



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

39TH AVENUE & MARYLAND
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
15 MARCH 2026, 10:30 A.M.
Sung Mass

Welcome to St. Mary's!

We are very glad you are with us today. No matter who you are, where you have come from, or where you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here. If you are new to Episcopal liturgy, we hope this leaflet will be helpful in your participation, and that over time this liturgy and our service to God will become more familiar to you. Please participate as you feel comfortable. If you have any questions about our liturgy, the Episcopal Church, or St. Mary's, please speak with Mother Samantha.

Preparing for Worship

Please silence all cellular devices as we prepare to enter this time of communal prayer. The complete Order of Mass is found in this leaflet including readings from Holy Scripture. Portions spoken by the people are in bold print.

If you are a visitor today, we invite you to fill out a welcome card and introduce yourself to one of the clergy following Mass today. You are always welcome at St. Mary's. If you are looking for a parish home, we hope you will find one here.

The Chapel and Sanctuary presence lamps are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Carole and Matthew Kellerman by the Kellerman Family.

MUSIC OF THE MASS

The setting of the Ordinary of the Mass is the *Missa Marialis (Mass IX)* adapted by Charles Winifred Douglas (1867-1944).

We invite all to keep a prayerful atmosphere in the Church before Mass.

The Word of God

At the sound of the bell, all rise as the choir sings the

INTROIT: *Lætare Ierusalem*

Tone VII

✠ Rejoice ye with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her: that ye may suck and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations. *Ps.* I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Glory be. Rejoice ye. (*Ps. 122*)

AT THE CENSING, HYMN 145

Quittez, Pasteurs

OPENING ACCLAMATION

✠ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

℞ **God's mercy endures for ever.**

THE COLLECT OF PURITY

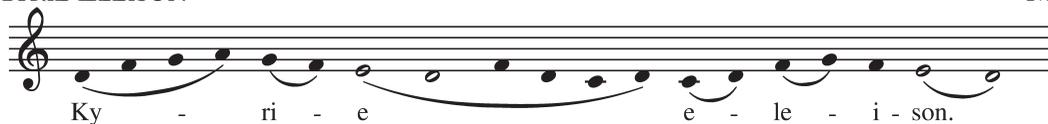
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

KYRIE ELEISON

Mass IX



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated for the Readings and the Psalm.

THE FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me him whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down till he comes here." And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated for the Psalm. The hymn appointed is a metrical setting of Psalm 23.

FOR THE PSALM, HYMN 663

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THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8–18

Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The People remain seated for the

TRACT *Qui confidunt*

Tone VIII

They that put their trust in the Lord, shall be even as the mount Sion: which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever. The hills stand about Jerusalem; even so standeth the Lord round about his people; from this time forth for evermore. (*Ps. 125*)

The People stand for the hymn and the Gospel.

FOR THE GRADUAL, HYMN 692

The Third Tune

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1–41

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant ††† The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant As he passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his

parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man’s eyes with the clay, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, “Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he”; others said, “No, but he is like him.” He said, “I am the man.” They said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age, ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you

too want to become his disciples?” And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe”; and he worshiped him. Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this, and they said to him, “Are we also blind?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The People are seated for the Sermon.

THE SERMON

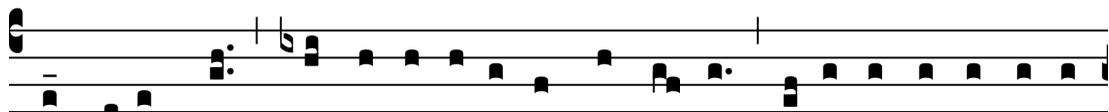
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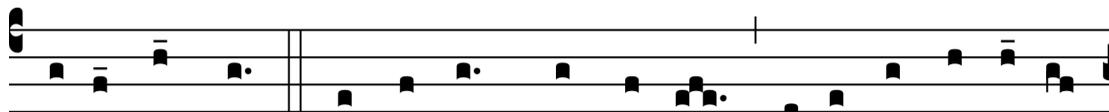
Credo I

W e believe in one God; the Father Almighty, maker of

heaven and earth, and of all things vis-i-ble and invis-i- ble. And in one



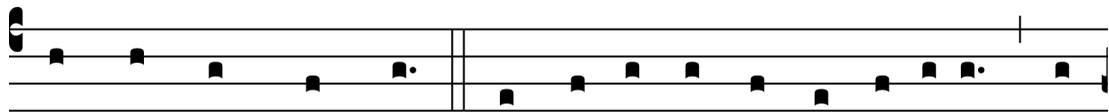
Lord Jesus Christ, the on-ly begotten Son of God; begotten of his Father



before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, ver-y God of ver-y



God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Fa-ther; by



whom all things were made: who for us and for our sal-vation came



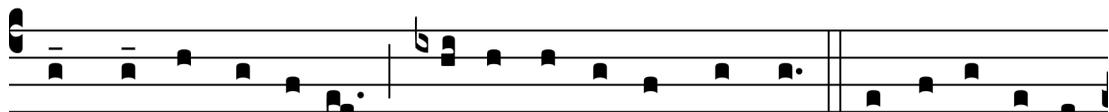
down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spi- rit of the Vir-



gin Mary, and was made man: And was cru- ci- fi- ed al-so for us



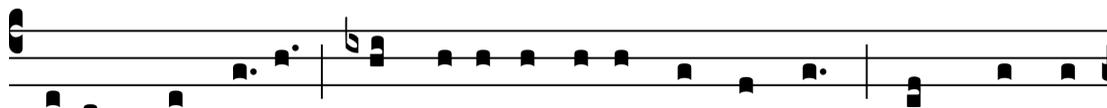
under Pontius Pi-late; he suf- fer- ed and was bu- ri- ed: and the



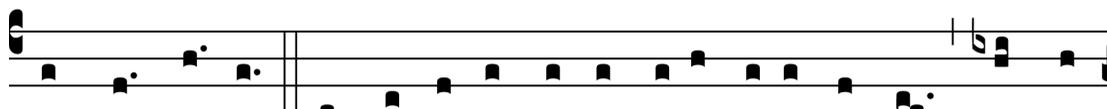
third day he rose a-gain according to the Scriptures: and ascended in-



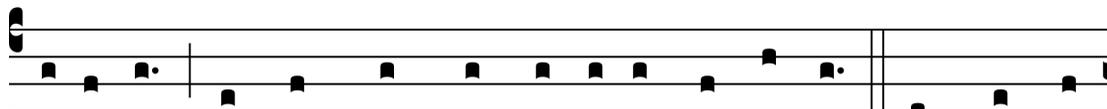
to heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Fa-ther: and he shall come



again, with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom



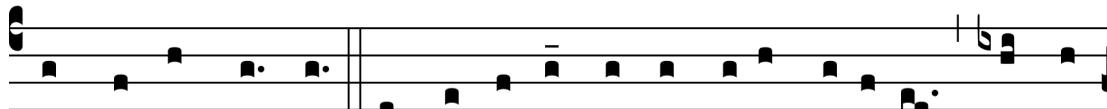
shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giv-



er of Life, who pro- ceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the



Father and the Son together is worshipped and glo- ri- fied; who



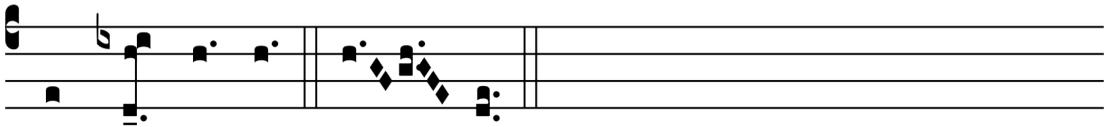
spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one Holy, catho-lic, and Ap-



ostol-ic Church: We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of



sins: † and we look for the Resurrection of the dead: and the life of



the world to come. A- men.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord have mercy."

After every petition, the People respond

Intercessor ...we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant You who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from this day forward in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

All kneel, as able.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, † forgive you all your sins through

our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The People stand to exchange the peace.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All may greet each other in the name of the Lord. All are seated for the welcome and notices.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant says an offertory sentence. As the Altar is prepared, a collection is taken to support the work and ministry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. An offering may be made via PayPal via the QR code below. Thank you for supporting God's mission in this parish.



OFFERTORY *Laudate Dominum*

Tone II

O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious; O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely: whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth. (*Ps 119*)

The People stand.

AT THE OFFERTORY, **HYMN 143**

Erhalt uns, Herr

The People remain standing

ORATE, FRATRES

Celebrant Pray siblings, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to the Lord our God.

People May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his Name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church.

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues with the appointed preface. The People sing the Sanctus & Benedictus.

Celebrant ...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS Mass IX

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord
God of Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full

of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.

† Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People kneel as able.

THE CANON OF THE MASS

The Celebrant continues with Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP 361–363). At the appropriate time following the words of institution, the people sing the Memorial Acclamation.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father...
Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding with:

Celebrant ...by him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People

A - men.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

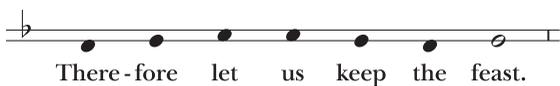
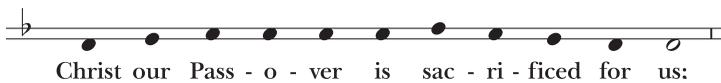
THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The consecrated Bread is broken, and a moment of silence is kept. Then, the Priest and People sing responsively

THE FRACTION ANTHEM



As the second Chalice is prepared, the Priest and People sing

AGNUS DEI

Mass IX

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way
the sins of the world, have mer - cy
up - on us. O Lamb of God,
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of
the world, grant us thy peace.

Then is said, the Priest and People kneeling, the

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Celebrant then invites the people to communion with the following.

Celebrant † Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are we who are called to his supper.

People **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you; but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive Holy Communion. If you are not receiving the Sacrament, cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will offer a blessing. To receive the Bread, please place one hand on the other and raise them so that the Priest may place a Host in your open palm. To receive the Wine, please gently guide the chalice to your lips. Please do not intinct (dip) the Host in the Chalice. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please notify one of the ushers so that the Priest may bring the Sacrament to you. Healing prayer is available in the Chapel.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Lutem fecit*

Mode I

The Lord spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed mine eyes, and I went and washed, and I received sight and believed in God.

AT THE ABLUTIONS, HYMN 645

St. Columba

After the hymn, the People kneel and pray together.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2026

Monday, March 16–Lenten Feria

The Diocese of Udi: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Morning Prayer at 9 A.M.

Evening Prayer at 5 P.M.

Tuesday, March 17–Patrick of Ireland, Bishop and Missionary, 461

The Diocese of Northern Uganda: The Church of the Province of Uganda

Morning Prayer at 9 A.M.

Holy Hour at 11 A.M.

Angelus at 12 NOON

Low Mass, Rite II at 12:05 P.M.

Evening Prayer at 5 P.M.

Wednesday, March 18–Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Theologian

The Diocese of Ughelli: The Church of Nigeria

Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.

Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 19–St. Joseph, Guardian of the Incarnate Word

The Diocese of Ukwa: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Morning Prayer at 9 A.M.

Low Mass, Rite I at 12 NOON (*note time change*)

Evening Prayer at 5 P.M.

Friday, March 20–Cuthbert, Bishop, 687

The Diocese of Umuahia: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Morning Prayer at 9 A.M.

Evening Prayer at 5 P.M.

Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 6:30 P.M., *soup supper following*

Saturday, March 21–Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1711

Te Pihopatanga o Te Upoko o Te Ika: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia

Low Mass, Rite I at 9:30 A.M.

Confession at 10:30 A.M.

NOTICES

Episcopal 101, Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

What's the deal with Bishops? Do we pray to Mary? How do I use the Book of Common Prayer? Join Mtr. Samantha at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the Library as we explore the theological and historical foundations of the Episcopal Church. Bring your curiosity and all the questions you've wanted to ask, but have been too afraid to. This course is designed for newcomers to the Episcopal Church, but is open to all. Offered weekly until March 26.

Lenten Soup Supper

Following Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday evenings, we will be holding a simple supper of soup and bread in the parish hall. If you would like to bring soup or bread, please sign up on the sheet located in the parish hall.

Parish Service Day

The Buildings and Grounds Committee invites you to the next Parish Service Day, March 28, 2026, from 8:00 am to Noon. Projects to be worked on include weeding the lawn on the southside of the church building, moving items between the church, office, and storage container, and cleaning and decorating the church for Palm Sunday. Other tasks may be attempted as time allows. Please join us for this time of fellowship and service. Speak with Gerica for more information.

Feast of the Annunciation Solemn Mass

Please join us at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25th as we commemorate the Feast of the Annunciation with a special Procession and Solemn Mass. We will be welcoming members of the Canons of the Order of Saint Benedict, a dispersed monastic community, as well as the members and clergy of St. Augustine's, Tempe. Mtr. Jana Sundin, co-Vicar of St. Augustine's, will be our preacher.

Easter Eggs

After Procession and Solemn Mass on Easter Sunday, St. Mary's and Santa Maria will be having an Easter Egg hunt on the Parish grounds. Please bring empty plastic Easter eggs over the next few weeks for the hunt. Thank you!

PARISH PRAYER LIST

We pray for the Church; for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Primate; Jennifer, our Bishop; Samantha, our Priest-in-Charge; and for Frank, our Priest Associate. We pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya; Christ the King, Tucson; the Diocese of Navajoland, and for our companion dioceses, the Diocese of Western Mexico and the Diocese of Upper Southern Nyanza-Kisii.

We pray for the people of St. Mary's; for the Congregation of Santa Maria and their vicar, Susana; for the members of the Society of Catholic Priests and their parishes; For those discerning Holy Orders, especially Hyacinth; for monastics and their communities, especially Jeffrey and the Community of Solitude, Lee and the Anglican Order of Preachers, the Community of Francis and Claire, and the Oblates of the Servants of Christ; and for all discerning a vocation to religious life, especially Robin.

We pray for peace among the peoples of the earth.

We pray for all who are impacted by recent immigration actions, and for an end to the terrorization of our neighbors by ICE.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, especially Diing, Ajok, Hugh, Larry, Thomas, Kathleen, Susan, Patricia, Carol, Mike, Alvie, Jacquelyn, Philip, Bobby, Spencer, Jacob, Diane, and members of the recovery groups which meet at St. Mary's.

We give thanks for the commutation of Charles "Sonny" Burton's death sentence to life without parole.

We pray for those facing the end of life; those on death row, especially Michael; and for an end to the death penalty. We pray for all who have died, especially Carole Kellerman, Erin Cummings and Cedrick Ricks.

If you would like to add or remove a name to the Parish Prayer List, please contact Mtr. Samantha (clergy@stmarypsphoenix.org) or the parish office (office@stmarysphoenix.org). Names are circulated for two weeks unless an extension is requested.