

Reflections

My Brothers and Sisters,

The Catholic Church celebrates World Mission Sunday this weekend, marking our annual opportunity to reflect on, pray for and financially support Catholic missionary endeavors worldwide.

It seems to me that when many of us think of “missions,” we naturally think of remote locations in the developing world – for instance, parts of Africa and Asia... places far away from what we’re familiar with.

It’s interesting to reflect on the fact, though, that we too were once mission territory – right here in what is now one of the largest metropolitan areas of the United States.

Catholicism first made its appearance in Arizona in the sixteenth century when Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries first attempted to convert native peoples. Fray Marcos de Niza arrived in this region in 1539, accompanying Francisco Coronado as he and his men searched for the legendary Seven Cities of Cibola. In 1629, Fray Francisco de Porrás came from Santa Fe to the northern parts of what is now our Diocese to minister to the Hopi there. 1691 saw the arrival of Fr. Eusebio Kino and his fellow Jesuits, who eventually established 24 missions in northern Mexico and southern Arizona: San Xavier del Bac outside of Tucson is one of Kino’s missions still standing today.

Another wave of missionaries came to Arizona in the nineteenth century when the United States gained much of the Southwest from Mexico. Arizona’s southern boundaries were finalized with the Gadsden Purchase in 1852 – and the ecclesiastical boundaries were re-set according to the national boundaries. Mexican dioceses and their Spanish priests were no longer responsible for our area; Arizona (along with Colorado, Utah and New Mexico) now fell under the jurisdiction of the Apostolic Vicariate of Santa Fe. Father (later Archbishop) Jean Lamy, the Vicar Apostolic, was a Frenchman – and so began a long line of French priests and bishops (like Joseph Machbeuf, Jean-Baptiste Salpointe and Peter Bourgade, who became the first Bishop of Tucson in 1885) serving Arizona Catholics. Bishop Henri Granjon, who died in 1922, was the last of the French bishops of Tucson.

The first new wave of missionaries of the twentieth century came from Ireland to serve the Church in Arizona. These men, prominent among whom is my predecessor as Pastor of St. Theresa – Msgr. John J. McMahon – have served both the Dioceses of Tucson and Phoenix faithfully from the 1940’s to the present day.

In the twenty-first century, what is now the 44,000 square miles of the Phoenix Diocese is served by an increasing number of native-born American clergy and religious, who are joined by modern missionaries coming to us from such places as Nigeria, Uganda, Mexico, Argentina, the Philippines and India.

The Roman Catholic Church is an amazing example of universality and diversity, illustrated in a special way by those who give themselves to God’s service as missionaries. As we support and pray for missionaries around the world, we should never lose sight of the fact that our own local Church has deep roots in the dedication and service of missionaries who came to the desert Southwest over the course of the past five hundred years. We have much to be grateful for!

In Christ’s peace,



Rev. Charles G. Kieffer, V.F.
Pastor

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Liturgy And Music Notes & Notices

Attention All Liturgical Ministers:

Unavailable Dates For November & December
Are Due Today, October 18th!

Please e-mail or call Jim Sage: 602-840-0850
jsage@diocesephoenix.org. Christmas Holydays are
scheduled separately from the December schedule.

Congratulations

To The St. Theresa Parish Adult Choir, on their
beautiful and inspirational performance at the Ari-
zona Interfaith Movement Concert, *Voices of Faith*,
last Thursday at the Orpheum Theater.



Taize Prayer Returns

We are pleased to offer Taize Prayer on
a monthly basis. Taize Prayer is an ecu-
menical, meditative style of prayer, cen-
tered on scripture, simple chant and
periods of silence. Participants also
have the opportunity to bring their prayers of peti-
tions and thanksgiving to our Taize Cross. The first
service will be Tuesday, October 20th at 7PM in the
church. We hope you will join us. As an ecumenical
endeavor all faith traditions are welcome. Please
invite your friends. For more information call Jim
Sage, Director of Liturgy, @ 602-840-0850 ext. 121
or Ann Couch, Taize Coordinator, @ 480-945-1050.

Are You Interested In Serving In A Liturgical
Ministry At St. Theresa Parish,
Including Becoming A Lector, Minister Of Holy
Communion, Or Altar Server?

Contact Jim Sage in the Parish Office @ 602-840-
0850 ext. 121 or jsage@diocesephoenix.org. Training
sessions will be scheduled depending on interest.
We are in need of volunteers for all of these Minis-
tries, serving at all Masses. Please note that even if
you have served in these ministries at other par-
ishes, you are still asked to go through our orienta-
tion, make sure your *Called to Protect* obligation is
current, and be certified with the Diocese of Pho-
enix through St. Theresa Parish.

Choirs Sing At 9AM, 11AM & 6PM Masses
Weekly All Groups Are Looking For Members
Please consider joining this ministry which strives
to call us to God and lead us in prayerful song. Re-
hearsal for the 9AM & 11AM Sunday Mass is held
on Wednesdays at 6PM; the 6PM choir rehearses
before the liturgy at 4:30PM on Sundays.

PARISH NEWS



**What is the RCIA Rite of Accep-
tance into the Order of Catechu-
mens?** For those in the RCIA proc-
ess who are preparing for their Sac-
raments of Initiation at the Easter
Vigil are now ready publicly to de-
clare their intention to continue their

journey towards becoming Catholics. This Rite places
these catechumens in a formal relationship with the uni-
versal Church. By Church law, the Pope and all bishops
are to pray for those who have gone through this
Rite. We encourage all parishioners to pray for these
souls as well, as they continue in the initiation process
over the coming months, and to reach out to them as
fellow members of the Household of Christ. **What is
the RCIA Rite of Welcoming?** For those who have
been previously baptized and are ready to publicly de-
clare their intentions to continue their journey toward
full communion with the Catholic Church. At this Rite,
they are asked if they are ready to listen to the apostles'
instruction, gather with the worshipping community in
prayer, and join that community in the love and service
of others. **Why is the parish community important at
the Rites of Acceptance & Welcoming?** Members of
the parish community should affirm that they are ready
to help and support the new catechumens and candi-
dates seeking to follow Christ. For more information
contact Patty or David Pettit, Adult Initiation @ 602-
840-0850, ext 116.

The Parish Pastoral Council Needs You! The St.
Theresa Parish Pastoral Council is a group of 12 par-
ishioners who come together regularly to serve as an advi-
sory body to our Pastor. Our first mission is to assist our
community to grow spiritually as well as demonstrate
unity, leadership, and enthusiasm in the parish. We lis-
ten and suggest new goals and priorities that respond to
our parish mission. The Council meets on Monday eve-
nings five times from September to May. We are cur-
rently seeking four new members. Will **you** consider
joining this important ministry? Do you know of **some-
one** who would be effective in this role? Contact Becky
Henry @ 480-874-1278 or bjhenry51@hotmail.com
for more information about this ministry. We look for-
ward to working with you!

**Reminder: All Bulletin Articles Are Due On Mon-
day At 12Noon** If Monday is a holiday then articles are
due the Friday before at 12NOON. Articles will not be
accepted after the deadline. For more information call
Shannon Braccio in the Parish Office @ 602-840-0850.

From The Desert... How often do we listen, really listen? When your child or spouse or close friend speaks, might you be able to repeat what they said? Often we find ourselves not fully listening. Rather, we are “rehearsing” what we are going to say. Our society programs us to quickly respond to others. How many times have you allowed silence – say one minute – between the time that someone finishes speaking and when you open your mouth? Think about this. Think about this the next time you are engaged in a conversation. What happens during the silence? I’ll bet my two denari that the other person cannot stand the silence and will speak before you! More often than not, couples who visit with me, share this type of difficulty when they communicate. One or the other didn’t really listen. Then we have a communication problem! Think about it. In your home, with your family why not put this in practice? Try listening, fully listening to the other; do not open your mouth until you are certain the other one is finished. Don’t try and rehearse what you want to say, simply listen. Then you can more completely understand and empathize what the other is saying. One of my favorite, practical biblical verses that speaks to these ideas is from James: *...let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger...* (1.19). Try repeating this verse interiorly (silently, inside) several times daily over the next week. See if this doesn’t help you in your communication with your family and friends. ~Blessings & Peace from *Duncan-of-the-Desert*, Duncan Macaulay. (Duncan is a certified counselor who holds office hours for St. Theresa parishioners on Wednesdays at the Parish. The charge for the first visit with Duncan is underwritten by the Parish and fees for follow-up appointments are charged on a sliding scale based on a person’s ability to pay. Please call 602-826-1982 to set up an appointment with Duncan.)

Spiritual Adoption Update Your spiritually adopted baby has been conceived. At fertilization a new human life begins, complete with his or her own unique set of DNA, which is present from the first moment of life. The new little person’s sex is also determined from the moment of conception. During this first month the baby grows to 10,000 times his or her size at conception. By the third week the baby’s heart begins to beat. See the bulletin boards in the Church Ramada or vestibules for a visual depiction of what your baby looks like.

New Parishioner Welcoming & Registration

All visitors and St. Theresa parishioners who are not formally registered in the Parish are invited to join in the “welcoming & registration” gathering TODAY, October 18th, immediately following the 11AM Mass in the McMahon Center. Come hear all the exciting things going on in our parish!



VIANNEY... a live one-man production performed by actor and director Leonardo Defilippis, will be presented at St. Theresa Parish on Friday, November 13th at 7PM in the McMahon Center. Leonardo Defilippis is well-known as the director and star of the feature film THÉRÈSE. His live performance of VIANNEY includes a spectacular set, numerous costumes and a moving musical score. Come see this talented performer bring Saint John Vianney to life for the Year for Priests in this professional production and experience the gripping story of the remarkable priest who battled the devil to save souls. Program runs about 90 minutes and is suitable for ages 9 and up. Admission is \$5/individuals; \$20/family. Priests, Seminarians, Religious, and Deacons attend for free. Stop by the Parish Office Monday-Friday between 9AM & 3PM to purchase tickets. Visit www.vianneydrama.com for complete details and to view the video preview.

K of C Council 13497 ~ Knights Corner

The Arizona Knights of Columbus will conduct the **36th Annual Tootsie Roll Drive** to raise funds for children with intellectual disabilities October 23rd–25th. Please show your support at our Knights table after masses! **Save The Date:** Friday, November 20th, the St. Theresa Knights of Columbus will host our **3rd Annual Ron Salyer Scholarship Fund Golf Outing** at The Raven Golf Club at South Mountain. Proceeds support the work of NotMYkid & AZ SADD education programs in our community. Scholarships benefit STCS & Catholic High School Students. To sponsor or register, call Thomas Hart @ 480-970-0428 or sign up on-line at www.drivingforaneducation.com. **Membership:** Take the first step to Knighthood, walk up to a Knight or make a call; join the Knights of Columbus today! For information on the Knights, look for someone wearing a K of C name badge, or contact the Grand Knight, Paul Andrew @ 623-229-2492 or PGK/Membership Chairman, Thomas Hart @ 480-970-0428. Also see www.kofc.org & www.kofc13496.org.

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FAITH FOR MATION

If Your Child Is In 2nd Or 3rd Grade, This Is A Sacramental Year!

Registrations for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Confirmation/First Eucharist have gone out, and the deadline to return paperwork is fast approaching. Don't miss the November deadline! Although required parish formation classes do not begin until December, your children are learning about these Holy Sacraments in their religious education and Catholic school classrooms. Parents, a vibrant parish requires strong households of faith! Begin now to talk about forgiveness with your second-grade child, and pray the "Sorry Prayer" together at home. 3rd Grade children should begin their Confirmation project now with help from family, and become familiar with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Take time to share stories of your own First Communion, and rejoice in the time you share together in preparation. Questions, call Gina Keating @ 602-840-0850.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Blood Pressure Checks... will be provided in the Club Room after all morning Masses TODAY Sunday, October 18th.. There is no cost for this service.

A Walk Connecting & Celebrating All Those Touched By Cancer The Health and Wellness Ministry will be participating in this unique walk this year. This is the only comprehensive cancer walk in Arizona for all people at every stage of any type of cancer, their family, friends and loved ones. Registration is free to everyone who wishes to participate. For further details, contact the Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429.

PASTORAL CARE

Extraordinary Ministers To The Homebound, Care Facilities & Hospitals... Please remember to fill out the card with your name and those you are serving, when picking up the Eucharist. Only commissioned ministers trained by Bobbie Stich, our Pastoral Care Coordinator, are allowed to take the Eucharist out of the Church to the homebound, care facilities and hospital. Thank you for your gift of service and attention to this matter.

Mass Of Remembrance Monday, November 2, 2009

This is a special Mass for all parishioners who have had a family member die this past year. Circle your calendar for this beautiful liturgy at 7PM. If you would like your loved ones name called out and a candle brought up in honor of them, please call the Pastoral Care Office with their name @ 602-586-7429.



Pray For Those...
**Who Are Sick: Peter Labadie,
Laurie Laughlin & Kay Reimer**



Prayer For Our Service Men & Women

Every Thursday from 6-7PM in the Convent Chapel. Lord, please hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. ~Amen

Pastoral Care Appreciation Week October 24th-31st

Do you have a Pastoral Care Minister bringing you communion, visiting, or helping to make your life a little more enjoyable? This is the week they would appreciate a special thank you.

Adoration Every Thursday 9AM-9PM

Private prayer with Jesus brings answers. Come when you can and go when you must. One hour or ten minutes... all is a blessing. Feel the peace when you trust in Jesus.



Leading The Way Ministry Monday, November 16th from 4-5:30PM in the Parish Office Conference Room. You will meet some of the finest people and have fun at the same time! For more information, call the Pastoral Care Office 602-586-7429.

Alzheimer's Association Support Meeting Tuesday, October 27th from 4-5:30PM in the Parish Conference Room. Memory loss that disrupts everyday life is not part of the normal aging process. It is a symptom of dementia. The Association offers a broad range of programs and services for people with the disease, their families and caregivers. Sharing together your concerns truly gives you the feeling of having answers and support when you need it the most

Attention All Seniors & Winter Visitors!

Would you believe I'm already thinking of our November luncheon? Think I just might have an obsession with food! Guess I just love to party - will you join me? Here is all the important stuff to remember:

Wednesday, November 4th

11:30AM Registration / 12PM Lunch Served
R.S.V.P. to Margie Hubbard @ 602-840-2715
no later than Sunday, November 1st.

See you in November... and bring your appetite!

The Week Ahead!

Readings - Week of October 18th, 2009

Sunday Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1; Lk 12:49-53

Friday Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Mass Intentions & Celebrants

(OCTOBER 19TH – OCTOBER 25TH)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

6:30AM +AQUILINA MESINA-FR. MATHEW

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

6:30AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF CATHOLIC LIFE INSURANCE-FR. CHUCK

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

6:30AM FR. CHUCK KIEFFER, SP. INT.-FR. CHUCK

8:30AM +IRENE POWERS-FR. CHUCK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

6:30AM +ELEANOR V. SANDHOWE-FR. CHUCK

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

6:30AM +ANTHONY GUZZO-FR. CHUCK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

8:00AM +MELVIN N. THEISEN-FR. MATHEW

5:00PM FOR THE PARISHIONERS-FR. CHUCK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

7:30AM +ELEANOR V. SANDHOWE-FR. MATHEW

9:00AM +MARIA CAPPELLO-FR. CHUCK

11:00AM ALL UNBORN BABIES, SP. INT.-FR. MATHEW

6:00PM FR. FRANK FERNANDEZ, SP. INT.-FR. CHUCK

Please Note: The Priest scheduled to celebrate Mass IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Sunday

8:30AM Blood Pressure Checks (Club Rm)

9:00AM RCIA (Convent Upper Rm)

10:15AM Scripture Study (Conference Rm)

10:30AM RE (School Classrooms)

12:00PM New Registration Mtg. (PJP Rm)

7:00PM LIFE Teen (LIFE Rm)

Monday

6:30PM SVDP Meeting (Conference Rm)

7:00PM Great Ad. Bible Study (Convent Upper Rm)

Boy Scout Mtg. (PJP Rm)

Tuesday

3:00PM Bear Den Mtg. (PJP Rm)

5:00PM Webelos Pack Mtg. (Classroom 15)

7:00PM Great Ad. Bible Study (Convent Upper Rm)

Great Ad. Bible Study (Feeney Hall)

Taize Prayer (Church)

Wednesday

9:30AM Centering Prayer (Convent Chapel)

6:00PM Choir Practice (Church)

RCIC (Feeney Hall)

6:15PM Great Ad. Bible Study (Convent Upper Rm)

6:30PM Rosary (Convent Chapel)

7:15PM Theology Of The Body (LIFE Rm)

Thursday

9:00AM Adoration (Convent Chapel)

1:00PM Great Ad. Bible Study (Convent Upper Rm)

5:00PM Wedding Rehearsal (Church)

6:00PM Wedding Rehearsal (Church)

7:00PM Great Adventure Bible Study (Feeney Hall)

Friday

3:00PM Daisy Troop Mtg. (Classroom 3)

5:00PM Haren/Collins Wedding (Church)

6:00PM School Halloween Party (McMahon Gym)

Saturday

2:00PM Lugo/Pina Wedding (Church)

6:00PM Pastoral Care Appreciation Dinner (Feeney Hall)

8:30PM AlAnon (Classroom 16)

Alcoholics Anonymous (Classroom 17)

LIFE TEEN PROGRAM

All High School Teens Welcome!

October

18) Called To Protect For High School

25) Plugged In—24/7

November

1) All Saints Celebration

8) Peter Piper Pizza

Weekly Activities

Mass: Sunday @ 6PM

LIFE Teen: Sunday After Mass

Open Life Room: Thursdays, 5-7PM

Prayer Meeting: Thursdays, 7-9PM

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www.twitter.com/sttlifeteen



LIFE Teen Is Looking For People Who Are Interested In Getting Involved In Ministry As A Core Member

As a core member with the LIFE Teen program, you will serve God and impact the lives of young people in our community. Being a core member gives you the opportunity to help teenagers grow closer to Christ while begin challenged yourself in your own faith life. Please call Ryan Howe @ 602-840-0850 if you would like to be apart of this great ministry. Also, visit our LIFE Teen website at www.godtalk.org for more information about the LIFE Teen program.