

# ONE MIND...ONE HEART...ONE SPIRIT!

## Diocese 40th Anniversary

The Diocese of Phoenix has published an informative, beautifully illustrated hardback book describing the past 40 years in the Diocese of Phoenix available in Spanish or English.

**Your very own book can be purchased in the rectory office for \$35.**

## Knights of Columbus

Celebrate New Years Eve with Knights of Columbus Council 3855, 8066 N. 49<sup>th</sup> Ave. Glendale. \$25/person or \$40/couple includes dinner, live entertainment, dancing, door prizes and more. Call the Hall 623-937-3794, Tom Waite 623-937-2188 or Greg Mattingly 623-910-8414 for tickets, December 28 ticket deadline.

## SAINT STEPHEN

*(First century) December 26*

**"A man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit"** (Acts 6:5): thus Luke introduces Stephen, first of seven deacons chosen by the community for its ministry of charity, first to lay down his life in witness to Christ. As the church's first martyr, Stephen's life and death mirror the preaching and passion of Jesus, **"the faithful witness"** (Greek, martyr) (Revelation 1:5). Like Jesus, Stephen works **"great signs and wonders among the people"** (Acts 6:8). Like Jesus, when falsely accused, Stephen's face radiates angelic serenity (Acts 6:15), though his tongue, like Jesus', is a two-edged sword. As the dying Jesus forgave his executioners, even making excuses for them, then commended his spirit into his Father's hands (Luke 23:34, 46), so Stephen intercedes for his murderers and begs Jesus to receive his spirit (Acts 7:60, 59). How fruitful both passions! The penitent thief inherits Paradise; Saul, who consented to Stephen's killing, is transformed into the fearless preacher Paul. Thus Stephen challenges us to bear witness not in words only, but by Christ-like forgiveness toward all.

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## LOVE NOW

Let those love now  
who never lov'd before;  
let those who always lov'd  
now love the more.

—Anonymous



## Christmas Mass

### Schedule

**Thursday, December 24th,  
Christmas Eve**

6:30 pm in English

7:00 pm (Family mass) OLPH in English

7:00 pm (Family mass) Capilla in Spanish

Midnight mass at OLPH in English

**Friday, December 25th, Christmas Day**

6:30 am in English

9:00 am English at OLPH

10:30 am at OLPH in Spanish

## Arizona Schoenstatt Family

*Invites ALL Men & Women*

Retreat Weekend on Spirituality, **Friday, January 29 (5:30 pm to 9:00 pm) and Saturday, January 30th (8:00 am to 9:00 pm)** Accommodations to stay over night are available (\$30/meals, \$35/room) at the Benedictine Monastery, 8502 W. Pinchot, Phoenix

Father Langsch, Schoenstatt Movement Director, from Milwaukee, WI, has been active in retreat ministry, on-going formation programs for the Diocese of Milwaukee and the Schoenstatt Movement.

Retreat begins with Registration on Friday, January 29th at 5:30 pm. Retreat itself starts at 6:30 pm, come early! The weekend includes: Mass, Spirituality Talks/Discussions, Confessions, Rosary and Benediction. We hope you will join us, the Arizona Schoenstatt family in a grace-filled Retreat Weekend. For reservations and more information please call Deacon Bob and Rose Myers at 623-979-5065 or Maria at 602-508-1989

## Gift Shop News!

We have lots of new gifts and religious items, plus new DVD's and CD's, which make great gifts for Christmas. We also have Layaway for your purchasing convenience as well. We are open every Sunday from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM as well as some Sundays we are open until 2:00 PM for the Spanish mass. Hope to see you either on Sunday! All the volunteers from the Gift Shop wishes all a very Merry Christmas!

**We are located in the hall behind the rectory. If you cannot make it after any of the weekend masses, call the rectory and we can make arrangements for you to come in during the week.**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
 Weekly Contribution Amounts  
**Sunday, December 13, 2009**  
 Sunday Collection \$16,571.57  
*Thank you for your continued generosity!*



**MEMORIES AND DREAMS**

There is an old saying that good gifts come in small packages. This is certainly borne out in today's scriptures. In the first reading the Lord announces that it is from Bethlehem, described as "too small to be among the clans of Judah" (Micah 5:1), that the Messiah would spring forth. In the Gospel story of the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, we can only imagine Mary, probably a young teenager, a small woman, bearing within herself the greatest gift the world would ever know. These scriptures have much to say to us as we look forward to opening Christmas gifts over the next few days. Nothing in any package beneath any tree can compare to the gift given to the world two thousand years ago. As we share the joy of Christmas, let us remember the greatest gift, Jesus Christ, who came into this world to save us and set us free. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



**NATURE RESTORED**

Christ is born, that by his birth he might restore your nature.  
 —St. Peter Chrysologus

**PARISH SCHEDULE**

**Monday, December 21/Lunes, 21 de Diciembre, 2009**  
 5:30 pm Children's Choir Practice Confer. Rm  
 7:00 pm Youth Group Hall

**Tuesday, December 22/Martes, 22 de Diciembre**  
 9:30 am World Apostolate of Fatima Chapel  
 6:30 pm Christian Formation, Spanish Class Rms  
 7:00 pm RCIA, Spanish Confer. B  
 7:00 pm RCIA, English Confer. A

**Wednesday, Dec. 23/Miercoles, 23 de Diciembre**  
 6:00 pm Choir Practice Confer. Rm  
 6:30 pm Christian Formation, English Class Rms  
 7:00 pm Bible Study Chapel  
 7:00 pm Neocatechumenal Way Casa Maria

**Thursday, December 24/Jueves, 24 de Diciembre**  
**Friday, December 25/Viernes, 25 de Diciembre**  
**Saturday, December 26/Sabado, 26 de Diciembre**  
 7:00 pm Neocatechumenal Way Confer. Rm  
**Sunday, December 27/Domingo, 27 de Diciembre**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56  
**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66  
**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79  
**Friday:** **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] **Midnight:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22  
**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128 or Ps 84; Col 3:12-20 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

**Masses for the Week**

**Monday, December 21**  
 6:15 am – Intentions of Betty Bosak (BD)  
 8:30 am - † Rosalyn Fierro

**Tuesday, December 22**  
 6:15 am– Intentions of Enriquita & Carmen Breceda  
 8:30 am † Nunzio Battaglia

**Wednesday, December 23**  
 6:15 am –Intentions of Iniquez family  
 8:30 am † Michael Rodriguez

**Thursday, December 24**  
 6:30 am- † Tranquinlino Garcia  
 7:00 pm - † Deceased of Muler family (OLPH)  
 7:00 pm -† Larry Tellez (Capilla)  
 12:00 am † Rita Carroll

**Friday, December 25**  
 6:30 am - † Joe Edward Garcia  
 9:00 am –† Cesar Verdugo  
 10:30 am - † Berta , Jesus & Adrian Salazar

**Saturday, December 26**  
 8:30 am - † Andrea Maria Rincon  
 5:00 pm - Intentions of Mary Leyva family  
 7:00 pm - † Ophelia Garcia

**Sunday, December 27**  
 6:30 am –For the People  
 8:30 am Family & Friends of Tino & Marilyn  
 10:00 am † Andrea Quintero  
 10:30 am † Lorenzo Apodaca  
 12:30 pm Intentions of Chavez, Murillo & Porras families

**Remember in prayer all who are sick in our community, and those who have asked for your prayers:** Valerie Flores, Jesse Rodriguez, Raymond Krawchisom, Juan Manuel Navarez family, Ruth Gonzales, Veronica Bustos, Concha Aguilar, John Dykes, Ramona Rodriguez, Maria Rojo, Alicia Macias, Sonny Knotts, Arturo Muñoz, Jose Dorame, Lucy Santa Cruz, Christine Lopez, Mary Fedro, Anne Fogus, Jenny Dunston, Rose Ann Carpenter and John Boland. **Pray for deployed members of the military:** Lance Corp. Juan Torres, Terrell Thomas, and Michael George Alvarez **Pray for all who have died:**



## **Horario de Navidad**

**Jueves, 24 de Diciembre,  
Vigilia de Navidad**

6:30 am en Ingles

7:00 pm (Misa de Familiar) OLPH en Ingles

7:00 pm (Misa de Familiar) Capilla en Español

Misa de Medianoche a OLPH en Ingles

### **Viernes, 25 de Diciembre, Navidad**

6:30 am en Ingles

9:00 am en Ingles a OLPH

10:30 am en Español a OLPH

## **El 40avo. Aniversario de la Diócesis**

La Diócesis de Phoenix ha publicado un libro empastado, hermosamente ilustrado e informativo que describe los pasados de 40 años en la Diócesis de Phoenix.

**Usted puede comprar su propio libro muy propio en la oficina de la Rectoría por \$35.**

## **LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

**Lunes:** Cant 2:8-14 or Sof 3:14-18a; Lc 1:39-45

**Martes:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lc 1:46-56

**Miércoles:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lc 1:57-66

**Jueves:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lc 1:67-79

**Viernes:** **Vigilia:** Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88); Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] **Medianoche:** Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95); Ti 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14 **Alborada:** Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96); Ti 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20 **Día:** Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 97); Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

**Sábado:** Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

**Domingo:** Eclo 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Sal 128 (127) o Sal 84 (83); Col 3:12-20 [12-17] o 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lc 2:41-52

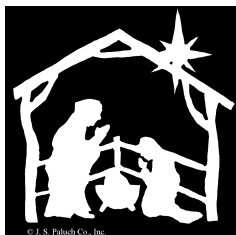
## **AMAR AHORA**

Que amen ahora  
quienes nunca antes amaron;  
que los que siempre amaron  
amen aún más ahora.

—Anónimo

## **NATURALEZA RESTAURADA**

Cristo nació para que, por su nacimiento, nuestra naturaleza sea restaurada. —San Pedro Crisólogo



## **Invitación!**

A todas esas parejas que planean unir sus vidas ante Dios, se le comunica que próximamente se celebraran las bodas comunitarias.

**Para más información comunicarse con Blanca Nuñez al 623-939-4101** o pasar a su oficina que se encuentra a la entrada del salon parroquial.

## **MEMORIAS Y SUEÑOS**

Hay un viejo dicho de que los buenos regalos vienen en paquetes pequeños. Eso es muy cierto en las lecturas de hoy. En la primera lectura el Señor anuncia que es de Belén, descrita como **“pequeña entre las aldeas de Judá”** (Miqueas 5:1), de donde vendrá el Mesías. En el relato evangélico de la visita de María a Isabel, sólo podemos imaginar a María, probablemente una jovencita, cargando ella misma el mayor regalo que el mundo jamás conocería. Estos relatos bíblicos nos dicen mucho a los que esperamos abrir regalos navideños en los próximos días. No hay paquete junto al árbol que se compare con el regalo dado al mundo dos mil años atrás. Al compartir la alegría de la Navidad, recordemos que el mayor regalo, Jesucristo, vino a este mundo para salvarnos y liberarnos.

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## **SAN ESTEBAN**

**(Siglo I) 26 de diciembre**

El libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles describe a Esteban, uno de los primeros siete diáconos de la Iglesia naciente, como un **“hombre ‘lleno de fe y del Espíritu Santo’**. Como diácono, según lo pedido por la comunidad, se dedicó al cuidado de los huérfanos y de las viudas. Además de eso, se dedicó a predicar la salvación por medio de Jesucristo. Su predicación incomodó a algunos líderes religiosos quienes sobornaron a otras personas para que declararan que Esteban había blasfemado contra Moisés, pero no fue así. Sin embargo, Esteban les recordó que Dios no sólo estaba en el Templo de Jerusalén y además les reprochó su incumplimiento de la ley y el rechazo al mensaje de Jesús. Esto les molestó mucho y **“Esteban les dijo que veía los cielos abiertos y al Hijo del hombre de pie a la derecha de Dios”**. Llenos de rabia se lanzaron contra él, lo sacaron de la ciudad y lo apedrearon hasta matarlo. Mientras agonizaba, oraba así: **“Señor Jesús, recibe mi espíritu”**. San Esteban es el protomártir de la Iglesia.

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