shop** 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 <a href="6">6-week course on each Wednesday beginning on April 26 through May 31 from 2 to 4 pm in the Guadalupe meeting room.</a>

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

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 received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist and would like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation. Please contact Dcn. Jeff Arner for an appointment at 623-866-5221 or jarner@sescc.org.



Get Ready for VBS (Vacation Bible School) "Cool Kingdom Party"

Cool Kingdom Party! Our children going into Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> 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

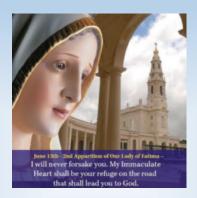
she leads us closer to her Son, the King of Kings. **This is scheduled for July 10**<sup>th</sup> **through July 14**<sup>th</sup> **from 5 pm to 8:30 pm.** 

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... We will have our second planning meeting on Thursday, May 11th in Seton Hall beginning at 5:30 pm. If you want more information please contact Dcn. Jeff Arner, Director of Formation at 623-866-5221 or email at jarner@sescc.org.



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.

Our Lady of Fatima 1st Saturday Devotion at St. Elizabeth Seton is right after the 8:00 am mass **June 3, 2023** 



For centuries, the Catholic Church designated Saturday as a special day to honor the Mother of God. Masses in honor of the Blessed Mother are many times offered on Saturday if no special feast of the Church is on that day. In asking for the devotion of five First Saturdays, Mary emphasized that tradition and gave it new emphasis, a promise for many graces. Saint John Paul II felt the First Saturdays so important that in 1979 he started the practice of saying the rosary on the Vatican radio station on the First Saturdays each month.

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



# JUNE 3 - 4

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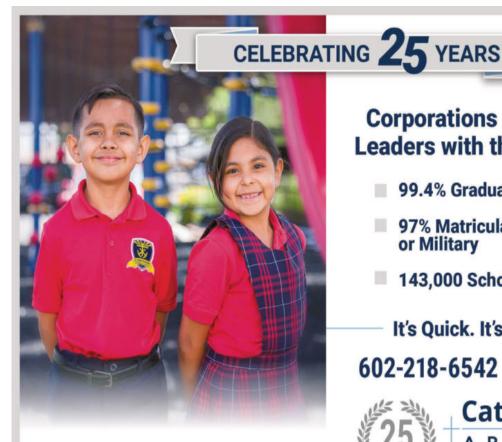
items are giving out to individuals experiencing homelessness each month

Bring your donations to the SVDP Pantry (North east side of church) and all of the church entrances

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We accept clean, gently-used and new clothing donations for adults of all sizes. While we do accept women's clothing, our biggest need is men's clothing, as 72% of unhoused individuals are men.

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- Men's jeans 33\*
- Men's jeans 34"
- Men's jeans 35\*
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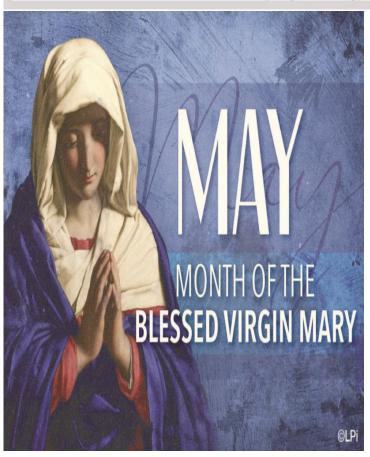
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Speaker: Esther Ramirez - June 17, 2023

Registration ends June 14, 2023

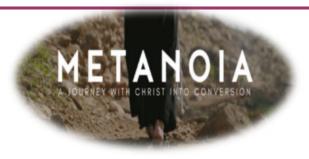
Magnificat is a Ministry to Catholic Women in the Diocese. Women sharing in testimony of how God has worked in their lives.

Contact information for registration Esther Ramirez, 623-565-0304, mrs.estherramirez@gmail.com make checks payable to Phoenix Magnificat; include your email address and mail to: Esther Ramirez, 10604 N. 53rd Ave., Glendale, AZ 85304

Link can be found on our facebook page Phoenix Magnificat

# **Faith Formation Opportunity**

Please join us for a 10 week study to help us grow in our faith called "**Metanoia**". *METANOIA* – and believe in the Gospel. In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted



Every Catholic, no matter where we are in our faith journey, is invited to a deeper conversion. Metanoia is not a one-time event; rather, it is a continual process of turning away from the things of the world, from lies and sin and discovering a deeper union with Christ.

Metanoia is a production of The Ministry of The Wild Goose and 4PM Media in association with Franciscan University of Steubenville and the Franciscan Friars TOR of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The series is beautifully filmed on location in the Holy Land, highlighting sacred places such as the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, the desert of Temptations, and many of the holy sites in Jerusalem. This 10-part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, President of Franciscan University and founder of The Ministry of the Wild Goose, leads us on a journey with Christ into conversion. Each of the episodes explores areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary. Metanoia will examine topics such as who is Jesus, what must we do to inherit eternal life, and many other significant matters of faith. With preaching from Fr. Dave as well as personal testimonies from men and women, young and old, religious and lay, their stories will inspire you to seek to encounter Jesus and the new life he is constantly inviting us to.

This new 10 week study will be held on Monday's beginning June 12 in the Dcn. Tone Room.

The cost is \$5 to cover the cost of materials.

For more information and registration please contact Dcn. Jeff Arner at 623-866-5221.



# Investing the Catholic Way-Financial Planning & Benefits Seminar

Please make plans to attend as the Knights of Columbus host a Financial Planning & Benefits seminar on **Sunday, June 4th at 12:30 PM in St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Hall.** Gary Kwapiszeski, one of the Top Financial Advisors with the Knights of Columbus, will be on hand to provide information about the many different financial offerings available through the Knights of Columbus to meet all of your needs during retirement. He will show you many different ways that you can tweak your current retirement strategy to meet your individual needs in our ever-changing economy.

All parishioners, family, and friends are cordially invited to attend. While there are some financial services that are exclusive to members of the Knights of Columbus, many of them are available to non-members as well! Best of all, you can be assured that all Knights of Columbus Financial Programs adhere to our strict Catholic-friendly criteria, as the Knights of Columbus will not ever invest in companies that promote or participate in policies that violate our Catholic Faith.

The seminar is free to everyone and no purchase is necessary. Light refreshments and socialization will immediately follow the seminar, which will last approximately 1 hour. Also, everyone in attendance will be automatically entered into a raffle drawing for a spectacular Door Prize!!

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