

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

His face shone like the sun and his clothes
became white as light. - Mt 17:2

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Sunday	7 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 5 p.m.
1st & 2nd Sunday	11:30 a.m. (Croatian)
Monday	7 a.m.
Tuesday	7 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday	7 a.m.
Thursday	7 a.m.
Friday	7 a.m.
Saturday	8 a.m., 4 p.m. Vigil

Reconciliation

Wednesday	4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Office Hours

Sunday	Closed
Monday	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday	Closed

Gift Shop Hours

Sunday	After all Masses
Monday	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
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Wednesday	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	Closed
Saturday	3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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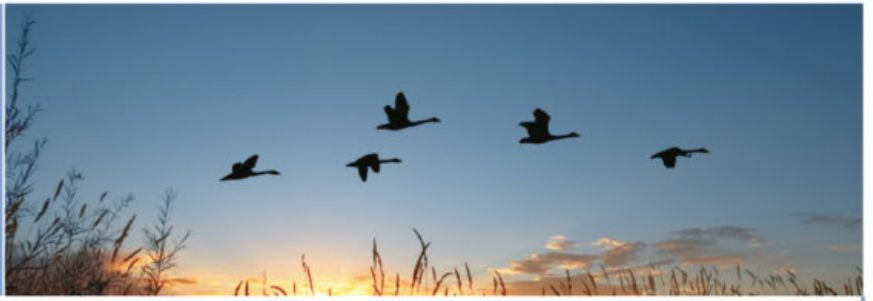
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Forming the Flock

WITH DEACON JEFF STROM



God & Family Are Preeminent!

In St. John's Baptism Gospel of Life, the Son of God Jesus Christ is with John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit descends like a dove, and God the Father's voice is from heaven in St. Mark's account. So, is the Gospel about the Trinity, family, Baptism, life or preeminence? Of course, the answer is YES! All of the above. So, what does preeminent mean? Preeminent has a Latin origin and means outstanding, standing out, or above all else.

God is preeminent above all. On some Sundays at 11 a.m., I'm blessed to preside at the Baptisms of up to three little ones. Why do we need family and Baptism into God's family? Because God in Himself is a family of Three Persons, yet one God, in the Trinity. We are all created by God in his image and likeness, so you can say that being in a family is built into who we are as human beings. We need family because we are made for love and need to know that God loves us. God as Trinity means that He is a family of love and that love is so real it has a name, the person of the Holy Spirit. To show us that type of infinite love, God created man and woman to love each other in Holy Matrimony fully, faithfully, forever, and fruitfully. That love can be so real that in nine months, you need a name. Baptism welcomes that tiny boy or girl miracle of life into God's family of life and love, the Trinity and the Church.

The family is preeminent in society. Like the Trinity, mom, dad and child form one family, yet they are three distinct persons. Pope St. John Paul taught that the family is the building block or cell of society and that, as the family goes, so goes society. It doesn't take the government or a village to raise a child. It takes a family with both a mom and a dad to raise a child and strong families to build a village and society. Even in America, with its focus on self-reliant individualism, the family is the building block of society. It's not the individual, the village, the state, or a collective group. The Catholic Catechism is clear that, "The Church rejects the totalitarian and atheistic ideologies associated with communism or socialism." (CCC 2425). Pope Leo XIII wrote about the evils of socialism in his 1891 encyclical letter to the world, "Rerum Novarum."

Since the family is an image of the Trinity, Satan is determined to destroy the natural family, based on natural marriage between a man and a woman. Our Catholic faith can be lost in just one generation, as we see way too often; so parents, godparents, family, friends, and the Church all have an important responsibility to pray for, support, and teach all newly baptized Christians as they grow in their faith. The Sacrament of Baptism is a grace-filled encounter with Christ, a means of salvation, and a loving welcome into God's family. So, God is preeminent above all, the family is preeminent in society, and life is preeminent every day.

In Christ,
Deacon Jeff



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Blessed Sacrament Conference



Household Goods & Furniture Drive
March 25 and 26

Save That Couch For St. Vincent!

For many, tough choices often have to be made between paying for food, rent, utilities or medical bills. Purchasing furniture usually isn't an option.

Few charitable organizations offer furniture assistance. **St Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores** have a voucher program to help homeless individuals and families transition to housing in a dignified living environment.

Your furniture donations during the Household Goods Drive at Blessed Sacrament are vital to this effort. **Thank you for your support!**

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

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THE LIGHT OF MEN

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OF MEN**

**At the Saturday, Mar. 11, meeting the topic is:
The Crowning with Thorns.**

**The session begins at 8:30 a.m. with a light
breakfast in PLC room 7.**

GRIEF: GONE FROM OUR SIGHT, NEVER FROM OUR HEARTS



Blessed Sacrament offers Grief and Bereavement support for those who have lost someone. If you have suffered the death of a loved one and would benefit from sharing with other adults, please join us. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6.30 p.m. in the Conference Room. For more information, please contact Dr. Isabella Rice at irice@bscaz.org.



**Reservations
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March 11, 2023
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**All grieving mothers and grandmothers are
invited to an Afternoon of Remembrance
and Reflection**

**Fr. Stephen Bauer, OSC, and Mrs. Jenelle Van Brunt
will be presenting the program.
Only Say the Word, and My Soul Shall Be Healed.**

Direct link Sacred Sorrows for registration:
www.sacredsorrows.org



"When God Laughs: Biblical Perspectives for Handling Change" - MARK HART



Mark Hart serves full time as Chief Innovation Officer of Life Teen, a Catholic youth ministry movement currently being implemented in 1800 parishes in 30 countries worldwide. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Mark is a best-selling author of over a dozen books, a popular speaker and SiriusXM radio host. His wildly popular DVD study series, "Venture," "The 99," "Altaration," "Encounter," and "T3" are currently utilized in homes, youth groups and classrooms across the globe. Mark and his wife Melanie have three daughters (Hope, Trinity, and Faith) and one son, Josiah. They live in Phoenix, Ariz.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION, MARCH 6 & 7 | 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAYS OF LENT

Stations of the Cross at Our Parish

@ 7:00 p.m.

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The Knights of Columbus

will host a Soup Dinner on
Friday, March 24

Join your parish in the
Social Hall from 5 to 7 p.m.
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Easter Angel Outreach is modeled after last year's abundantly successful ThanksGifting event. We are again collecting hygiene and food products and will add some small Easter gifts for children. This outreach is designed with the beautiful intent of providing items that will be of support to those in need through the Easter season and beyond.

Donated items will be available on March 26 in one of the church classrooms. Guests will be greeted and experience the help of a "Personal Shopper." Our volunteers will assist them as they fill their own customized "Easter Blessings Baskets," choosing from the donations our parishioners have provided. In addition, Saint Vincent De Paul's (SVDP) Spring Cleaning Clothing Drive will yield gently used clothing and home goods also donated by our parishioners. After our guests fill their Easter Blessings Baskets, they will be guided on to the SVDP collection site to choose additional items for their families.

We anticipate serving 100+ individuals and families in need! There will be many ways to get involved. The volunteer opportunities will range from donating items to helping throughout the day of the Easter Angel Outreach event. Visit the SignUp Genius links below to discover how you can get involved! If you have any questions about this event, please email Mary Ellen Brown at MEBrown@bscaz.org

To Volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48a5af2ea20-20231#/>

To Donate Items:

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Greetings!

Thank you very much for your past support of a model college in Kafanchan Diocese, Nigeria. The Diocese of Kafanchan and other dioceses in Africa are currently supporting the Diocese of Phoenix with several priests, including our very own Fr. Williams Abba. It is this spirit that led to the request for financial support to build a new college for the education of children, the future citizens of Church and state.

Your gifts made it possible for the construction to begin. To date, the footing has been poured and the structure is starting to form. Engineers are determined to push construction to an appreciable level. We have had some difficulty securing government approval for the construction, thus the slight setback suffered. With the approval now, work is in earnest. Your donations last year have encouraged the diocese to commence work. At some point before the year runs out, we shall provide an account of your donation with pictures of our school project.

Next weekend, we will be holding a special collection to continue to build. As it is the case everywhere, the cost of materials has skyrocketed. But we will not relent. We know we've got your backing, and together we will achieve our dream.

Your prayerful and financial support will ensure that the Gospel may continue to be brought closer to people, both in America and abroad.

We thank you in advance for helping with this worthy cause.



Donut Sunday is Back

Join us March 26 after the morning Masses in the Social Hall. This Donut Sunday is sponsored by Blessed Sacrament Women's Community and Small Christian Community.

LIGHT THAT BURSTS INTO
the darkness



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Readings of the Week ©LPI

Saturday, March 4, 2023

8 a.m. Memorial Mass for March 2022

4 p.m. +Cira Novi Lo Cascio

Sunday, March 5, 2023

7 a.m. Pastoral Mass

9:30 a.m. +Mary Ellen Cordier

5 p.m. +Nicholas & Lucia De Vita

Monday, March 6, 2023

7 a.m. +Darlene and Mark Holleran

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

7 a.m. +Donald Ellers

6 p.m. +Danny Joseph Baker

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

7 a.m. +Nanci Petra

Thursday, March 9, 2023

7 a.m. +David Grattan

Friday, March 10, 2023

7 a.m. +John Foy Sheehy

Saturday, March 11, 2023

8 a.m. +Joseph Augustyn

4 p.m. +David Hall

Sunday, March 12, 2023

7 a.m. +Jim Rizzo

9:30 a.m. Pastoral Mass

5 p.m. +Mary Kacic

Readings for the week of March 5, 2023

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Observances for the week of March 5, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. John of God, Religious

Thursday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

*Remember
in your
Prayers*

Those who are sick

Paul Nackus
Lillian Brunette
Donald Joseph
Stombres
Bob Skiby
John Barile

Those who have died

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Danny Johns
Agnes Nkeze
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Saint of the Week Servant of God Thea Bowman



Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman was a second generation free Black American born Bertha Bowman in Yazoo City, Mississippi, in 1937. She later took the name Sister Thea when joining the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Being the only black woman in her order, Sister Thea committed her life to serving Black Catholics and their unique spirituality. When asked what it meant to be a black Catholic, she said:

"It means that I come to my church fully functioning. I bring myself, my black self, all that I am, all that I have, all that I hope to become. I bring my whole history, my traditions, my experience, my culture, my African-American song and dance and gesture and movement and teaching and preaching and healing and responsibility as gift to the Church."

She held a Ph.D. in English from the Catholic University of America where she also taught, committing herself to educating others. Additionally, over the course of her life, she taught at Xavier University in New Orleans, Viterbo College in La Crosse, Wisconsin, an elementary school in Wisconsin, and a high school in Mississippi.

Sister Thea Bowman helped shape Black Catholic identity in countless ways. She was instrumental in the 1987 publication of the first Black Catholic hymnal, *Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal*, making sure the hymnal properly showcased black spirituality and culture.

She traveled and spoke around the world, captivating audiences with her ministry of joy. Sister Thea taught those she ministered to about celebrating each culture's unique differences and lifting those differences up in each culture's distinctive expression of the Christian faith.

Sister Thea died of cancer on March 30, 1990, at the age of 52. Her legacy lives on in the more than 18 institutions named after her, her music, numerous works she authored, and countless students who received a college education thanks to the Sister Thea Bowman Black Catholic Educational Foundation. The U.S. bishops endorsed her cause for sainthood on Nov. 14, 2018.

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