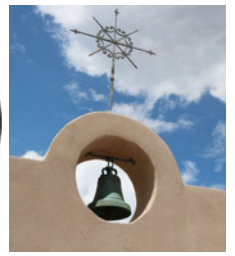




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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

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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:

5:00PM (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

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

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.

August 23, 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

WHAT'S ON FORMED NOW?

Feast of St. Augustine of Hippo — August 28

The Church celebrates the life of Saint Augustine of Hippo, the North African educator who became one of history's greatest teachers of the faith after his dramatic conversion.



Restless Heart

This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Special Mission Appeal on October 18

On Sunday, October 18th we are blessed to welcome a visiting priest from the Diocese of Borongan, Philippines, who will share the story of his local church and the important ministries serving its people. This appeal will support the Diocese's Multipurpose Building Project, which will provide a home for elderly and sickly priests, a social hall for lay formation and youth gatherings, a diocesan museum, and an evacuation center those affected by natural disasters.

We invite you to prayerfully listen to his message and consider making a generous gift in support of this important mission. Together, we can help build not only a place of shelter and ministry, but also a lasting sign of hope and faith for the people of the Diocese of Borongan.



A MESSAGE FROM FR. JESS

Dear Family of God,

Have you ever heard that someone say that the Catholic Church is just a bunch of rules and regulations, do's, and don'ts, it is against freedom?

G.K. Chesterton says: "Catholic doctrines and disciplines may be walls, but they are walls of a playground. Freedom exists only within a rule. The greatest act of freedom is obedience, not disobedience; breaking the rules does not make us happy and certainly does not make us free."

God's rules are for our good, not to restrict us but to protect us. That is how the truth makes us free. G.K.C. says: "While the Church has established rule and order, the chief aim of that order is to give room for the good to run wild."

How do we know the truth? It is either by Human Reason or Divine Revelation (Faith) or both, by reason and faith. Who or what is the source of truth? "You should know how to behave in the household of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of truth" (1Tim. 3:15). "Therefore, brothers, stand firm and hold fast to the Traditions that you were taught, either by oral statement or by letters of ours" (2Thes. 2:15). The source of truth is not only the Bible, but both the Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, the Church Magisterium.

May the blessed Virgin Mary, guide us to the Truth, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Yours in Christ through Mary Immaculate,

Fr. Jess Ty



***Catholicism for the Curious
with Deacon Dan Doheny***
Thursday, September 17
6:30 - 8 pm Parish Hall
***2nd Vatican Council--
Overview and 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 pm in the Parish Hall. There is no charge and no RSVP is required.

We hope to see you there!

deacondanaz@gmail.com

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 or at (914) 645-3335

St. Vincent de Paul Collection Bin

There is a collection bin in our parking lot for clothing and shoes only.
Please help us to help the less fortunate.



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



On August 22, we celebrate the Queenship of Mary. Her queenship is important because it highlights the destiny of the church. Mary is Queen because Jesus is king, and everything she receives is from Him and directed back to Him. She brings His beloved (us) to Him. She is the fastest and surest way to Him.

Her queenship protects the truth that Jesus is one divine person, true God and true man. It is not an independent honor. It is a shared and subordinate participation in Christ's royal dignity, just as her motherhood is inseparable from the incarnation. Remember, God freely chose to involve Her. To love her is to love both her and God's plan. Since she brings us to Jesus, she participates in the furtherment of the kingdom in a large way.

The honor of queenship is never a self-exaltation, as she immediately (at the visitation) gives all credit to God (hint - as we serve beneath her standard, we, too, are to take credit for nothing, but give all thanks and glory to God for who and what we are).

Her queenship is inseparable from her motherhood of the church. "Son, behold your mother." The church is the mystical body of Christ, and we are the members of His mystical body, are we not? So when He gave us Mary as our mother, she became, in fact, mother of the church.

Hail Mary, full of grace, Jesus is with you! Blessed are you among ALL, and blessed is Jesus, the fruit of your womb! You are Holy, and you are the Mother of God! Pray for us, for we struggle with sin. Pray for us now as well as at the hour of our death. Amen.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2026-2027

Give your child the gift of faith this school year. Registration for the 2026-2027 Religious Education program is officially open for students in grades Pre-K through 5th grade. Join us for engaging classes, community building, and sacramental preparation.



We meet most Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 7pm. We proudly serve dinner to our students and their families from 5:30pm to 6pm.

RE Classes run from August 26th to May 5th

Register on our website at:
<https://www.oloj.org/education-age3-fifth>



If you are interested, please contact
Tatiana Horne (480) 346-3061 or
thorne@oloj.org

Readings *of the* Week

Week of August 23, 2026

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

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If you are not, please send your email address to
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up-to-date with all of our latest news.

OUR LADY OF JOY PARISH COUNCIL

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

For the week of August 23- August 29

The Sanctuary Candle has been sponsored
in memory of **Jim Botten**
at the request of Jean & Charles Davis

The Adoration Candle has been sponsored
in memory of **Rob Neill**
at the request of Mary Neill



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



OLOJ Knights of Columbus

www.kofc11116.org

Attend St. Joseph's Men's Group
on Fridays at 6:30 am

- Council Officer Meeting: Tuesday, September 8
- Assembly & Council Meetings: Thursday, Sept. 10
- Council Officer Meeting: Tuesday, October 6
- Assembly & Council Meetings: Thursday, Oct. 8
- Council Officer Meeting: Tuesday, November 10
- Assembly & Council Meetings: Thursday, Nov. 12

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?



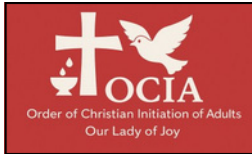
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Want to Join the Catholic Church or Receive a Sacrament?

If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic or receive the sacraments (baptism, communion, confirmation), OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) can help! Please contact Deacon Dan at deacondanaz@gmail.com. Our next session of classes will begin on Sunday, September 13th, 2026.



Moved, Married or Had a Baby? New Phone Number? New Email?

We are happy to update your parish record with any recent life changes! We need your current contact information to send annual financial statements and other important information. Please call Michelle in the parish office at 480-488-2229 to update your information.

Parish Security Plan

In accordance with our Parish Security Plan, our Ushers have been trained to assist with emergencies. Should you become aware of an emergency during Mass, please let it be known to an Usher wearing a yellow armband.



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 JOIN US FOR "WEEK 00" SEPTEMBER 11

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 starting September 11 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. For more information contact Frank Schubert at fschubert1@outlook.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.

SANCTITY OF LIFE

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 AM - 11 AM, 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
heislerkathy@gmail.com

Do you have questions about your final resting place?

Preplanning your Catholic funeral and burial is one of the greatest gifts you can give your loved ones. For more than 100 years, Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Homes have been providing care and support to families in their time of need. Their professional staff will help guide you and your family in a way that honors the rich traditions and spiritual foundations of our Catholic faith.

**For more information, please call Angie Parker at
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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

- **September 11: Catholic Night at Chase Field** Diamondback vs Texas Rangers Buy tickets at catholicnight.com
- **September 13: Bishop Dolan's Mass for Those Who Have Died by Suicide**, 9 AM Mass, Saints Simon and Jude Cathedral
- **September 19: Angelico Sacred Music Festival** 5:30 PM at Culinary Dropout in Tempe angelicosacredmusic.com/angelicofest
- **September 22-24: No 8 AM Daily Mass.** Mass will be at 12 PM with Fr. Doug Spina

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 on Sunday, September 13.

"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host." - Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic

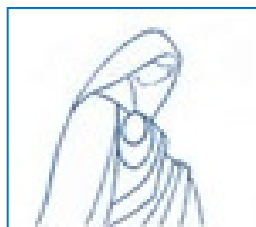
"Live the Dominican Tradition: Pray, Study, Build Community. Share the Word!"

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 PM - 7 PM in the Parish Hall.

For more information, please contact:

Sr. Maria Cleofe Trance, O.P.

Phone: 808-302-6975 Email: srcleofe@oloj.org



Our Lady's Guild

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

Our meetings will resume on September 15 in the Parish Hall after the 8 am Mass.

We hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer! Guild registration forms are available in the parish office, on the parish website and at our meetings.

olojladysguild@gmail.com

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 approved apparition for August is

Our Lady of Knock August 21 (1879, Ireland)

Vignette: A silent apparition: Mary, St. Joseph, St John the Evangelist, and the Lamb on the altar--a vision of heavenly worship.

Inquiry: Commission of inquiry 1879; reaffirmed by later commissions; papal recognition by Pius XII (1936) and John Paul II (1979 visit).

Symbol: Lamb on altar

Prayer: *Queen of Ireland, draw us into the worship of the Lamb.*

Love to Sing?

Even if it's just in the shower!

The Our Lady of Joy Contemporary Choir is officially calling all voices and instrumentalists! We are looking for high-energy people to help us lead worship for the Saturday 5:00 PM Mass. If you like modern worship music and a group that feels more like a family than a formal club, you've found your home.

- No "American Idol" Auditions.: If you have a heart for music, you're in!
- The Tunes.: Upbeat, contemporary, and soulful.

The Commitment: Join us for practice Thursday nights at 6:30 PM. It's the best way to de-stress and get ready for the weekend!

Come as you are! Whether you're a soprano, a bass, or play the guitar, we have a spot for you in the choir loft. Let's make some noise for the Lord!

For more details contact your "Favorite Music Director," Gabriel Martinez at gmartinez@oloj.org



Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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 AM to 11 AM in Rooms 2 and 3 of the Parish Hall.

The class is moderated by Fr. Jess or Fr. Joy.

All are welcome! No registration required.

Legion of Mary Meetings

Our Lady of Victory Meeting: Saturday, 11:30 AM - 1 PM in the Parish Hall, Room 4

Our Lady of Mercy Meeting: Wednesday, 2:30 PM - 4 PM 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

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawls are given to people in need of prayers and comfort owing to illness, grief and stress and to celebrate life events, such as births, baptisms, marriages and birthdays. We meet on the last Friday of each month from 10 am to Noon in the Parish Hall.

Contact: Lorraine Romanow at 480-748-1638 or at Lromanow24@gmail.com

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 needs other assistance, please contact Mike Wold.

OLOJ Library Book Review

Title: *God in the Moment: Making Every Day a Prayer*

Author: Kathy Coffey

Location: Prayer section on bookshelf or book cart

Contents: This book has something for everyone, incorporating prayer into your daily activities no matter your mood and explores how to live a more centered and serene life by recognizing God's presence in daily activities.

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Sunday, August 23rd

7:00 am † Cory Burris
9:00 am Parishioners
11:00 am † Catherine Austin
4:00 pm † Veronica Nguyen

Monday, August 24th

8:00 am † Dick Klinski

Tuesday, August 25th

8:00 am Veronica Hiep Nguyen, Living

Wednesday, August 26th

8:00 am † William Bezy

Thursday, August 27th

8:00 am † Jude Hickey

Friday, August 28th

8:00 am † Kathleen MacFeat Benoit

Saturday, August 29th

8:00 am † Robert Mohn
5:00 pm † Bonnie Pica

Sunday, August 30th

7:00 am † Peter DiPietro
9:00 am † Lilia Mulvey
11:00 am Parishioners
4:00 pm † Lynn Schuttenberg

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:

Albert Venezia	Nanci Ernestine
Janet Mohn	d Monoscalco Carlo
Rocel Borinaga	Ventittelli
Betty Zeestratten	Rose Hernandez
Barb Ehrhard	Mike McCann

For those born to eternal life,especially:

Mary Gleason	Dominic Maletta
Phil Trojanowski	Grace Travaglini
Mary McCormick	Marybeth Harrison
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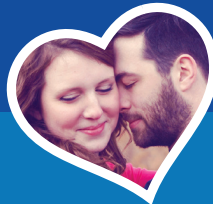
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