



# OUR LADY of Joy

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Carefree, Arizona



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## EASTER SUNDAY

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." - Mt 28:5b-6

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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](http://www.oloj.org)

### Liturgy Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass:

5:00PM (also via Livestream)

Sunday Masses:

7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM (also via Livestream)

4:00PM Teen Mass

Daily Mass: 8 AM Monday—Saturday

### Confession/Reconciliation

Tuesday-Friday 7:30AM –7:50 AM

Saturday: 4 PM -4:50 PM

Sunday: 20 minutes before each Mass

### Regular Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday:

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Sunday:

8:00 AM - 12:30PM

### 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

### Café & Gift Shop Hours:

The café is open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to Noon and on Sundays 8 AM to 12:30 PM. The Gift Shop is open 8:30 AM to 3 PM Monday through Friday and after all Sunday morning Masses. 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.

April 5, 2026 Easter Sunday

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR EASTER

**Saturday, April 4**

No 8 AM Mass  
Blessing of Easter Baskets  
at 12 PM  
Easter Vigil Mass 7:30 PM

**Sunday, April 5**

Easter Sunday  
Masses in Church: 7 AM,  
9 AM, 11 AM  
Masses in Parish Hall:  
7:15 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:15  
AM

**Monday, April 6**

Easter Monday  
Parish Office Closed

**Sunday, April 12**

Divine Mercy Sunday  
Mass 9 AM  
Confessions: 1:30 pm  
Chaplet: 2:30 pm

### *Catholicism for the Curious with Deacon Dan Doheny*

**Thursday, April 16th 6:30 - 8 pm Parish Hall  
"4 Gospels--History and Comparison"**

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, meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. There is no charge and need to RSVP.

We hope to see you there!



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subscription service to  
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a premier Catholic  
Streaming Platform.**

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In the future, you will visit [watch.formed.org](http://watch.formed.org) and click on Sign In (upper, right hand corner), enter your email, then check your email inbox for a link to click on, to complete the Sign In process, and begin using formed.



## **A MESSAGE FROM FR. JESS**

Dear Family of God,

What does it mean to us that Christ is risen?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that "Christ's Resurrection is the fulfillment of the promises both of the Old Testament and of Jesus himself during his earthly life. (CCC 652). "The truth of Jesus' divinity is confirmed by his resurrection." (CCC653).

"The paschal mystery has two aspects: by his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life. This new life is above all justification that reinstates us in God's grace, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. Justification consists in both victory over death caused by sin and a new participation in grace. (CCC654). We become adopted Children of God in Christ, not by nature but by grace.

"Finally, Christ's Resurrection and the risen Christ himself is the principle and source of our future resurrection: "Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep... For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive... so that they may "live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised." (CCC 655)

**May The Blessed Virgin Mary, and St. Joseph help us all to live our new life in Christ, with Christ and for Christ. Happy Resurrection Day. Alleluia!!!**

**Yours in Christ through Mary Immaculate,**

**Fr. Jess Ty**



Life Teen (9-12th grade)

Meets on Sundays 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

No Life Teen on April 5th, Happy Easter!

Edge (6-8th grade)

Meets on Wednesdays, 5:30pm-7:00pm

No Edge on April 8th

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



We are truly an Easter people! Hallelujah! He is risen!

To continue from last week, next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday! It is quite important to understand the graces that overflow on this day. Jesus sincerely wants to lavish YOU with incredible graces, for on this day, the floodgates of Heaven opens. He thirsts for YOU.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday after Easter each year, Jesus promises full remission of all punishment if you go to confession on Divine Mercy Sunday with a repentant heart (the true desire to amend and change your life) and receive communion. This can be done on the Saturday Vigil as well. You should be in a state of grace when receiving communion. You also must have deep trust in Him. You must have complete trust in His Mercy. And why not?

"I detest even the smallest sin" Jesus said to St. Faustina. This statement alone illustrates the depth of graciousness and generosity of this day. He so badly wants you to be with Him forever in paradise!

"I want to grant complete pardon to the souls that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy." - St. Faustina's diary - entry 1109

"Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." - St. Faustina's diary - entry 699

Do not despair in your sins! Jesus told St. Faustina that He wants this day instituted, and His images (as she actually saw Him) to be venerated for your sake. This image is located in the back of the church by the confessional. Have you stopped to look at it yet? Look up the origin of Divine Mercy Sunday. Take this day personally! Spend some time today learning more about this - look it up and read about it. After all, this day is for YOU!

### St. Vincent de Paul Spring Clothing & Household Items Drive



This drive for the poor will be held the weekend of April 11 and 12 before all Masses. The SVdP truck will be in the parking lot for your convenience. We will be collecting summer clothing, jeans, shoes, sweaters and light jackets as well as household items such as dishes, pots, pans, blankets and towels.

Please contact Brant Weber at 480-313-4648 with any questions.



### St. Vincent de Paul Spring Food Drive April 18-19 and April 25-26

The St. Vincent de Paul conference of Our Lady of Joy collects food for needy families in Spring and November. This year's spring drive for the benefit of Foothills Food Bank begins the weekend of April 18-19 with distribution of food bags to parishioners. You can take as many bags as you are able to fill. The need for food is tremendous!

Collection of filled bags will be on April 25-26. Bring your filled bags to the parish before Mass. A grateful Vincentian will greet you and accept your contribution.

Cash and check donations are also welcome. Please make your check payable to: Foothills Food Bank. The food bank has been a wonderful partner for our St. Vincent de Paul conference, helping us to meet the needs of those less fortunate in our community. Thank you for providing us the means to feed God's poor!

Contact: Scott Freeman at 602-552-5179 or at  
freeman\_home@hotmail.com

## SANCTITY OF LIFE

Our Lady of Joy Sanctity of Life meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month in August through June from 9 AM to 11 AM in the Parish Hall. New members and guests are always welcome! We support, take part in events, and actively work on projects in our community that affect *all life from conception until natural death*.

Contact: Kathy Heisler 602-418-7858  
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## 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](mailto:milvetministry@gmail.com)

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

## Readings of the Week ©LPI

### Week of April 5, 2026

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35  
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



OLOJ Knights of Columbus  
[www.kofc11116.org](http://www.kofc11116.org)

- Council Officer Meeting: Tuesday, April 7
- Assembly & Council Meetings: Thursday, April 9
- Golf Fore Charity: Monday, May 4  
"Sign Up Now"
- Council Officer Meeting: Tuesday, May 12
- Assembly & Council Meetings: Thursday, May 14  
Officer Election
- Assembly & Council Meetings: Thursday, June 11

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](mailto:m2.busdev@yahoo.com)

### WHY BECOME A KNIGHT?



**PUT YOUR FAITH IN ACTION!**  
JOIN COUNCIL 11116 ONLINE TODAY!



### MOVED, MARRIED OR HAD A BABY? NEW PHONE NUMBER? NEW EMAIL?

We are happy to update your parish record with any recent life changes! Just call the Parish Office at 480-488-2229.

The Military Veterans Ministry thanks those who donated to the Homeless Veteran Hygiene Project. They filled 120 bags with 11 items each and donated them to three non-profits that serve homeless veterans.

### *For the week of April 5- April 11, 2026*

The Sanctuary Candle has been sponsored as **For All Souls to turn their gaze on Jesus through Mary** at the request of Ilya Melgarejo

The Adoration Candle has been sponsored in honor of **Jordan Fox** at the request of Karen McCormick

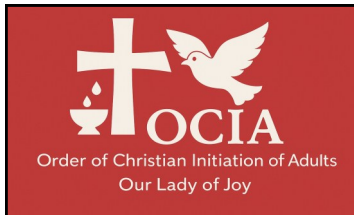


*May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

## Want to Join the Catholic Church or Receive a Sacrament?

Classes have begun for anyone wanting to become Catholic or receive Catholic sacraments (baptism, communion, confirmation). OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) meets every Sunday from 11:45 pm to 1:45 pm in the Parish Hall.

If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Deacon Dan at [deacondanaz@gmail.com](mailto:deacondanaz@gmail.com).



## Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic "Live the Dominican Tradition: Pray, Study, Build Community. Share the Word!"

Together let us grow in faith, prayer, study with our fellow members in the initial formation of the Lay Dominicans. We meet on the first Monday of every month from 5:30 - 7 pm in the Parish Hall.

For more information, please contact:  
Sr. Maria Cleofe Trance, O.P.

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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.

Plaque Information: Cost: \$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.

Please join us on Fridays for a hot breakfast at 6 am followed by a video and discussion from 6:30 – 7:30 in the Parish Hall. No registration required.

## GriefShare--A GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays from January 20 - April 28

9 am - 10:30 am in Room 1 of Parish Hall

Led by Chaplain Miriam Rosa Cummo

We offer help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotion of grief. At this 13-week session, you will receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort and peace of mind. No registration required.

If you have questions, contact: Miriam at:

[mrosa211@yahoo.com](mailto:mrosa211@yahoo.com)

[www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)



## OUR LADY OF JOY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 13TH - JULY 17TH

9AM - 12 NOON

**REGISTER HERE:**  
[HTTPS://MYVBS.ORG/OLOJVBS](https://myvbs.org/olojvbs)



TEEN & ADULT  
VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!

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For detailed descriptions of our ministries,  
please visit [www.olj.org](http://www.olj.org) or pick up a  
Ministry & Resources booklet from the narthex.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 6: Parish Office Closed on Easter Monday
- April 11-12: St. Vincent de Paul Spring Clothing Drive before and after all Masses See page 3
- April 16: Catholicism for the Curious with Deacon Dan 6:30-8 PM in the Parish Hall See page 2
- April 18-19: Distribution of food bags for St. Vincent de Paul Spring Food Drive after all Masses See page 3
- April 25-26: Collection of food bags for St. Vincent de Paul Spring Food Drive before all Masses See page 3
- May 10: Crowning of Mary at 9 AM and 11 AM Masses
- May 25: Parish Office closed for Memorial Day

### *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 PM to 3:30 PM. Our next monthly Adoration will be Sunday, April 12th.

***“Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth.” St. Teresa of Calcutta***

### Immaculate Mary

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

**The approved apparition for April is: Our Lady of Zeitoun  
April 2 (1968-1971, Egypt**

Vignette: Mary appears in luminous form above St. Mark's Coptic Church, witnessed by thousands, Christian and Muslim alike. Inquiry: Approved by Coptic Pope Kyrillos VI. Symbol: Light. Prayer: *Mother of Light, shine Christ's peace upon the world.*

### OUR LADY OF JOY PARISH COUNCIL

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

### 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](http://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.

### **MORE THAN 2,000 PARISHIONERS ARE SIGNED UP TO RECEIVE OUR BIWEEKLY EMAIL BLAST! ARE YOU ONE OF THEM?**

If you are not, please send your email address to Lauren at [lhara@oloj.org](mailto:lhara@oloj.org) so that you can be up-to-date with all of the latest and most comprehensive news from our parish and our diocese.

### *Our Lady's Guild*

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

Our Lady's Guild will have its next meeting April 21st. Guest speaker Stephanie Pressler from Experience Scottsdale will present a *“Unique Look at Old Town Scottsdale.”* Join us for Mass at 8. Fellowship, meeting and guest speaker to follow.

***Guild registration forms are available in the parish office,  
on the parish website and at our meetings.  
[olojladysguild@gmail.com](mailto:olojladysguild@gmail.com)***

### MONTHLY HEALING MASS

**Third Friday of every month at 8 AM**  
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.

## Adoration Chapel Sign-Ups

If you are interested in signing up for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration, please contact Mark Neagle at [adorationscheduler9@gmail.com](mailto:adorationscheduler9@gmail.com) or at (914) 645-3335

## Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Cenacle Meets on Mondays 8:30 AM—10:00 AM

Our Lady's Queen of Peace Prayer Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests is calling us to experience joy and peace at Our Lady of Joy Parish. We meet every Monday morning after the 8 AM Mass. We say the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet in church and then proceed to the Parish Hall for prayers and readings to entrust ourselves to Mary's Immaculate Heart in the spirit of little children. We pray for our priests as well as for the sick, suffering and holy souls.

Please join us!



## Dr. Brant Pitre Scripture Study

This popular scripture study class meets on Mondays from 10 AM to 11 AM in Rooms 2 and 3 of the Parish Hall. This class is moderated by Fr. Jess. All are welcome! No registration required.

## Legion of Mary

Meets on Wednesdays from 2 PM to 3:30 PM in Room 1 of the Parish Hall

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](mailto:terri@chooseablessing.org) or 775-253-5552



## Sanctuary & Adoration Chapel Candles

All Catholic Churches have Our Blessed Lord in repose at all times in the Tabernacle on the Altar and in their Adoration Chapel (if they have one). Next to the Tabernacle is a candle that must be perpetually lit to indicate the presence of Our Lord.

In addition to Mass Intentions, we offer our parishioners the opportunity to sponsor a Sanctuary Candle or an Adoration Chapel Candle in honor or in memory of a loved one.

We publish these names in our bulletin each week and the sponsor is provided with a card that they can give to the family of the person they are honoring or remembering.

You may sponsor a candle for a \$20 donation by visiting the office or by calling the office at 480-488-2229.



Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people!

When you place your gift in the Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.

## DO YOU KNOW ABOUT TILMA?

In October 2024, Bishop John Dolan announced his historic seven-year Pastoral Plan on evangelization. Inspired by Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Diocese of Phoenix, the plan begins in January 2025 and leads up to December 2031--the 500th anniversary of Our Lady of Guadalupe appearing to Saint Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill in modern day Mexico City.

For more information about the Seven-Year Pastoral Plan and to read the Pastoral Letter, visit [tilma.dphx.org](http://tilma.dphx.org)

## OLOJ Library Book Review

**Title:** *The Way of a Pilgrim and The Pilgrim Continues His Way*

**Author:** Bacovcin, Helen

**Library Bookshelf Location:** Catholic Living or book cart

**Content:** The narrator, an unnamed nineteenth-century peasant, sets out on his pilgrimage with nothing but a Bible, a rosary and some dried bread. As he walks, he recites the Jesus prayer ("Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me)--a prayer that is said to quiet anxiety and fill the heart with love for all creation.

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### Sunday, April 5th

7:00 am† Providencia Schillaci  
7:15 am† Lottie Stefanich  
9:00 am Parishioners  
9:15 am† Rob Neill  
11:00 am† Jo Ann Lawrence  
11:15 am† Gary Schoen

### Monday, April 6th

8:00 am† John Kriz

### Tuesday, April 7th

8:00 am† Susan Muller Martin

### Wednesday, April 8th

8:00 am† Raymond O'Dell

### Thursday, April 9th

8:00 am† Cathie Nelson

### Friday, April 10th

8:00 am† John Garrison

### Saturday, April 11th

8:00 am† Emil Bouc  
5:00 pm† Mary Jane Yetzer & Patty Quagliani

### Sunday, April 12th

7:00 am† Shayne Murphy  
9:00 am† Joe Agnello  
11:00 am Parishioners  
4:00 pm† Rob Neill

### 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](mailto: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:*

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Betty Zeestratten	Phil Trojanowski
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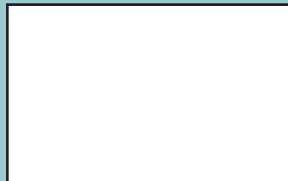
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