

June 21, 2026



Our Lady of the Lake

Roman Catholic Parish

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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many
sparrows." - Mt 10:31

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

8:30 am,

Wednesday

8:30am, 5:30pm

First Friday Mass with Anointing

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

Saturday— 8:30 am

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



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2026

Reconciled to God through the blood of Christ, we are a chosen people, "a holy nation", the sheep of God's flock. We are called, as were the Twelve, to go forth and bear witness to the reign of God.

Pastor's Corner

GOD LOVES US

Beloved Parishioners,

The greatest truth ever revealed to humanity is not just a doctrine, a law, or a philosophy. It is the simple truth that God is love and that God loves us. From the Book of Genesis to the Book of Revelation, the Bible tells the tale of a God whose very nature is love. The Apostle John captures this truth in its most concrete form: "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8).

God's love is first revealed in creation itself. We were created because God desired to share His goodness and His life. Thus, we were fashioned for communion with Him. This insight was beautifully expressed by St. Augustine in his Confessions when he prayed: "You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." Augustine's words reveal a fundamental truth about the human condition. The human heart bears within itself a yearning for God. Only in Him can our deepest desires find rest.

The immensity of God's love for us becomes even more evident after humanity's fall into sin. Although sin wounded the relationship between God and humanity, divine love did not abandon mankind. Instead, God initiated a plan of redemption. This divine love reached its highest manifestation in Jesus Christ. The Gospel proclaims: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). Here we discover the true measure of God's love: it is self-giving, sacrificial, and unconditional. As St. Paul writes, "God proves His love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8).

It is this mystery that Pope Francis sought to highlight in his encyclical *Dilexit Nos* ("He Loved Us"). The Holy Father reminds the Church that the Sacred Heart of Jesus is not simply an object of devotion but the living revelation of God's infinite love. According to Pope Francis, the contemporary world suffers from fragmentation, loneliness, superficiality, and a loss of authentic relationships. In such a world, the Heart of Christ stands as the answer

to humanity's deepest needs. In contemplating the Heart of Christ, we discover that we are infinitely loved and valued.

Again, God's love is not meant merely to be admired; it is meant to be received and reciprocated. The more we experience God's love, the more we are transformed into instruments of that love. This is why the love of God can never be separated from the love of neighbor. The same Lord who commands us to love God also commands us to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:39). In fact, the trueness of our love for God is measured by our love for others. As St. John boldly teaches, "Whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 Jn 4:20).

God's love therefore calls us beyond ourselves. It summons us to move from selfishness to service, from indifference to compassion, from pride to humility. The one who has truly encountered the love of Christ cannot remain indifferent to the needs of others. The Heart of Christ must become the model for our own hearts.

In a world wounded by hatred, division, injustice, and indifference, we are called to become living witnesses and ambassadors of God's love. We are invited to encounter Christ in the poor, the sick, the lonely, the marginalized, and the forgotten, in such a way that our acts of kindness, gestures of forgiveness, and works of mercy become a response to the love we have first received from God.

May we therefore open our hearts to the immense love of God revealed in Christ. May we allow that love to heal our wounds, transform our lives, and inspire our actions. And having received such a great gift, may we become channels of that same love to every person we meet. For indeed, God loves us—and our greatest vocation is to love Him in return by loving one another.

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Theme: Our God is a Mighty Champion

12th Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year A, June 21, 2026

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13, Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15, Gospel: Matthew 10:23-36

“But the Lord is with me like a mighty champion.” Jeremiah’s testimony of the Lord as a mighty champion even amid his challenging situation at this very moment is an invitation to look beyond our present challenge and know that we have one who is bigger than all our troubles. Jeremiah faces persecution from his kinsmen because he shares God’s message with them. He calls his audience to a true life of repentance from their wicked ways but instead of listening to his voice they decide that he should die.

Jeremiah’s message was not accepted by the people for no other reason but because they want to remain in their evil ways hence, he was confronted by threat, ingratitude, and persecution but he was never shaken because God who is his mighty champion is by his side. In the same way we are encouraged to always remain firm in our good deeds irrespective of the threat by evil and wicked people. Our God, the mighty champion, is always by our side.

Jesus in the gospel did not mince words when he says, “Fear no one.” “And do not be afraid of those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul, rather be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.” Jesus’ command not to fear anyone is a confirmation of Jeremiah’s statement in the first reading that we have a mighty champion by our side. Thus, Jesus wants us to be people of faith who know that the machination of the wicked people can never touch our souls and their threat can never remove the love God has for us his children because we know in whom we trust. Our everyday prayer should be Jesus I trust in you and with that we leave the rest to God. It doesn’t mean it will stop the wicked individual from their actions, but we are not afraid of them because our God is near us as a Mighty Champion to guide us.

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Pastor’s Assistant Job Opening **This position will be available July 1, 2026**



The Pastor’s Assistant provides administrative, organizational, and ministry support to the pastor and church leadership. This role helps ensure the smooth operation of church activities, communications, scheduling, and member services while maintaining confidentiality and professionalism. The successful candidate will demonstrate excellent oral/written communication and interpersonal skills. Must be able to work independently, with minimal supervision and frequent interruptions. Requires excellent organizational skills, the ability to multi-task and the ability to work well with staff and volunteers in a team environment. Must be skilled in Microsoft Office computer applications (Word, Excel) and Google apps (Gmail, calendar, Docs). For a detailed job description please visit <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/4234745/Our-Lady-of-the-Lake-Roman-Catholic-Parish-Lake/Pastors-Assistant/> All applicants must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. To apply, please use the above website or QR code . For additional information or questions, please call Patti at 928-855-2685. Applications must be submitted no later than June 26, 2026.

Mass Intentions & Readings

Sunday	June 21	Jer 20:10-13 Rom 5:12-15	Mt 10:26-33	7:00 am Father's Day 8:45 am Father's Day 10:30 am Father's Day 12:30pm Father's Day 5:00pm Father's Day	
Monday	June 22	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18	Mt 7:1-5	8:30 am Father's Day	
Tuesday	June 23	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21,31-35a, 36	Mt 7:6, 12-14	8:30 am Father's Day	
Wednesday	June 24	Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26	Lk 1:57-66, 80	8:30 am Father's Day 5:30 pm Father's Day	
Thursday	June 25	2 Kgs 24:8-17	Mt 7:21-29	8:30 am Father's Day	
Friday	June 26	2 Kgs 25:1-12	Mt 8:1-4	8:30 am Father's Day	
Saturday	June 27	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a Rom 6:3-4, 8-11	Mt 8:5-17 Mt 10:37-42	8:30 am Father's Day 4:00 pm Michael & Diane Chichinsky SI	(Stowers Family)
Sunday	June 28	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a Rom 6:3-4, 8-11	Mt 10:37-42	7:00 am Parishioners 8:45 am Joe Cistaro † 10:30 am Alberto Carrera † 12:30 pm Maria Luisa Lemus † 5:00 pm Rudi & Peter †	(Evie Cistaro) (Monroy Family) (Nancy Gonzalez) (Rosa, Birgit, Robert and Family)



ALTAR Flowers
In Loving Memory
Anthony Aramini †
Love, Alexis Aramini

Volunteers Needed

Farewell Party for Fr. Tony & Fr. Thomas
Our farewell party for Fr. Tony and Fr. Thomas is coming up, and we still need volunteers! We are looking for help with decorating, setup, serving, and cleanup. This is your chance to roll up your sleeves and be part of honoring two priests who have meant so much to Our Lady of the Lake. Please call the parish office to sign up. Don't wait!



Altar CANDLES
Happy Anniversary
Gary & Rebecca Stowers
Love, Lydia, Lydia, Lydia



Pope Leo's Prayer

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER
INTENTIONS JUNE 2026

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



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Our Lady of the Lake Parish Staff & Ministry Directory

Parish Office Hours

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

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Administration & HR

Patti Miller - Assistant to Pastor
 Vicki Goodwin - Business Manager
 Liz Amaro - Accounting and HR
 Jaime Marquez - Office Receptionist
 Daniel Plane - IT/Communications
 Nate Parnham - Music Coordinator

Liturgy, Baptism & Marriage Preparation

Martha Campos - Liturgy Coordinator

Evangelization and Outreach

Elliott Seidel - Youth Coordinator
 Laura Hernandez - Elementary Coordinator

Sick, Homebound, Funeral & Hospital Ministry

Martha Campos

Maintenance

Randy Kampa
 Chris Aldridge
 Jaime Rubalcava

Building Committee

Dennis Atkin, Chair Person 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

Catholic Daughters

Robbin Moore, Regent 928-846-0363

Knights of Columbus

Gabriel Ramirez, Grand Knight 928-412-1981

Pastoral Council

Dante Marinelli, Chair Person 928-855-2685

Finance Council

Francis Delach, Chair Person 928-855-2685

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank

928-680-2874

Oremus Rosary Makers

Mary Helen Hollensbe 317-409-3659

Funeral Reception Ministry

Diane Cichinsky 928-453-5941

Christ in the Neighborhood

Marianne Nolte 760-846-2569



Mark Your Calendars Now for Future Fellowship, Faith-sharing, & Fun

Soak up the summer with faith-filled neighbors at our 2nd Biannual Christ in Our Neighborhood Potluck July 25th in Saint Joseph Hall following Saturday 4:00 Mass. Open to all parishioners! We'll add your name to the member list at the next Narthex membership drive for Christ in Our Neighborhood or at the Potluck. If your last name begins with A-I, please bring a main dish; J-Q, a salad; R-V, a side dish, & W-Z, dessert. Beverages will be provided. Contact Toni Cain at 1-760-419-5445. Here's to a happy summer!



Thinking about becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is thinking about the Catholic faith?

Are you an adult Catholic who still needs the sacraments of Holy Eucharist or Confirmation? A yes to any of the above means that we would like to invite you to the OCIA

(Order of Christian Initiation for Adults). The OCIA is the official opportunity for inquiry into the Catholic Faith. We present Catholic teaching and faith formation. You get to ask all your questions. For more information or to get started please call Martha in the office at 928-855-2685.



Poland, Prague, Medjugorje & Dubrovnik Pilgrimage

September 7–18, 2026 | 12 Days | \$5,199 Join Fr. Tony for daily Mass and visits to Kraków, Czestochowa, Lagiewniki, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Prague, Medjugorje & Dubrovnik. Includes: Airfare, 4-star hotels, breakfast & dinner, guided tours. **Info & Registration:** Parish office, narthex, or scan QR code (800) 653-0017

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I Am Fr. Bazia Boro Elario Zambakari



I was born in South Sudan during a time of great struggle and uncertainty. Growing up during the Second Sudanese Civil War was not easy, especially for many South Sudanese Christians and Catholics after the imposition of Sharia Law in Sudan in 1983. Like many families, my family was forced to flee our homeland, and we eventually lived as refugees in the Central African Republic. Those difficult experiences shaped my faith, resilience, and understanding of God's presence even in suffering.

My vocation story began in a simple but powerful way. As a child, I loved "playing Mass." I would take a sack, cut it, and wear it like a priest's chasuble. The other children often allowed me to be the priest because I could imitate the Mass very well. Looking back now, I realize I was unknowingly acting out the calling God had already planted in my heart.

Still, becoming a priest was not originally part of my plans. Growing up, I dreamed of becoming either a pilot or a doctor. But God's call has a way of gently changing the direction of our lives. While living near a Catholic seminary in the Central African Republic, I spent a lot of time with the seminarians, especially playing soccer with them. One day, when I was about fourteen years old, the rector of the seminary met me on the road and told me, "Go tell your mom you need to pack your things and come to the seminary." That moment changed my life forever.

Entering the seminary did not mean I suddenly had all the answers. I struggled with many questions about faith and God. I often asked myself, "Is God really there?" and "How do I hear God speaking?" Through daily prayer, attending Mass, reading Scripture, and meditation, I gradually came to experience God's love deeply in my heart. Over time, I learned to recognize His voice guiding my life and vocation.

After my seminary formation, I was sent to the Diocese of Phoenix in Arizona. My first parish assignment was at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Chandler. Later, I began serving as a chaplain at Xavier College Preparatory and Bourgade Catholic High School. Serving young people has become one of the greatest joys of my priesthood. I love accompanying students on their faith journey, especially those who struggle with questions about God, because I understand those struggles personally.

I became an American citizen two years ago, and a year later, I was incardinated into the diocese of Phoenix.

Arizona has become a second home to me. Over the years, I have grown accustomed to the desert heat and have come to appreciate the hospitality and diversity of the people here. At Xavier and Bourgade, I can often be found celebrating Mass, walking around campus, participating in school activities, retreats, prayer days, and simply spending time with students and staff.

I did my first Master's at Arizona State University, where in 2022 I graduated with a Master's in Communication. I graduated with my second Master's from the Catholic University of America with a Master of Science in Ecclesial Administration and Management. Bishop Dolan asked after that to do a certificate course at Villanova University in Church Management for 9 months.

Outside of ministry, I enjoy watching soccer, football, basketball, and tennis. I am also a passionate supporter of Arsenal F.C. I previously played volleyball and enjoy connecting with people through sports and community activities.

One of the blessings of my life has been the gift of languages. I speak English, French, Arabic, and several African languages. Among my favorite languages are the ones in which I can celebrate the Holy Mass: Zande, Arabic, English, and French. Being able to pray and worship with people in their own language is one of the most meaningful parts of my ministry.

Above all, my life has been a journey of discovering God's faithfulness. From a refugee child in Africa to a Catholic priest serving in Arizona, I continue to see God's hand guiding every step of my journey.

I look forward to meeting you and serving the parish of Our Lady of the Lake.

Meet Fr. Connor Companik



I was born and raised in Tempe, AZ, the oldest of 3 children. Growing up, my family and I were all very active: walking, swimming, biking, hiking, backpacking, running, and martial arts. Somewhere between the tender age of 5 or 6, an intriguing thought cropped up in my mind: “I made the connection — I could be a priest someday.”

I went to Catholic school K-12 at St. John Bosco in Ahwatukee and Seton in Chandler then studied Astrophysics at ASU before entering seminary in the fall of 2018.

My parents said they began to see signs of a budding vocation to the priesthood when I was in my last couple of years of high school. I didn’t really meet many seminarians until my years at Seton College Preparatory. When I first started seriously considering the call was on a Kairos retreat my junior year. One of my good friends, who is now Father Ian Wintering, announced that he was entering seminary. I thought someone from my peer group, someone like me, was making the move to enter seminary and that was when it became a real possibility for me.

While majoring in astrophysics, I lived in the dorms on campus at Arizona State University at first and then in my senior year resided in a St. Paul’s Outreach (SPO) household in Tempe with nine other college men. SPO is a Catholic movement focused on college campuses that builds strong Catholics and community.

A men’s Bible study was where I learned more about discovering my vocation. In contrast to just waiting for signs or waiting for something to work out, the idea of actually taking concrete steps was something I learned from this group. Over spring break, I visited St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver. The experience wasn’t what I was expecting and some months went by. Then I attended a diaconate ordination. Something in that liturgy really spoke to me.

Not long afterward, my friend Ian, by that time a seminarian, asked me point blank if I was going to apply to seminary. I basically told him yes. It came out of my mouth before I even realized what I was saying. That was the day I started my application. I spent 7 years at St. John Vianney seminary in Denver, CO before my ordination on June 7, 2025.

My favorite memory of my seminary years is a 30-day poverty immersion experience. Seminarians are sent out in pairs to different areas of the country to work in homeless shelters, hospitals, alongside the Missionaries of Charity and in other areas of service. We don’t really know where we’re going until a few days beforehand. And there’s kind of an unspoken rule that you keep the location quiet. So, I won’t share where I went, but I had a really great experience there.

There’s just something about the freedom of having to rely on God’s Providence in a new way.

Now in my spare time I enjoy reading, baking sourdough bread, biking, and running marathons. I have never been to Lake Havasu City before, but as a very new priest I am excited for new opportunities & adventure and am looking forward to joining your parish in July!



Please join us as we celebrate and honor our beloved pastors, Father Tony and Fr. Thomas, as they prepare for their next assignments. Let us come together as a parish family to thank Father Tony and Fr. Thomas for their faithful service, spiritual guidance, and dedication to our community, and to wish them well on their next journey.

This will be a parish potluck celebration. The parish will provide the main dish and drinks. We kindly **ask that all food items be brought in disposable containers** to help simplify setup and cleanup.

Open to all parishioners!

Going Away Celebration

Date: Saturday, June 27

Time: Following the 4:00 PM Mass

Location: Columbian Hall

Potluck Dish Assignments

If your last name begins with:

A–F: Salad

G–T: Side Dish

U–Z: Dessert



We hope you will join us for an evening of fellowship, gratitude, and celebration as we send Father Tony and Fr. Thomas off with our prayers and blessings.



Soy el Padre Bazia Boro Elario Zambakari



Nací en Sudán del Sur durante una época de gran lucha e incertidumbre. Crecer durante la Segunda Guerra Civil Sudanesa no fue fácil, especialmente para muchos cristianos y católicos del sur de Sudan tras la imposición de la ley islámica (Sharia) en Sudán en 1983. Al igual que muchas familias, la mía se vio obligada a huir de nuestra tierra natal y terminamos viviendo como refugiados en la República Centroafricana. Esas experiencias difíciles moldearon mi fe, mi resiliencia y mi comprensión de la presencia de Dios, incluso en medio del sufrimiento.

Mi historia vocacional comenzó de una manera sencilla pero poderosa. De niño, me encantaba "jugar a celebrar Misa". Tomaba un saco, lo cortaba y lo usaba como si fuera la casulla de un sacerdote. Los otros niños a menudo me dejaban hacer de sacerdote porque sabía imitar muy bien la Misa. Al mirar atrás, me doy cuenta de que, sin saberlo, estaba representando el llamado que Dios ya había sembrado en mi corazón.

Sin embargo, llegar a ser sacerdote no formaba parte de mis planes originales. Mientras crecía, soñaba con ser piloto o médico. Pero el llamado de Dios tiene una forma de cambiar suavemente el rumbo de nuestras vidas. Mientras vivía cerca de un seminario católico en la República Centroafricana, pasaba mucho tiempo con los seminaristas, especialmente jugando al fútbol con ellos. Un día, cuando tenía unos catorce años, el rector del seminario me encontró en el camino y me dijo: "Ve a decirle a tu madre que tienes que preparar tus cosas y venir al seminario". Ese momento cambió mi vida para siempre.

Entrar en el seminario no significó que de repente tuviera todas las respuestas. Luché con muchas preguntas sobre la fe y Dios. A menudo me preguntaba: "¿Realmente existe Dios?" y "¿Cómo escucho a Dios hablar?". A través de la oración diaria, la asistencia a Misa, la lectura de las Escrituras y la meditación, fui experimentando gradualmente el amor de Dios en lo profundo de mi corazón. Con el tiempo, aprendí a reconocer Su voz guiando mi vida y mi vocación.

Tras mi formación en el seminario, fui enviado a la Diócesis de Phoenix, en Arizona. Mi primera asignación parroquial fue en la iglesia católica de Santa María (Saint Mary's), en Chandler. Más tarde, comencé a servir como capellán en Xavier College Preparatory y en Bourgade Catholic High School. Servir a los jóvenes se ha convertido en una de las mayores alegrías de mi sacerdocio. Me encanta acompañar a los estudiantes en su camino de fe, especialmente a aquellos que luchan con interrogantes sobre Dios, ya que comprendo personalmente esas inquietudes.

Me hice ciudadano estadounidense hace dos años y, un año después, fui incardinado en la diócesis de Phoenix.

Arizona se ha convertido en un segundo hogar para mí. Con el paso de los años, me he acostumbrado al calor del desierto y he aprendido a valorar la hospitalidad y la diversidad de su gente. En Xavier y Bourgade, a menudo me encontrarán celebrando misa, recorriendo la escuela, participando en actividades escolares, retiros y jornadas de oración, o simplemente compartiendo tiempo con los estudiantes y el personal.

Cursé mi primera maestría en la Universidad Estatal de Arizona (ASU), donde me gradué en Comunicación en 2022. Obtuve mi segunda maestría en la Universidad Católica de América, especializándome en Administración y Gestión Eclesial. Posteriormente, el obispo Dolan me pidió que realizara un programa de certificación en Gestión Eclesiástica en la Universidad de Villanova, con una duración de nueve meses.

Fuera de mi ministerio, disfruto viendo fútbol, fútbol americano, baloncesto y tenis. También soy un apasionado seguidor del Arsenal F.C. En el pasado jugué voleibol y disfruto conectando con las personas a través del deporte y las actividades comunitarias.

Una de las bendiciones de mi vida ha sido el don de los idiomas. Hablo inglés, francés, árabe y varias lenguas africanas. Entre mis idiomas favoritos se encuentran aquellos en los que puedo celebrar la Santa Misa: zande, árabe, inglés y francés. Poder orar y adorar junto a las personas en su propio idioma es uno de los aspectos más significativos de mi ministerio.

Sobre todo, mi vida ha sido un viaje para descubrir la fidelidad de Dios. Desde mis tiempos como niño refugiado en África hasta mi presente como sacerdote católico al servicio de Arizona, sigo viendo la mano de Dios guiando cada paso de mi camino.

Espero con ilusión conocerles y servir a la parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Lago (Our Lady of the Lake).



Conozca al P. Connor Companik

Nací y crecí en Tempe, Arizona, y soy el mayor de tres hermanos. Durante mi infancia y juventud, mi familia y yo fuimos muy activos: caminábamos, nadábamos, andábamos en bicicleta, hacíamos senderismo y excursionismo, corríamos y practicábamos artes marciales. Entre los 5 y los 6 años de edad, surgió en mi mente un pensamiento intrigante: hice la conexión y comprendí que algún día podría ser sacerdote.

Cursé toda mi educación escolar (desde el jardín de infancia hasta el último año de secundaria) en escuelas católicas: St. John Bosco en Ahwatukee y Seton en Chandler. Posteriormente, estudié Astrofísica en la ASU (Universidad Estatal de Arizona) antes de ingresar al seminario en el otoño de 2018.

Mis padres comentaron que empezaron a notar señales de una vocación incipiente al sacerdocio durante mis últimos años de secundaria. En realidad, no conocí a muchos seminaristas hasta que estuve en Seton College Preparatory. Comencé a considerar seriamente el llamado durante un retiro "Kairos" en mi penúltimo año. Un buen amigo mío, que ahora es el Padre Ian Wintering, anunció que iba a ingresar al seminario. Pensar que alguien de mi propio grupo de amigos —alguien como yo— estaba dando el paso de entrar al seminario hizo que aquello se convirtiera en una posibilidad real para mí.

Mientras estudiaba Astrofísica, viví primero en las residencias estudiantiles de la Universidad Estatal de Arizona y, en mi último año, residí en una casa de *St. Paul's Outreach* (SPO) en Tempe junto a otros nueve universitarios. SPO es un movimiento católico centrado en los campus universitarios que fomenta la formación de católicos sólidos y la creación de comunidad.

Fue en un grupo de estudio bíblico para hombres donde aprendí más sobre cómo descubrir mi vocación. En lugar de limitarme a esperar señales o a que las cosas sucedieran por sí solas, aprendí de este grupo la importancia de dar pasos concretos. Durante las vacaciones de primavera, visité el Seminario Teológico St. John Vianney en Denver. La experiencia no fue lo que esperaba y pasaron algunos meses. Más tarde, asistí a una ordenación diaconal; hubo algo en aquella liturgia que realmente me llegó al corazón.

Poco después, mi amigo Ian —que para entonces ya era seminarista— me preguntó directamente si iba a solicitar el ingreso al seminario. Básicamente, le dije que sí. Las palabras salieron de mi boca antes incluso de que me diera cuenta de lo que estaba diciendo. Ese fue el día en que comencé mi proceso de solicitud. Pasé siete años en el seminario St. John Vianney en Denver, Colorado, antes de mi ordenación el 7 de junio de 2025.

Mi recuerdo favorito de los años de seminario es una experiencia de inmersión en la pobreza de 30 días. A los seminaristas se nos envía por parejas a diferentes zonas del país para trabajar en albergues para personas sin hogar, hospitales, junto a las Misioneras de la Caridad y en otros ámbitos de servicio. En realidad, no sabemos a dónde vamos hasta unos días antes. Además, existe una especie de regla no escrita de mantener el lugar en secreto. Por eso, no diré adónde fui, pero viví una experiencia maravillosa allí.

Hay algo especial en la libertad de tener que confiar en la Providencia de Dios de una manera nueva.

Ahora, en mi tiempo libre, disfruto de la lectura, la elaboración de pan de masa madre, el ciclismo y correr maratones. Nunca he estado en Lake Havasu City, pero, como sacerdote recién ordenado, me entusiasman las nuevas oportunidades y aventuras, ¡y espero con ilusión incorporarme a su parroquia en julio!

Our Lady of the Lake School's Wish List

WISH LIST

GIFT CARDS - AMAZON, STAPLES, WALMART, SAM'S CLUB - Appreciated to help purchase items.

Please drop off to school office - summer hours 8am to 12pm

Qty 1 Touch Screens

Chengying 75 inch Multi-Touch 10 Points Infrared Touch Frame - 75" Infrared Touch Overlay - IR Touch Panel - USB Interface - HID Compatible Guangzhou Chengying \$375.00 each



Qty 1 TV Mounts



ELIVED UL Listed TV Wall Mount for Most 37-82 Inch Flat Screen TVs, Swivel and Tilt Full Motion TV Mount Bracket, Max VESA 600x400mm, 100 lbs. Loading, Fits 16" Wood Studs, YD3003 \$45.00 each

Item from Walmart.

Qty 1 75" Vizio Smart TV \$ 598.00 each



VEZIO 75" 4K UHD

Item from Staples:
Qty Unlimited Cases



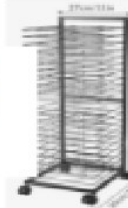
Metal Storage Cabinet with 2 Doors and 5 Adjustable Shelves - 71" Black Storage Cabinet, 5-Tier Tall Steel Cabinet \$ 90.00

LEISURE CRAFT 46" ROUND PORTABLE METAL TABLE
SKU LCIT46ROP-Blue \$ 1,000.00 each Qty 4

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Art Drying Rack, Metal Painting Drying Rack with 20 Removable Shelves, Art Storage Rack with Lockable Wheels for Art Studio Classroom School, 30x11x12 Inches \$ 80.00



Miscellaneous Art Supplies



Shade units and misters for our school and playground areas



TCI Curriculum - Science and History books \$ 20,000.00



Large Classroom rug assorted size and style (Fire Proof) Qty 4 \$ 200- 300



Wireless Headset with microphones and base \$ 600.00

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