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Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Weekday 12:00 p.m.
Holydays 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Holidays
7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation
Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Holy Hour
11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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Parish Center Hours
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

The Franciscan Faith Community of St. Mary's Basilica



Parish Mission Statement

As Children of a loving Creator, baptized into Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, St. Mary's Faith Community believes in the power of the Sacred Liturgy which challenges us to faithfully live out Gospel values of peace and justice.

Following the example of Mary's openness to God's call and in the Spirit of St. Francis of Assisi we minister with courtesy and compassion to all people, especially the poor and marginalized.

Reflecting God's all-inclusive love, we commit ourselves to welcome and affirm the whole diversity of God's people.

Our commitment includes educating and forming ourselves into a community that joyfully celebrates our oneness in Christ.

Acknowledging that all gifts come from our Creator, we seek to become Good stewards of all God's gifts.

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

Peace and all Good!

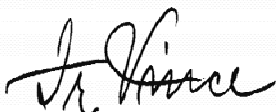
Last Monday was the anniversary of Roe v. Wade which legalized abortion in the United States. In light of the readings for today, it is fitting that we continue to focus on life issues in today's Liturgy. God tells Jeremiah that God knew him even before he was formed in the womb. God promises to strengthen the prophet to speak God's word against all opposition. The Gospel speaks of opposition to prophecy as in Jesus. St. Paul's famous treatise on love reminds us that our efforts to protect life must always be guided by love if we are to have any real success. Today is also CDA pledge Sunday in which Catholics throughout the diocese make a financial commitment to support life in various ways: the poor, the unborn, the uneducated, families in crises, the disabled and other needs. This tells us that if we claim to be "pro-life" then we must be just that—pro life in all its stages. As Catholics we are called to challenge our society about all the ways that it devalues human beings.

As I mentioned above, today is commitment Sunday for the annual Charity and Development Appeal, "One Family in Christ". Hopefully, you have read over the materials sent to you and have come here today prepared to make a commitment to appeal which helps the diocese carry on many ministries that might otherwise not be available. Our parish goal is \$49,000 and we have reached it every year. I know that through your generous support we can do it again and thus witness that we belong to the larger church community.

Looking ahead, two fundraisers are being planned in March. The first is the St. Patrick's Day party on March 10th featuring Irish food and Irish music and dancing! Tickets will soon be available. All proceeds from the party will go to our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Then on March 19th, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph with a Solemn Mass at 5:15 p.m. followed by an Italian dinner and the St. Joseph's Table filled with home baked goods for sale. All the proceeds from this dinner will go to the parish. Please mark these two dates now. Don't miss out on these wonderful opportunities to get together as a parish community and to help the needs of our community as well.

In February, parishioners will once again be invited to participate in a discernment process for the parish pastoral council. In this process, you will be given the opportunity to nominate parishioners that you feel would serve well on the council. Then, these nominees will be invited to a special workshop in which the duties and responsibilities of the council are outlined and discussed. After prayer and discussion, the pastor, staff and representatives from the present pastoral council will select the new members for the council. In the meantime, you might be thinking about who you will like to recommend for the council. Key to the role of the pastoral council is long range planning in matters that pertain to the whole parish and continuously evaluate the plan. The pastoral council is consultative to the pastor. All decisions are made by consensus. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Love,



January 28, 2007



2007 CDA
Commitment Weekend
Begins Today

The annual Charity and Development Campaign (CDA) is this weekend. The CDA provides vital support to more than 70 charitable, spiritual and educational; programs and organizations throughout the Diocese.

CDA provides support for our seminarians and priests. We see the fruits of CDA in our parish through trained catechists, deacons and resources for our parish staff and volunteers provided by the Diocese. Thousands of children have access to Catholic education through the efforts of CDA. Our parish goal is 100% participation and \$49,065. Please prayerfully discern your support for our One Family in Christ. Donor Cards are available in the pews and in the back of the church. Please consider a commitment to prayer for those in need. Thank you for your support of the Charity and Development Appeal.

Wedding Seminar

Interested in getting married at St. Mary's Basilica? Join us on **Wednesday, January 31st at 6:30 pm.** We will offer information, go over our policies and requirements. This informative meeting will help you in making your wedding a memorable and liturgically beautiful Sacrament.



Please call the Parish Center at 602.354.2100

Holy Matrimony

Parish Center News

It's that time again!
With all of our new parishioners, why wouldn't we do an updated Parish Pictorial Directory?

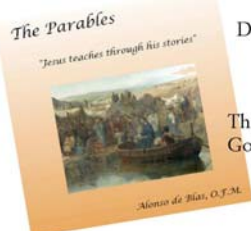
Beginning March 12, 2007 we will be putting together a new Parish Pictorial Directory. We hope all will take part and get to know our parish community.

Watch the Bulletin for more details!



Just in time for your Lenten Journey!

Two new releases by Fr. Alonso



Daily Readings and Reflections for the Masses of Lent

Three part series on CD about the Gospel Parables



Both are available today in the Via Assisi Gift Shop

Coming February 10th

Barren Earth to New Growth

Missed Getting a Sunday Bulletin?

Now you can see the complete Sunday Bulletin online at Go to www.stmarysbasilica.org



“Faith, hope and love remain, these three;...”

WHO ARE THE PROPHETS OF OUR TIME?

Today, the scriptures continue with Jesus preaching in the synagogue. You would think that Jesus, the hometown boy, could say just about anything and be wholeheartedly accepted. Not true! The people in Nazareth weren't exceptionally pleased with what they heard. They had heard about his miracles and expected him to “perform” exclusively for them in their territory. Jesus laid out two important issues in this passage: liberation and inclusion. Jesus associated himself with the liberation ministry of Isaiah and he made it clear that the kingdom was to be inclusive; “Gentiles as well as Jews were to be included in Jesus’ vision and concern.

Who are the Prophets of our time? We hear the Word time and time again, but do we respond by spreading the Word that we hear? Jesus’ mission was one of healing, preaching, exorcism and evangelization that extends to the end of the earth. We are all called to carry on this mission to the world. People do this every day and they may live next door to us, or work right beside us. They may be the ones that make sandwiches for the homeless, or feed the needy in the soup lines. They might be the ones who deliver food boxes to those in need, or work overtime in caring for the sick or elderly. They might be the ones who take in foster children who would otherwise not have a family to relate to. Or they might volunteer their services in building a home with Habitat for Humanity for someone who needs shelter. Yes, we do have prophets in our time who may not be “showy” in their actions but by living out the mission of Christ everyday become proclaimers and examples of the “Good News”.

As Jesus reminded us, a prophet is often not accepted in his own place! Nor is a prophet recognized as such and is sometimes even rejected. Sometimes the showy medium attracts more attention than the plain truth of the message, especially when the message is proclaimed by people we have eaten with, played with, prayed with and at times even have been angry with. Who are the prophets of our time? Our first thought might be to name the famous who have made national news like the Mother Teresas, the Archbishop Romero, Pope John XXIII, Cardinal Bernadin, Jean Vanier, Dorothy Day, etc. And so they are!!! But in our midst, we may find those who are faithful spouses, caring, compassionate and giving, making untold sacrifices for their families. We might find “the suffering servant” in a paraplegic who accepts his suffering with Christ-like joy. We might find those who offer to work the unpopular shifts of time and holidays so another might be able to be with his/her family.

Who are the prophets of our time? The Nazareth crowd was unimpressed by the company Jesus was keeping (prostitutes, homeless, outcasts, the unclean, tax collectors, gentiles, etc.)

They wanted showy display in miracles. Here was the greatest prophet that there ever was, the Son of God made man, and “they missed the boat”! Do we sometimes miss it also?

The Call of the Prophet

As Jesus was walking on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting by the customs house, and he said to him “Follow Me.” And he got up and followed him.

Answering the call of Christ is not as simple as that. The call of the prophets sometimes took several tries. Peter’s call was to follow the Lord, but he needed many reminders of it.

He was told to cast out into the deep a second time and he felt great unworthiness in responding to the call. This mission of Christ is always open to us if we truly listen to the words of the Lord addressed to you!

ATTENTION ALL TEENS AND ADULTS!

Confirmation classes for teens and adults continue Monday, January 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. All high school students and adults who have not been confirmed should attend. If you have not registered for the class, you may do so by calling Sr. Anthony at 602-354-2068.

“Come Holy Spirit
and fill the
hearts of your faithful.”



“...but the greatest of these is love.”

STEWARDSHIP



Weekly Offering

January 21, 2007

was \$7,572.45

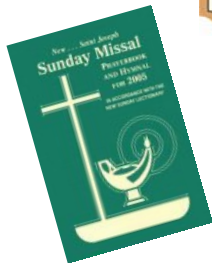
Thank you!

“In the Name and Spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent, our material gifts as an outward sign of the Treasure we hold in Jesus.” Amen.

(Stewardship Prayer)

LOOK

What's New at the



St. Joseph Sunday Missal is now available in paperback.

Plus, much more new items, so come on downstairs and take a look!

Second Annual
St. Mary's Basilica
St. Patrick's Day
Dinner Extravaganza

**Tickets go on sale February 3rd in the
Via Assisi Gift Shop or Parish Office!**

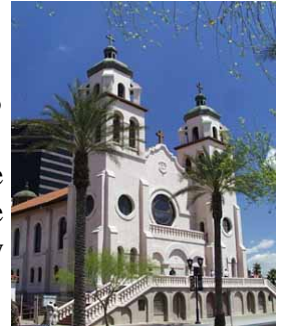


\$20.00 per person

**All proceeds to benefit the
St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**Want to know more
about the
History of St. Mary's?**

Join us every Wednesday after the Noon Mass for a guided tour of the Basilica. Lead by one of our very own parishioner Otis Burnett!



DOME

A dome is a common structural element of architecture that resembles the hollow upper half of a sphere. Domes have influenced structures in later architecture. In Western architecture, the most influential domes built since the Renaissance have been those of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and Jules Hardouin-Mansart's dome at Les Invalides in Paris. The dome of St. Paul's Cathedral in London was the inspiration for the United States Capitol in Washington, which in turn inspired domes of most of the US state capitols.

A dome can be considered as an arch which has been rotated around its vertical axis giving it great structural strength. The sections of vaulting that provide the transition between a dome and the square base on which it is set and transfer the weight of the dome are called pendentives. St. Mary's displays four domes which span the length of the Basilica. All are compound design with the pendentives, following Roman architecture, transfer the weight of the roof to the pillars.

The dome over the intercept point of the crossover, the nave center aisle, and the Apse is topped with stained glass and features a lantern above the dome. The lantern is designed to emit light into the nave and sanctuary. This beautiful structure has been dark for several years for restoration and to protect it from the construction vibrations of the new convention center. Repair to the lantern was completed in January 2007 and the dome can again display its beauty. The dome located over the Altar is topped with a cupola designed to provide light to the altar and this architecture is dated to the third century.

Br. Adrian Wewer O.F.M., the Sacred Heart Provincial architect, designed St. Mary's. He did not witness the completion as he died in 1914, prior to the completion on New Years Eve, 1914.

St. Mary's Basilica

What's Happening At St. Mary's

Monday, January 29th

Count Team	6:30 pm	Parish Center
Adult/Teen Confirmation Class	6:30 pm	Parish Center

Tuesday, January 30th

Pastoral Council Meeting	7:00 pm	Parish Center
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Wednesday, January 31st

Basilica Tour	1:00 pm	Basilica
Wedding Seminar	6:30 pm	Parish Center

Thursday, February 1st

Holy Hour	11:00 am & 5:00 p.m.	Basilica
Choir Practice	7:00 pm	Choir Loft

Friday, February 2nd

Presentation of the Lord	Noon	Basilica
Respect Life Rosary	12:45 p.m.	Basilica

Monday, February 5th

Count Team	6:30 pm	Parish Center
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Wednesday, February 7th

Basilica Tour	1:00 pm	Basilica
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Thursday, February 8th

Holy Hour	11:00 am & 5:00 p.m.	Basilica
Choir Practice	7:00 pm	Choir Loft

Sunday, February 11th

Benefit for Baby Anthony		
Pancake Breakfast	After all Masses	Social Hall

Monday, February 12th

Count Team	6:30 pm	Parish Center
Adult/Teen Confirmation Class	6:30 pm	Parish Center

Thursday, February 15th

Holy Hour	11:00 am & 5:00 p.m.	Basilica
Choir Practice	7:00 pm	Choir Loft

Today's Readings

First Reading — I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalm — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13).

Gospel — No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown (Luke 4:21-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24
Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21
Mk 6:30-34

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Richard Farrington and
Margaret E. Sweeney

Sunday 9:00 a.m.
People of St. Mary's

Sunday 11:00 a.m.
RCIA Catechumens and
Candidates

Monday 12:05 p.m.
The Homeless

Tuesday 12:05 p.m.
Those Serving in the Middle East

Wednesday 12:05 p.m.
Deceased Franciscan Friars

Thursday 12:05 p.m.
The Sick and Homebound

Friday 12:05 p.m.
The Respect of All Life

Join Us for Holy Hour



St. Mary's Basilica observes Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday in the Basilica from 11:00 am until Noon and in the evening from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of

All Deceased Franciscan Friars

