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On Thursday, April 4, 2019, the following candidates received the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by Msgr. Jeremiah McCarthy. Please pray for them as they continue their journey in faith.

Teens

Leslie Ariana Teresa Arzate
Natalie Camila Helena Baqueros
Nicole Andrea Anastasia Baqueros
Maria Cristina C. Bernadette Laxinto Carmack
Yesenia Lee Regina Cruz
Adan Sebastian De Lao
Sebastian Rafael Sebastian Gralian
Colin Thomas Thomas Hall
Cameron Bradley Philip Neri Jurado
Lauren Michelle Paul Jurado
Julissa Alysia Agatha Lozano
Angel Bladimir Jude Luna Zepeda
Angela Concepción Maria Goretti Martinez Alvarez
Damian Andres Peter Mendez
Mauel Francis Ordaz
Josue Christian Jude Porter Benitez
Abel Daniel Jude Rodriguez
Kaila Cecilia Rodriguez
Amanda Marie Catherine Schwenk

Karla Michelle Joan Segura Rodriguez
Peter Andrew Peter Smith
Anna-Maria Louise Teresa Benedicta
Timpano

Adults

Lauren Micah Philomena Gomez-Mendez
Martha Anthony Hernandez
Alejandro Jude Thaddaeus Huerta, Jr.
Amanda Diana Mary Olivera Torres
Héctor Adrián Raphael Prat
Blanca Estela Jude Thaddaeus Rodarte
Maria Guadalupe Gerard Majella Rodarte
Reveles
Lalo Joseph Torres, Jr.
Lizveth Teresa of Avila Valadez

First Communion

Lauren Micah Philomena Gomez-Mendez

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.” ~Galatians 5:22,25

APRIL 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

A Letter from our Pastor . . .

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Grace Parish,

We are rapidly coming to the end of the season of Lent. This weekend is the Fifth Sunday of Lent and there are only six weeks in Lent. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord and the beginning of Holy Week. Lent officially ends on Holy Thursday evening but then begins the most important and significant days of the year, the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

Thursday of the Lord's Supper is celebrated on Holy Thursday evening, which liturgically is really the beginning of Good Friday and the Passion of the Lord. Once the sun went down, the next day was considered to have begun. That is why the observance of the Sabbath (Saturday) began on Friday evening once the sun had set. We do the same every Sunday with the celebration of the Saturday evening vigil Mass. So if we considered the Sacred Paschal Triduum as beginning on Holy Thursday evening as the beginning of Good Friday (day one), then Holy Saturday (day two) and finally Easter Sunday (day three), we have the three sacred Passover days.

As we come to the close of Lent, I remind you of your obligation to go to confession before the celebration of these holy days. Tomorrow (Monday, April 8th) we will be having our Lenten Penance Service at 4:00 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. (after the 6:30 p.m. Mass). There will be eight to ten priests available for confession at those times. In addition to the Penance Service, the priests of the parish have been available after the two daily Masses to hear confession. Is there any reason why you have not gone to confession? The Lord dies on the Cross and "poured out (His Blood) for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins." Mercy and forgiveness are offered to us, but we have to accept them by getting up and going to confession. If you are conscious of mortal sin then you must stop receiving Holy Communion until you have confessed. If it has been more than a year since your last confession you also must stop receiving and go to confession before you would continue to receive.

As Jesus says in the Gospel today, "Let the one among you who is without sin . . ." We are all sinners, we are all in need of the mercy and forgiveness given to us in the Sacrament of Confession (Penance). Go to confession!

In Christ,

Fr. Marcos C. Velásquez

Estimados feligreses de la parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Gracia,

Estamos llegando rápidamente al final de la temporada de Cuaresma. Este fin de semana es el quinto domingo de Cuaresma y solo tenemos seis semanas de Cuaresma. El próximo domingo es el Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor y el comienzo de la Semana Santa. La Cuaresma termina oficialmente en la tarde del Jueves Santo, pero luego comienza los días más importantes y significativos del año, el Triduo Pascual Sagrado.

El jueves de la Cena del Señor se celebra el Jueves Santo por la noche, que litúrgicamente es realmente el comienzo del Viernes Santo y la Pasión del Señor. Una vez se pone el sol se considera que el día siguiente ha comenzado. Es por eso que la observación del "Sabbath" (sábado) comienza el viernes por la noche, una vez que se pone el sol. Hacemos lo mismo todos los domingos con la celebración de la misa de vigilia del sábado por la noche. Por lo tanto, si consideramos que el Triduo Pascual Sagrado comienza el Jueves Santo por la noche como el comienzo del Viernes Santo (primer día), luego el Sábado Santo (segundo día) y finalmente Domingo de Pascua (día tres), tenemos los tres días sagrados de la Pascua.

Al llegar al final de la Cuaresma, les recuerdo su obligación de confesarse antes de la celebración de estos días santos. Mañana (lunes 8 de abril) tendremos nuestro Servicio de Penitencia de Cuaresma a las 4:00 p.m. y 7:10 p.m. (después de la misa de 6:30 p.m.) Habrá de ocho a diez sacerdotes disponibles para la confesión en esos momentos. Además del Servicio de Penitencia, los sacerdotes de la parroquia han estado disponibles después de las dos Misas diarias para escuchar la confesión. ¿Hay alguna razón por la que no te has ido a confesar? El Señor murió en la Cruz y "derramó (Su Sangre) por ti y por muchos para el perdón de los pecados". Se nos ofrece misericordia y perdón, pero tenemos que aceptarlos levantándonos y confesándonos. Si eres consciente del pecado mortal, debes dejar de recibir la Sagrada Comunión hasta que hayas confesado. Si ha pasado más de un año desde su última confesión, también debes dejar de recibir y confesarte antes de continuar recibiendo.

Como dice Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy: "Dejen el que está sin pecado. . ." Todos somos pecadores, todos necesitamos la misericordia y el perdón que se nos dan en el Sacramento de la Confesión (Penitencia). Ir a confesar

En Cristo,

Padre Marcos C. Velásquez

Our Lady of Grace Parish Monthly Financial Report

Month of March 2019 Operations

Operational Income (All Sources)	\$58,251.41
All Operational Expenses	<u>\$58,450.11</u>
March Balance: Shortage	\$198.70

2019 Calendar Year Shortage **\$6,788.52**

Building Fund

Mortgage Balance as of March 31, 2019:
\$4,075,436.31

New Building Donations	\$935,681.03
Debt Reduction	\$7,072.05
Capital Campaign	\$12,364.04
Fundraising	<u>\$15,049.00</u>
Total Building Income	\$970,166.12
Building Expenses	\$516,835.13
March Balance: Surplus	\$453,330.99
2019 Calendar Year: Surplus	\$455,756.79

Sunday Offering

Weekend of March 30 - 31, 2019

Sunday Collection \$8,962.26
219 Envelopes used

We Share (Online) Offertory

March 25 - 29, 2019 \$2,675.00

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTED **\$11,637.26**

Catholic Relief Services Collection. **\$1,730.71**

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 7th - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Soul of Corazon Villarain
9:30 am Intention of Maria Therese Hanh Tu Bui
11:00 am Soul of Nikhil Abraham
12:30 pm Souls of Cresencio Perez and Leonor Martinez
6:00 pm Soul of Margaret Szilagyi and Wayne Anderson

Monday, April 8th

8:00 am Intention of John and Dolores Wilson and family
6:30 pm Health of Juan Francisco Ortiz and Soul of Julian Ortiz

Tuesday, April 9th

8:00 am Health and well being of the Larson and Mckevitt families
6:30 pm Health of Juan Francisco Ortiz and Soul of Julian Ortiz

Wednesday, April 10th

8:00 am Birthday of Fr. Marcos Velásquez
6:30 pm Health of Juan Francisco Ortiz and Soul of Julian Ortiz

Thursday, April 11th - St. Stanislaus

8:00 am Soul of Louis Tran Minh Khanh
6:30 pm Soul of Jimmie Richardson Sr.

Friday, April 12th

8:00 am Health and well being of the Larson and Mckevitt families
6:30 pm Health of Julian Castillo

Saturday, April 13th - St. Martin I

8:00 am Health of Bemar Hernandez
4:00 pm Birthday of Shannon Coutre

Sunday, April 14th - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 am Souls of Catherine Coach and William Kanefsky
9:30 am **Pro populo**
11:00 am Health of Julian Castillo
12:30 pm Souls of Martin Hernandez and Maria Dolores Hernandez
6:00 pm Souls of Petra and Refugio Garcia

If you would like to have a Mass offered for the soul of a loved one or for some special intention, please contact the sacristan or call the parish office. The suggested donation is \$10.00.

Our Lady of Grace Parish - April 7, 2019

Wedding Banns

3rd-Victor Veenstra and Robin Sikora

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, April 7th

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft

Monday, April 8th

1:30 p.m. Adult Ed/Walk to Emmaus, Office

4:00 p.m. Penance Service, Church

5:15 p.m. Legion of Mary, Office

6:30 p.m. Adult Ed/Walk to Emmaus, Office

7:00 p.m. RCIA, Office

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft

7:15 p.m. Penance Service, Church

Tuesday, April 9th

5:30 p.m. Parish Youth Council, Office

6:45 p.m. La Justicia/Grupo Biblico, Off Grounds

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft

Wednesday, April 10th

6:30 p.m. RE First Communion Classes, Office

7:00 p.m. Social Justice Ministry, Office

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft

Thursday, April 11th

6:00 p.m. HS Faith Group, Office

7:00 p.m. Bilingual Baptism Class, Office

Friday, April 12th

1:00 p.m. Wedding: Veenstra/Sikora, Church

5:00 p.m. Lenten Fish Fry, Outside Church

5:45 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Church

6:00 p.m. MS Hope Group, Office

6:30 p.m. Grupo de Oración y Estudio Biblico, Church

Saturday, April 13th

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft

9:00 a.m. Decorating Church for Palm Sunday, Church

9:30 a.m. Altar Server Rehearsal for Holy Thursday, Church

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Office

1:45 p.m. English Baptisms, Church

2:30 p.m. Confessions, Church

3:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft

Prayer for the Sick:

Elena Padilla

Don Quinones

Ken Thielen

Kim Marx

Carolyn McKinley

Jenny Kraus

Sherri Melich

Fred Tomczak

Guy Routhier

Nancy Duncan

Shelley McClaren

John Wilson

Julian Castillo

Loretta Walter

Candy Moore

Ann Every

Don Peyton

Michael Kramarczyk

Hilda Martinez

Ofelia Balderrama

Arline Espino

Jocelyn Oyzon

Richard Cole

John Wielgus

Gary Haller

Marcus Tavaraz

Eric Dill

Paco Gálvez

Preming Luna

Kirstenne Era Espino

Norma C. Ciani

Dick Shwan

Josefina Gonzalez

Ken Sechler

Genevieve Small

Alejandro Cruz

Aria James Munoz

Christina Dick

David Ollearo

Phillipa Rosales

Darlene Reimer

Sarah Morones

Mike Negro

Glenn Hornick

Mary Febbraio

Christine Morales

Raul Peralta

Ramona Padilla

Samantha Garrett

Gene Marx

Joe Matrishion

Julia Escobedo

Bill Fries

Ana Maria Suárez

Eric Larson

Msgr. James A. Clarke

Michael Della

Ailisa Ureneck

Ann Bertoli

Randy K. James

James Grootegoed

Ashley Abellera

Bishop George Murry

Andrew Bustamante

George LaVasseur

Justin White

Martha ShROUT

Rhea Sanchez

Mike Graham

Elizabeth Reyes

Maria Nguyen

Juan Francisco Ortiz

Encarnacion Gonzalez

Jean Wickham

Raymond Martinez

Alejandrina Dojaquez

David Ciani Sr.

Carroll Keller

Bemar Hernandez

Marissa Gustillo

Chase Curry

Sonia Krywyak

Please send your *Prayer for the Sick* requests to information@maricopacatholic.org or call the parish office. We will include them on our prayer list for one month or sooner by request. If someone is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the church office to make arrangements for our Homebound Ministry. Also, please let the office know if you would like a prayer shawl to comfort those who are sick.

April 7, 2019 - Fifth Sunday of Lent



Lenten Penance Service

Monday, April 8, 2019 there will be a penance service at 4:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. following the 6:30 p.m. Mass. There will be 8-10 priests available to hear your confession at both times.

Lenten Almsgiving Challenge

We are asking each family in our parish to put aside one item every day and bring their items to donate on Sunday when you come to Mass for each week during Lent.

Each week will have a theme for items to be donated:

Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 7: Canned Meat, Beans and Vegetables

Sixth Sunday of Lent - April 14: Dry Pasta, Rice & Tomato Sauce

Please place your items in the marked bins in outside of the church. Each week we will tally the number of items we have collected and items will be donated to Maricopa F.O.R., our local food bank.

Reto de Limosnas Cuaresmal

Estamos pidiendo que cada familia de la parroquia separe un artículo de comida cada día y done estos artículos cada Domingo de Cuaresma cuando vengan a Misa.

Cada semana habrá un Tema de artículos para ser donados.

5ta Semana (7 de Abril): Carne, Frijoles en Lata y Vegetales en lata

6ta Semana (14 de Abril): Pasta, Arroz, Salsa de Tomate

Por favor coloque sus artículos en los botes marcados situados en el frente de la iglesia. Cada semana sumaremos el número de artículos recogidos y éstos serán donados al banco de comida local, Maricopa F.O.R.

Lenten Fish Fry

Come join us for a great tasting dinner and bring your friends, neighbors and relatives every **Friday night during Lent from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Pescado Frito de Cuaresma

Venga y acompañenos a disfrutar de una suculenta cena, invita a sus amigos, vecinos y parientes todos los **Viernes de Cuaresma de 5:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m.**



Engaged or seriously thinking about marriage and getting engaged?

Congratulations! Now is the time to contact the Parish Office! We look forward to welcoming you to our Marriage Preparation Program called "For Better and For Ever." This program is designed to help couples prepare for Christian marriage and is specifically intended to help couples address questions/topics that every couple needs to deal with before making a lifelong commitment to one another. Remember this is the purpose of being engaged, i.e. it is supposed to be a time of putting "all your cards" on the table so that you can begin your marriage with "no secrets" and "no hidden agendas."

Please contact AJ Napolitano at 520-568-4605 for more details on this program or to schedule an appointment.

Are you receiving our email updates?

If not be sure to send your name and email address to Information@maricopacatholic.org to receive the latest happenings in our parish. Also, look for us on Facebook (**Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church of Maricopa, AZ**).



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