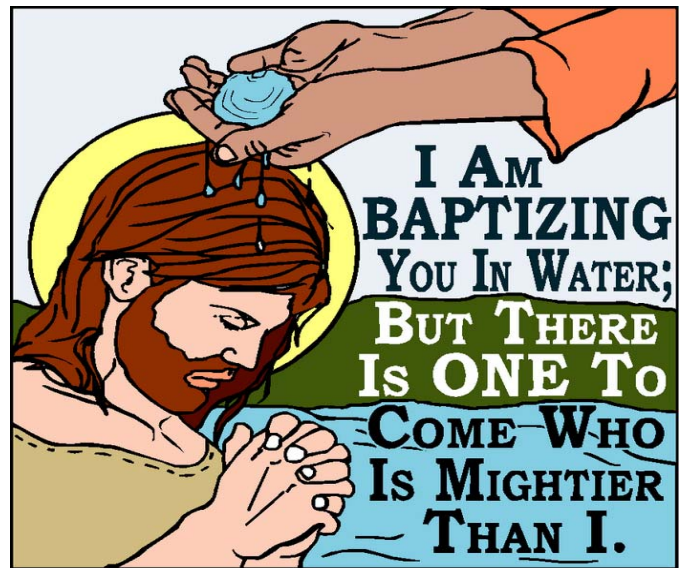


Remember that prayer must be humble and confident, persevering, and full of fire.

- Exercises, Blessed Basil Moreau, CSC



Monday, December 14	St. John of the Cross
Our Lady of the Valley	9:00 am Int. of Michael Scandura
Tuesday, December 15	
St. Raphael	9:00 am Int. of Luz Luna
Wednesday, Dec. 16	
Our Lady of the Valley	9:00 am † Joseph Dressler
Thursday, Dec. 17	
St. Raphael	9:00 am “O Wisdom” Int. of Roberto & Cecile Moralde
Friday, December 18	
Our Lady of the Valley	9:00 am “O Sacred Lord” † Bill Quinn
Saturday, December 19	
Our Lady of the Valley	4:00 pm “O Flower of Jesse’s Stem” Vigil - 4th Sunday of Advent Int. of the Mehle-Monday family
St. Raphael	5:30 pm † Gerald Ross
Sunday, December 20	
Our Lady of the Valley	7:30 am “O Key of David” 4th Sunday of Advent Int. of the Quinn family
St. Raphael	9:00 am † Tom Johnson
Our Lady of the Valley	10:30 am † Fred & Leona Odey
St. Raphael	12:00 pm † Dan Reis
Our Lady of the Valley	7:00 pm Parishioners of OLV & STR



Coffee & Donuts



Come and join together with others over coffee and donuts. Chat with your brothers and sisters in Christ by enjoying this treat after the morning Masses at Our Lady of the Valley in the Social Room, or after the 9:00 am Mass at St. Raphael in the Hall. Love to see you there!

Advent Communal Reconciliation
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14
7:00 PM
ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH

Today's Readings

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).



Retirement Fund For Priests and Religious Collection this weekend

Please place your contribution in with the regular collection. *Thank you.*

Readings for the Week of December 14

Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, and 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Practical suggestions for the Corporal Works of Mercy

At the invitation of Pope Francis the church has entered into a Jubilee of Mercy. It is a special year of grace to enable the church, individually and institutionally, to model the mercy of Jesus that ought to characterize the life of everyone who bears the name Christian.

Talk of a Jubilee of Mercy evokes long dormant memories of catechism lessons about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. These admonitions are to help us live out our Catholic identity by practical acts of kindness that advance the physical (corporal) needs of our fellow human beings or their spiritual and emotional wellbeing. They embody the actions and attitudes one would associate with the compassion of Christ.

The six of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy emanate from Matthew 25:31-46, the judgment parable of the separation of the sheep. The seventh Corporal Work of Mercy is inspired by the Book of Tobit. During this Advent/Christmas season people are naturally drawn to deeds of kindness, especially to those in need. That makes this the perfect season to reflect on the Corporal Works of Mercy.

Feed the Hungry

- Since charity begins at home, see to the proper nutrition of those within your own household;
- Support with your time talent and/or treasure our parish based St. Vincent DePaul Conference, Andre House and other services that directly provide food to those in need;
- Educate yourself on issues of hunger locally, nationally and globally;
- Don't waste food.

Shelter the Homeless

- Assist in the ministries of Catholic Charities refugee resettlement or Habitat for Humanity;
- Support the Red Cross who helps people rebuild their lives in the aftermath of natural disasters;
- Advocate for legislation and public policy that provides housing for low-income people;
- Consider being a foster parent.

Clothe the Naked

- Include socks or scarfs or gloves in your Shoebox for the Homeless sponsored by the OLV Women's Club;
- Clean out your closets and dresser drawers for those usable clothing items and shoes you no longer wear and donate them to service agencies like St. Joseph the Worker and Andre House, that make them available to people who really need them;
- Participate in programs that provide blankets, jackets and sleeping bags to the homeless.

Visit the Sick

- Visit friends, family or parishioners who are sick and homebound and feeling isolated or disconnected;
- Call, e-mail or send a card to someone who is ill or homebound;
- Offer to drive someone to a medical appointment or pick up their medication at the pharmacy;
- Become a Minister of Care to the homebound who bring Holy Communion and a physical link with the parish family they can no longer come to on their own;
- Volunteer at a hospital or care facility.

Visit the Imprisoned

- Find out about diocesan sponsored ministries to the incarcerated and consider volunteering;
- Support programs and agencies that advocate for those unjustly incarcerated;
- Support job training and educational programs to help rehabilitate those in prison;
- Pray for the families of the incarcerated;
- Advocate for the abolition of the death penalty.

Give to the Poor

- Make regular donations to those who give direct assistance to the poor and needy, especially St. Vincent DePaul, Andre House and St. Joseph the Worker
- When you hear the sound of the bell at the Salvation Army red kettle during this time of year, give what you can.

Bury the Dead

- Pray for family, friends and parishioners who have died recently;
- Attend wakes (vigils) funerals of family, neighbors or parishioners;
- Offer to prepare a dish for parish funeral brunches;
- Be with the grieving and visit cemeteries;
- Have Masses offered for deceased loved ones.

The Jubilee of Mercy calls upon each of those to embody the compassion of Christ in our interaction with one another. Consider how you might embrace the Corporal Works of Mercy not just in the Christmas season, but in every season. In the weeks to come we will visit the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Fr. Ed Kaminski, CSC
pastor

Our Lady of the Valley

Monday, December 14

SVDP pantry 9-11:45 am Pantry
Communal Reconciliation 7:00 pm STR Church

Tuesday, December 15

Filipino community Noon Rm 7
Generations of Faith 6:00 pm STR grades 1-8
Season of Hope, Musical 6:00 pm STR Church
 Simbang Gabi 7:00 pm Church
 Filipino fellowship after Mass Social Rm
 AA meeting 7:00 pm Rm 8

Wednesday, December 16

SVDP pantry 9-11:45 am Pantry
 SVDP meeting Noon Pantry
 RCIC 6:00 pm Rm 8
 RCIA 7:00 pm Rm 7
Combined choirs 7:00 pm STR Church
 Simbang Gabi 7:00 pm Church
 Filipino fellowship after Mass Social Rm

Thursday, December 17

Young at Heart 10:30 am Social Rm
 Simbang Gabi 7:00 pm Church
 Filipino fellowship after Mass Social Rm
 SVDP meeting 7:00 pm Rm 7

Friday, December 18

SVDP pantry 9-11:45 am Pantry
 Chaldean Mass/choir 6:30 pm Chapel
 Simbang Gabi 7:00 pm Church
 Filipino fellowship after Mass Social Rm
 Chaldean Bible 7:30 pm Rm 7

Saturday, December 19 *Facilities Renovation*

Men's Prayer Group 7:00 am Conf Rm
 Chaldean Catechism 10:00 am All Rms
 Simbang Gabi 7:00 pm Church
 Filipino fellowship after Mass Social Rm

Sunday, December 20 *Facilities Renovation*

Coffee/donuts after Masses Social Rm
 Simbang Gabi 7:00 pm Church
 Filipino fellowship after Mass Social Rm



COOKIE SALE

The Women's Club of Our Lady of the Valley will be selling Christmas cookies after all of the Masses this weekend for only \$1 per bag. There are many different kinds of tasty

treats to choose from. Be sure to stop by and get some while they last!

Change in bulletin deadlines:

Articles for the *December 20* (4th Sunday) bulletin: due **before Monday, December 14, 9:00 am.**

Articles for the *December 27* (Christmas) bulletin: due **before Monday, December 14, 9:00 am.**

Articles for the *January 3* (Epiphany) bulletin: due **before Monday, December 21, 9:00 am.**

Articles for the *January 10* (Baptism of the Lord): due **before Monday, January 4, 9:00 am..**



Welcome fellow parishioners aged 50 or over. You are invited to join us at Our Lady of the Valley every Thursday (10:30 am-3:30 pm) in the Social Room. We will also be selling books at coffee/donuts after the Masses on Sundays. More information? Please call Ida (602-863-4204) or Billie (602-863-6529).

My soul
Rejoices
 in my
God.

St. Vincent de Paul Societies



In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise...."

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving ...please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

During the holidays we have the need for traditional items such as sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix or canned pumpkin.

(The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an independent ministry staffed by parishioners).



The Thanksgiving Day Mass collection totaled \$1,341! This was split between the St. Vincent de Paul Conferences of St. Raphael

and Our Lady of the Valley. Both conferences are very grateful for the generous spirit of our joint parishes. Thank you for helping us to help the poor in our area.



Remember those who have died recently, especially Rose Dutton.

St. Raphael

Monday, December 14		
Communal Reconciliation	7:00 pm	STR Church
Tuesday, December 15		
<i>Generations of Faith</i>	6:00 pm	STR grades 1-8
Season of Hope, Musical	6:00 pm	STR Church
Wednesday, December 16		
Art Ministry	1:00 pm	Club Rm
Pastoral Council	6:30 pm	Club Rm
Combined choirs	7:00 pm	Church
AA	7:00 pm	Tobiah Rm
Thursday, December 17		
Confessions	9:30 am	Chapel
Toastmasters	6:30 pm	Tobiah Rm
Friday, December 18		
Tops	8:30 am	Tobiah Rm
AA meeting	8:00 pm	Tobiah Rm
AA meeting	10:00 pm	Tobiah Rm
Saturday, December 19 <i>Facilities Renovation</i>		
SVDP work	9:00 am	Hall
Youth Ministry	10:00 am	Teen Ctr
KC children gathering	10:00 am	Tobiah Rm
Blood Pressure checks	6:30 pm	Club Rm
AA meeting	8:00 pm	Tobiah Rm
Sunday, December 20 <i>Facilities Renovation</i>		
Coffee/donuts after 9am Mass		Hall
Blood Pressure checks after Masses		Club Rm
CLOW at the Noon Mass		Rm 10
AA meeting	7:00 pm	Tobiah Rm
Al-Anon meeting	7:00 pm	Rm 4

The Church Sanctuary Lamp at St. Raphael this week is burning in loving memory of **Ruth & Manuel Perez** as requested by Barbara Meisheid.

Penance Services at Neighboring Parishes

St. Helen, 5510 W. Cholla St. Wed., Dec. 16; 7 pm
St. Thomas More, 6180 Utopia, Wed., Dec. 16; 7 pm



Parent Preparation Program for Infant Baptism

The next session of required Baptism classes for parents of infants to 7 years of age will be **January 4, 11 and 18** at **7:00 pm**. Registration *deadline* is **December 28**. Application forms are available at the parish offices. You must be a registered parishioner (for at least 3 months) to attend these classes. All sessions are held in the Adult Education Center in the St. Raphael office building.



Remember to pick up your **TAMALE** order **TODAY, Sunday, in the Hall.**

Senior Friendship

Date: December 13, Sunday

Time: 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Location: St. Raphael Hibner Hall

We invite all St. Raphael and Our Lady of the Valley parishioners and visitors over 50 to join us as we come together to enjoy wonderful food, friendship and fun.

Guest speaker: Deacon Bill Vivio -season of Advent

Reminder: We need you to bring two photos of yourself (one as a baby or early childhood and the other a current one; they can be any size). Please put pictures in an envelope with your name. This is for a fun match game at our January 2016 meeting, Any questions, please call Bobbi (623-561-9122).

Young Men's Conference

#Into The Breach January 2 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
 St. Paul's Parish (330 W. Coral Gables Dr., Phoenix)

Join high school and college aged young men from across the diocese in a day of prayer and fellowship. Learn more about living your faith with authenticity and being the man God calls you to be!

Info and registration: dphx.org/event/into-the-breach-young-mens-conference or (602-354-2005).

Workbooks for Lectors are available in the parish offices.
\$10 contribution is suggested.

Diocesan School Board

The **Catholic Schools Office** is now accepting applications for the **Diocesan School Board**. All registered Catholics are eligible. You do NOT need to have children enrolled in Catholic schools to qualify. For information and application, please visit: www.catholicschoolsphx.com or call (602-354-2344).

*"The One who calls you is faithful."
 Will you be faithful to His call? If God may be inviting you to be a priest, deacon or consecrated religious, call the Office of Vocations (602-354-2004) or see more at www.phoenixpriest.com*

SUNDAY ROMAN MISSAL FOR 2016

Missals are available for \$3 at the St. Raphael office.

Sacraments

Baptism: Registered parishioners, contact parish offices

Weddings: Contact Deacon Ed 602-843-5730

Anointing of the Sick: Contact parish offices

This sacrament is for those who are seriously impaired by sickness or old age, approaching serious surgery, chronic illness and those persons near death.

Week 22, 2015-2016	November 28/29 , 2015
	Our Lady of the Valley
	Total of 3 Collections: \$6,841
	Filipino Collection: \$996
	Total of 4 Collections: \$7,837
	St. Raphael
	Sunday Offering for November 28/29, 2015
	Total of 3 Collections: \$4,574

Week 23, 2015-2016	December 5/6 , 2015
	Our Lady of the Valley
	Total of 3 Collections: \$10,035
	Filipino Collection: \$666
	Total of 4 Collections: \$10,701
	St. Raphael
	Sunday Offering for December 5/6, 2015
	Total of 3 Collections: \$8,274
	November Online Giving:
	Our Lady of the Valley (18 people) \$2,105
	St. Raphael (7 people) \$1,005

Christmas Eve Rosary for Life

December 24, 11:00 am at Glendale Planned Parenthood (5771 W. Eugie, Glendale)



Don't forget to take advantage of the **Working Poor Tax Credit by Dec 31, 2015.** Make your checks payable to St Vincent de Paul - St Raphael's Conference or St Vincent de Paul - Our Lady of the Valley Conference. You can drop your check in the collection basket or mail it directly to the church office. This Arizona State Tax Credit limitation is \$400 for those filing jointly & \$200 for a single filer.

Thank you for your support.

Dates to remember:

- December 12/13 - Cookie Sale (OLV)
- December 13 - Tamale Sale (STR)
- December 14- Communal Reconciliation at STR 7 pm
- December 15-23 - Simbang Gabi (OLV)



*Christmas Mass
Schedule 2015*

Christmas Eve Masses - December 24
Thursday

- 4:00 PM** Our Lady of the Valley
- 4:30 PM** St. Raphael
- 6:30 PM** Filipino Community OLV
- 10:00 PM Inter-Parish Mass at Night at St. Raphael ***

Christmas Day Masses - December 25
Friday

- 9:00 AM** St. Raphael *
- 10:30 AM** Our Lady of the Valley *

* Incense may be used

No 9:00 am Mass on Thursday, Christmas Eve



Noah Trojanek and all those in need of our prayers. Anyone from either parish wishing to place someone on the prayer list may do so **if they have their permission.** Call Marilyn (602-938-0638) or email ms-churchlady@hotmail.com.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
120 CLUB WINNERS**

The Knights of Columbus Council 7114 held the third drawing for the 120 Club. The winners are:

- Larry Robak #12 \$25
- Teresa Dupra #62 \$25
- Larry Robak #12 \$25
- Sherman Gaza #5 \$25
- BNatalie Boule #38 \$100

Congratulations to the winners! And this is not a misprint—the numbers go back in the bucket for the next draw. Thank you so much for supporting our sponsored Seminarians.

Merle Schmitz, Chairman of the 120 Club

A Day on the Vocation of Religious Life

January 11, Monday 9 am to 3 pm
Diocesan Pastoral Center
400 E. Monroe St., Phoenix

This free event is for those discerning a call to Religious Life.

Registration: mgonzal@diocesephoenix.org
Info: sr.anthonymary@diocesephoenix.org

SEASON of HOPE: An Advent Musical

**A musical storytelling by our combined
Music Ministry - FREE PERFORMANCE**

Tuesday, December 15, 6:00 pm
at St. Raphael Church
with Generations of Faith Families

