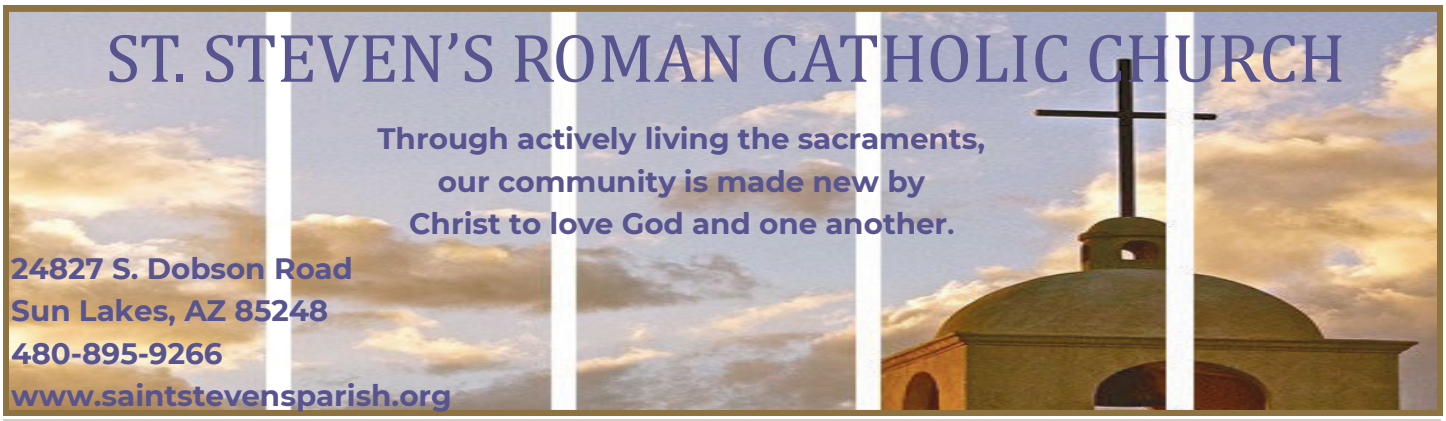

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MONDAY—FRIDAY
8:00 am

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4:00 pm (vigil)

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8:00 am & 10:00 am

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8:00 am & 6:00 pm

CONFESSION

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Weekly Schedule

Ministry Meetings

Monday, February 6th
9:00am Spirit Fire Charismatic Rm 2
9:00am Grief Support—Rm 3

Tuesday, February 7th
9:30am Divine Mercy —Foyer

Wednesday, February 8th
9:00am Church Cleaning—Church
9:15am Legion of Mary—Rm 2
5:00pm RE Class Rm 2 & 3
6:00pm Adult Choir—Foyer

Thursday, February 9th
8:30am Flame of Love Cenacle—Rm2
5:30pm American Heritage Girls—Hall

Friday, February 10th
11:00am Patriotic Rosary—Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 4th
Aid to Women Baby Bottle Drive pickup —Courtyard
K of C Cancer Awareness—Parking Lot, Hall & Courtyard 9am — 2pm
CDA Kick off —Church

Sunday, February 5th
Aid to Women Baby Bottle Drive pickup —Courtyard
CDA Kick off —Church

Tuesday, February 14th
Auxiliary Bishop Nevares Mass—Church 10:00am

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In this fifth Sunday the readings remind us that, the light will be brighter if all Christians were really like Christ.

In our first reading, the prophet Isaiah tells us what we must do for our light to shine: "Share your bread with the hungry…shelter the homeless…cloth the naked…" These form the Church's corporal works of mercy. The United Nations declared them as Fundamental Human Rights in 1948. They are the necessities of life. So, their deprivation robs humanity of her dignity, and leaves her in perpetual darkness. This would amount to structural injustice, as well as a sin against Charity. Therefore, we must be "that good man or woman, who is light in the dark for the up right."

In the second reading, Paul testified that he was "light" to the Corinthians. His presence illuminated their darkness. Also, as "salt", he helped in preserving their salvation. He did this not only through his words but through his actions. He recalled thus: "When I came to you, brothers it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had granted." Paul did this in a very simple way, through his words and good works. He proved to be indeed the light through which the pagan Corinthians saw the light of Christ. He was the salt which sweetened and preserved their lives. Therefore, our encounters with people must leave them better than when we met them. It must wipe off the dust of worry, shame, despair, and disappointment. It must liberate them from ignorance and help them to appreciate the truth by drawing close to God.

In today's gospel, Jesus calls us "salt." In the Old Testament, salt was used to season the sacrificial offerings for sins and covenant with God: "Season all your grain offerings with salt; you shall not let the salt of the covenant with your God be lacking from your cereal offering…" (Lev 2,13). Also, land agreements were sealed with a gift of salt as proof of the strength and permanence of the contract. Salt was also a symbol of God's activity in a person's life. This is because it penetrates, preserves, and aids in healing. That is how God becomes active in our lives. So, when Christ calls us "salt", he wants us to make a difference in our world. We must penetrate and preserve our world from moral, spiritual and physical or environmental decay. As salts, we must add taste and flavor to people's lives. command: "Your light must shine in the sight of men…!" Light does not shine for itself. Hence, Christ tells us why we must shine: "So that men may see your good works and give praise to God." Good works here mean corporal and spiritual works of mercy as we saw them in our first reading. To give praise means to acknowledge, and to be moved. It means to be affected positively by our light. As light, we must represent: "What is good, pure, true, holy, and reliable" (Phil 4, 8).

Finally, we must not conceal God's gift. Since "charity begins at home," so, we must first be light and salt in our homes and communities. Also, our world must feel the positive effects of our light. We must not starve it of the sweetness of our testimonies and good works.

Fr Wilfred Yinah, VC

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your wound shall quickly be healed. (Is 58:8)

Psalm:
The just man is a light in darkness to the upright. (Ps 112)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:
When I came to you, brothers and sisters,
proclaiming the mystery of God,
I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom.
For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. (1 Cor 2:1-2)

Gospel:
"You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.
Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket."
(Mt 5:14-15)

MASS INTENTIONS & CELEBRANTS

Weekend of February 4th–5th—[5th Sunday in Ordinary Time]
4:00 pm ✠ Anthony Palermo.....Fr. Joe
8:00 am *Pro Populo*.....Fr. Wilfred
10:00 am ✠ Jack & Jeff Morhet.....Fr. Joe

Monday, February 6th—[Memorial—Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs]
8:00 am ✠ Robert Golembiewski.....Fr. Joe

Tuesday, February 7th—[Weekday 5]
8:00 am ✠ Manny Castaneda.....Fr. Wilfred

Wednesday, February 8th—[Optional Memorial—St Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin]
8:00 am ✠ Thomas P. McMullen.....Fr. Joe

Thursday, February 9th—{Weekday 5]
8:00 am ✠ Leo Hamel.....Fr. Wilfred

Friday, February 10th—{Memorial—Saint Scholastica, Virgin
8:00 am ✠ Robert Blondin.....Fr. Joe

Weekend of February 11th–12th—[6th Sunday in Ordinary Time]
4:00 pm ✠ Maria Tu Dang.....Fr. Wilfred
8:00 am ✠ Bill Fraser.....Fr. Joe
10:00 am *Pro Populo*.....Fr. Wilfred

Prayer

Prayer for the Beatification of Father Samuel Mazzuchelli

Lord Jesus, you called your servant, Samuel, even in early youth, to leave home and all for a Dominican life of charity in preaching your holy gospel. You gave him abundant graces of Eucharistic love, devotion to your holy Mother of Sorrows, and a consuming zeal for souls. Grant, we beseech you, that his fervent love and labors for you may become more widely known, to a fruitful increase of your Mystical Body, to his exaltation and to our own constant growth in devoted love of you who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign one God, world without end. Amen.

February Anniversaries

William & Elizabeth Dick	66
Chuck & Lisa Kraft	65
James & Jill Curcio	60
Paul & Christine Chuppa	58
Bill & Nancy Phalen	55
Dennis & Barbara Goebel	51
Joseph & Concetta Oliva	47
Keith & Karen Call	40
Phillip & Mary Calvillo	37
Mike & Barbara Bruni	34
Tim & Peggy Thomas	18
Kermit & Dixie Barbier	11

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3 A willingness to make a three-year commitment.

4. Being endowed with an overall knowledge of parish life and sensitivity to pastoral values. Being free from any conflicts of interest arising from his/her occupation, or relationship to the Pastor; or any condition in which membership in the Parish Finance Council might be perceived to bring an inappropriate benefit to the individual, his/her family and/or business.

The council (usually) meets 1:30-3:30 pm once every month.

How to apply:
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Deadline: Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

Interested in joining St Steven's Pastoral Council?

Criteria for potential members:

1. A willingness to spend time praying and studying with the other members of the council.
2. Time, enthusiasm, and interest for being on the council.
3. A concern for the parish as a whole, rather than merely wanting to represent the interests of a particular group in the parish.
4. The ability to work with others.
5. The ability to delegate to others.
6. The patience to tolerate the slow process involved in renewal.
7. A willingness to make a three-year commitment.

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508-423-2402

Ladies Guild of St. Steven's Parish
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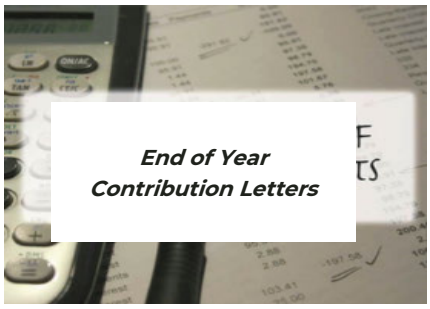
February 13th's meeting with include a presentation by the AFMA Fire Marshal.
Contact: Gloria Hawks @ 714-362-6566

Auxiliary Bishop Nevares, of the Diocese of Phoenix, is Coming to St. Steven's February 14th, 2023 at 10:00am

Bishop Nevares is an excellent speaker, all will enjoy his speech and will become informed, enlightened, and inspired by his presentation. A luncheon will follow. There is no cost for this event, but there will be an opportunity for a free-will offering for those that wish to donate.



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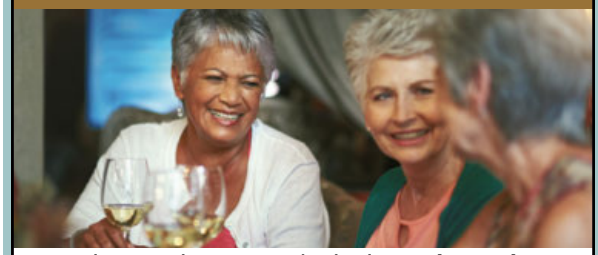

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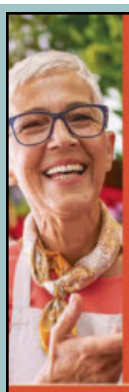

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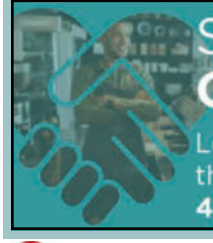

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