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Final Mass at monastery

The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration attended the final public Mass at their Tucson monastery in January.

The Mass was concelebrated Jan. 19 by Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger and Bishop emeritus Gerald F. Kicanas in the monastery church, at 800 N. Country Club Road. Other supporters filled the church to offer best wishes to the members of the religious community, who were scheduled in February to relocate to their motherhouse in Clyde, Mo.

For more than 80 years, the monastery was considered a “powerhouse of prayer” by the Tucson community, because of the prayer ministry of the religious sisters. The sisters announced last September that they were selling the property and leaving Arizona because of a decline in vocations and an aging community population.

Loretta Tracy, diocesan interfaith liaison, retiring after 17 years

By MICHAEL BROWN
Managing Editor

After 24 years of working on the Thanksgiving interfaith gathering and 17 years as diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith liaison, Loretta Tracy is retiring.

Maybe.

Tracy made a deal last September with then Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas, that the two would retire at the same time. Tracy began her work when Bishop Manuel D. Moreno was leading the Diocese. The agreement with Bishop emeritus Kicanas, however, was made well before Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger’s appointment in November. During October, she was busy planning the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service for Jan. 23, 2018 Tracy also was asked to help organize a retreat for interfaith leaders – at first, for later this spring; then, for the fall; and now, possibly, both events.

Shortly after Bishop Weisenburger took over, he asked if she could serve for another six to eight months while a replacement could be found, and she agreed, Tracy said.

During an interview in her Tucson home, Tracy looked back at her life and ministry in the Catholic Church, acknowledging that “God has had his hand in this.”

She grew up in New York and trained as a counselor and social worker. (when did she come to Tucson?) In 1993, Tracy found herself directing Catholic Community Services’ program for assisting refugees entering this country as unaccompanied minors. That led to her being on the Tucson Foster Care Council and later, the Tucson Ecumenical Council.

Since she had experience working with young people from various faith traditions, she suggested that leaders at the Ecumenical Council could hold a Thanksgiving program.

“I always have to open my big mouth,” she said with a sheepish grin. “I said, ‘Why don’t we have a Thanksgiving prayer service? Regardless of your faith, you always have something you can be thankful for.’”

The first took place in 1993 at St. Cyril’s, and over the following years at surrounding houses of worship. In 1998, she approached then-St. Cyril pastor and Paulist Father William Dougherty and offered to help at the parish as a pastoral associate. He agreed and soon her duties ranged from coordinating schedules for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion for the homebound, to overseeing small Christian communities in the parish, to working with peace and justice groups.

“Anyone who came into the front reception area, and didn’t have a specific question, ‘Loretta’ got called,” she said.

In November of 2001, she received a letter from Bishop Moreno asking her to become the Diocese’s Ecumenical and Interfaith liaison.

Loretta Tracy, diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith liaison for 17 years, has announced her pending retirement. She is shown here in her Tucson home with a picture of her grandchildren, as she stands next to a cross that was a gift to her from Bishop emeritus Gerald F. Kicanas. .

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DIOCESAN EVENTS
Vocations Office to hold Easter bilingual youth retreat
Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 1950 W. Irvingtoan Pl., March 26-April 1, Tucson
The diocesan Vocations Office and Our Lady of Fatima Parish are offering an Easter retreat to young men and women in grades 9-12. The theme of the retreat is “Follow Him and Stay with Him.” For information and registration, please call the parish office at (520) 883-1717 or the Vocations Office at (520) 838-2531 or visit diocesetucson.org/vocations.

PIMA CENTRAL VICARIATE
Salpointe Foundation annual gala
Museum of Contemporary Art,
Salpointe Catholic Foundation is hosting its 31st Annual Salpointe Gala at the art museum. Music will be provided by Gigi & the Glow, entertainment by Flam Chen and the museum’s featured artist is Folkert de Jong. Parking is free in La Placita garage. Tickets are $150 per person. Money raised from this year’s event will benefit the school’s performing/fine arts department and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) studies. Deadline for purchase is April 9. For more information, visit salpointe.org/gala.

Christ Child theater fundraiser
Gaslight Theatre, 7010 E. Broadway Blvd., April 8, 3 p.m., Tucson
The Christ Child Society is holding “An Afternoon at the Gaslight Theatre” featuring Rock-A-Billy Raceway. Tickets are $25. Doors open at 2:15 p.m. For more information and tickets, please call Mary Zacharias at (520) 488-8570 or Sylvia Blount at (520) 250-4103.

Sts. Peter and Paul hosts musical performance
Sts. Peter and Paul Church, 1946 E. Lee St., April 15, 4 p.m., Tucson
The Tucson Masterworks Chorale and Orchestra will perform Mozart’s “Great Mass in C Minor.” Tickets are $18 in advance, $20 at the door and $5 for students. For more information visit TucsonMasterworksChorale.org or facebook.com/TucsonMasterworksChorale.

PIMA EAST VICARIATE
St. Pius X Knights flea market
St. Pius X Parish, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decimo, April 7, 8 a.m., Tucson
The Knights of Columbus Council 10762 is hosting a flea market. To rent space or donate items, call Joe Keaney at (520) 298-8088 or Grant Pieper at (520) 887-6197.

Mother of Sorrows looking for charter members
On its 60th anniversary, parish seeks its roots
Our Mother of Sorrows Parish staff is seeking help in compiling a list of the members who were there when it was founded on May 10, 1958. Anyone whose parents or other family members were there originally and now reside in other parishes, or who may have knowledge of charter members, are asked to call Madeleine at OMOS at (520) 747-1321 or email omosparish@omosparish.org.

PIMA SOUTH VICARIATE
Stations continue at St. Margaret Mary
St. Margaret Mary Parish, 801 N. Grande Ave., March 7, 9, 14, 16, 21 and 23, 7 p.m., Tucson
The parish continues Mass and Stations of the Cross during Lent. Spanish-language Mass and stations are each Wednesday, with English being held on Fridays. Also, the parish continues its Friday Fish Dinners in the parish hall, 4-9 p.m. For more information call the parish office, (520) 622-0168.
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3/17 LI-1: Effective Methods 2: Safe Environment 3: Call to Ministry (St. Anthony, Casa Grande and St. Patrick, Bisbee)
3/20 Spirituality of Aging (RRC)
3/23-3/25 Jubilee Retreat (OLBS, Miami)
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4/5 Landato Si (RRC)

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Annual teen event takes place March 10

By MICHAEL BROWN
 Managing Editor

A speaker for the 2018 Youthfest wants to “inspire” the senior and junior high students attending the event, but beyond that, he wants to see any seeds planted bear fruit in their families and in their parishes.

“We want them to experience some joy, for them to recognize that and then to have some transformation,” said said Tony Vasinda, a youth minister from the Northwest and cofounder of ProjectYM.

“We want that to be sustained by a regular involvement in Mass and in the parishes.”

ProjectYM is a national ministry training organization that provides speakers to motivate youth ministers and the young people to whom they minister. Youthfest will be held March 10 at the Tucson Civic Center, with the theme “Inspire.”

Vasinda and Catholic author Michael Marchand – also of ProjectYM – will talk about how the Blessed Mother learned, responded and faithfully lived her assent to be the Mother of God. Her reaction can “inspire” all Catholics, but especially young people, Vasinda said.

“We want to help young people understand the wonderful things that await them if they are inspired by God’s hand in their lives,” he said.

Mary’s reaction to the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation was “wonder and awe and reverence,” Vasinda said. Her second response, however, was initially to question and try to understand how God would act in her life.

“That is what makes Mary the perfect model,” he added.

Vasinda acknowledged that, after 17 years in youth ministry, successfully conveying that message to his audience isn’t a given. The young people attending the event will have different reasons for being there: some are required to attend, others may be going because their friends are going.

“We just want to invite them into the moment,” he said. “Whenever we talk about Mary or the saints, we just have to remember that everything points toward Jesus.”

That’s why Youthfest always includes adoration and concludes with Mass, said Joe Perdreauville, assistant director of Pastoral Services and director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

The Mary Castner Band will provide the music for the event, Perdreauville said. Castner is a Phoenix-area Catholic youth minister and musician who performs in Catholic parishes and for similar events around the country.

Vasinda said the impact of events like Youthfest can only be sustained if there are reminders and follow-up that takes place locally after the event ends. Before Youthfest begins, follow-up materials will be sent to parish youth ministers and to the parents of the young people attending the event.

“We want parents to ask them questions about how they apply what they learned in their everyday lives,” Vasinda added. “We want to have the young people keep thinking about it.”

If teens want to attend the event but are not active in parish youth ministry, they must contact their local parish and register through the youth minister.

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first Ecumenical and Interfaith liaison.

After reflection, she visited Bishop Moreno, who said, “I can’t pay you,” Loretta recalled. “I said ‘Yes,’ to the position, but I didn’t have any idea what I was getting into.”

Throughout her tenure, there has been one constant. “I have met some really great people and I consider many of them friends.”

Rabbi Thomas A. Louchheim of Congregation Or Chadash, called her “my hero” and was adamantly opposed – in a tongue in cheek way – to her retirement.

“I forbid her to retire!” he said. “She has been my most steady contact to the Diocese of Tucson for the 30 years I have been here.”

Her greatest gift, Louchheim said, is “she understands she has to hold my hand and has to put me just where she needs me to be.”

Tracy credited Bishop emeritus Kicanas for nurturing and building strong relationships with interfaith partners throughout the Diocese. When the bishop’s retirement was announced, the impact on the interfaith community was felt profoundly, Loretta said. “I can’t tell you how many ministers have said to me, ‘We are losing our bishop, too.’”

Although interfaith dialogue is a priority for Bishop Weisenburger, Tracy said that most Catholics don’t attend interfaith and ecumenical events, even when events are held in Catholic churches. She added that if a deacon or priest succeeds her, that might change the low-key public perception.

“I think it might help if someone is appointed who is a little more visible in the community,” she said of her desire to see Catholic participation increase in interfaith events.

With grown children in the area and she and her husband Lee in good health, Tracy said she will have plenty to do, including her volunteer work as an extraordinary minister, bringing Communion to patients at St. Joseph Hospital, and as a member of the Star-Spangled Seniors, a troupe that brings songs and good cheer to local nursing homes.
Teen-made ‘Padre Kino’ video: hands-on way to learn history

By MICHAEL BROWN
Managing Editor

Teresita Scully hopes a new video depicting the life and ministry of Jesuit Father Eusebio Kino will be an example of treating others, especially immigrants, with respect and as collaborators.

“Padre Kino had a unique personality and he treated the Natives as friends,” said Scully, who facilitates the Kino Teens club at Lourdes Catholic High School in Nogales and teaches junior and senior level theology at the school. “He supported, helped and collaborated with them, and that explains why the Natives responded to him in the same way,” she added.

Scully and the 40-member club decided last September that a decades-old video about Father Kino had degraded so much that it was unusable. They set out to create a new video, shot on various locations, and provided a study guide for local high schools, elementary schools and the general public, she said.

“We had to have something new, a new resource on Padre Kino, especially for teachers in the classroom,” Scully said.

English and Spanish versions of the video are available.

“Padre Eusebio Francisco Kino: Missionary to the Borderlands of Mexico and Arizona” runs more than 30 minutes in English, and features students in speaking roles, along with others, including Jesuit Fathers Sean Carroll and Peter Neeley and Bishop emeritus Gerald F. Kicanas. The Spanish version runs slightly longer.

The video traces the vocation of Father Kino from his birth in 1645 to his death in 1711, breaking it down into chapters on “Kino the Man,” “Kino the Jesuit,” “Kino the Missionary,” “Kino the Explorer,” “Kino the Writer” and “Kino, Saint of the Borderlands.”

The team sought the help of Mark O’Hare, secretary/treasurer of the Kino Heritage Society, and Father Greg Adolf, pastor of St. Andrew’s in Sierra Vista and a well-known local historian. The video is accompanied by an eight-page study guide that includes more in-depth information and discussion questions after each chapter.

O’Hare said he reviewed the script and made some suggestions, and was happy to work with the teen filmmakers.

The guide served as the basis for the script, but includes facts that the student-actors and narrators could not fit into the video, or information viewers might miss during the presentation.

Although the video is geared toward a high school audience, it can also be used in elementary schools, and by the general public, she added.

Shooting video is not new for the Kino Teens, Scully said. The group owns a basic video camera and has recorded previous events including posadas and Leadership Days. They also were able to borrow a professional video camera from the parent of a club member.

Scully and her husband did the editing and post production work on the video at home. Because of the support of volunteers for the project, the entire cost of making the video was less than $500, she said.

Affiliated with the Kino Border Initiative in Nogales and Sonora, Kino Teens’ members develop a deep respect and understanding for working with immigrants and the poor, added Scully. Having studied Catholic social teaching at Lourdes, students involved in the project also received some academic credit for their efforts.

“We hope this leads to deeper discussions on immigration policy,” Scully said. “Those issues need to be addressed in a Christian, Catholic way.”

“It’s a call to treat people with compassion and care, and to honor the way Padre Kino did it. We need to do the same to the people we encounter here today,” Scully said.

Editor’s note: DVDs can be purchased for $5 from Kino Teens, Kino Border Initiative (KBI), PO Box 159, Nogales, AZ 85628. Checks should be made out to “KBI Kino Teens Video.”
Happenings around the Diocese

Bringing the Catholic schools message to legislators
Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger spent part of Catholic Schools Week attending a rally in Phoenix where legislators were lobbied by Catholic school students statewide to continue to vote for legislation that supported Catholic schools. Among those, seen here with the bishop, was Luke Williams, from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School. Providing entertainment below are students from St. Augustine Catholic High School.

St. Cyril Catholic School’s Savannah Duclo wins diocesan Spelling Bee
St. Cyril’s seventh grader Savannah Duclo won the Diocesan Spelling Bee held Jan. 18 at St. Cyril’s.

Duclo, 13, was one of a dozen students representing six local Catholic elementary schools represented at the competition. Students from other schools in the competition included Andrew Stanbrook and runner up Paige Johnson from Immaculate Heart Catholic School, Carmela Hernandez and Harley Pupach from St. Joseph Catholic School, Emilio Martinez and Salma Gamas from St. Ambrose Catholic School, Adrian Larsen and Akyra Kay from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School, Miguel-Angel Barrios and Allijah Asuncion from Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School and Spencer Samuels from St. Cyril’s.

Duclo won the title when she successfully spelled the word “massacres.”

Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger blesses a statue of St. Thomas the Apostle that Tucson parish of that name Jan. 13.

Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger receives a check for $28,000 at the Pastoral Center in Tucson from leaders from the Msgr. Don Hughes Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Feb. 6. Center, Faithful Navigator Patrick McMahon and Past Faithful Navigator Bart Pemberton give him a giant replica of the check for priest retirement and vocations funds.
Holy Week a busy time at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

When there are four sites involved in Holy Week rituals, sometimes a parish just needs space of its own.

“The Holy Week dramatization of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus dates back to the 1600s, introduced by Jesuit missionaries,” said Trinitarian Father Seraphim Molina, pastor of St. Kateri Tekakwitha in Tucson. “It is a very early work of inculturation. It is also our way of raising the awareness and participation of people in the Diocese in the beautiful way of praying the Stations of the Cross in the traditional Yaqui spirit.”

That’s the case with St. Kateri’s, which serves the Yaqui and Hispanic communities at the following sites and missions: Cristo Rey in the New Pascua (NP), 7500 S. Camino Benem, New Pascua Pueblo; San Ignacio de Loyola (SI), 785 W. Sahuaro St., Old Pascua; San Martin de Porres (SM), 419 W. 39th St., South Tucson; and El Señor De Los Milagros (EM), 3410 S. 16th St., Tucson.

The rites listed here include Waehma, the Yaqui Lent and Easter traditions. Palm Sunday Mass, March 25, will be celebrated by Bishop emeritus Gerald F. Kicanas at Cristo Rey Mission at 9:30 a.m.

A Holy Wednesday service, called “Tinieblas,” or “darkness,” will be held in each of the four locations at 8 p.m.

On Holy Thursday, April 2, there are two processions scheduled at each of the four locations: Procession of the Heart of Jesus and Angels will begin at 10 a.m., followed at 3 p.m. with the Pursuit of the Viejito (“Old Man,” a reference to Jesus). The Holy Thursday Mass, which will include the washing of the feet, will be celebrated in Cristo Rey, San Martin and El Señor at 7 p.m. A rite called the Capture of the Nazarene will occur at 7 p.m. at San Ignacio, and at 8 p.m. at the other three sites.

On April 3, Good Friday, the communities will celebrate the Via Crucis, or Way of the Cross, at 11 a.m. (NP), 3 p.m. (SI), and 6 p.m. (SM and EM). That will be followed at 5 p.m. with the veneration of the cross at NP, SI and EM, but running concurrently with the Via Crucis at SM at 6 p.m. All four sites will host an El Encuentro procession at midnight.

On Holy Saturday, all four sites are active all day. At 10 a.m. is the Procession of the Pascolas, a dance of great reverence in the community. That is followed at noon by La Gran Gloria and at 9 p.m. with the Matachinis braiding the Maypole – another ritual dance.

On Easter Sunday, April 5, the day begins with the Matachinis unbraiding the Maypole, scheduled at all four sites at 7 a.m. That is followed by Mass at 9:30 a.m. (NP), 11 a.m. (SI and SM) and noon (EM). The events of the Triduum conclude with the Great Circle at 11 a.m. (NP), noon (SI and SM) and at 1 p.m. (EM).

San Xavier Catholic School has new principal

Franciscan Father Stephen Barnufsky announced Feb. 1 he has hired Katrina Powell as the new principal at St. Xavier Catholic School. She succeeds Shirley Kalinowski, who resigned earlier this school year, and Interim Principal Carol Arritola. Powell is St. Augustine Catholic High School’s director of Admissions and Marketing, and has been a counselor and classroom teacher at the elementary, middle and high school levels. She starts July 1.

Franciscan novice visits community’s Yuma convent

Sister Clare Rose Oswald, a novice – a woman preparing to join a religious community – from the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity of Manitowoc, visited the Immaculate Conception Convent in Yuma Jan. 2-13.

Sister Clare Rose said that being among the sisters “felt like a family. I loved every minute of all of this just being there and living as they would. I loved praying together as well,” she added. “We didn’t have to go out to have a good time together.”

During her visit, Sister Clare Rose worked in the same ministries as the other sisters in the convent, including the parish school. The novice also spent time in gym classes, playing basketball with the students.

She also said she enjoyed tackling a crossword puzzle with one community member, and grilling burgers outside, even in the rain.

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Sister Charleen Acker, local director at the convent, said it was the first time a novice had visited in nine years. Several years ago, they had a postulant stay for five months.

“I think the community sends them here so we can give our feedback, as well as allow her to experience life in community,” Sister Charleen said.

The verdict?

“We were very impressed with her,” Sister Charleen said.

Sister Clare Rose will continue with her novice year before taking final vows.

Retired Deacon Bueno, 89, died Jan. 29

Deacon Oscar Bueno, 89, who formerly served at St. Augustine Cathedral, died Jan. 29.

He is survived by his wife, Maria Consuela and other family members. Bishop emeritus Gerald F. Kicanas was the main celebrant at a Mass of Christian Burial Feb. 3 in the cathedral. Interment followed in Holy Hope Cemetery.

Clarification

In the February issue of the Catholic Outlook, a story with the headline “Seton Award tradition continues, with a new home at Schools Endowment,” incorrectly represented the reason for the Schools Department taking over the Seton Award ceremony. The former awardee, Salpointe Catholic High School, offered to pass responsibility of bestowing the award to Schools Department, which accepted the offer.
Triduum: Three holy days to enter the mystery of redemption

The three days of the Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter - are better viewed as one great celebration broken up in time. It’s a slowing down of what we ordinarily do, so that we can enter more deeply the mystery of redemption.

We begin Holy Thursday’s Mass with the customary Sign of the Cross, but there is no final blessing following the evening’s liturgy. Moreover, there is no formal beginning on Good Friday, and likewise no formal ending to that liturgy. After the service of light at the Easter Vigil, we jump straight into the Scripture readings. The great blessing at the end of the Easter Masses brings the one great celebration, spread over three days, to a close. Below are some remarks about each of the days:

- Holy Thursday commemorates Jesus’ great gift of the Mass. We celebrate His enduring sacramental and Real Presence in the Eucharist. It is also the Mass which includes the washing of feet, reminding all that service, offered in love, is the hallmark of true Christians. At the close of this liturgy, the Eucharist is carried in procession out of every Catholic church in the world. It is reserved in a special place specifically for adoration, which takes place throughout the evening following the Holy Thursday Mass. We have now begun the great Triduum. The church will be stripped of all adornments such as candles, flowers, altar cloths and other items of beauty. We are preparing for the following day, Good Friday, which marks the death (and absence) of Christ.

- Good Friday is the one day of the year when the entire Church is required to fast from Mass. The only sacraments permitted are Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick. No Mass is ever permitted on Good Friday, which is why the service on that one day is uniquely different. It begins with the priests and ministers laying prostrate before the stripped altar. They rise, recite a simple prayer and proclaim the readings from Scripture. The reading of the Passion is the heart of Good Friday’s service. After extended intercessory prayers, almost identical around the world, we have one of the most moving practices of the year: the adoration of the holy cross. While there may be some minor variations from parish to parish, we ordinarily proceed in lines, as we do for Holy Communion, to adore the cross of Christ. Following the adoration of the cross, Holy Communion, consecrated on Holy Thursday, is distributed to the faithful.

- Holy Saturday evening begins the great Easter Vigil, perhaps the most solemn Mass of the Church year. We celebrate in an intentional way what we celebrate every Sunday: the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of our own resurrection. We begin by lighting the Easter fire, symbolizing the light of the risen Christ overcoming all darkness of sin and death. That’s followed by an extended Liturgy of the Word with many readings. After the homily, we baptize and confirm the new adult converts to the Catholic faith. The Eucharistic Prayer follows, culminating in giving first Holy Communion to the new converts, followed by the rest of the faithful. With the final blessing, we complete what we began at the solemn Sign of the Cross at the opening of Holy Thursday’s Mass.

These are glorious and most sacred days. I pray that all Catholics will make the effort to enter them with prayer and devotion.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger

Holy Week services and celebrations in each vicariate

**Cochise Vicariate**

**Our Lady of the Mountains, Sierra Vista**
- Palm Sunday, March 25, 9:30 a.m., Mass; 11:30 a.m., Spanish Mass.
- Holy Thursday, March 29, 5:30 p.m., Mass of the Lord’s Supper.
- Good Friday, March 30, 3 p.m., outdoor Stations of the Cross; 5:30 p.m., liturgies.
- Holy Saturday, March 31, 8 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass.
- Easter Sunday, April 1, 7:30 and 9:30 a.m., English Mass; 11:30 a.m., Spanish Mass.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus, Tombstone**
- Palm Sunday, March 25, 9 a.m., Mass.
- Holy Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m., Mass of the Lord’s Supper, includes washing of feet; 8-10 p.m., adoration.
- Good Friday, March 30, 1 p.m., reading of the Passion.
- Holy Saturday, March 31, 7 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass.
- Easter Sunday, April 1, 9 a.m., Mass.

**St. Andrew the Apostle, Sierra Vista**
- Palm Sunday, March 25, 8 and 10 a.m., Mass; noon, Spanish Mass; 5 p.m., Life Teen Mass.

**Mission, Whetstone**
- Holy Monday-Holy Wednesday, March 26-28, 9 a.m. and noon, Mass.
- Holy Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m., Mass of the Lord’s Supper.
- Good Friday, March 30, noon, Stations of the Cross; 3 p.m., Divine Mercy Chaplet; 7 p.m., reading of the Passion.
- Holy Saturday, March 31, 7 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass.
- Easter Sunday, April 1, 6 a.m., sunrise Mass; 8 and 10 a.m., Mass; 9 a.m., Mass, Good Shepherd Mission, Whetstone; noon, Spanish Mass; 5 p.m., Life Teen Mass.
St. Patrick's, Bisbee
Palm Sunday, March 25, 7:30 and 9:30 a.m., Mass; 11:30 a.m., Mass, St. Michael Mission, Naco.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 6 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Good Friday, March 30, noon, The Way of the Cross; 6 p.m., reading of the Passion.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 7 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass.
Easter Sunday, April 1, 7:30 and 9:30 a.m., Mass; 11:30 a.m., Mass, St. Michael's.

Gila/Pinal East Vicariate
In Infant of Prague, Kearny
Palm Sunday, March 25, 9 a.m., Mass.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 6 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Good Friday, March 30, 2 p.m., Stations of the Cross; 3 p.m., reading of the Passion.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 7 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass.
Easter Sunday, April 1, 9 a.m., Mass.

Pima Central Vicariate
Most Holy Trinity, Tucson
Palm Sunday, March 25, 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m., and 1 p.m., Mass.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Good Friday, March 30, 10 a.m., children's Good Friday service; 3 p.m., traditional service; 7 p.m., contemporary service.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m., children's Easter Egg hunt; 7 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass.
Easter Sunday, April 1, 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m., and 1 p.m., Mass.

Sacred Heart, Tucson
Palm Sunday, March 25, 8 and 10 a.m., English Mass; noon, Spanish Mass.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Good Friday, March 30, 1:30 p.m., English Stations of the Cross; 3 p.m., reading of the Passion; 4 p.m., Spanish re-enactment of the Passion; 7 p.m., Spanish Stations of the Cross.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 7 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass.

Easter Sunday, April 1, 8 and 10 a.m., English Mass; noon, Spanish Mass.

St. Ambrose, Tucson
Palm Sunday, March 25, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., English Mass; noon, Spanish Mass.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 6:30 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Good Friday, March 30, noon, Stations of the Cross; 3 p.m., reading of the Passion and veneration of the cross.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 6:30 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass.
Easter Sunday, April 1, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., English Mass; noon, Spanish Mass.

St. Frances Cabrini, Tucson
Palm Sunday, March 25, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mass.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Good Friday, March 30, 5:30 p.m., service.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 7 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass.
Easter Sunday, April 1, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mass.

St. Cyril's, Tucson
Palm Sunday, March 25, 8 and 10 a.m., English Mass; 1 p.m., Spanish Mass; 7 p.m., bilingual Mass.
All Transudium liturgies are bilingual.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 8 a.m., morning prayer; 7 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper; adoration in Nicholson Hall until 11 p.m.; 10:50 p.m., night prayer.
Good Friday, March 30, 9 a.m., morning prayer; noon, Stations of the Cross; 2:30 p.m., Living Stations of the Cross; 7 p.m., reading of the Passion.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m., morning prayer; 11 a.m., blessing of Easter foods; 7:30 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass with processions to four locations.
Easter Sunday, April 1, 8 and 10 a.m., English Mass; 1 p.m., Spanish Mass.

Pima East Vicariate

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Tucson
Palm Sunday, March 25, 7, 9 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., English Mass; 1 p.m., Spanish Mass.
Holy Tuesday, March 27, 7 p.m., eucharistic benediction.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 9 a.m., morning prayer; 7 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration in the hall until midnight.
Good Friday, March 30, 9 a.m., morning prayer; noon, English Stations of the Cross; 2 p.m., Spanish Stations of the Cross; 7 p.m., reading of the Passion.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m., morning prayer; 9:30 a.m., blessing of Easter food; 6 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass.
Easter Sunday, April 1, 6 a.m., sunrise Mass; 9 and 11 a.m., Mass in church; 9:30 a.m., Mass in gym; 1 p.m., Spanish Mass.

St. Mark's, Oro Valley
Palm Sunday, March 25, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Mass.
Holy Week, March 26-28, parish mission with Dominican Father Serge Probst, with sessions repeated at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Holy Wednesday, March 28, 7 p.m., Tenebrae service.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Good Friday, March 30, noon, Stations of the Cross; 12:30 p.m., meditation on the Seven Last Words; 3 and 7 p.m., reading of the Passion.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m., blessing of food baskets; 7 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass.
Easter Sunday, April 1, 6, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Mass.

St. Odilia's, Tucson
Palm Sunday, March 25, 7, 9 and 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Spanish Mass.

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p.m., Mass.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 9 a.m., morning prayer; 7 p.m., Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed by adoration until midnight.
Good Friday, March 30, 9 a.m., morning prayer; noon, Stations of the Cross followed by reflections on the Seven Last Words; 3 p.m., reading of the Passion followed by Communion.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m., morning prayer; noon, blessing of Easter food; 7 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass.
Easter Sunday, April 1, 5:45 a.m., Sunrise Mass in southeast parking lot; 7, 9, and 11 a.m., Mass.

St. Thomas the Apostle, Tucson
Palm Sunday, March 25, 8:45 a.m., Procession of Palms beginning in the courtyard leading into 9 a.m. Mass; 7:30 and 10:30 a.m., noon and 5 p.m., Mass.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m., Mass of the Lord’s Supper, including the washing of the feet and adoration.
Good Friday, March 30, 2:30 p.m., The Way of the Cross; 3 p.m., reading of the Passion, veneration of the cross and Communion; 7 p.m., singing of the Passion, veneration of the cross and Communion.
Holy Saturday, March 31, noon, Blessing of Easter Foods; 7 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass.
Easter Sunday, April 1, 7:30 a.m., Mass (song leader/congregational singing); 9 a.m., Mass (Acclamation Choir); 10:30 a.m., Mass (parish choir); and 12:15 p.m., Mass (Life Teen choir).

Pima South Vicariate
Our Lady of Fatima, Tucson
Palm Sunday, March 25, 11 a.m., English Mass with procession; 1 p.m., Spanish Mass with procession.
Holy Tuesday, March 27, 7 p.m., Spanish-language performance “The Passion of Christ.”
Holy Thursday, March 29, 5 p.m., English Mass of the Lord’s Supper with the washing of the feet; 6:30 p.m., English Mass of the Lord’s Supper with the washing of the feet, St. Mary of the Desert Mission, Three Points; 7 p.m., Spanish Mass of the Lord’s Supper with the washing of the feet.
Good Friday, March 30, 5 p.m., English reading of the Passion, followed by adoration of the cross; 7 p.m., Spanish reading of the Passion, followed by adoration of the cross; 8 p.m., bilingual meditation on the Seven Last Words; 8:30 p.m., a solemn procession in Spanish; 8:45 p.m., Spanish Rosario del Pésame.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 6 p.m., bilingual Easter Vigil Mass.
Easter Sunday, April 1, 7, 9 and 11 a.m., English Mass; 1 and 6 p.m., Spanish Mass.

St. Augustine Cathedral, Tucson
Palm Sunday, March 25, 6:30 and 10 a.m. and noon, English Mass; 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Spanish Mass.
Holy Monday, March 26, 2 p.m., Chrism Mass.
Holy Wednesday, March 28, 6 p.m., penitential service.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m., Mass of the Lord’s Supper with the washing of the feet.
Good Friday, March 30, noon, veneration of the cross; 3 p.m., Spanish Living Stations of the Cross, San Cosme, and English stations at St. Augustine’s.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 7 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass.
Easter Sunday, April 1, 6:30 and 10 a.m. and noon, English Mass; 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Spanish Mass.

St. John the Evangelist, Tucson
Palm Sunday, March 25, 6:30 and 10 a.m., English Mass; 8 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m., Spanish Mass; noon, bilingual Mass.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m., bilingual Mass of the Lord’s Supper; 9 p.m.-midnight, adoration.
Good Friday, March 30, 2 p.m., English Stations of the Cross; 3 p.m., bilingual Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3:30 p.m., bilingual Good Friday Service; 6 p.m., Spanish Stations of the Cross; 7 p.m., Pésame de María.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 7 p.m., bilingual Easter Vigil Mass.
Easter Sunday, April 1, 6:30 and 10 a.m., English Mass; 8 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m., Spanish Mass; noon, bilingual Mass.

St. Monica’s, Tucson
Palm Sunday, March 25, 8:30 a.m., 1, 4 and 7 p.m., Spanish Mass; 10:30 a.m., English Mass.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m., Mass of the Lord’s Supper, including the washing of the feet, procession of the Blessed Sacrament and adoration until midnight.
Good Friday, March 30, 9:30 a.m., Prayer at the Garden; 10 a.m., live Stations of the Cross procession through the neighborhood; evening, reading of the Passion, followed by adoration of the cross, meditation on the Seven Last Words, a silent march and condolences to Mary.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 6 p.m., English Easter Vigil Mass; 9 p.m. Spanish Easter Vigil Mass.
Easter Sunday, April 1, 8:30 a.m., 1, 4 and 7 p.m., Spanish Mass; 10:30 a.m., English Mass.

Pinal West Vicariate
St. Helen of the Cross, Eloy
Palm Sunday, March 25, 9 a.m., English Mass; 11 a.m., Spanish Mass.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m., bilingual Mass of the Lord’s Supper, including the washing of the feet.
Good Friday, March 30, 3 p.m., reading of the Passion.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 7:30 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass with bilingual readings.
Easter Sunday, April 1, 9 a.m., English Mass; 11 a.m., Spanish Mass.

Santa Cruz Vicariate
Most Holy Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Rio Rico
Palm Sunday, March 25, 8 and 9:30 a.m., English Mass; 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Spanish Mass.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m., bilingual Mass of the Lord’s Supper; 8:15-midnight, Night Watch.
Good Friday, March 30, 10 a.m., Stations of the Cross; 11 a.m., bilingual Divine Mercy novena; noon, English reading of the Passion; 4 p.m., Spanish reading of the Passion.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 4 p.m., bilingual Divine Mercy novena; 6 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass.
Easter Sunday, April 1, 8 and 9:30 a.m., English Mass; 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Spanish Mass; 1:45 p.m., bilingual Divine Mercy novena.

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Parish leaders provide insight at Directors’ Convocation

By MICHAEL BROWN
Managing Editor

Nearly 100 parish leaders met with Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger Feb. 3 to discuss their communities’ strengths and challenges, and to learn how one parish raised $1 million in three months to support its ministries and physical plant.

The annual Parish Board of Directors’ Convocation included pastors/presidents, treasurers and secretaries of parish boards diocesanwide. Representatives from two or three different parishes were gathered at tables for the hour-long discussion compiling a list of successes and challenges.

Afterward, Bishop Weisenburger listened to the parish representatives from each table as they offered group responses.

Bishop Weisenburger spoke about changes he found in the bustling Oklahoma parish with a sprawling plant where he spent two years as a child. Some 50 years later, the only building still in regular use was the church.

Other challenges – some parishes had a declining population, while others were bursting; or some had hundreds of volunteers, while others relied on the same few all the time – reflected on another element of parish life: the ministries.

Echoing the theme of an earlier presentation, the bishop said, “Our first ‘mission’ is the mission of the Church. The second is the buildings.”

Bishop Weisenburger suggested that one way of furthering the work of the Church is to reach out to their greater communities and welcome those who may want to enter the Church as converts.

“There’s never a shortage of converts,” he said.

The issue surrounding construction, renovation and maintenance of buildings is one that is more transient and “asked at every age.”

“Bless you for all the challenges you face,” Bishop Weisenburger said. Because of their hard work and good stewardship, “our future is bright.”

Msgr. Thomas P. Cahalane, pastor of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, and members of his parish leadership team spoke and took questions about the parish’s successful $1 million capital campaign for church remodeling, school improvements and deferred maintenance in honor of the parish’s 60th anniversary.

The roots of the campaign went back to preparations for the anniversary, as parish leaders assessed their needs and assigned estimated costs for those needs at $850,000.

The parish contracted with national consultant CCS Fundraising to help run the campaign. Msgr. Cahalane said he believed that the fees charged for the company’s assistance with the campaign were well worth the cost. A CCS staff member worked onsite every day for three months and managed the campaign in a way the parish staff could not have done on their own.

“If we had to do what he was doing, we would not have accomplished the goal,” Msgr. Cahalane said.

Needs were grouped into three categories: church renewal, school improvements and deferred maintenance. The theme of the campaign was “Remember, Renew and Rediscover Jesus Christ.”

“We were concerned that the maintenance needs would overwhelm the parish campaign,” the priest said, so the focus was to show that church remodeling – with a $350,000 price tag – was the core of the campaign. The projects there included replacing all the kneelers and pews, which had become cracked and balky over time; replace the flooring; and install glass doors between the vestibule and the nave. Both restrooms had to be remodeled, and shrines were to be added inside the church to accommodate new and relocated statues.

“We were calling people to rediscover Jesus, and the core of that mission is to the people of God,” Msgr. Cahalane added.

The case statement was reviewed by the parish board of directors, and each member made a pledge, said George Gewehr, board secretary. Then, other parish boards were likewise briefed and members made similar donations. It was a clear case statement and a strong parish organization that led to the drive’s success. “You have to have those. If you don’t, it won’t work,” Gewehr said.

Msgr. Cahalane said that from the start, he emphasized that the needs and the gifts were all rooted in the parish, so its success relied on parish members. “The extended parish leadership was brought in from day one,” he said. “I made it clear. It was not my project. It was their project.”

Parish Business Manager Steve Contreras said the entire process “went just as (the consultant) said it would.”

About 550 families participated with donations and pledges. Payment plans are spread over three years. So far, Contreras said, there has been very little delinquency on pledges, and the parish is working with donors facing challenges to restructure payments.

John Shaheen, diocesan director of the Property and Insurance Office, praised OMOS parish leadership for working with the Diocese from the start. “What OMOS did was exemplary. They brought us in early on.”

Bishop Weisenburger was not involved in the parish campaign, but applauded contracting outside consultants as a good use of resources.

“They assessment of what a parish can raise is solid gold.”

The OMOS presentation was intended to provide other parishes with ideas and examples of how to approach a fundraising campaign.
Young and old participate in Mass and March for Life

By MICHAEL BROWN
Managing Editor

Participants in the annual March for Life, like ministers who help shelter the homeless and care for the poor, share the deep desire to be in “prayerful and prophetic solidarity” with the group they serve – the unborn – said Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger in his homily at the annual Mass for Life in St. Augustine Cathedral Jan. 20.

“That places you in my ‘hero’ category,” he said. “The voiceless ones are counting on your voices to be heroes in their midst.”

Nearly 800 attended the Mass marking the 45th anniversary of the US Supreme Court’s Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion. Immediately following was the annual March for Life nearly four miles to Holy Hope Cemetery for the annual laying of roses at a memorial for abortion victims. Nearly 500, including the bishop, braved overcast skies, 55-degree temperatures and a 15-mph wind along city streets.

During his homily, the bishop described a meeting he had with ministry leaders from Tucson’s Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, including one woman working with the destitute in Haiti, another working in a women’s shelter, and a third ministering to homeless teens.

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Jordan Ministry fetes partners Reggie Sasseen and Joe Perdreauville

“What exactly does Jordan Ministry Team do?” It would take more than the space we have here to describe the many ways the team has provided faith formation and leadership development during the past 15 years in our Diocese of Tucson. We collaborate with many individuals, parishes, groups and offices within the Diocese to fulfill our mission: “The team provides theological and spiritual formation to foster Catholic leadership and promote spiritual growth throughout the Diocese. The Jordan Ministry Team is committed to making Jesus known and loved by all.” The sponsorship of the ministry by the Salvatorian family - ordained, professed religious and laity - provides a valuable and important gift to the Church here in the Southwest. Our work takes us to every corner of the Diocese. In our travels, we encounter many good and holy people. Each year, Jordan Ministry Team honors someone whose work in the Church shares our mission of faith formation and leadership development with the Alive in the Savior Award. Through the selection process, we are humbled by the goodness of the people we collaborate with, and we are inspired by the good that they accomplish.

This year, the award is given to Reggie Sasseen and Joe Perdreauville. Reggie served as the director of Parish Life and Ministry for the Diocese from 1990 to 2003. Her “retirement” included being an active part of the formation of deacons and lay ecclesial ministers until 2017. Reggie brought a wealth of knowledge, experience, high professional standards and a commitment to ongoing faith development to every aspect of her ministry.

Youth and young adult ministries at the parish level were the starting points for Joe Perdreauville’s work in the Church. Those continue to be important components of his work at the national level and in our Tucson diocese. Currently serving as the associate director of Pastoral Services, Joe’s faith and his commitment to formation are always at the heart of his ministry.

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“I felt like the air was just sucked out of the room. It was so profound what these people were doing,” the bishop said, adding that he felt like the least important person there.

“I said, ‘If I die tonight, someone else will be assigned to take my place. If any of you die tonight, people are going to suffer,’” the bishop said.

“Each (of them) recognized (the people they serve) as a human created in the image of God,” he said. “So too, in such a profound way, is the infant in the mother’s womb.”

Bishop Weisenburger said that pro-life supporters need to remember that lesson even when confronted by people who support abortion – “friend or foe, because even our foe is made in the image of God.”

At the cemetery’s rose ceremony, individuals were called up to lay at the base of the memorial a single red rose representing, by the year they were born, each of the 45 years since Roe v. Wade.

The last rose, presented by a young pregnant woman, was white. Walk organizer Kelly Copeland said, “we hope this is the last time we will be doing this.”

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Works of faith based on more than ‘delusion, superstition’

The power of a subordinate clause is that it is a nuance within a sentence that, depending where you put it, can take on a different meaning.

That’s the case in a recent brilliant, but provocative, novel, “The Ninth Hour,” by Alice McDermott. She tells a story which, among other things, focuses on a group of nuns who work with the poor in Brooklyn. Times are hard, people are needy, and the nuns, who work mostly in home care for the poor, appear utterly selfless in their dedication. Nothing, it seems, can deflect them from their mission to give their all, every ounce of energy, to help the poor.

On this score, McDermott gives them their due. McDermott’s portrayal of these nuns is nuanced and accurate. Nuns aren’t all of a kind. Each has her own unique history, temperament and personality. Some are wonderfully warm and gracious; others nurse their own wounds and aren’t always evident paradigms of God’s love and mercy. That’s the case with the nuns that McDermott describes here. Quirks of individual personality aside, as a community, the nuns she describes serve the poor; their overall witness is beyond reproach.

After telling this story of faith and dedication and reflecting on how today there are few groups of nuns who still live so radical a commitment, McDermott, through the voice of her narrator, introduces the subversive subordinate clause: “The holy nuns who sailed through the house when we were young were a dying breed even then. ... The call to sanctity and self-sacrifice, the delusion and superstition it required, faded from the world even then.”

“The delusion and the superstition it required”? Is she implying that this kind of radical self-sacrifice isn’t exactly “delusion and superstition,” it is bad and even not necessarily true? I grew up in the world McDermott is describing; where nuns were like that, and where a powerful Catholic ethos supported them and declared what they were doing as anything but delusion and superstition. Admittedly, that was another time and much of that ethos has not stood the test of time. Indeed, to a large part that ethos has succumbed to the raw power of secularity.

McDermott is right, partially. Some of that selflessness was based upon an unhealthy fear of hellfire and God’s anger. To an extent, too, it was based on a notion of faith that believed that God’s love was limited and that his grace is given only to the virtuous. From that, it isn’t. It is the faith my parents gave me, with its given vocation and that your life was not your own. Sometimes it is delusion but sometimes it isn’t. It is the faith my parents gave me, with its belief that your life and your sexuality are not your own. It is the truest, most unsuperstitious thing of all.

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San Felipe de Jesus, Nogales
Palm Sunday, March 25, 7 and 11 a.m., 1 and 5 p.m., Spanish Mass; 9 a.m., English Mass.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m., Spanish Mass of the Lord’s Supper; 8:30 p.m.-midnight, Spanish prayer Staying with the Lord in the Garden of Olives.
Good Friday, March 30, 10 a.m., Spanish Living Stations of the Cross; 3 p.m., Spanish Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6 p.m., Spanish adoration of the cross; 7 p.m., Spanish rosary to our Mother of Sorrows; 8 p.m., silent procession.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 7 p.m., Spanish Easter Vigil Mass.
Easter Sunday, April 1, 7 and 11 a.m., 1 and 5 p.m., Spanish Mass; 9 a.m., English Mass.

San Martin de Porres, Sahuarita
Palm Sunday, March 25, 8 a.m., English Mass; 10 a.m., bilingual Mass; noon, Spanish Mass.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 6:30 p.m., Mass of the Lord’s Supper, including the washing of the feet, followed by adoration until midnight.
Good Friday, March 30, 3 p.m., reading of the Passion with a Communion service; 4-6 p.m., confessions; 7 p.m., living Stations of the Cross.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 4 p.m., confessions; 6:45 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass.
Easter Sunday, April 1, 8 a.m., English Mass; 10 a.m., bilingual Mass; noon, Spanish Mass.

St. Therese, Patagonia
Palm Sunday, March 25, 8 a.m., Mass, Our Lady of the Angels Mission, Sonoita; 10:30 a.m., Mass.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 6 p.m., Mass of the Lord’s Supper, including the washing of the feet and adoration until 9 p.m.
Good Friday, March 30, 2:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross, reading of the Passion, veneration of the cross and Communion.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 7 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass.

Easter Sunday, April 1, 8 a.m. Mass, Our Lady of the Angels Mission, Sonoita; 10:30 a.m., Mass.

Yuma/La Paz Vicariate
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Somerton
Palm Sunday, March 25, 8 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m., Spanish Mass; 9:30 a.m., English Mass.
Holy Tuesday and Wednesday, March 27 and 28, 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Spanish Mass; 6 p.m., confessions.
Holy Thursday, March 29, 6 p.m., Spanish Mass of the Lord’s Supper, including the washing of the feet, followed by adoration until midnight.
Good Friday, March 30, 9 a.m., Live Spanish Way of the Cross through the Somerton streets; 3 p.m., Spanish reading of the Passion; 5 p.m., start of the Divine Mercy novena; 6 p.m., Pésame a Maria.
Holy Saturday, March 31, 7:30 p.m., Spanish Easter Vigil Mass.
Easter Sunday, April 1, 8 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m., Spanish Mass; 9:30 a.m., English Mass.
El Triduo: Una celebración de días sagrados

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Los tres días del Triduo –desde el Jueves Santo hasta la Pascua– se pueden contemplar mejor como una gran celebración dividida en el transcurso de varios días. El ritmo de lo que hacemos habitualmente enlentece para que podamos adentrarnos más en el misterio de la redención.

El Jueves Santo se celebra una Misa que comienza como de costumbre con la Señal de la Cruz, pero esa liturgia vespertina no concluye con una bendición. Es más, no hay un inicio formal del servicio del Viernes Santo, que tampoco tiene un final formal. Después de la liturgia de la luz en la Vigilia Pascual, pasamos directamente a lecturas de las Escrituras. La solemne bendición que se da al finalizar las Missas de Pascua marca la conclusión de esta gran celebración de tres días. A continuación, algunos comentarios sobre cada día:

- El Jueves Santo, que marca la muerte, y la ausencia, de Cristo.
   - El Viernes Santo es el día del año en que la Iglesia debe abstenerse de la Misa. Los únicos sacramentos permitidos son la Reconciliación y la Unción de los Enfermos. No se permite celebrar Misa en Viernes Santo, y por eso el servicio que se ofrece ese día es extraordinario. Comienza con la postración de los sacerdotes y ministros ante el altar despojado. Luego, ellos se ponen de pie, recitan una sencilla oración y proclaman las Escrituras. La lectura de la Pasión es el corazón de la celebración del Viernes Santo. Después de las oraciones de intercesión, prácticamente idénticas en todo el mundo, participamos en una de las prácticas más conmovedoras del año: la adoración de la Santa Cruz. Aunque puede haber algunas variantes de una parroquia a otra, para venerar la Cruz por lo general formamos fila, tal como lo hacemos para la Santa Comunión. Después se distribuye a los fieles la Santa Comunión consagrada el Jueves Santo.

El Viernes Santo, que puede considerarse la Misa más solemne del año para la Iglesia, comienza la Vigilia Pascual. Ese día celebramos con especial atención lo que celebramos todos los días: la resurrección de Jesucristo y la promesa de nuestra propia resurrección. Empezamos por encender y bendecir el fuego pascual, símbolo de la luz de Cristo Resucitado que vence a la oscuridad del pecado y la muerte. Luego comienza una extensa Liturgia de la Palabra con varias lecturas, y después de la homilía bautizamos y confirmamos a los adultos convertidos a la fe católica. La Plegaria Eucarística culmina con la distribución de la Santa Comunión a los conversos y luego al resto de los fieles. La bendición final completa el ciclo iniciado con la solemne Señal de la Cruz al comenzar la Misa del Jueves Santo.

Estos son días gloriosos y sagrados, y yo rezo para que todos los católicos hagan el esfuerzo de vivirlos en oración y con devoción.

Devotamente suyo en Cristo,
Obispo Edward J. Weisenburger

Católicos se reúnen en capítulo para orar por protección para Dreamers

Por KELLY SANKOWSKI
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON — Un grupo de sacerdotes, religiosos, jóvenes inmigrantes y sus simpatizantes se reunieron frente al Capitolio de los Estados Unidos el 6 de febrero para orar por los “Dreamers”, o soñadores, jóvenes cuyas vidas están inciertas, y por los legisladores que tienen el poder de cambiar su situación.

“Hemos hecho todo lo demás ... ahora oramos”, dijo la hermana Mary Ellen Lacy, de las Hijas de la Caridad, señalando las muchas actividades que se han llevado a cabo durante los pasados meses. “Realmente está en manos de Dios en este momento”.

El servicio de oración fue patrocinado por varias organizaciones católicas, incluyendo la Red Católica de Inmigración (DACA, creado en 2012 por el entonces presidente Barack Obama a través de una orden ejecutiva. Ahora los participantes en el DACA enfrentan un destino incierto porque el programa está previsto para terminar el 5 de marzo a menos que el Congreso actúe para mantenerlo en su lugar.

Durante el tercer misterio doloroso, la coronación de espinas, la multitud reflexionó sobre cómo a los captivos de Jesús no les bastó torturarlo, sino que también necesitaron humillarlo con una corona de espinas. De forma similar, los estereotipos y otros abusos verbales son las espinas que le hacen daño y humillan a los Dreamers en medio de estos tiempos de incertidumbre, dijo la reflexión.

“La carga de llevar la cruz fue tan...
Pascua Juvenil

El Retiro de Pascua Juvenil con el lema “Síguelo y Quédate con El”, se llevará acabo en la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Fatima los días Jueves 29 de Marzo al Domingo 1ro de Abril. El Retiro está abierto a estudiantes de preparatoria (high school) 9 a 12 grado, ambos hombres y mujeres. La pascua Juvenil es un retiro donde celebramos con los jóvenes la semana santa con temas juveniles e importantes para ellos y su fe. Información y registro, favor de contactarse a la Oficina Parroquial de Nuestra Señora de Fatima o la Oficina Vocacional de la diócesis al (520) 838-2531 o a diocesetucson.org/vocations.

“Ayúdanos a reconocer que siempre que acogemos al forastero te acogemos a ti”.

El congresista Juan Vargas, demócrata de California, se unió al servicio de oración como compañero católico.

“Es hermoso pedirle a María que interceda hoy no solo por los Dreamers, sino también por sus padres”, él dijo instando a todos a orar por el presidente de la Cámara de Representantes de los Estados Unidos Paul Ryan, republicano de Wisconsin que también es católico. Vargas dijo que creía que habría suficientes votos para aprobar la Ley DREAM si esta llegaba al pleno de la cámara.

La Ley DREAM -- Ley de Desarrollo, Socorro y Educación para Menores Extranjeros -- mantendría DACA en su lugar.

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Five years into pontificate, Francis continues to reach out

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VATICAN CITY — Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected pope just a few days after telling the College of Cardinals that the Catholic Church faced a clear choice between being a church that “goes out” or a church focused on its internal affairs.

After the cardinal from Buenos Aires, Argentina, was elected March 13, 2013, and chose the name Francis, he made “go out,” “periphery” and “throwaway culture” standard phrases in the papal vocabulary.

Catholics have a wide variety of opinions about how Pope Francis is exercising the papal ministry, and many of his comments - both in informal news conferences and in formal documents - have stirred controversy. However, as he wrote in Evangelii Gaudium, the apostolic exhortation laying out the vision for his pontificate: “I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security.”

However, there are two areas of internal church affairs that he recognized needed immediate attention: the reform of the Roman Curia and the full protection of children and vulnerable adults from clerical sexual abuse.

The organizational reform of the Curia has been taking place in stages, but Pope Francis has insisted that the real reform is a matter of changing hearts and embracing service.

On the issue of abuse, nine months into his pontificate, Pope Francis established the Pontifical Commission for Child Protection to advise him on better ways to prevent clerical sexual abuse and to ensure pastoral care for the survivors.

While Pope Francis has emphatically proclaimed “zero tolerance” for abusers and recently said covering up abuse “is itself an abuse,” as his fifth anniversary approached, serious questions arose about how he handled accusations that Chilean Bishop Juan Barros, who was a priest at the time, covered up allegations of abuse against his mentor.

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In September 2015, as waves of migrants and refugees were struggling and dying to reach Europe, Pope Francis asked every parish and religious community in Europe to consider offering hospitality to one family. The Vatican offered apartments and support to a family from Syria and a family from Eritrea. Then, seven months later, Pope Francis visited a refugee center on the island of Lesbos, Greece, and brought 12 refugees back to Rome on the plane with him.

Less than three months into his pontificate, he began denouncing the “throwaway culture” as one where money and power were the ultimate values and anything or anyone that did not advance money or power were disposable: “Human life, the person are no longer seen as primary values to be respected and protected, especially if they are poor or disabled, if they are not yet useful - like an unborn child - or are no longer useful - like an old person,” the pope said at a general audience.

In the first three years of his papacy, he published three major documents: Evangelii Gaudium (“The Joy of the Gospel”), Laudato Si’ (“On Care for Our Common Home”) and Amoris Laetitia (“The Joy of Love”), his reflections on the document on the family, especially regarding ministry to divorced and civily remarried Catholics and the possibility that, under some conditions, some of those Catholics could return to the sacraments.

The strongest criticism came from US Cardinal Raymond L. Burke and three other cardinals, who sent to the pope and then publicly released in November 2016 a formal, critical set of questions, known as dubia, insisting that allowing those Catholics to receive the sacraments amounted to changing fundamental church teaching about marriage, sexuality and the nature of the sacraments.

Pope Francis has not responded to the cardinals, two of whom have since died. In December, the Vatican posted on its website the guidelines for interpreting Amoris Laetitia developed by a group of Argentine bishops, as well as Pope Francis’ letter to them describing the guidelines as “authentic magisterium.”

The guidelines by bishops in the Buenos Aires region said the path of discernment proposed by Pope Francis for divorced and civily remarried couples “does not necessarily end in the sacraments” but, in some situations, after a thorough process of discernment, the pope’s exhortation “opens the possibility” to reception of the sacraments.

In the document and throughout his pontificate, Pope Francis has emphasized God’s mercy and the power of the sacraments to spur conversion and nourish Christians as they try to progress in holiness.

Like all popes, Pope Francis frequently urges Catholics to go to confession, telling them it is not a “torture chamber.” He repeatedly gives priests blunt advice about being welcoming and merciful to those who approach the confessional.

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### Bishop Kicanas to receive Civic Leadership Award

Honors continue to come in for Bishop emeritus Gerald F. Kicanas, with the announcement that the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona will be presenting him with the Civic Leadership Award March 7 in the Stevie Eller Dance Studio at the University of Arizona.

“The Civic Leadership Awards were created to reflect our strategic plan and ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion and to honor individuals who have helped others by giving of themselves to make southern Arizona a more inclusive and welcoming place to live,” said J. Clinton Mabie, president and CEO of the group in a Dec. 19 letter announcing the award. “You were selected due to your advocacy for and support of immigrants across the US and on the Mexico border region.”

Previous recipients include Ray Davies, a Holocaust educator, and Noel Matkin, a pioneer in providing assistive hearing devices for deaf children.

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