

**JUDAISM TO CHRISTIANITY**  
**Thursdays, February 23 - April 5**  
**9:30 a.m., Parish Hall**

Deacon Ron will facilitate this class on tracing our Christian practices from it's Jewish roots. The class will explore who the Sadducees and Pharisees were and how they came into being. Among other topics that will be explored will be the Jewish roots of our Catholic mass. Please sign up at the Parish Office.

**SISTERS FEBRUARY MEETING**  
**Monday, February 13, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Modular Building**

*LOVE IS.....* Judy Rogers will be sharing reflections on Corinthians 1:13 and how it relates to Valentine's Day. Plan on attending, bring a friend, and as always there will be refreshments and fellowship

*Welcome to the Parish*

*Prayer of St. Thomas More: Give us, good Lord, the grace to work for the things we pray for.*

Our warmest welcome to all who worship with our parish family, whether long time registered or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered, please stop by the Parish Office and pick up a registration form.



For your convenience a drop box is located outside the Parish Office front doors if you wish to leave paperwork when the office is closed.

*Please do not leave checks or cash.*

*Liturgy*

**The Good News of Jesus Christ**

Today we hear St. Paul tell the Corinthians, "If I preach the **gospel**, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1Cor 9:16).

The term "Gospel" comes to us from an Old English word which means "good spell" or "good news." The proclamation of the words and deeds of Jesus Christ is indeed "good news." Thus, the Gospel is "the high point of the Liturgy of the Word." (GIRM #60)

Whereas any qualified person can proclaim the other readings, proclamation of the Gospel is reserved for ordained ministers. Traditionally, this is a deacon, who is considered the special exemplar of Christ the servant. In the absence of a deacon, the priest proclaims the Gospel.

Many signs of reverence to the Gospel have been part of our tradition from the earliest days of Christianity. First, we carry the Book of the Gospels in our entrance procession. Recent church documents have stressed that only the Book of the Gospels, and not the Lectionary, can be carried in this procession.

Second, although we are seated for the other readings, from as far back as the fourth century people have stood to show their reverence for the

Gospel. Third, you have noticed that at solemn feasts, we incense the Book of the Gospels before the proclamation, another sign of great reverence which stems from the eleventh century.

The Middle Ages saw the development of another sign of reverence: making a sign of the cross first on the book, then on the forehead, lips and over the heart. This was to signify that our minds are to be receptive to Christ's Word, our lips are to profess the Word, and our hearts are to love the Word. Today, Church documents only say that the person proclaiming the Gospel must do this, but many of us join in this act of reverence.

In eighth century Rome, the book was kissed by all the clergy after the proclamation. Occasionally, it was given to the whole assembly to kiss. This custom is preserved today, as you see the deacon venerate the Book of the Gospels with a kiss. When the Bishop is present, the deacon carries the book to him for his kiss.

These signs of reverence surround the Gospel proclamation, because this is the Good News of our salvation, the living Word of the Risen Christ.

*Steve Raml*  
*Director of Liturgy & Music*



## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Parish Lenten Schedule

#### **FEBRUARY**

22 Ash Wednesday  
(Ashes Distributed All Services)  
6:30 a.m. Word Service  
8:30 a.m. Mass  
12:00 p.m. Mass  
5:15 p.m. Word Service  
7:00 p.m. Mass

#### **MARCH**

2 Fish Fry, 5:00 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m.

5-7 Lenten Mission, 7:00 p.m.

9 Fish Fry, 5:00 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m.

16 Fish Fry, 5:00 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m.

23 Fish Fry, 5:00 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m.

30 Fish Fry, 5:00 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m.

#### **APRIL**

6 Teens Living Stations of the Cross, 3:00 p.m.  
5-7 Triduum, 7:30 p.m.

*THIS WEEK.....*In the workplace or in school: make an effort to connect with someone who has been ill or is suffering from a medical condition. Show God's love to them.

#### **ELDER SPIRITUALITY**

**Tuesday, February 7, 9:15 a.m.**

Fr. Jim will be presenting on Reconciliation and preparing for Easter.

#### **CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE DINNER**

**Saturday, February 11, 6:00 p.m.**

It's time once again for the most enjoyable evening of the year! Make plans for a candlelight, gourmet dinner at our annual Celebration of Marriage dinner and dance. Tickets are \$25 per person, are inclusive of dinner and beverages, and can be purchased after all Masses and in the Parish Office during the week. This is a popular event that sells out quickly, so purchase your tickets early and don't miss out.



#### **CHARITY AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL (CDA)**



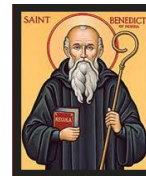
The annual Charity and Development Appeal will kick off in our parish on February 11 and 12. The CDA provides critical funding to charitable organizations who serve families in need, educate our children in the Catholic faith.

Please prayerfully consider a financial gift to the CDA. Our parish goal is 100 % participation. For our families who continue to support the CDA, we thank you. Your gift will make a difference to our One Family in Christ. More information and online giving can be found at [diocesephoenix.org/cda](http://diocesephoenix.org/cda).

**YES**  
**(YOUNG, ENTHUSIASTIC, SENIORS)**  
**All 50+ Couples and Singles are Welcome**

**Wednesday, February 8, 12:00 Noon**  
Potluck lunch and Valentine movie: "Mamma Mia"

Bring a dish to share and bring a friend to join the fun!



**Spirituality on Tap**

**Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.**

Please join us as Sr. Lydia Armenta, OSB, will guide us through the Benedictine tradition and path of spirituality in modern times. Who was St. Benedict and what was his life like in the monastery? Through Lectio Divina (Latin for divine reading) we will learn about the traditional Catholic practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer of Scripture. Lectio Devina is intended to promote communion with God, and to increase the knowledge of God's Living Word.

Sr. Lydia Armenta, OSB, has been a Benedictine since 1994, made her final profession in 2000 and is a member of the Benedictine Sisters at Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery in Phoenix, Arizona. She also serves on the Diocese of Phoenix Vocation Committee.

## Youth Ministry

### FIRE

(Grades 6-8 Middle School)

Sunday, February 5: No regular session  
Wednesday, February 8: No regular session  
Sunday, February 12: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, February 19: President's Day - Holiday  
Wednesday, February 22: No regular session  
Sunday, February 26: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, February 29: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE: March 2 & 3 - food fast and lock in**

Lost your schedule? Don't forget to pick up another one at FIRE.

### t.u.f.

(Grades 9-12 High School)

*Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth. And guess what? The rent is due!*

Sunday, February 5: no evening session  
Sunday, February 12: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday, February 19: President's Day - Holiday  
Sunday, February 26: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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### JOIN US ON FACEBOOK:

Teens may join at STMTUF  
Parents may join at STUF on TUF



**Calling all Volunteers!** We NEED you, don't make the mistake of thinking your gifts aren't needed.

For more information on any of the youth events please contact Gaby Franzoni at 623-566-8222 or gfranzoni@stmglendale.org.



In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal.

Praying for the poor can bring the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

## Christian Formation

### Elementary Christian Formation Calendar

#### Faith Formation

#### Class Dates

#### February

6/7  
13/14  
20/21 No Class  
27/28

### CATECHIST SOCIAL GATHERING

Catechists are invited to attend our 'Spring Fling Brunch' on Saturday, February 11, 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Please bring a brunch dish to share and a copy of the recipe for our new 'cookbook.' Please RSVP with Ann.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD CLOW

Children in Kindergarten through third grade are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word parallel liturgy during the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. No registration is required. Parents are always welcome to attend with their children.

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION NOTICES

**Parents Please Note:** All notices pertaining to class schedules, events, etc., are sent out by email. Please contact Ann (amalony@stmglendale.org) with questions.

Buy your Sunday Arizona Republic and support the teens. A mere \$2.00, like everywhere else, but you're helping the STM teens.



### SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**Jesus, the Messianic King Part Two**  
**February 18 - March 24, 8:00 a.m.**

This study continues and completes the unique portrait of Jesus developed in the first half of Matthew's gospel and offers firm guidance for the church and disciples today.

You may order your copy of the study book from amazon.com or thresholdbiblestudy.com. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

**For parents registering their children for the 2012-2013 school year, please note:** In order to receive the school's reduced Catholic Tuition Rate, it must be determined whether your family meets the criteria set for *Registered, Active, Participating* members. The definition of registered, active, and participating at St. Thomas More includes attending Mass regularly as well as contributing with an envelope to the offertory along with supporting the ministry life of the parish. If you have questions about your family's status, please contact the parish manager. (Note: all Diocesan high school students receiving the reduced tuition rate for the coming year must have their status verified by their parish pastor before they can be registered as Catholic.)

### A Meaningful Ministry C-O-S-T

Searching for a new ministry opportunity in our congregation? There will be a cost, but there will also be great spiritual rewards. Stephen Ministry is our parish's one-to-one caring ministry. Right now we're looking for members who are willing to pay the

#### Commitment Of Self and Time

and become Stephen Ministers, remembering that the blessings will outweigh the costs. Training begins this month. To find out more about training to be a Stephen Minister, please contact Linda McDowell, 623-566-8222 or [lmcdowell@stmglendale.org](mailto:lmcdowell@stmglendale.org).

*The Lord tells the number of the stars and calls them by name.*

Psalm 147:4

### CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEN'S CONFERENCE

**February 25, 2012, 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.**

Calling all men of the parish to attend this annual conference, which will be held at the Grand Canyon University Arena. Speakers include Bishop Thomas Olmsted and former All-Star Major Leaguer Terry Kennedy as emcee. Discount tickets, \$45.00 (which includes \$2 service fee), available until sold out or Friday, February 10 (whichever happens first). Regular price tickets are \$55.00. Contact Kenny at 917-459-8472 for ticket information. For conference information visit [www.cmfp.org](http://www.cmfp.org). This event sells out, so get your tickets early!

## Given in Gratitude for God's Blessings

The offertory for Sunday, January 29, was **\$28,554.**

*Thank you for your faithful support.*

The total offertory for the month of January was \$170,374.

The mortgage payment contributions (**debt reduction**) received in January totaled \$12,190. The monthly mortgage payment is \$36,000.



Do you use your credit card when possible so that you can receive flyer miles, or reward points? Do you find remembering your envelope on Sunday is a hassle?

You can use your credit or debit card and we will automatically charge or transfer your contribution each month for your Sunday Offertory and your Debt Reduction contributions.

Please come by the Parish Office or go to our website at [www.stmglendale.org](http://www.stmglendale.org) and complete an authorization form and return it to the Parish Office. Credit card contributions are processed on or about the 15th of each month and debit cards are processed on or about the 27th of each month.

You may also set us up as a vendor on your bank bill pay. Use your envelope number as your account number. Our address is 6180 W. Utopia Rd., Glendale 85308, 623-566-8222. You can send in your contributions on your own schedule.

Thank you for your support.

### PARISH HALL RENTAL

The Parish Hall is available to rent for private functions. Please see the parish web site under FAQ's or stop by the Parish Office for an information sheet. Parish ministries have priority when determining availability, but there are still many dates available for private functions. Contact Greg Selendic at 623-566-8222 or by e-mail at [gselendic@stmglendale.org](mailto:gselendic@stmglendale.org). with questions or for further information.

## PARISH COUNCIL

Questions, comments or concerns,  
contact a Council member.

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## FEBRUARY

### Monday, February 6

4:45 pm Faith Formation Sessions A  
6:30 pm Faith Formation Session B  
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus

### Tuesday, February 7

8:30 am Daily Mass  
9:15 am Elder Spirituality  
4:45 pm Faith Formation Sessions C  
4:45 pm RCIC  
6:30 pm Faith Formation Session D

### Wednesday, February 8

8:30 am Daily Mass  
12:00 pm YES Senior Group  
7:00 pm St. Thomas More Prayer Group

### Thursday, February 9

8:30 am Daily Mass  
7:00 pm Adult Bible Study  
7:00 pm RCIA

### Friday, February 10

8:30 am Daily Mass

### Saturday, February 11

7:00 am Tubac Day Trip (board bus) 7:30 am departure  
8:00 am Saturday Morning Bible Study  
10:00 am Catechists 'Spring Fling' Brunch  
6:00 pm Celebrating Marriage Dinner

### Sunday, February 12

4:00 pm Fire Youth Group

## Readings for the Week February 5, 2012

<b>Sunday</b>	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39
<b>Monday</b>	Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132 or Mk 6:53-56
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84; Mk 7:1-13
<b>Wednesday</b>	Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37; Mk 7:14-23
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106; Mk 7:24-30
<b>Friday</b>	Saint Scholastica, Virgin 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81; Mk 7:31-37
<b>Saturday</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes; BVM 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Ps 106; Mk 8:1-10
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Please come to Mass *early* enough not to disrupt. *Leave late* enough not to insult. *Worship reverently* enough not to distract. *AND dress proudly* enough not to offend.



### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

5:00pm +J. Michael O'Toole

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:30am +Cologera Allegra  
9:00am +Dylan Padro  
11:00am Parishioners of St. Thomas More

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:30am +James Patton

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:30am +Jay Charles Shelp

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:30am +Johny O'Connell

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:30am +Andy McComber

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

5:00pm +Robert Reed

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:30am +Vivian & +Sebastian Saint John  
9:00am Parishioners of St. Thomas More  
11:00am +Bob Betker

## Prayer List

\* Joe Bruno \* Joan Dondero \* Nancy Duva \*  
\* Gloria & Dick Ferrage \* Maria Jones \*  
\* Lynn Koster \* Bob McClarin \*  
\* Georgia McFadden \* Ray Rodriguez \* Pauline Saint John \*  
\* Carole Swift \* Marie Zichelli \*