

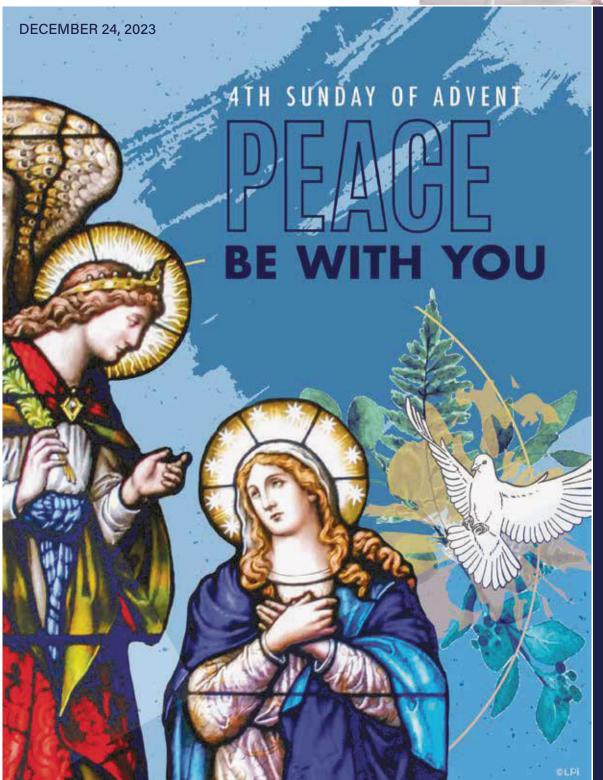
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MASS TIMES

M-W-F-SAT 8:15 AM
TU-TH 12:15 PM
SAT (VIGIL) 4:30 PM
SUNDAY
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

12:15 PM (Spanish)

CONFESSIONS

WED 5:00 PM SAT 9:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS

MON - TUES - THUR:

9:00 AM-7:00 PM

WED: 9:00-10:00 AM

& 1:00 - 7:00 PM

FRI - SUN: CLOSED

Happy Sunday!

Today is the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas! This week, I would like to share with you the famous Christmas sermon from St. Leo the Great. It is a beautiful exposition of the mystery of the Incarnation and the dignity of the Christian.

"Dearly beloved, today our Saviour is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life.

In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind.

And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: Glory to God in the highest, and they proclaim peace to men of good will as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvellous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom.

Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ."

Christ's peace, Fr. Connealy

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

During this time of the National Eucharistic Revival — from now until June 2025 — please consider spending time with Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Pray for Jesus to increase your faith in His True Presence, and His unfailing love and mercy. It is an ideal time for the whole family to pray together.

Come be with the Lord!

To sign up, please contact the Division Leader in charge of the time block in which you are interested:

Midnight-5 am - Becky Castillo

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am La Nguyen †

12:15 pm SFdA Parishioners

Tuesday, December 26

12:15 pm Mauro Rendon, Balera Cruz & Catalina Rivera +

Wednesday, December 27

8:15 am Dolores Guptill †

Thursday, December 28

12:15 pm Chris Stawisky

Antiono Davila †

Mary McGuire †

Paul Pastor, Sr. †

Carmen Abrego †

Debbie Goitia +

Friday, December 29

8:15 am Violet Gerou † Saturday, December 30

8:15 am Adam Apodaca & Andrew Apodaca †

4:30 pm SFdA Parishioners

Sunday, December 31

8:00 am Issac Davis

10:00 am John Lauc †

12:15 pm Legion de Maria

Please call the Parish Office for Mass Intention requests



Thank you for your generous support of the Yarn Ministry's "Christmas Afghan Raffle." The raffle winner was Stella Lee. All of the funds raised will be used to purchase yarn to create baby items—in addition to hats and scarfs.

The Yarn Ministry created and filled 48 kitchen/bathroom transitional housing bags with handmade potholders, washcloths, and scrubbies, along with soap and toiletries. These items were donated by through the Women's Club to Catholic Charities. This worthwhile project involved many crafters over 4 months and over 200 handmade items, including 23 hat/scarfs that were also given to The Peaks Assisted Living.

We always welcome new crafters! With the winter months ahead, you can craft at home. The yarn and supplies are provided. Our next gathering will be Friday, January 12 from 9-11 am in the St. John Bosco Room. Please feel free to contact JoAnn Matone at jmatone@comcast.net (type Yarn Ministry in the subject line) with any questions.

Registration for Verso L'alto, our middle school youth group, and Quo Vadis, our high school youth group, is now open!

Please go to the Formation tab at sfdaparish.org
to find out more and to register.



Middle School
MONDAYS 6-7:30 PM

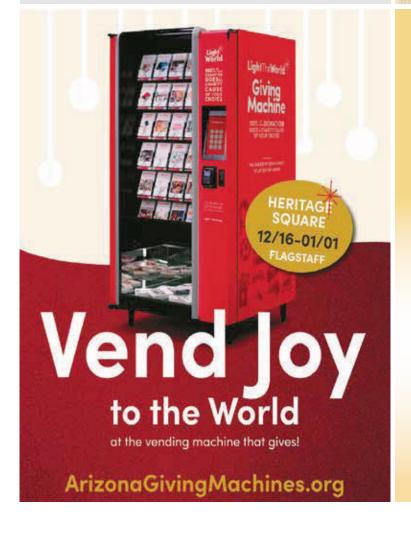
Christmas break until Jan. 8th!



QUO VADIS - High School
WEDNESDAYS 7-8:30 PM

Christmas break until Jan. 10th!

Please prayerfully consider financially supporting our amazing opportunities of encounter with the Lord by donating to our Envelop Mission either in the Parish Office or online. Thank you!



THANKS

to everyone who enjoyed our delicious pancakes and breakfast burritos last Sunday. Your support allowed us to donate \$900 to the Religious Retirement Fund. THANK YOU for your outstanding support! Our next Pancake Breakfast/Burrito Sale will be Sunday, January 14th with all net proceeds going towards our various charitable causes.

Drawing #4 of 9: \$500: Sharon Lopez (Tkt # 697) Flagstaff, AZ - SFdA \$300: Al Caccavale (Tkt # 859) Flagstaff, AZ - SFdA \$200: Roberta Urbanczyk (Tkt # 322) North Las Vegas, NV

THINKING ABOUT JOINING THE KNIGHTS?

Talk to a Knight of Columbus or join online at: KofC.org/JoinUs





Give a Gift of a Home:

Build a House for Jesus!

Mexico Mission Trip Fundraiser

On March 10-14, 2024 parishioners from SFdA will journey to Puerto Peñasco for a week to join with Amor Ministries (www.Amor.org) in building three 11-foot by 22-foot houses. Your sponsorship will pay for the supplies to build the houses. Parishioners will provide the manual labor. You can find a Giving Tree in the narthex of the church. Pick a card, put a donation in an envelope labeled "Mexico Mission Trip" and drop it in a collection basket. Thank





Example of family home of poor in Mexico. House made of scrap materials found on road or in dump. Dirt floor. Leaky roof. No locked doors.

Example of Amor replacement home we will build for a poor family. Tworoom house made of lumber, stucco, concrete floor, solid roof, windows, and locked door.

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord I born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future



Diocese of Phoenix Catholic Women's Conference January 27, 2024

Xavier College Preparatory 4710 N 5th St, Phoenix, AZ

This year's conference, "Full of Grace," will again feature amazing speakers who educate and inspire us to live as Catholic women in today's world. Adoration and reconciliation and an opportunity to attend Mass are always a special part of the day. Lunch is provided and, of course, we'll have our wonderful vendors!

For More Information Go To: www.cwphx.org



Adult Formation

Weekly Adult Programs:

Women's Faith Group Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m. St. Bonaventure Hall (Downstairs)

NOT MEETING December 26 nor January 2!

The Women's Faith Group will **NOT** meet on December 26th nor January 2nd. We will resume gathering at the regular time and day on January 9th. That evening will be a celebration of faith and community via a potluck dinner at 6:30 pm. All women of the parish are welcome to attend whether you have been coming to the meetings or not. It will be a great opportunity to meet new women parishioners as well as those who are long term members of the parish. For more information, contact Margaret Brown at 310-766-1970.

or srmargaretbrown@gmail.com.

Scripture Study Wednesdays, 9-10 a.m. St. John Bosco Room (Downstairs)

NOT MEETING DECEMBER 27!

We have an open, facilitated discussion on the coming Sunday readings. We discuss history, spirituality, and how the readings apply to our life in today's world. Find us downstairs in the St. John Bosco Room. Come once or come every time. Contact Michael Vollmer: MVollmer@SFDAparish.org.

Friday Morning Men's Group 6:00-7:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus Conference Room

NOT MEETING DECEMBER 29!

All men are invited to this morning of fellowship and Catholic spiritual enrichment. We begin with coffee and donuts at 6:00 a.m., a video presentation on the Catholic faith followed by a discussion. We conclude with prayer at 7:30 a.m. For more information, please email Michael Vollmer: MVollmer@SFDAparish.org.

Yarn Ministry 2nd & 4th Fridays 9:00-11:00 a.m. St. John Bosco Room (Downstairs)

NOT MEETING DECEMBER 22!

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? We need you to help create items that will bring comfort and support to those in need. All skill levels are welcome! We gather together in the St. John Bosco Room or you can work at home. All materials will be provided to support your work. For more information please contact JoAnn Matone at imatone@comcast.net – and don't forget to put "Yarn Ministry" in the subject line!

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Would you like to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation? Contact our Adult Faith Formation Director, Michael Vollmer (see below).

For more information on Adult Faith Formation programs, please call Michael Vollmer, Director, at the Parish Office 928-779-1341 or email: MVollmer@SFDAparish.org



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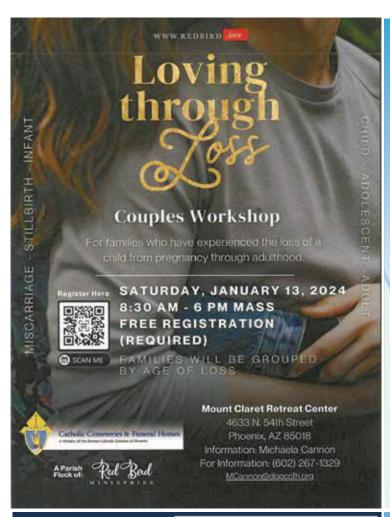
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REK-5news

R.E. is currently on Christmas Break until January 8-9! A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas Eve Children's Nativity Play and Choir such a beautiful success! A special thank you to: Jodi Wilkie for directing the children's choir, Danielle Condon, Linda Caniglia, Cassie Rybka and to all of the parents who helped to shepherd our sheep and flocks of angels!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

R.E. news & updates are sent through Flocknote emails & texts to registered families. For more information, please contact Cathy Carlsen at ccarlsen@sfdaparish.org, or calling 928-779-1341



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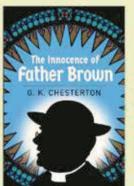
800 Year Anniversary of the Christmas Crèche
"In its present form, the custom of displaying figures
depicting the birth of Christ owes its origin to St. Francis
of Assisi who made the Christmas Crèche for Christmas
Eve 1223. The blessing of the Christmas manger or Nativity
Scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at
another time. "Lord, bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise
our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen."

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
A Blessed Christmas to all
from the Secular Franciscans - Pace e Bene!

Catholic Book Club

January 18th

The Innocence of Father Brown by G.K. Chesterton



- We will also be voting on what to read in the rest of 2024 at the January meeting!
- February 15th:
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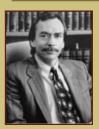
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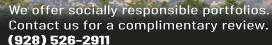
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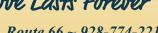
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