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MASS TIMES

Mon-Sat: 8:00am Sat (Vigil): 5:00pm Sun: 7:00am, 9:00am, 10:45am*, 12:30pm *Mass Livestreamed on Aquinas Catholic Church YouTube channel

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 8:30am to 9:30am **Wed:** 5:00pm to 6:45pm

ADORATION

Tues: 1:00pm to 7:00pm Wed: 1:00pm to 7:00pm Thurs: 1:00pm to 7:00pm Fri: 8:30am to 12:30pm

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"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh." - Lk 6:21

xcerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.







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Scripture can sometimes be confusing. We know that God created everything, and called it all "good." But in today's Gospel reading, Jesus seems to suggest that partaking in this good creation—having enough to eat, being able to provide for our material needs, and enjoying ourselves and the earth—is somehow bad, even a curse. What's going on?

None of these things—wealth, good food, laughter, or praise—are bad in their own right. The problem is when we are satisfied by these earthly things—when we're so filled up with them that we lose the desire for God.

In contrast to this, Jesus praises those who are empty—the poor, the hungry, the sorrowful, and the excluded—again, not because poverty or hunger or any of these things are good in their own right, but because when we find ourselves in these conditions, we're more open to God. We know that nothing here will ultimately satisfy us, and so we turn to Him.

The Church calls this the virtue of spiritual poverty—and it can transform the way we think about wealth. Instead of wealth becoming a kind of ball and chain, that holds us down and holds us back, spiritual poverty allows us to see that whatever we have is a gift—a gift God has entrusted to us, and asks us to use prudently as His stewards. Let's keep the virtue of spiritual poverty in mind as we discern—as a community and as families—how we can support our diocesan Charity and Development Appeal.



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEB. 13

07:00am Richard Denman † 09:00am Garv Atkinson 10:45am Intentions of the Parish

12:30pm Homer Santarina

MONDAY, FEB. 14

08:00am Pablo Loya

TUESDAY, FEB. 15

08:00am Joanne Lisowski †

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16

08:00am Marie Groebner †

THURSDAY, FEB. 17

08:00am Michael Mayer †

FRIDAY, FEB. 18

08:00am Helen Stankus †

SATURDAY, FEB. 19

08:00am Gustavo Herrera † 05:00pm Mr. & Mrs. John Van Herpen †

SUNDAY, FEB. 20

07:00am Bernard Genetti † 09:00am Irene Aia †

10:45am Intentions of the Parish 12:30pm Mary Ellen Munoz †

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In Webster's Dictionary, the word "generous" is kindly and magnanimous! Our STA family is truly that! You made both our Thanksgiving and Christmas programs so successful through your generous spirit.

On delivery day for our Thanksgiving Program, many volunteers (St. Vincent de Paul and Knights of Columbus) delivered food boxes to 81 families and a great load of excess of food was shared with St. Michael's in Gila Bend! The value of these generous donations was over \$15,000!! Many families' blessings increased!

Again, our "Angel Tree" donations exceeded expectations! In our parish alone, 188 children received gifts; each family received gift cards for food and St. Michael's children received 209 children's gifts because of your giving!

"Thank you" is not enough to express our gratitude and love for all. As the chairperson for these programs shared with us, "We made people smile here and there - spreading the love and word of God." We have you to thank for that!

And.....in addition, your generosity added \$8,487.88 to our funds following our 5th Sunday Collection. God bless you for you caring, giving hearts!



Generous and loving God. You call us to be disciples of your son Jesus. and good stewards of all your many gifts. Open our minds and hearts to a greater awareness and deeper appreciation of your countless blessings.

Transform us through the power of your Spirit to nurture a stewardship way of life marked by faith-filled prayer, service to our neighbor and generous sharing.

> Teach us to be faithful servants of your gifts. With Mary's help, may we return ten-fold the gifts entrusted to us.

> > Amen





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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The human heart will always find itself wanting unless it finds its rest in God. Many people haven't yet figured out that pursuing purely secular ideologies and interests and side stepping their relationship with God causes them to fall short of their potential. When we seek our satisfaction, seek our strength, and establish priorities based entirely on the things of this world, we come up empty. There is never enough and we are always reaching for more. We develop distorted senses of justice, lose our moral axis, and lower our benchmarks for change, growth, and development. That is why knowing the beatitudes and God's vision they contain is so important. They remind us that our consumption, success driven lives can actually hurt and exploit others; quickly moving us away from God's idea of how things need to look. God ultimately will set things straight. We can assist in that mission now by trusting. hoping, and looking to God for our cues for how to live, set goals for ourselves and discern the best way to share this world with our brothers and sisters.



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Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children 6 - 12 years old (cash or check only). Children 5 years old and younger eat for free. Tickets will be sold after every mass on the weekends of February 12th/13th to March 5th/6th. Parishioners can also order tickets in advance by emailing or calling the event chairman Ron Rubio - ronrubio@hotmail.com (602-769-6834). Tickets are limited and there will be **no meals sold at the door** the night of the event.

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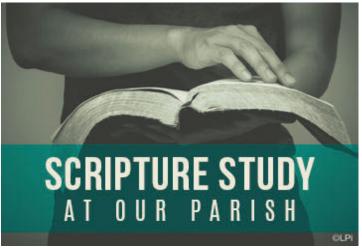
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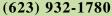
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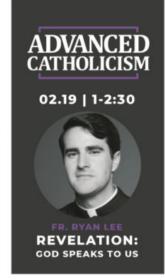
Hello, my name is Basilio (Chilo) Salinas. I am beyond excited to become a part of this amazing Church community and serve your families through various faith formation opportunities. I have three wonderful children and am married to the most amazing woman. I coach varsity soccer for St. John Paul II Catholic High school and I currently serve the diocese through my music ministry. I have over 10 years experience in faith formation and cannot wait to bring that experience here to this community. I'm eager to get to know the families here, and for all of you to get to know mine. Being part of the faith formation of your families is very important to me. I look forward to being a support for you as you continue to build up your domestic church. God bless you all. See you soon!



















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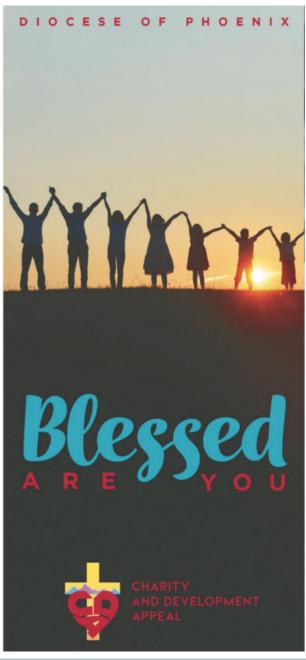
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Have you heard the phrase "From Your Valentine"? Did you know that this phrase came from St. Valentine himself? Well, yes it did, and it was from a letter of love that St. Valentine wrote to a girl he fancied. He showed her his love by writing her letters, showing her the love of God, and even healing her blindness! Now you probably won't be able to heal any blindness as St. Valentine did but, you can always show the love of God! What better way to do this by gifting your loved one a delightful, Christian-themed piece of attire? Well, currently featured at the Doc, you can find some lovely, tasteful t-shirts! Each shirt, provided from the company of Catechism Apparel, can be purchased for the price of 23 dollars!

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