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Music Director
Gordon Stevenson

Administrative Assistant
Camela Barraza

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 5:15 p.m.

Civil 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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8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

The Catholic Faith Community of St. Mary's Basilica

Franciscan Friars



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.

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

Peace and all Good!

Back in the 70's many of us were trying to "find ourselves". Some of us participated in sensitivity sessions, retreats and lots of counseling to "find ourselves"—to realize our full potential and what God might calling us to do. In the gospel story today, it's Peter's turn to "find himself". He had been a fisherman for as long as he could remember and now Jesus gets into his boat and Peter's life is changed forever! Imagine Jesus getting into *your* boat. What about your present lifestyle would cause shame or fear? What needs to change? With Peter we might say, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful person". But, Jesus tells Peter and us not to fear. Holiness is granted to all of us sinners!

I am very happy to announce that we are off to a very good start in our pledge to the Charity and Development Appeal. As you see in today's bulletin, St. Mary's has almost \$20,000 pledged toward the parish goal of \$49,065.00. This morning, those who did not fill out a pledge card last weekend, will have another opportunity to do so. For your convenience, the CDA cards are in the pews. Please make your pledge or one time gift as soon as you can. Many of the ministries of our diocese depend on our generosity to carry their works of charity and education. Without our help, these ministries among the poor, the elderly, the handicapped, as well as, education in Catholic schools and seminaries would have a very difficult time. Thank you for participating. We are "One Family in Christ".

I have another happy announcement to make today. After much prayer and consultation with the staff and pastoral council, we are beginning the process of searching for and selecting a pipe organ for St. Mary's Basilica! Years ago, the Basilica had a pipe organ, but because of much needed and costly repairs, the organ was sold and an electric organ was purchased. Now, close to 20 years have passed and our present organ is in need of much repair. And so, given the fact that we now have an accomplished organist and choir, this is the appropriate time to seriously work toward purchasing a new pipe organ! Our basilica organist, Mr. Gordon Stevenson, will kick off the fundraising with a sponsored six hour "Marathon Organ Recital" on February 16th followed by a series of concerts throughout the year. I know that we have many needs in our parish including paying off the parish debt and completing the restoration of the Basilica bells. We intend to continue keeping these projects as priorities. We have a good working relationship with the diocese and a good plan to continue the debt reduction. But, it is my belief that we also must continue to grow as a parish and to make our liturgical and parish life top priorities. Please support this exciting project!

Our first Pre-Cana Workshop for those interested in getting married at St. Mary's was a wonderful experience. Ten couples planning weddings at the Basilica attended a session with the staff who will be involved in the preparation of their Sacrament of Marriage. It was truly an inspiring evening! We will have another workshop at the end of March. Please watch for details.

Love,



February 04, 2007

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gone Fishing...

How many of you have ever gone fishing? If you have, you know that some days are very lean and some days are very profitable. It takes long hours, hard work, patience and endurance to make that experience a profitable one. The church's mission is to bring God's saving work to all people. The mission is symbolized in Luke's gospel, today through Jesus' call to Peter to go out and fish for others. This mission is to make the invisible God visible. He uses us, human beings, to continue his work. He calls people through real life experiences to be part of this mission. This God may never be met by some except through us.

Does he call us to be risk-takers?...not in a irresponsible way but rather launching out into the deep to go fishing... to actively seek out others to become members of our community or to spread the Good News at our work places or with our friends? This may be scary business! Are there "missed opportunities" in our lives when we were afraid to reach out to someone who may only need our concern and interest in order to follow the journey of conversion? What we do need to know is that it is Jesus who initiates this call, but it is we who need to make the response. We have said it before, that evangelization is the mission of all of us. Peter shows us that we don't have to be perfect; we just need to know and keep remembering who starts our motor, drives our engine, and keeps the cylinders moving.

Good, faith-filled people are very often burdened by an overwhelming sense of unworthiness. One thing we need to get straight...success in this mission is rooted in Christ. Jesus knows we are not perfect, but initiates a call to us anyway, even in the face of human limitations. An overabundance of fish was caught only in response to Jesus' initiative. Following his empowerment by the Spirit, Peter's first attempt netted three thousand converts, hardly a small catch!

Does fear keep us from "going fishing" and participating in the mission of church? Is it the fear of not being successful, the fear of rejection, the fear that we don't have the qualities or knowledge of our faith to share it...or is it the fear that God may find us, and ask us to cast aside our tasks, and follow? Our response may take us to places that we really don't want to go. A story is told during the Second World War that the Americans were passing through a German village which had been badly bombed. As they were going by a village chapel, they noticed that everything was demolished except for a statue of Christ which was still standing, but even this had its arms blown off. They noticed a homemade sign which some soldier hung on it that read, "I have no hands, but yours."

2007 CDA

One Family in Christ



The Annual Charity and Development Appeal is underway. Thank you to everyone who gave a gift this past weekend. Each and every person's gift is important.

For those who have not yet completed a donor Card, please join us in supporting the vital programs and services throughout the Diocese of Phoenix, programs and services that reach beyond the boundaries of any one parish. Your gift to CDA supports all members of our One Family in Christ who need our care and support.

Our Parish Goal is 100% participation and \$49,065.00. We currently have \$19,949.00 toward our goal. Please take some time to prayerfully discern your gift to our One Family in Christ. Donor cards are available in the pews and in the back of the church. If you are unable to make a financial gift, please consider a commitment to prayer. Thank you for your support of the Charity and Development Appeal.

“I will give thanks to you , O Lord, with all my heart,...”



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

March 10, 2007
6:00 pm
In the Social Hall

Music by the Irish Folk Band
Oceans Apart
&

A special engagement performance
by the
McTeggart Irish Dancers of Phoenix

Cost is only \$20.00 per person
All Proceeds will go to the
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Don't miss this wonderful evening
full of Fun, Friends, food and
entertainment!

**Tickets go on sale TODAY in
the Gift Shop!**



WHERE DO WE “FISH”?

*The mission of the Church; is it the slums
of South America, the begging hands of
orphans, in Asia, the poverty and disease
of Africa?*

*Or is it the people in our own country, city,
who are haunted by hunger, discrimination
disease, loneliness, or sickness?*

*The word “mission” means to be sent and
God sends each of us to help those who are
close and those who are far away. We need
not learn a new language for this work, or
learn a new technological “fishing” skill;
a deep faith ,a smile, a helping hand or a
word of love is sufficient!*

Pipe Organ Fund Drive

for St. Mary's Basilica

Begins with a
6 Hour Organ Improvisation
Marathon

By St. Mary's Basilica
internationally
acclaimed organist



Gordon Stevenson

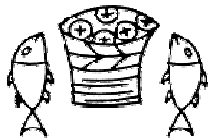
Friday February 16, 2007
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sponsorship forms are in the
Vestibule, Via Assisi Gift Shop,
the Parish Office and online at
Stmarysbasilica.org

Watch the Bulletin for dates and
times of our upcoming Concert
Series from our Music Program.

"...for you have heard the words of my mouth."

STEWARDSHIP



Weekly Offering

January 28, 2007

was \$9,668.74

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)

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

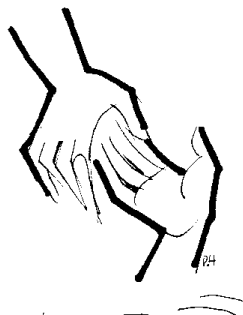
WHEN: After Both Masses on February 11, 2007

WHERE: St. Mary's Basilica Social Hall

COST: \$5.00 donation

SPONSORED BY:

The St. Francis Secular Franciscan
Fraternity and the Parish Family.



**All Proceeds go to help
The Brady Family and
Baby Marc Anthony**



In 1997, John Paul II called for consecrated life to be promoted throughout the universal Church. He declared February 2, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, to be observed as World Day for Consecrated Life (WDCL).

In the United States, when February 2 is not on a Sunday, we celebrate on the Sunday after the Presentation. This year WDCL is observed on February 4, the Fifth Sunday of the Year.

Prayer for Vocations

Loving God,

*We praise you and give you thanks
For your generous blessings.*

*You gave us your Son, Jesus as gift.
Through Mary's gracious "yes,"
She welcomed Jesus and offered him to the
world.*

*May we, like Mary and Jesus,
Give ourselves wholeheartedly to your service.*

*Bless our Church with men and women
Who dedicate their lives to you
through the consecrated life.*

*As we continue to follow Jesus,
May we become effective witnesses
Of your Gospel in word and deed.*

*United with Jesus, the Holy Spirit,
Mary and the communion of saints,
We make our promise in faith. Amen.*

Just in time for your Lenten Journey!

Two new releases by Fr. Alonso

The Parables

"Jesus teaches through his stories"



Alonso de Blas, O.F.M.

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

St. Mary's Basilica

What's Happening At St. Mary's

Monday, February 5th

Count Team	6:30 pm	Parish Center
Art & Environment Committee	6:30 pm	Parish Center

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
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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

Friday, February 16th

Sponsored Organ Marathon	1:00 to 7:00 pm	Basilica
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Monday, February 19th

1st Sunday of Lent Lector's Practice	6:30 pm	Basilica
Count Team	6:30 pm	Parish Center

Tuesday, February 20th

Finance Council Meeting	Noon	Parish Center
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Wednesday, February 21st

Ash Wednesday	Noon and 5:15 pm	Basilica
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Thursday, February 22nd

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

Today's Readings

First Reading — Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalm — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — God's grace to me has not been ineffective (1 Corinthians 15:1-11).

Gospel — The crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God (Luke 5:1-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20 — 2:4a Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-7 Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Peace

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

Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Vocations to Consecrated Life

Monday 12:05 p.m.
Br. Gus Hootka

Tuesday 12:05 p.m.
The Poor & Marginalized

Wednesday 12:05 p.m.
Helen J. Wilson

Thursday 12:05 p.m.
Peace in the Middle East

Friday 12:05 p.m.
Franciscan Friars of
St. Mary's Basilica

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

For the

Willhite and Lunenschloss Families

