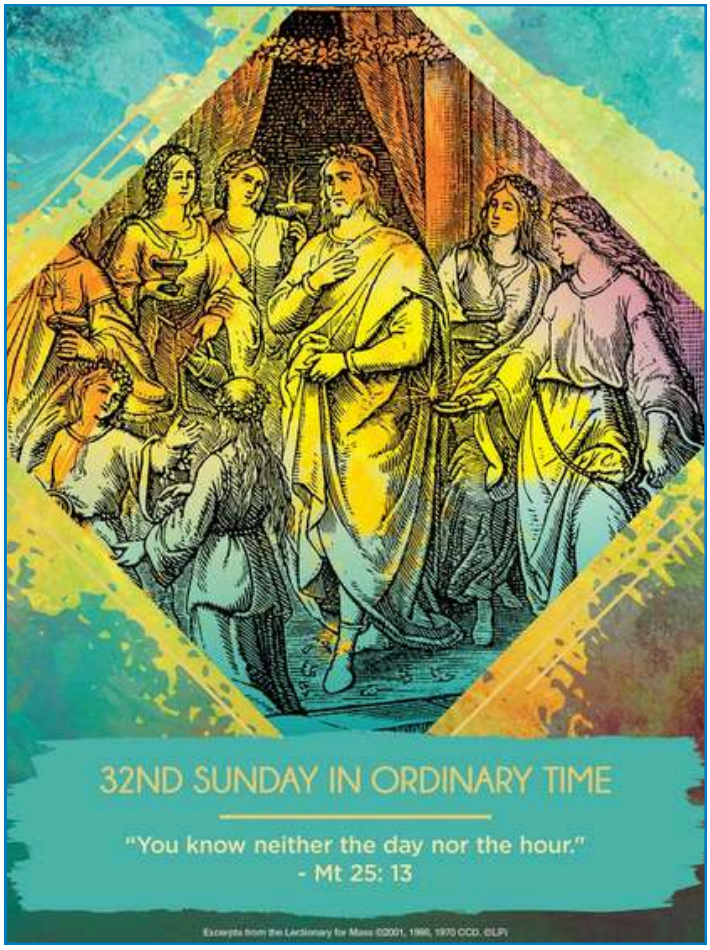


OUR LADY of Joy

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Our Lady of Joy Mission Statement

Our mission is to build a community of missionary disciples through the sacraments, prayer, acts of charity, and evangelization and catechesis based on the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

www.oloj.org

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass:
5:00 PM
Sunday Masses:
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM (also via Livestream)
4:00 PM Teen Mass
Daily Mass: 8 AM Monday—Saturday

Confession/Reconciliation

Tuesday-Friday 7:30 AM –7:50 AM
Saturday: 4 PM -4:50 PM
Sunday: 20 minutes before each Mass

Regular Parish Office

Monday - Thursday:	**8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**
Friday:	**8:30 AM - 3:00 PM**
Sunday:	**8:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

Church Hours

Sunday-Friday: 7:00 AM –5:00 PM
Saturday: 7:00 AM-6:00 PM
Adoration Chapel is open 24/7 with key fob at night

Cafe & Gift Shop Hours

The café is open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 12 PM and on Sunday 8 AM to 12:30 PM. The Gift Shop is open Monday through Friday from 8 AM - 3 PM and Sunday 8 AM - 12:30 PM. If there is no volunteer in the shop, purchases may be taken to the parish office.

False Solicitations

Please know that none of our priests engage in email or text solicitations and that all such requests should be ignored.

Mailing Address

Mail delivery in Carefree is to Post Office boxes only. Our PO Box number can be found at the top of this page.

November 8, 2026 **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

WHAT'S ON FORMED NOW?

Advent Preparation (continued)

Last week's Sunday bulletin introduced episode 1 of the 4-part series called How to Advent. This week, you are invited to watch episode 2. Like episode 1, it is less than 15 minutes in length.

This episode teaches about the Advent wreath. Traditionally, an Advent wreath is a circle of evergreen boughs adorned with four candles — three purple and one rose — lit progressively on each of the four Sundays of Advent. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding Our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead. The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time, while the rose candle is lit on the third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday) when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass, marking the midpoint of Advent. Since Advent is a time to stir up faith in the Lord, the wreath and its prayers provide a way to augment this special preparation for Christmas, helping us remain vigilant in our homes and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.





Catholicism for the Curious with Deacon Dan Doheny

Thursday, November 19

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Parish Hall

Which Sins are Mortal or Venial? What is the Impact?

***Catholicism for the Curious* is a monthly program for all curious people who want to deepen their understanding of Church teachings. The program, led by Deacon Dan Doheny, meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**
There is no charge and no RSVP is required.

We hope to see you there!
deacondanaz@gmail.com



A MESSAGE FROM FR. JESS

Dear Family of God,

What does lighted lamp symbolize in our Gospel this weekend? Who is the Bridegroom? And who are the ten Virgins?

All members of the Church are symbolized by the ten virgins in our Gospel. Half are foolish because they did not bring extra oil for their lamps; the other half are wise enough to carry flasks of extra oil. The bridegroom arrives when the foolish virgins are out, and the door is locked. The foolish virgins cry out: "Lord, Lord open the door for us." Not only does the Bridegroom not open the door, but he also says to them, *"Amen, I say to you, I do not know you."* This response sounds harsh to modern ears, but it highlights an essential part of the lesson: Being ready for the Lord is a matter of eternal life or eternal death. Hence, Jesus concludes the parable with a warning: *"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*

The Bridegroom is the Christ. We are all awaiting his arrival. We can understand the symbol of oil as representing good works, all that keeps the flame of our life of faith alive while we wait. Because our own good works and interior life is the unique responsibility of each person, **the oil that sustains it cannot be shared**. Every one of us is called to strive for holiness, putting our love for God into practice in good works done for others. Good deeds, acts of charity, are precious oil!

St. Augustine commented about what the oil or lamp symbolized. He said, **"They are both virgins, and yet half are rejected. It is not enough that they are virgins but that they also have lamps. They are virgins by reason of abstinence from unlawful indulgence of the senses. But they have lamps because of good works."** Of these good works the Lord says, *"Let your works shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father who is in heaven"* (Matt 5:16). Again, he said to his disciples, *"Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning"* (Luke 12:35).

May Our Lady help us to keep our love for God burning by our good deeds.

Yours in Christ through Mary Immaculate,

Fr. Jess Ty



PARISH ADVENT PROJECT BENFITING ST. AGNES & ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Joy continues our tradition of providing Christmas gifts to the students at St. Agnes Catholic School in Phoenix and St. Charles Apache Mission School on the San Carlos Reservation. This marks our 18th year of support for St. Agnes and the 24th year of supporting the students at St. Charles.

We will have a cash/check drive at all Masses on the weekends of November 21-22 and 28-29. Envelopes may be returned to the collection basket or the parish office. Please write "Advent Project" on the check's Memo line.

Teachers will determine the wants and needs for their students at each grade level. For many of the children, these will be the only Christmas presents they receive.
We appreciate your support of the students in the underserved communities!

Fr. Jess' 28th Anniversary Dinner
Saturday, November 21
in the Parish Hall after the 5 p.m. Mass

All parishioners are welcome to attend as we celebrate 28 years of Fr. Jess' service to the priesthood and to us!
RSVP to Parish Office by Monday, November 16 at 480-488-2229

Christ the King Eucharistic Procession
Sunday, November 22 at 12:30 p.m.
Sundial Circle in downtown Carefree

Join us to publicly proclaim our faith in prayer and song as we process around Sundial Circle with our priests, nuns, Knights of Columbus and parishioners. If you will be staying after the procession for our outdoor lunch, please RSVP to the Parish Office at 480-488-2229 by Monday, November 16.

Grief Support Group

This group meets on Mondays in Room 1 of the Parish Hall from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m..

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. This faith-based weekly support group is designed to help you rebuild your life after the death of a loved one. Each 13-week session offers valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort and peace of mind.

Led by Chaplain Miriam Rosa Cummo
mrosa211@yahoo.com www.griefshare.com

Welcome to Our Lady's Corner— Your Source for Catholic Inspiration



You have received an invitation to travel to Great Britain to have dinner with King Charles! You arrive in London. Dinner is tonight! You decide to take a walk through the park a few hours before to try to relax. A game of soccer has started, and you love soccer, so you ask if you can join in. After a few hours of rough play, you suddenly realize that dinner time is soon. You make your way to the palace completely unaware of the way you look. When you walk through the entrance, you tell the attendant who you are and why you are there. "I have been invited to have dinner with the king!" You are being looked up and down by the silent attendant. "Like that?" he asks. You look down. "Oh, no..." you think. You are filthy. You are covered in mud and muck. You don't smell particularly good, either. You become quite aware suddenly that you are in no way able to approach the king like this. So you dart out and go back to your hotel to shower and clean yourself up. You put on beautiful clothes, too. Now you are ready! The king should not have a guest who is not properly prepared!

Purgatory is like this. Any attachment to venial sin is like being filthy -- unfit. God is so perfect and so glorious that only a perfectly cleansed soul is able to be in his presence. Any unpaid punishment for sin also leaves us unfit. Catholic teaching states "Purgatory is the temporal purification of souls who die in God's grace but are not yet perfectly purified." The soul is in a state of profound purification by God's love. Disordered attachments include pride, resentment, selfishness, habitual sin or imperfect love of neighbor and they must be cleaned away. This purification involves real suffering because confronting the sins committed in one's life is painful. It is painful even in this life. There is, however, no despair because salvation is assured. So how can we help?

1) Offer a Mass for a loved one who has passed 2) Pray for them directly, "Eternal rest grant to them, Oh Lord, and let perpetual life shine upon them. May they rest in peace." 3) Deny yourself of something and offer it up for them. November is the month dedicated to them. They need our prayers to hasten their deliverance to heaven. Please don't forget them. We are ALL family. And they are really suffering. Jesus wants us to help them. And if you are deemed worthy of salvation, you will more than likely be there too. What if nobody prays for you?



OLOJ Knights of Columbus
www.kofc11116.org
Attend "That Man Is You" on Fridays. Breakfast at 6 a.m. Video at 6:30 a.m.

- Council Officer Meeting: Tuesday, November 10
- Assembly & Council Meetings: Thursday, Nov. 12
- KOC Blood Drive: Sunday, November 15
- Fr. Jess' 29th Anniversary: Saturday, November 21
- Christ the King Processional: Sunday, November 22
- Breakfast with St. Nick: December 6 at 10 am

Catholic men ages 18 and older are invited to join the Knights. Contact Mike Maniglia at 408-314-7600 or email m2.busdev@yahoo.com

WHY BECOME A KNIGHT?

PUT YOUR FAITH IN ACTION!

JOIN COUNCIL 11116 ONLINE TODAY!

Readings of the Week

Week of November 8, 2026

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



La Pieta International Prayer Group of North Valley Phoenix invites you to join them in prayer.
We meet on Mondays from 5 pm to 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Contact: Arnold Stanger, Coordinator
630-951-7400

OUR LADY OF JOY PARISH COUNCIL

Chris Bos, President
Sharon Madura, Mary Ellen Candra, Veronica Fuller, Christine Griffin, Lee Waymire, Dan Sullivan

For the week of November 8 - 14, 2026

The Sanctuary Candle has been sponsored in memory of **Bruce Mallory** at the request of Lynne & Kelly Mallory

The Adoration Candle has been sponsored in memory of **Tony Balbo** at the request of Connie Balbo



May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Want to Join the Catholic Church or Receive a Sacrament?

If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic or receive the sacraments including baptism, communion, and confirmation,
OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) can help!
Please contact Deacon Dan at deacondanaz@gmail.com.

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Memorial Garden for Unborn Children

Our Sanctity of Life Ministry presents a sacred space of peace and remembrance to honor the lives of unborn children lost through abortion or miscarriage. The Memorial Garden for Unborn Children, located just east of the church, offers a place for prayer, reflection, and healing. Families and individuals are invited to order a Remembrance Plaque to be placed within the garden as a lasting tribute. Each plaque serves as a symbol of love, hope, and faith in God's mercy.

The cost for a plaque is $100. Order forms are available in the Parish Office. If this presents a financial hardship, please let us know.

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."
-Jeremiah 1:5

THAT MAN IS YOU

All men are invited to join "That Man Is You", a fellowship devoted to becoming men after God's own Heart. TMIY explores the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to our roles as fathers and husbands. This semester's theme is "Revelation of the Father." Please join us on Fridays for a hot breakfast at 6 a.m. followed by a video and discussion from 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.
No registration required. For more information contact Frank Schubert at fschubert1@outlook.com

Monthly Healing Mass
Third Friday of every month at 8 a.m.

Join one of our priests for a Healing Mass and the Rosary followed by prayer for any physical, emotional, mental or spiritual ailment or burden.

Our Healing Ministry team will be available after the Rosary to assist in prayer.





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For detailed descriptions of our ministries, please visit www.oloj.org or pick up a Ministry & Resources booklet from the narthex.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 13-14: Our Lady's Guild Christmas Bazaar See page 5
- November 21: Fr. Jess' 28th Anniversary Dinner in Parish Hall after 5 p.m. Mass See page 3
- November 21-22: St. Vincent de Paul Fall Food Drive Donations accepted before/after all Masses See details below
- November 22: Christ the King Eucharistic Procession at Sundial Circle in downtown Carefree See page 3
- November 26: Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 a.m. Confessions will be heard 30 minutes before Mass
- November 29-December 24: *Oh Come, Let Us Adore Him*: A Call to Perpetual Adoration This Advent Season
- December 1: Parish Advent Mission with guest Julie Carrick 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the church See page 5

A Personal Encounter with Jesus An Opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration

This Adoration experience takes place on the second Sunday of each month in the church from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.. Our next monthly Adoration will be on Sunday, December 13th. *"A Holy Hour of Adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament opens up the floodgates of God's merciful love upon the world."* St. Teresa of Calcutta



The Our Lady of Joy Sanctity of Life ministry is welcoming new members! We invite you to join us as we support, participate in events, and actively work on projects that promote the dignity and respect of all human life.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month from September through June, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We grow stronger when people like you share their time, talents, and passion for protecting the sanctity of life.

Contact: Kathy Heisler 602-418-7858
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ARIZONA ABORTION ALTERNATIVES

The Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Joy support women who are dealing with the uncertainty of an unplanned pregnancy. They provide support and assistance by directing women who are seeking advice to www.arizonaabortionalternatives.com.
This site offers information about Catholic adoption services, local pregnancy centers and resources for those seeking healing after an abortion.

For 24/7 assistance from our Diocese, please call 888-818-4445.

Apparition of Immaculate Mary

There are numerous apparition claims concerning the Blessed Virgin. However, there are only 16 apparitions validated by the Vatican.

The first of three approved apparitions for November is
Rue du Bac/Miraculous Medal
November 27 (1830, France)

Vignette: Mary appears to St. Catherine Laboure, revealing the Miraculous Medal and promising graces to those who wear it with trust.
Inquiry: By Archbishop de Quelen; Approved 1836
Symbol: Miraculous Medal
Prayer: *O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.*



Our Lady's Guild

We welcome all ladies of the parish to join our ministry of faith and friendship

All ladies of the parish and visitors are invited to join us for a special meeting on November 17th at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall, after the 8 a.m. Mass.
"Living for Longevity" with Dr. Tyler Southwell
Dr. Southwell is an expert on longevity medecine. He will address diet, supplements, peptides, exercise, and aesthetics.
This event offers fellowship, brunch, helpful and healthy lifestyle information, and a lot of fun!
Guild registration forms are available in the parish office, on the parish website, and at our meetings.
olojladysguild@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FALL FOOD DRIVE

Benefiting Foothills Food Bank

Bag Handout: Nov. 14 & 15

Bag Collection: November 21 & 22

Food. Rent. Gas. For many neighbors there simply isn't enough money for all three. You can help by participating in this year's Holiday Food Drive. Drop off your donations before or after all Masses on November 21 & 22. We will accept both food and monetary donations.

Needed non-perishable items include: canned fruit, beans and veggies; past and boxed dinners; peanut butter; pasta sauce; canned soup, chili, and chicken; low or no sugar cereal; coffee, condiments,and honey. Also, paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, body soap, and toothpaste.

Questions: Call St. Vincent de Paul (480) 346-3041.

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually.

Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

New members are welcome! To learn more about how our OLOJ conference serves the poor, please contact Mark Koman at mark.koman.to@gmail.com



Dr. Brant Pitre
Scripture Study

This popular scripture study class meets on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Rooms 2 and 3 of the Parish Hall.
The class is moderated by Fr. Jess.

All are welcome! No registration required.

Legion of Mary Meetings

Our Lady of Victory Meeting: Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Room 4
Our Lady of Mercy Meeting: Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Room 4

Legionaries are under the guidance of a spiritual director named by the pastor. The Legion is, in essence, an extension of the heart and hands of the pastor.

Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and service. Works may include:

- Parishioner visitation
- Visitation of the sick or aged
- Religious education
- Fatima Pilgrim Virgin Statue rotations
- Sacred Heart Enthronement
- Door to Door Evangelization
- Distribution of Catholic Literature and Rosaries
- First Saturday Devotion

Contact Terri Brubaker for more info:
terri@chooseablessing.org or 775-253-5552



MILITARY VETERANS MINISTRY

The Our Lady of Joy Military Veterans Ministry exists to pray for, honor, connect and serve the veterans in the community. If you would like to find out more about the ministry or would like to be informed via email of the various activities of the ministry, please contact Mike Wold at milvetministry@gmail.com

If you or a veteran friend or veteran family member need information about available resources or need other assistance, please contact Mike Wold.

OLOJ Library Book Review

Title: *Casting Nets with the Saints*
Author: Chris Stewart
Location: Multi-Saints on bookshelf or on the book cart
Contents: Uses the lives and examples of 56 saints to illustrate the seven characteristics of effective evangelization--joy, humility, mercy, peace, faith, hope, and charity, and to encourage Catholics to share these in everyday life.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 8th
7:00 am† Angela Kitowski
9:00 am† Bruce Mallory
11:00 am Parishioners
4:00 pm† Jerry Hochevar
Monday, November 9th
8:00 am Pallini Family - Living and Deceased
Tuesday, November 10th
8:00 am† John Petters
Wednesday, November 11th
8:00 am† Jacqueline Henry
Thursday, November 12th
8:00 am† Veronica Hiep Nguyen
Friday, November 13th
8:00 am† Rick Takeshita
Saturday, November 14th
8:00 am† Fr. Bill Taft
5:00 pm† Jerry Hochevar
Sunday, November 15th
7:00 am† Marlene Brull
9:00 am† Lois
11:00 am† Ronald Wayne Cronkhite
4:00 pm Parishioners

Prayer Intentions and Requests

A family member may request prayers for those who are ill or who are deceased. Contact Lauren at 480-346-3043 or at lharo@oloj.org to add a name .If the person is deceased, we will need to know if you would like their name to be included in our annual Mass of Remembrance.

For those who are ill:

Chul Kim
Tamara Van Sickle
Rocel Borinaga
Betty Zeestratten
Marlene Weber
Nanci Ernestine
Ed Monoscalco
Mike McCann
Marybeth Barnes

For those born to eternal life,especially:

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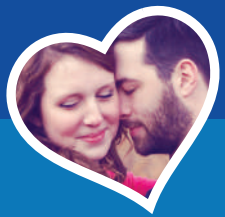
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