October 6, 2024



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Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female."- Mk 9:38-39 Schedule of Masses 4:00 pm (Saturday Vigil) Sunday Masses 7:00 am, 8:45 am 10:30 am (Live Streamed) 12:30 pm (Spanish/Español) 5:00 pm Weekdays & Saturday 8:30 am & Wednesday 5:30 pm First Friday Mass with Anointing 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

Confessions

Tuesday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm Wednesday 9:00 am - 9:30 am Saturday 9:00 am - 9:30 am First Friday 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm First Saturday 7:00 am - 7:30 am (or by appointment)

Holy Hour with Benediction

Tuesday 9:00 am or Friday 3:00 pm **Morning Prayer** Monday - Friday 7:30 am **Rosary** Monday - Saturday 7:50 am **Sacraments** Anointing of the Sick 928-855-2685



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Conjugal love, lived in fidelity to God's original plan, is to be one of the principal manifestations of the kingdom proclaimed by Jesus. Through baptism into Christ, we join with him in having one and the same Father.

Pastor's Corner

The Significance of the Liturgical Calendar and Feasts Part 2

Beloved Parishioners,

This week we round off our reflection on the significance of the Liturgical Calendar and Feasts that we started last week. It is my hope that with this we would appreciate deeply the various liturgical feasts we have in the church. The write up is meant to help us understand what we do in the church and the various feasts we celebrate in our liturgies.

The season known as the Ordinary Time falls outside the major liturgical seasons and is divided into two segments: between Epiphany and Lent, and between Pentecost and Advent. It is a time for spiritual growth and reflection on the teachings of Jesus. The color used during Ordinary Time is green, symbolizing life and growth. Another significant feature of the Liturgical Calendar is the presence of Liturgical feasts, memorials of saints and solemnities. Feasts such as Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost commemorate significant events in Jesus's life and the early Church. Solemnities like the Assumption of Mary or the Feast of All Saints honor important figures and doctrines of the faith, reinforcing their importance in the life of the Church.

The practices associated with the Liturgical Calendar, including liturgical colors, hymns, prayers, and rituals, reinforce the themes and significance of each season and feast. The use of specific colors during different seasons helps to visually express the themes and moods of the calendar. For example, purple during Advent and Lent reflects penitence and preparation, while white during Christmas and Easter symbolizes joy and celebration; music and hymns are tailored to reflect the themes of each season. During Christmas, joyful and celebratory hymns highlight the birth of Christ, while Lent features more somber and reflective music. This musical dimension helps to enhance the spiritual experience and deepen the understanding of each season; rituals such as the lighting of Advent candles, the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, and the decoration of the church for Christmas contribute to the atmosphere and focus of each season; special services, such as Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve or the Easter Vigil, provide opportunities for communal worship and reflection. These occasions often involve elaborate liturgical ceremonies and a heightened sense of celebration.

From the foregoing, we have learned that the Liturgical Calendar and its feasts are more than a mere schedule of events; they are a vital framework for living out the Christian faith. Each season and feast invite Catholics to enter into the mysteries of faith, celebrate the core tenets of Christianity, and live out their calling as followers of Jesus. Through its careful organization and rich traditions, the Liturgical Calendar remains a powerful tool for nurturing a deep and dynamic relationship with God.

I wish to conclude this section with the virtue of the month. Our virtue for this month is meekness. In the Gospel of Mathew 5:5 Jesus says, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." Meekness is essentially an attitude or quality of heart whereby a person is willing to accept and submit without resistance to the will and desire of someone else. Meekness is thus an essential part of the kingdom. We are meek persons when we are modest, patient, understanding and humble. Meekness is a virtue that assists us in self-possession in the face of adversity, it enables a person to do good in response to evil.

Theme: Marriage is a Gift from God

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, October 6, 2024 First Reading: First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24, Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11, Gospel Mark: 10:2-16

Marriage forms the theme of today's liturgy as both the first reading from the book of Genesis and Mark's Gospel has something to say on the sacrament of marriage. Jesus in His response to the question "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife" put to Him by the Pharisees, refers them to the original intention of marriage at creation: a man leaves his father and mother and joins his wife and they form a union making them one body and not two and what God has joined together no person has power to separate.

It could be that the Pharisees wanted to test Him to see if He would contradict the teaching of Mosaic Law which He did, or maybe to get His view so that they can put Him in enmity with the ruling class who have been involved in all manner of marriage issues. It may also be that they sincerely wanted to get His view on marriage. Whatever may be their reason the truth remains that the question of divorce was a burning issue during the time of Jesus. One of the main reasons divorce was a burning topic during the time of Jesus was the interpretations given by Rabbi on what constitute grounds for which a man can divorce the wife. Some schools of thought claim that a man could divorce the wife if the woman is objectionable to him while other claim it is only on the ground of infidelity. A woman may be divorced with or without her will but a man only with his will. A woman can only divorce a man if the man was a leper. The different opinions by scholars accounted for the much debate on marriage and divorce during the time of Jesus. However, Jesus comes with a new teaching that makes marriage a relationship of equality ordained by God from creation.

Jesus in a very gentle way directed the attention of His listeners away from the topic of divorce to the concept of marriage as something from the beginning of God's creation meant to be indissoluble. He exalts the status of women among the male dominated Pharisees of His time who do not consider women as equal to men but see women as an instrument to be used. Since God has created them male and female then, the question of a man divorcing the wife for any reason should not arise. Jesus was building a wall of defense around the institution of marriage as something sacred and not something one goes into it for selfish reasons. He wants His listeners to know that those who sought marriage only for pleasure must be reminded that marriage involves also some form of responsibilities. Again, those who regarded marriage simply as a means of satisfying the physical passion must know that there is also the level of spiritual unity involve in marriage.

As it was in the time of Jesus where divorce and marriage are burning issues, so also today it is in our society. Marriage is faced with similar situations not only with increasing rate of divorce but even more with a new definition of marriage. The book of Genesis says in the beginning God created them male and female and that is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins to his wife and they become one flesh. This concept of marriage as a union between a man and woman is under threat by some ideologies who define marriage on the contrary. Nevertheless, Jesus in today's gospel defends the sacredness of marriage as something that has been ordained by God at the moment of creation to be a union of male and female in an equal capacity. We are called to safeguard this institution through prayers, commitment to value of marriage and above all as a union of male and female. The Catholic Church teaches equally that marriage is a vocation which one enters with the hope to continue God's reign on earth and is indissoluble where children are welcome as a blessing from God.

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Mass Intentions & Readings

Sunday	October 6	Gen 2:18-24 Heb 2:9-11	Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12	8:45 am 10:30 am 12:30 pm	Penny Seyler Jacques Edouard Ledee [‡] Virgil & Connie Blanchette [‡] Parishioners Holy Souls in Purgatory [‡]	(Yvonne Hanzen) (Serge Laplace) (The Blanchette Family) (Fred & Joanne Pylant)
Monday	October 7	Gal 1:6-12	Lk 10:25-37		Edgardo Formautes	(Melani Sarino)
Tuesday	October 8	Gal 1:13-24	Lk 10:38-42	8:30 am	Joanne Huggins や	(Karen Whinnery)
Wednesday	October 9	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14	Lk 11:1-4		Art Ontiveros ជ Daniel Martinez ជ	(Linda Ontiveros) (Family)
Thursday	October 10	Gal 3:1-5	Lk 11:5-13	8:30 am	Evelyn Derengowski �	(Family)
Friday	October 11	Gal 3:7-14	Lk 11:15-26	8:30 am	Edward Buck �	(Wife, Pat)
Saturday	October 12	Gal 3:22-29 Wis 7:7-11 Heb 4:12-13	Lk 11:27-28 Mk 10:17-30 or Mk 10:17-27		Poor Souls in Purgatory Wanda Langley ^①	(Pelayo Family) (Charlotte Crochet)
Sunday	October 13	Wis 7:7-11 Heb 4:12-13	Mk 10:17-30 or Mk 10:17-27	8:45 am 10:30 am	Margaret & Mike Gladis & John Pineau & Ron Nordella & Parishioners	(Evie Cistaro) (Renee Brindis) (Miriam Nordella)

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers In memory of Virgil & Connie Blanchette From The Blanchette Family



5:00 pm Herbert Wildfeuer 🕆

ALTAR CANDLES In memory of Virgil & Connie Blanchette From, The Blanchette Family

(Chris Wildfeuer)



DECEASED OF OUR PARISH FAMILY DCN. PATRICK TOILOLO GAEL USTOA

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for October

We pray that the Church continues to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.



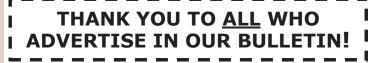
Trunk-or-Treat

It's that time of year again! We are searching for trunks for Trunk-or-Treat. You must have updated your Safe Environment Training to volunteer. If you want to participate, please call the Parish Office and

speak with Vicki at 928-855-2685. We need candy donations as well! Please place all donations in the ignated boxes in the Narthex. Thank you!



School Closed for Fall Break No School October 7 to October 11, 2024.





Mary's Kitchen

The Hispanic community will be selling food after the Spanish Mass in St. Joseph Hall. Beef quesabirrias with Rice and beans will be served. *All proceeds are to benefit the church*.

<u>Cocina de Maria</u>

La comunidad hispana estará vendiendo comida saliendo de la misa de español en el salón de San José. Van a server Quesabirrias son de carne de res, con su consomé, arroz y frijoles. Pizza y aguas frescas para los ninos. *Todo lo recaudado será para beneficio para La Iglesia.*



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Beloved in Christ,

Condolence Message

I received with profound shock, the sad news of the demise of our beloved brother and friend, Deacon Patrick Toilolo after battling with cancer. I know how lovely and dear Deacon Patrick was to his Family and the Parish Community in Our Lady of the Lake and how his departure must have devastated everyone.

This is why I write to mourn and condole with you Kalala and your lovely children, Fr. Anthony Okolo and the Catholic Faithful of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in this difficult moment of grief. With all the beautiful testimonies we have of him, especially that of a true holy man of God who through liturgical music and eloquent homilies instilled in us a deeper understanding of the faith and a stronger connection to God, I strongly believe with St. Paul that what awaits him now is the crown of righteousness, which the righteous judge will award him on the last day (cf. 2Tim. 4:7-8).

Kindly accept therefore the expression of my deepest heartfelt sympathy and the prayer for God to grant you the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss. May the soul of Deacon Patrick and all the souls of our departed brothers and sisters continue to rest in peace, Amen!

Yours Sincerely,

Most Rev. Julius Yakubu KUNDI

Catholic Bishop of Kafanchan





Youth Ministry Session Calendar

High School Nights

Sunday Nights - 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm October (6th fall break session), 13, 20, 27

Junior High Nights

Wednesday Nights - 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm October (9th fall break session), 16, 23, 30

For more information or questions please contact Elliott Seidel at eseidel@ourladylhc.org or 928-302-4412. *Please note that teens must be registered to attend.*



Fall Fun Fair

Every year our Youth Ministry participates in Lake Havasu's Fall Fun Fair

Community Event. This event provides organizations, clubs, and various groups the opportunity to run a booth and host a game to raise funds.

Fall Fun Fair will be on October 26, 2024 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Rotary Park Ball Fields.

Youth Ministry is in need of candy donations (please no chocolate) to provide as prizes for their booth. If you are interested in donating candy to our cause please contact Elliott at 928-302-4412. All candy left over from the event will be donated to our Trunk-or-Treat night. Thank you!



Catholic Daughters Public Rosary Crusade

Please join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in praying a public rosary for our nation at **12:00 pm Saturday, October 12, 2024.**

Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance, and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at **Rotary Park, Ramada A.** Please arrive at 11:30 am and bring your own chair. For questions, contact: Sandi Garcia 951-675-5086

Our Lady of the Lake Parish Staff & Ministry Directory

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 Phone Number:
 928-855-2685

 Monday:
 8:00am - 5:00pm

 Tuesday:
 10:30am - 5:00pm

 Wednesday:
 8:00am - 5:00pm

 Thursday:
 8:00am - 5:00pm

 Friday:
 8:00am - 12:00pm



Administration & HR

Parish Office Hours

Patti Miller - Assistant to Pastor Vicki Goodwin - Office Coordinator Liz Amaro - Accounting and HR Daniel Plane - Social Media/Communications

Liturgy and Music

Terri McGrath - 8:45 Mass Choir Director Martha Campos - Administrative Assistant

Evangelization and Outreach Elliott Seidel - Youth Coordinator Laura Hernandez - Elementary Coordinator

<u>Sick, Homebound, Funeral & Hospital Ministry</u> Martha Campos

<u>Maintenance</u> Brad Reese - Supervisor Yurgen Serrano & Juan Villa - Assistants

<u>Gift Shop</u> Lorri McBrayer

928-855-2685

Soup Kitchen

Columbian Hall 186 London Bridge Rd.	
Linda Nitschke, Supervisor	928-855-2685
Tuesday & Thursday	4:00 pm
Saturday	8:30 am
<u>Catholic Daughters</u> Sandi Garcia, Regent	951-675-5086
<u>Knights of Columbus</u> Gabriel Ramirez, Grand Knight	928-412-1981
<u>Pastoral Council</u> Dante Marinelli, Chair Person	928-855-2685
<u>Finance Council</u> Dan Mathews, Chair Person	928-855-2685
St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank	928-680-2874
<u>Oremus Rosary Makers</u> Annette Troffer	661-972-1070
<u>Funeral Reception Ministry</u> Diane Cichinsky	928-453-5941
<u>School Advisory Board</u> Paula Levensailor	928-855-0154
<u>Christ in the Neighborhood</u> Tina Gannon	706-531-8245



Our Lady of the Lake Gift Shop *New Hours*

Friday - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Saturday - 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm Sunday - 7:30 am to 12:30 pm

Director of Liturgy and Music - Fulltime Position 40 hours/week with benefits

The Director of Liturgy and Music is responsible for developing, planning, coordinating, and directing all liturgical celebrations and music ministries. The role involves collaborating with clergy, staff, and volunteers to ensure that worship services are conducted with reverence and are musically enriched in line with the liturgical traditions of the Church. The director will also work to foster active participation in the liturgy through music and prayer, nurturing both musicians and the congregation.

Liturgical Planning duties include planning, organizing, and executing all liturgical celebrations, including but not limited to weekend Masses, feast days, Holy Week, Advent, Christmas, Easter, and other special liturgies. Will collaborate with the clergy and liturgical teams to ensure cohesive and spiritually enriching liturgies. Coordinate schedules for lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, and other liturgical ministries.

Music Ministry includes selecting appropriate music for all liturgical services, ensuring alignment with liturgical seasons, readings, and themes. Will recruit, train, and direct choir members, cantors, and musicians for various Masses and special occasions. Includes preparing music ministers for rehearsals and performances, ensuring quality and liturgical appropriateness. Will lead the congregation in musical worship, encouraging active participation

Qualifications consist of a Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Liturgy, Music, Theology, or related field, proficiency in playing a musical instrument (e.g., organ, piano, or guitar) and leading vocal ensembles, strong understanding of Catholic liturgy and sacred music, experience in planning and leading liturgical celebrations, strong leadership and communication skills, with the ability to work collaboratively with clergy, staff, and volunteers, ability to manage multiple projects and meet deadlines, and commitment to fostering spiritual growth through liturgy and music.

All applicants must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. Resumes are to be submitted to Patti Miller in the Parish Office or can be emailed to pmiller@ourladylhc.org.

For additional information or questions, please call Patti at 928-855-2685. Applications for all positions must be submitted no later than **October 18, 2024.**

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School Staff Directory

<u>Principal</u> - Ms. Fatima Mu <u>Admin. Assistant</u> - Mrs. Barbara Palmieri Phone Number: 928-855-0154

School Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

School Faculty

Pre-K 3/4 - Mrs. Annette TrofferKindergarten - Mrs. Tina Whitehouse1st Grade - Mrs. Maria Warner2nd Grade - Mrs. Barbara Larrivee2nd Grade Student Teacher - Ms. CassandraBetancourt3rd Grade - Mrs. Katelyn Stanley4th Grade - Mrs. Julie Standal5th Grade - Mrs. Brittney Delgado6th Grade - Mrs. Julia Rose Wojtkun7th/8th Grade - Mrs. Jane JorgensenMusic - Mrs. Kathryn Gricar & Mrs. Julie BeckerPE - Mrs. Margaret Bradley

<u>Maintenance:</u> Phil Pikosz <u>Substitute Teachers</u>: Tina Gannon, Sandra Talmadge, and Mary Tebo

<u>School Support Staff:</u> Lesli Allsup, Luz Martinez, Alexia Monroy, and Jesusa Piojo

Virtue of the Month

Since 2017, Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School has been teaching the Virtues Program developed by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the

Eucharist in Ann Arbor. Our goal is to unite all aspects of our Parish by continuing to incorporate this program. Each month we will share in learning about a Virtue, applying it to our lives, and finding inspiration from the Saints and Scripture supporting the Virtue. The Virtue for October is **Meekness**.



My Adorable Jesus, May our feet journey together. May our hands gather in unity. May our hearts beat in unison. May our souls be in harmony. May our thoughts be as one. May our thoughts be as one. May our ears listen to the silence together. May our glances profoundly penetrate each other. May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father. Amen

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary

Volunteers will be registering Families for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosaries on the weekends of October 5 & 6, 12 & 13, and 19 & 20 before & after all Masses in the Narthex. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 928-855-2685 and leave a message for Juan Villa.



Habrá voluntarios registrando a familias para los rosarios para la Virgen de Guadalupe los fines de semana de Octubre 5 y 6, Octubre 12 y 13, Octubre 19 y 20 antes y después de todas las misas. Para mas información favor de comunicarse a la oficina de la Parroquia al # 928-855-2685 y dejar su mensaje para Juan Villa.

Piano Accompanist - Part time Position Thursday Evening/Sunday Morning - No Benefits

Our Parish seeks to employ a piano/keyboard accompanist for the Choir at the 8:45 am Mass. A part-time position, the candidate should be competent at reading piano music, willing to follow instructions from the Choir Director, supporting both skilled and lesser-skilled singers, as well as attending all Choir Rehearsal practices (currently scheduled for Thursday evenings) and 8:45 am Sunday Masses (arriving at 8:15 am). Compensation will be measured upon the applicant's skill level. Interested applicants may contact Choir Director, Terri McGrath at tmcgrath@ourladylhc.org



Oremus Rosary Makers Bake Sale!

Come one and Come all: The Oremus Rosary Makers will be having a bake sale **October 12 & 13, 2024** before and after each mass.

This is your chance to get some homemade goodies and help us continue our mission locally and throughout the world. If you would like more info or would like to donate, please contact Annette Troffer at 661-972-1070.

October is Baby Shower Month!

Sponsored by Our Lady of the Lake Youth Ministry.

Pregnancy Care Center is a non-profit Christian based ministry that offers emotional, physical and spiritual support to young mothers and families in need.

This year the pregnancy care center is in need of: Baby Food & Formula, Baby wipes, diapers (Newborn to 5), clothing (Size: Newborn to 2T), baby blankets, strollers, playpens, high chairs, bottles, and baby toiletries.

Items can be new or gently used. Please place your items in the playpens in the Narthex. If you have any questions please contact Elliott in the Parish Office at 928-855-2685.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

(For those who are not able to receive Communion at this time)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separate from you. Amen

Prayer to Saint Michael, the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Oración a San Miguel Arcángel

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la lucha; sé nuestro amparo contra la maldad y asechanzas del demonio. Pedimos suplicantes que Dios lo mantenga bajo su imperio; y tu, Príncipe de la milicia celestial, arroja al infierno, con el poder divino, a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malvados que andan por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. Amén.



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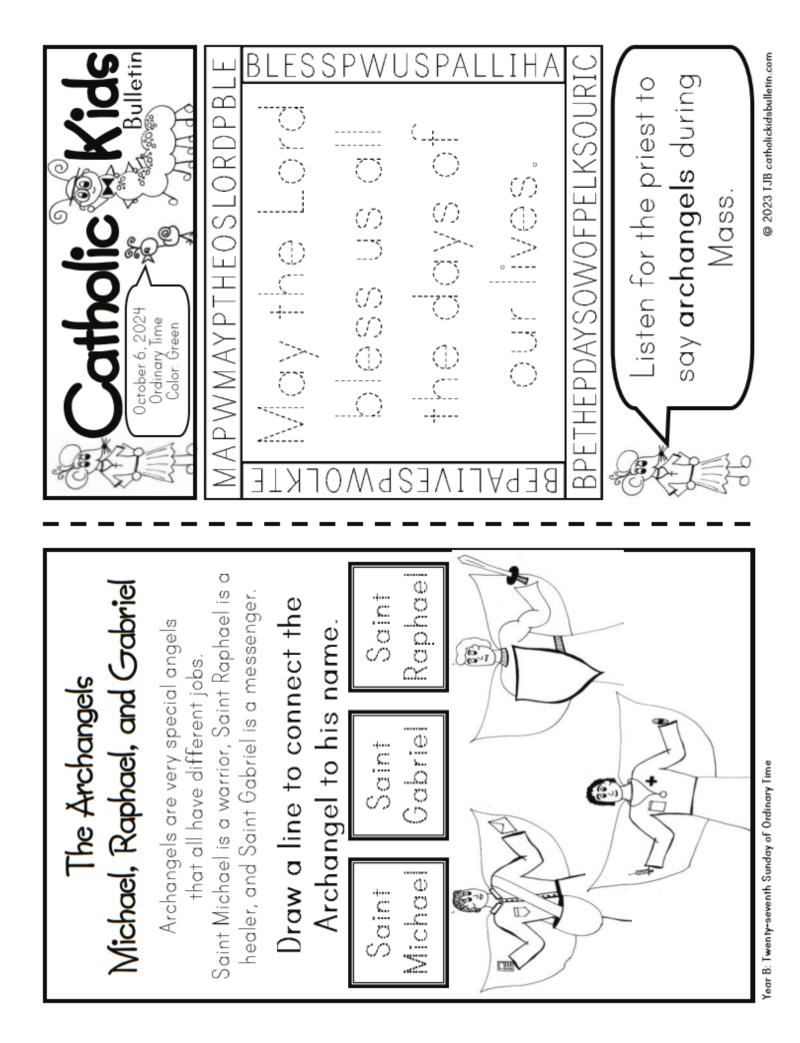


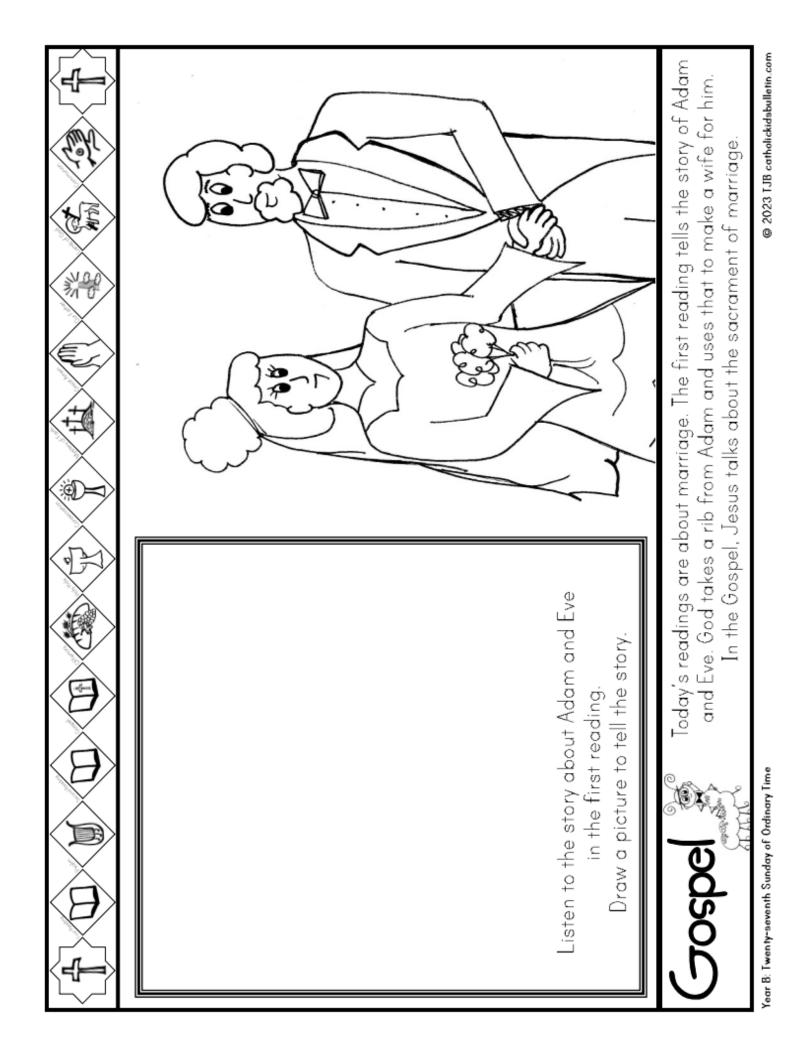


Rosary Sunday has been a tradition for over forty years in the Diocese of Phoenix and has become one of the largest annual public rosary celebrations in the United States.

Our Parish will join Bishop Dolan and the Diocese of Phoenix by praying the living rosary. We will be starting the rosary at 10:20 am followed by Mass on Sunday, **October 27, 2024**. All are invited to come and pray for peace, justice, and harmony throughout the world. To participate in the Living Rosary please call Martha at the Parish Office 928-855-2685 by Friday, October 18, 2024.

Rosary Sunday is October 27, 2024







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