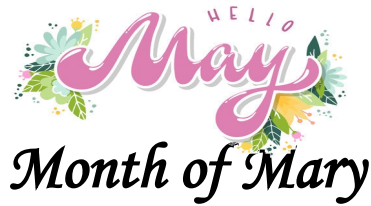




Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery Special Edition Bulletin

May 17, 2020



A word from our Prioress, Sister Linda

Greetings Everyone, last Sunday, 104 came for communion. Thank you for sticking to the restrictions of wearing the mask, keeping the social distance, and for your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for the cards, flowers, gifts, singing of Happy Birthday and Mananitas for my birthday. It was a lovely day and grateful I could see so many of you.

This past week Bishop Olmstead gave permission for Mass to resume in the parishes with restrictions. Only 25% of the seating number can attend the Mass during this first phase. After speaking with the Crosiers and Father Felt, Sister Lydia and I, we have all concluded that it is not safe for us to resume public Mass for our community. The numbers of cases of covid19 is still rising in Arizona as well as the deaths. Once the data indicates that we are no longer having new cases and deaths we will re-evaluate our decision.

So, until further notice, we will provide communion in the cars only. The communion station will be where you will come for the reception of the Eucharist. In order to keep contact to a minimum we will have the same Eucharistic Ministers each week.

Blessings,

Sr. Linda Campbell, OSB Prioress



REFLECTION

This is a poem that speaks volumes.

POEM OF THE WEEK: Benedictine nun and poet Macrina Wiederkehr died in late April.

Let's remember her with this poem, from her book Seven Sacred Pauses:

Living Mindfully Through the Hours of the Day.

I will believe the truth about myself
no matter how beautiful it is:

I believe in my power
to transform indifference into love.

I believe I have an amazing gift
to keep hope alive in the face of despair.

I believe I have the remarkable skill
of deleting bitterness from my life.

I believe in my budding potential
to live with a nonviolent heart.

I believe in my passion to speak the truth
even when it isn't popular.

I believe I have the strength of will
to be peace in a world of violence.

I believe in my miraculous capacity
for unconditional love.

I will believe the truth about myself
no matter how beautiful it is.

—Sister Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB
St. Scholastica Monastery, Ft Smith, AK



Communion Only in Cars until further notice:

This past Sunday, we received 104 faith community and Oblates to receive communion. Thank you for cooperating with the rules and restrictions.

Thomas Road is open for entrance.

1. Scholastica House [in the middle of the property] will be the station for distribution of the Eucharist while remaining in your car. We will have Eucharistic Ministers available from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. For your safety and ours we will use the same EM's each week as these are the folks we have been around.
2. Bishop Olmstead said that you must participate in a Mass on the TV or on Cable. The Diocese has a liturgy on AZ-TV at 9:00 am; The Crosiers Mass on You Tube is at 8 am. Resurrection parish has a mass on Saturday night: 5 pm at Resurrectionaz.org This mass can be viewed on Facebook or YouTube.
3. Communion will be distributed in the hand only. I know this is difficult for those of you who receive on the tongue. However, we need to make sure we are taking all the safety measures we can to protect our priests, our ministers, one another, and you.
4. **Assess your health, if you have any indication of illness, please stay home.**

Face Mask Production

Thank you to our sewing crew for continuing to make the face masks. To date we have raised: \$3145.00. This is huge with the loss of the Thrift Store Income and the loss of Retreat Income.

We are so very grateful for the opportunity the sewing team has given to us, as well as all who are advertising and selling for us.

If you need a mask to go out safely into stores please contact Joanie and they will be delighted to sell you a mask or 2 or 3. Contact Joanie at: 309-339-9531

Mask Sewing Ministry

Our excellent seamstresses are in need of fellow sewers to join them in making face masks. A rewarding way to spend your time in isolation. Call Joanie if you are interested. 309-339-9531



We want to thank all of you who are continuing to donate to the Monastery. Although, we are not together worshipping and fellowshipping with

each other, the Monastery still needs your support. We are still doing the work of building God's kingdom, 24/7, but like always we cannot do it without your help. Many of you have asked how you can support us during this time, there are multiple ways. You can send in your donations to Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery, 8502 W. Pinchot Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85037. (Please make checks payable to Sisters of St. Benedict). You can also contribute on line <http://www.olgmonastery.com/contact-us/online-giving/> , through PayPal. We thank you for your generosity.

***Also, don't forget about Amazon Smile...every time you use Amazon you can donate to the Monastery with Amazon Smile.



Delicia Moreno 5/20

Christine Raydl 5/22

Maria Robledo 5/22

“An old man walked up a shore littered with thousands of starfish, beached and dying after a storm. A young man was picking them up and flinging them back into the ocean. “Why do you bother?” the old man scoffed. “You’re not saving enough to make a difference.” The young man picked up another starfish and sent it spinning back to the water. “Made a difference to that one,” he said.

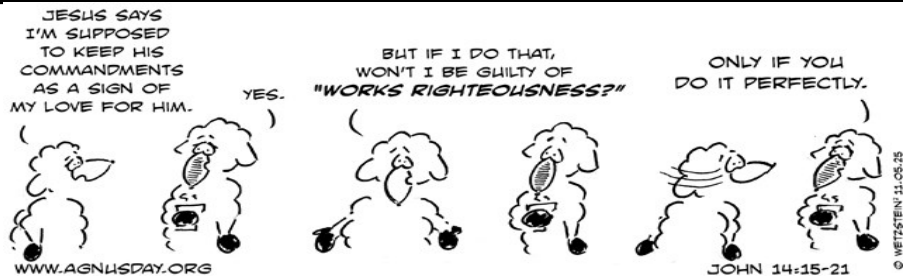
Benedictine Spirituality Today—Hospitality and Making a Difference

As a Benedictine Oblate, I have embraced the core value of Hospitality as laid out in The Rule. To me, hospitality is welcoming all with the open arms of Our Lord and Our Lady. It is, to me, gathering in, pulling in all into my embrace, my home, my life. When the pandemic hit, I lost that very important part of my spirit. Fear robbed me of my openness, I closed not just my doors, I closed my heart. I saw people as a potential danger to me and my family. There was a darkness in me that I could not shake. This was not very Benedictine of me. Through a series of conversations with some wise individuals I was reminded of my call to serve, this call fulfills my Benedictine call to hospitality as well as several of Benedict’s teachings on living the [“Tools for Good Works”](#) from chapter 4 of his [Rule](#):

1. In the first place, to love the Lord God with the whole heart, the whole soul, the whole strength. 2. Then, one’s neighbor as oneself. 14. To relieve the poor. 15. To clothe the naked. 16. To visit the sick. 26. Not to forsake charity. 62. To fulfill God’s commandments daily in one’s deeds.

I needed to see hospitality in light of my very closed cocoon, hospitality is not just a pulling in and gathering, it is also a reaching out. Reaching out to friends and family with a text, a card, a phone call, a video chat. It’s pulling up Perpetual Adoration on live stream (from Poland) and praying with other adorers across the world. It’s watching the Mass live streamed every week along with 250-350 other parishioners. It’s praying the rosary with family members, in AZ, through a conference call. It’s supporting financially my places of worship. It’s staying connected with community through the bulletin or through praying for our sick, it’s sewing face masks, or smiling and greeting neighbors from afar on daily walks. I am limited only by my imagination. Hospitality depends on how open I am to making a difference in someone else’s life. Just like the story of the starfish, the smallest, inconsequential action I take outside of myself can mean something to someone. Hospitality can be huge, it can be little...it is a pulling in and a reaching out. Hospitality answers the question, “Why do you bother?” because I want to make a difference.

Bibi Hernandez-Oblate



Readings for May 17, 2020

Reading 1-Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Reading 2-First Peter 3:15-18

Gospel-John 14:15-21

I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS

Reminder: Due to the pandemic, Lupe’s Thrift Store is no longer taking donations, at this time.



LET'S PRAY TOGETHER

Christine Radyl	Sister Linda
Karen Brekas	Mike Leon
Adella Arriaga	Moses Bailey
Adella Dennett	Kara Warren
Patricia Waitkus	Steve Platter
Javier Chavarria	Paula Garcia
Angel Vega	Donar Jordan
Nora Porchini	Alma Jones
Angel Garcia	Aaron Calhoun
Sonny Flores	Sophie Bejarano
Anna Lucero	Grace Galaviz
Mickie Vaquera	Jenny and Roy Flores
Lyle Copono	Lucy Quiroz
Maria Elena Alvarez	Petra Lara

Please keep all in your prayers. We will be adding all of these prayer requests to our book of intentions. All are prayed for each day as we gather for our community prayer.

Updates: Mickie returned to the hospital due to a fever that the doctors cannot figure out. Donar is making progress in the burn unit. Sophie is making progress day to day with the bells palsy. Karen Brekas continues with rehab.

CoronaVirus Prayer List

Let us also pray for all those affected by the coronavirus, all those who will be affected, all the elderly and vulnerable, all the health care workers on the front line of this illness and all of us. Especially for:

- Sr. Linda's nephew in law, John Locke, has been diagnosed with the virus. Lisa and their two sons have not shown any signs of the virus. Please keep their family and John's co-workers in your prayers.
- George Castellanos continues to improve each day.
- Ruperto Buscaino passed away this week. The rest of his family have recovered from the virus. Please keep the family in your prayers.



GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Each year we celebrate our graduates from Kindergarten, Junior High, High School and College. We intend to do so again this year when

we are permitted to come together for Mass. The only thing we don't know is when that will be. However, in an effort to be ready for that big day, please send the following info to: srlinda98@gmail.com

Name [first and last names] of graduate
Level graduating from and the name of the school
Name of school moving to in the fall

Those graduating from high school and going to college and where

Those going into the military and which branch

We ask that those who sign up be present for the ceremony.

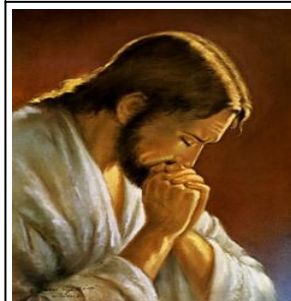
So far, I have received information only on 2 graduates. Please send your info in so we can make preparation for all the grads who are coming to celebrate. I expect we are doing this is late June or July.... we need to see how the virus is by then.

FAITH COMMUNITY EMAILS

We are emailing the bulletins; however, we do not have emails for all the faith community. If you are aware of any emails of those who come to the Monastery for Mass please send names and their email address to: srlinda98@gmail.com

I have emails for all the Oblates. In addition, **if there are folks you think might like to receive the bulletin please send their name and email address to the above as well or you can forward the bulletin to those interested.**

Looking Ahead



Readings May 24, 2020

Reading 1- *Acts 1:12-14*

Reading 2- *First Peter 4:13-16*

Gospel- *John 17:1-11*

Sister Linda's opinion on Constitutional Rights:

I have heard all the testimonies about the Constitutional right to have Mass, to be active in public, etc. And I have seen many people not wearing a mask nor doing social distancing....part of the Constitutional right.

I believe in the Constitution, but I also believe that I have a right to protect all those whom I love and those I don't know. This is the reason that we are not opening the Monastery for public worship:

I think of all who are carriers and don't know it, giving this virus to anyone known or unknown. My nephew wore the mask and gloves every day at work, now we know it comes through the eyes. He did all that the doctors and scientists knew at the time....he still got it. The virus is awful....I'm not willing to take the risk with each of you...your children....your friends....and all whom we journey with.

I value the responsibility I have to be safe, to be healthy, to be holy....As I listen to the numbers of people still being diagnosed and dying in such high numbers in Arizona, I don't think the issue is resolved to a point where we can keep all of you safe. Yes, many other illnesses have higher mortality, however, they don't give their diseases to others at the rate this virus is transmitting. St. Benedict tells Abbots and Prioresses, do the best you can with the knowledge you have. That's what we believe we are doing.

I'm truly sorry we can't gather, we miss all of you and our wonderful liturgies, but I value you so much I don't want you to get the virus because we decided to open up for Mass and ministries. The parishes are having Mass, if you wish to participate in the parish I respect your decision. Each person must decide for themselves and their families. May God and Our Lady of Guadalupe intercede in the behalf of our whole world for healing, compassion, patience, and respect for all. God bless you.....

**We value each of you
and your families.....**



**May each day during this
time give you time for:**
Prayer
Reflection
Family
**Appreciation of
each person in your life.**

