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May 3, 2020

4th Sunday of Easter

Sacramental Life

RCIA JOURNEY

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic we'd love to share more about what we believe with you!

BAPTISMS: Infant/Children

Contact Parish Office.
Formation Session Required.

ANointing OF THE SICK

It is best to call at the beginning of a serious illness or when surgery is first scheduled.

MARRIAGE

Contact Parish Office at least 9 months prior to anticipated wedding date.

PENANCE

1st Saturday of every month
3:30-4pm or by appointment.

COMMUNION to HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care will bring Communion to you when you are ill & unable to join us in Sunday worship.



Our Mission

We are a Catholic community welcoming all, consciously celebrating the Eucharist with joy, together personifying the compassion of God to the world.



OFFICE ON LIMITED HOURS

Due to limited hours, please email staff with any questions. We will get back to you as quickly as possible. Thank you for your patience.

Liturgy and Prayer

WEEKEND MASS -CANCELED

Saturday	4:30pm
Sunday	7:30am
	9:15am (signed)
	11am

WEEKDAY MASS-CANCELED

Monday-Friday	8am
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CENTERING PRAYER -CANCELED

Wednesdays
9:00am Spirituality Center
6:30pm chapel
Centering prayer is contemplative prayer that is centered entirely on the presence of God.



Week at a glance...

AS PER THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX
ALL CHURCH EVENTS HAVE BEEN
CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

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Dear Parishioners,

Good Shepherd Sunday, celebrated every year on this Fourth Easter Sunday, is altogether a comfort and consolation. The basic message offered by this image of shepherd is, of course, that the Lord provides for us every imaginable care and support, is endless in a generous vigilance that attends to and satisfies every need, fills, every hunger and slakes all thirst, rescues us from maniac wanderings into places of danger, and protects us from the murderous attack of wild beasts of every kind and all hostility and is, in short, completely and entirely devoted to us in everything that we are and do! There are no overtones in this biblical imagery of shepherding that is in reality a form of dominating and oppressive control one dumb sheep who are themselves sad and feckless sorts without energy or imagination or passion. No doubt that history gives ample witness to the tragic abuse of leadership roles inside and outside the church where the true shepherding of care and devotion has been abandoned for oppression and control. But the "good shepherd" is characterized instead by one paramount preoccupation: service! To shepherd is to serve a people by addressing their needs and devoting oneself to the attempt to fill the needs that have been identified. Shepherding is serving.

So along with prayer, which I spoke of last week, service is another dimension of our lives which, when intentionally engaged in, are not safely spiritual practices, but also psychological one that help keep us balanced and coping. Coping, adjusting, and change all can be daunting, so we need practices to steady to spiritual and psychological wellness during stressful times. Along with prayer, choosing intentionally to spend daily alone time with god, service to other gets us out of self preoccupation and potential fear. At home I can choose to do something kind for another. Not just to appear kind! And not just to respond as a Christian, but to help keep my sanity through the act of caring beyond me.

A Christian life is wholeheartedly about our well-being. Yes we suffer, and we suffer with others-compassion-but we address in all the ways we can the needless suffering we inflict on ourselves and others, and we really attempt to focus on habits-prayer, meditation, service-that will lead us to freedom and true Easter joy!

Just a reminder, if you receive an e-mail or text that says it is from Fr. Scott requesting some sort of help, Please delete it! These messages are not from Fr. Scott.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Let us pray for those in our parish in need of healing and strength.

God our Healer, support for our human weakness, look with compassion on those suffering; relieve the pain of the sick and bring them to full recovery; give strength to all caregivers and medical personnel who care for them; and comfort their families during this time of deep stress. Welcome into the peace of your kingdom those who have died, and console the loved ones of those who we have lost. Give us wisdom and help us all to persevere in faith throughout this time of tribulation. Keep us all in your merciful love. we ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Danielle Steiner
Harold Amiot
Val Hernandez
Lynn Scriven
Elaine Westhaus

Ha Khanh Tran
John Bowers
Aimee (John & Cindy Gorman's daughter)
All caregivers, First Responders, Nurses, Doctors and all health personnel, All those who have lost their jobs

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2020 SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Every week we will feature some of St. Bridget's amazing graduating High School Seniors
Please keep them in your prayers



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RED MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

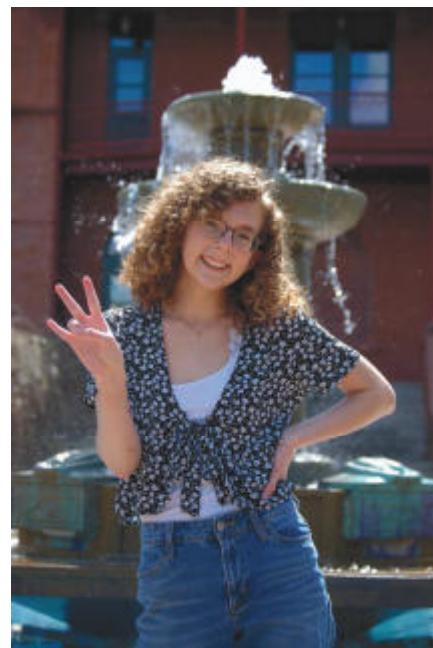
Favorite memory:

Oh, okay well of course you have your typical meetings friends, but my favorite memories are going to Catalina island with my best friends, hanging out in my favorite teacher's classroom every day, and playing ultimate frisbee after school!

I think one of my greatest achievements so far are earning the biliteracy seal for Spanish and the service-learning seal.

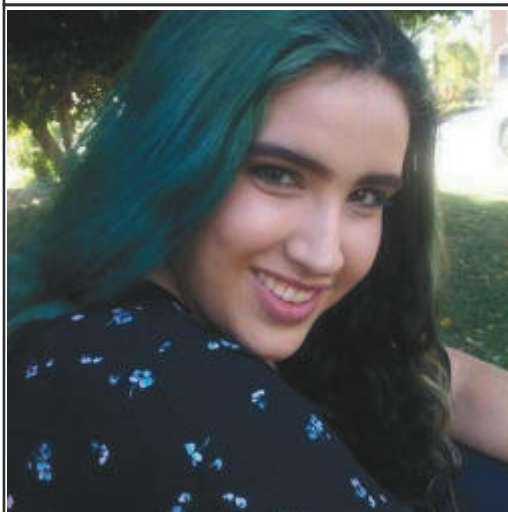
Ministries at St. Bridget:

Eucharistic Minister & former Altar Server



Plans for the future:

I'm going to ASU to study graphic design and minor in film studies!



Elena Ortiz

RED MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Favorite Memory:

I really enjoyed a lot of the experiences I had during high school. From all the high school volleyball games to the late-night Sonic runs after choir concerts, it's hard to imagine leaving behind the school that gave me all these times.

I think one of my favorite memories is my first and last Homecoming football game that I went to this past year; I will

favorite, but the friends that

be honest, watching football is not my went with me made it all the better.

Ministries at St. Bridget:

Altar server, Choir & Eucharistic Minister

Plans for the future:

I will be going to the University of Arizona in the fall of 2020 and am planning on double majoring in Music and Physiology.





Rooted in Faith
st. bridget children's faith formation
2019-2020

NO CLASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Please check your email for weekly
Living Grace Lessons

SACRAMENTAL PREP CLASSES

SACRAMENT INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN TO
YOU AS SOON AS WE HAVE IT FROM
THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX



May be subject to change

Vacation Bible School

June 8th-12th, 9 am-12 pm

4 years old - 6th grade

On-line registration
opening May 2nd

CANCELED CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD—CLOW

Breaking open the word for children
offered during the 11:00am Mass most
Sundays. All children are encouraged to
come forward when Father invites them.
They are escorted to the prayer chapel by
two adult leaders who present the Sunday readings at a
level for the children's understanding. Please encourage
your child to participate in this beautiful program.
If your child is nervous, a parent is welcome to join.



BAPTISMS—baptism@stbridget.org

Looking forward:
We are now accepting registrations
for infant Baptism.

**Sant Bridget
Teen Ministry**

Find us on social Media:

@stbteens /
@StBridgetTeens
youthministry@stbridget.org



**A Huge Thanks to Sean & Sam Brennan for all
their work on our on-line liturgies!**

NEXT MEETING: TBD

Check social media:

@stbteens (Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram)

@StBridgetTeens (Facebook)

Teen Minister: Thomas Rosales

St. Bridget Spirituality Center

The Lenten Soup and Spirit Program was off to an
exceptional start this year. The speakers were all kind
enough to film their presentations so we can continue
the series in an online format during the Easter season.

Woman's Wisdom for our Times, Encouragement from the Women Doctors of the Church.

A doctor of the church is a title given to saints
recognized as having made a significant contribution to
theology or doctrine through their research, study or
writing.

There are 36 doctors of the church, 4 of them are
women. The first woman to be honored with the title
of doctor of the church was St. Theresa of Avila in
1970.

To draw from their exceptional lives and contributions
can offer us wonderful wells of nourishment in these
difficult times.

Watch your email for it to come to you over the next
four weeks. It will also be available on the parish
website.

The Schedule will be as follows:

St. Theresa of Liseiux with Richard Groves -
Week of April 20th

St. Theresa of Avila with Fr. Ron Oakham -
Week of April 27th

St. Catherine of Siena with J.D. Long Garcia -
Week of May 4th

St. Hildegard of Bingen with Fr. Scott Brubaker -
Week of May 11th

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING (SET)

POLICY & PROCEDURES AVAILABILITY:

"Diocese of Phoenix Policy & Procedures for the Protection of Minors" may be viewed online in two places:

1-If you are compliant with current safe environment requirements, you can use your UserID/Password to login to CMGConnect.org. Once there, click on "Resources" near the top right corner of your display. The above manual, as well as the "Catholic Diocese of Phoenix Guidelines for Pastoral Care of Vulnerable Adults" are there.

2-If you DON'T have a profile with CMGConnect, you can Google www.stbridget.org. Once there, click on the drop-down menu "About Us," then click on "Safe Environment," and then scroll down to the end of the Adult section. Both of the above manuals are there (just click on the title).

If you don't have a computer and would like a hard copy of either of these manuals, contact me.

Jean McCarthy, Safe@stbridget.org OR call/text 602-300-8293, 9-9, every day

Knights of Columbus Council #9800

Men of St. Bridget's Parish, are you interested in supporting our priests, our parish and your family, as well as all of our community?

The K.O.C. and their families have been doing just that since 1882, and *you can be part of it all*. Come join the largest Lay Catholic Men's organization in the world and see how fantastic it is to be with your fellow Catholic men serving our parish and our community.

Just stop and ask any Brother Knight about the benefits and the fraternity available to *you and your family* or contact GK James Moore at jmoore237@cox.net or call me at 480-415-8713. Meetings are held in Collins Hall the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 P.M.

Charity—Unity—Fraternity—Patriotism



"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Let your hearts burn for Jesus and your spouse. Learn how on the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends on May 15-17 in Phoenix. To apply online, and for more weekend dates around the state of Arizona visit www.wmearizona.com

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Common Good Ministry

The greatest challenge of the day is how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us.

Dorothy Day, Servant of God

When Pope Francis addressed Congress in 2015, he mentioned 4 Americans that could become models of virtue for the entire world: Abraham Lincoln, Dr. Martin Luther King, Tomas Merton and Dorothy Day.

Dorothy Day co-founded the Catholic Worker movement, was a social and peace activist, objecting child labor, fighting for the causes of factory workers and farm laborers, supporting immigrant rights, participating in the suffragette movement, and protesting intervention in any war. But mostly, Dorothy was a champion for the poor.

Dorothy Day challenged Catholics of her time, believing that the Catholic Church was the church of the poor and the immigrants that came over or were brought over and that being Catholic demanded one exercises his/her own sense of personal responsibility.

She believed that when someone comes and asks for help, we ourselves have to do something for that person. And so, Dorothy Day created houses of hospitality for the hungry and homeless. And she took this belief a step further: not only did she and her volunteers receive the poor, but they accepted voluntary poverty for themselves, becoming poor like those they served and living with those they served. When Day died, there were 30 Catholic Worker houses of hospitality. Today, there are close to 250.

In 2000, the Catholic Church opened the cause for sainthood. To learn more about Dorothy Day, look for *Revolution of the Heart: The Dorothy Day Story* at PBS.org.



Please know we are continuing to be good Stewards of the funds that we receive from you each week. If you are using church envelopes, and you received your May and June envelopes, you may notice that it included an envelope for the Summer Deficit Reduction collection. These funds will help us to continue to meet the financial needs that we have going through the summer months.

If you use our online giving program, you can make a donation by clicking on the Summer Deficit Reduction option.

You can also make a one time donation through our online giving program or call the office and we will be happy to assist.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL
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Spiritual

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us and hear his words, "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly." By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you will reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" to your suffering brothers and sisters.

Pantry Needs

At this time, our pantry could use the following: baby wipes, jelly, toothpaste, canned vegetables, and canned soup. Please drop pantry items in the cart outside the SVDP office between 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Thank you for your generosity!!

Membership

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) is open to all those who seek to live their faith, loving and committing themselves to their neighbors in need. Membership in the St. Bridget Conference of the Society of the SVDP is open to individuals who seek to answer the call to service. For more information please contact the office at 480-807-1493.



**Readings for the week
Of April 26th**

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
 Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER CHAIN

During front office closure, prayer chain requests for the bulletin can be emailed to Char Prado
char.prado@yahoo.com

BULLETIN DUE DATES:

Bulletin is due 9:00am on the Tuesday before publication date. (LPI guidelines)

Weekend of April 25-26, 2020

Plate	\$ 0
Tithely On-line	\$ 1,869.85
ACH Checks	\$ 500.00
Mail in	\$ 3,298.00
	\$ 5,667.85

POPE	\$ 174.00
Easter	\$ 525.00
Summer Deficit Reduction	\$ 250.00

For your convenience we have installed a secured lock box by the elevator. The box is checked daily for any donations that are dropped off.

For more information about online giving, please contact Pat Shaneyfelt at fince@stbridget.org or call the office.



May 4-10, 2020

Monday	8:00am	Pro populo
Tuesday	8:00am	Special Intentions
Wednesday	8:00am	Special Intentions
Thursday	8:00am	Special Intentions
Friday	8:00am	Special Intentions
Saturday	4:30pm	Special Intentions
Sunday	7:30am	Special Intentions
	9:15am	Special intentions
	11:00am	Special Intentions

Please pray for all the deceased of our parish and for their families and friends.



For all in our parish community who are in need of our prayers:

- ◆ Danielle Steiner
- ◆ Harold Amiot
- ◆ Val Hernandez
- ◆ Lynn Scriven
- ◆ Elaine Westhaus
- ◆ Ha Khanh Tran
- ◆ John Bowers
- ◆ Aimee, John & Cindy Gorman's daughter
- ◆ All Caregivers, First Responders, Nurses, Doctors & all Health Personnel
- ◆ All those who have lost their jobs

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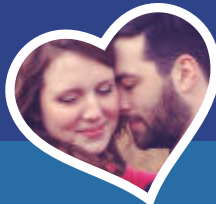
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