

St. Andrew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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"I will make you fishers of men"

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m. (Spanish)
5:00 p.m. -Life Teen

Monday- Friday Daily Mass

9:00 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 a.m. &
Vigil at 5:00 p.m.

LIVESTREAMING MASS

**Monday to
Saturday 9 a.m.**

**Sunday
10 a.m. & 12 p.m.**

**GOOD SHEPHERD
MISSION (Route 82, west of
Mustang Corners)**

**Saturday
6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Confession: Before Mass**

CLASSES

**Adult Christian Initiation
Deacon Mike Denton**

If you are interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith and or becoming a Catholic, call the Parish Office.

**Religious Education
Genevieve Rivera**

Faith formation prepares students Pre-K-12 for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation. This is a comprehensive program in which students will continue to learn about our practices and beliefs as Roman Catholics.

**Teen Sacraments
Deacon Bill Polakowski**

If your teenager is in need of Confirmation or another Sacrament, contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Reconciliation

Monday - Saturday morning
30 minutes before ALL MASSES
Saturday from 8:15 - 8:55 a.m. 3:30 - 4:55 p.m.
Sunday from 7:30 - 7:55 a.m.
4:30 - 4:55 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment.

Baptism

Parents requesting baptism for their children are required to:

- * Pre-register at the Parish Office.
- * Bring a copy of the child's birth certificate.
- * Parents and Godparents are required to attend one baptism prep class.

Held on the first Tuesday of the of the month in English, last Tuesday of the month in Spanish.

Marriage

Please make arrangements at the Parish Office six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick:

1st Friday of each month after the 9:00am and 12:05pm Masses or as needed by calling the Parish Office.

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



Please visit our website, www.standrewsv.org and go to the “resources” tab and select “On-line giving”. It’s easy, fast and secure.

Helpline: 800-348-2886

Read the bulletin online @ www.standrewsv.org



Find us on the Web:
www.standrewsv.org



View our daily and Sunday Masses on- line

Welcome to St. Andrew the Apostle Parish



With open hearts we welcome all who have come to the house of the Lord. If you are new to the parish, please take time to stop by the office and register. Once registered, this implies that you will participate with our faith community at Sunday Liturgy and return to the Lord by sharing your time, talent, and treasure with His Church.



Please join us for **Bible Study** each week in Madonna Hall. *Come and learn with us!*

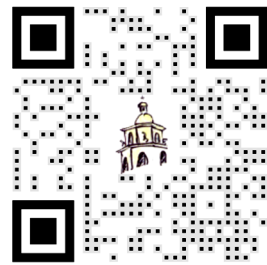
Tuesday mornings: 9:45-11:00 a.m.
Wednesday evenings: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

When you scan this QR Code you are able to make a donation to Parish’s general fund.

A receipt will be sent to you via e-mail.

This will be your only record, so please keep it.

Thank you so much for your generosity!



SCAN ME

Bulletin Articles are DUE by:
12p.m. on Tuesday.

Please submit all announcements in “PDF” or “WORD” Format to:
bulletin@standrewsv.org

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITY

You may memorialize a loved one in our Prayer Garden by purchasing a brick and having it engraved with their name. The cost is only \$200, and it will be placed in our beautiful Prayer Garden. Call Kate at the Parish Office for more information at 520-458-2925.

*Thank You
For Your
Will to Give*



Your gift will support our life of prayer, and our prayer will be the gift we offer in return to support you and your loved ones.

FORM OF BEQUEST FOR A WILL:

I give, devise, and bequeath to Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish, 800 Taylor Dr. Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arizona... (here state the amount of money or description of the property willed).

Sign up for our St. Andrew's weekly update! Text the letters **StAndrewSV to **84576****



DID YOU KNOW....

that with all of the heart-wrenching news coming out of the Holy Land and the images of destruction and hopelessness in many areas of Palestine, we are able to do something to give hope and practical assistance for many living through these very difficult times?

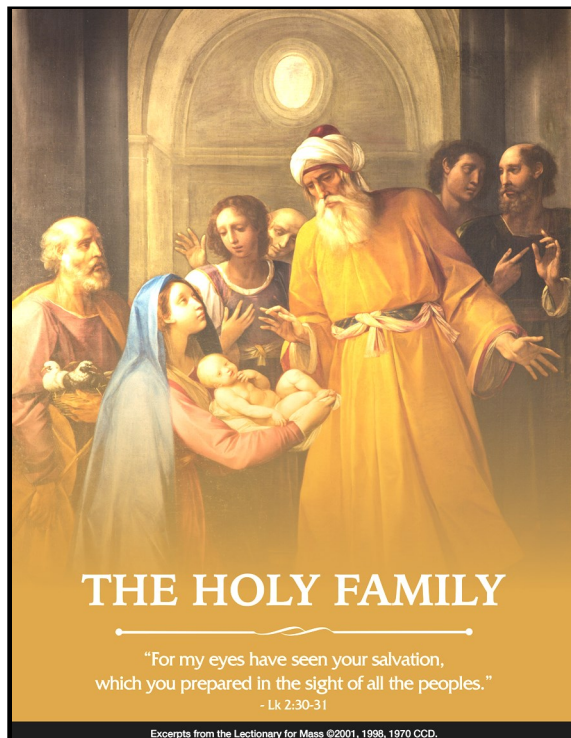
On the 14th we will have the special Second Collection to help fund our endowed scholarships at *Bethlehem University*! You will find information about *Bethlehem University* in this bulletin, (re-printed from *Our Sunday Visitor*), and we hope that you will become excited about this project!

What started off in 2015 as a small Parish project – to endow an annual scholarship for a student at *Bethlehem University* the only Catholic (or Christian) university in the Holy Land, with the goal to help build enduring bridges of understanding and peace in the region, as well as supporting the struggling Christian community – turned into a very successful Diocesan-wide project! The *Order of the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem* – got behind this as a very appropriate way to honor our retiring *Bishop Kicanas*, who has a long-time and deeply-felt commitment to working for peace in the Near East. *Bishop Kicanas* serves on the Board of Bethlehem University Foundation with our own *Ann Dickson*! *Bishop Kicanas* is the son of an immigrant from Lebanon, and has made many connections in the Near East, through his chairmanship of *Catholic Relief Services*. He is a strong supporter of *Bethlehem University*, which has been described as an “oasis of peace” amid the warfare and horrific suffering that we have been reading about and viewing on tv news.

Two years ago, we decided, as part of our world-Mission outreach, and support for *Bethlehem University*, to fund a *St. Andrew's Nursing Scholarship*! In November 2022 a group of Pilgrims from *St. Andrew's* was able to meet with *Angelina Mukarker*, the recipient of our Nursing School Scholarship! Please consider your gift – whatever you are able to give – as a kind of “vote” for peace in the Holy Land – peace based upon mutual respect, open dialog and the peaceful resolution of issues! And, *PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF BETHLEHEM – and all of the Near East!!!*

We believe that *Bethlehem University* may be the last, best chance for peace in the Holy Land, and so we are committed as a Parish to the mission and the vision of *Bethlehem University*!

A WORD OF THANKS from your Priests, Deacons, and Staff – From ALL of us, thank YOU so much for the many expressions of love and affirmation we have received from YOU this Christmas: the beautiful cards, expressions of affirmation, food, gifts, and your thoughtful gifts! It was overwhelming to say the least, and it would be daunting (impossible) to respond with a personal note of thanks to each of you, but please know that as we opened each card/gift we spoke of word of prayer for YOU! A prayer of thanks for YOU!



WEEKLY OFFERING

December 24th, 2023:

St. Andrew's Offertory \$16,081
Good Shepherd Mission \$375

Christmas:

St. Andrew: \$19,255
Good Shepherd Mission \$351

Next week's 2nd collection: Social Concerns and

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 30th

<u>9:00AM</u>	
+Vicente Napu ti	Family
+Jerry Messmer	Family
<u>5:00PM</u>	
+All Souls	Friend
+Helen Mencin	Friend
<u>6:30PM GSM</u>	

SUNDAY, December 31st

<u>8:00AM</u>	
Gert Mackey	Johanne Bowling
+John Malarchik	Rita Thompson
<u>10:00AM</u>	
The Communities of St. Andrew &	Good Shepherd Mission
<u>12:00PM</u>	
+Maxima Isabel Martinez	Jose and Ana Parada
+Eduardo Bracamonte	Family
+Guadalupe Romo	Adelina Romo & Family
<u>5:00PM</u>	
+Frances Paiz	Joe Paiz
Dioka Family Thanksgiving	Family

Monday, January 1st

<u>9:00AM</u>	
Paul Mackey	Sister Gert
+Royce Vernon	Alicia & Jesus Velarde
<u>12:00AM</u>	
Michelle Leon	Leon Family
+Leeland Penrod	Alicia & Jesus Velarde
+Chuck Albanese	Friend

Tuesday, January 2nd

<u>9:00AM</u>	
+James Chambers Jr.	Wife
+Marin Carstea	Mihaela Straja
<u>12:00PM</u>	
+Joey Dalmer	Margaret Dalmer
+John Malarchik	Nancy & Jim Johnson

Wednesday, January 3rd

<u>9:00AM</u>	
+Junj Suk Kim	Pierce Family
+Bernard & +Chris McCooey	McCooey Family
<u>12:00PM</u>	
Terán Grijalva Family	Dcn Lauro & Lupita
+Dolores & +Frank Quintero	Valencia Family

Thursday, January 4th

<u>9:00AM</u>	
+Abraham Gatmen	Anniversary
+Christina Bolard	Valencia Family
Ivonne Slayton	Family
<u>12:00PM</u>	
+John Malarchik	Valencia Romero
Katherine & Angel Uriel Herrera	Dolores Cameron

Friday, January 5th

<u>9:00AM</u>	
+Pete & +Owen Weldy	Family
+Justin Syphurs	Debra & Caitlin Syphurs
<u>12:00PM</u>	
+Hunter Phillips	Friend
Olga Felix	Dcn. Lauro & Lupita

Saturday, January 6th

<u>9:00AM</u>	
Jeanette & Felix Soto	Family
Legion of Mary	Curia
<u>5:00PM</u>	
+Luciano Lopez	Wysong Family
Carol O'Donogue	Dickey Family
<u>6:30PM GSM</u>	
Brandon & Kimi Olsen	Powers Family

SUNDAY, January 7th

<u>8:00AM</u>	
+John Malarchik	Meny & Rosie Bernal
+Matilde Cruz	Cruz Family
<u>10:00AM</u>	
Fred Barley	Family
+Pedro & +Emiliano Rivera	Frank & Laura Liebsch
<u>12:00PM</u>	
The Communities of St. Andrew &	Good Shepherd Mission
<u>5:00PM</u>	
+Javier Portillo	Dcn. Lauro & Lupita
+Maurice Taillie	Taillie Family

Therefore, if anyone is in
Christ, he is a new
creation. The old has
passed away; behold, the
new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)

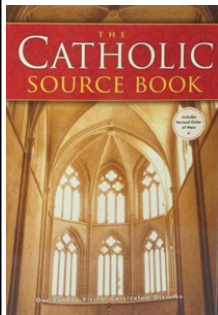


May God's peace be upon
you and remain with you
throughout the year.

SCAM ALERT

NO ONE from St. Andrew's Parish including the office staff nor the clergy will e-mail, call, text or communicate in any manner for solicitation of funds. If you receive an e-mail or text message requesting funds on behalf of Fr. Greg or anyone connected with the Parish, delete it immediately. Never give your personal information to anyone regardless of who they say they are. Scammers prey upon parishioners and are active in our area.

CATHOLIC QUIZ: *This week's Question: "Who were the 'Wise Men'?"*



The Answer to Last Week's Question: "What is the tradition of lighting candles in the home at Christmas?" During the English persecution of the Church in Ireland – the time of the 'Penal Laws' – seeking the eradication of Catholicism, 'outlawed' Catholic priests were driven to visiting homes in secret, where Mass could be said at night, or only with the greatest precautions. At Christmas time, Catholic families would leave their door unlocked and put candles in the windows – to guide expected priests and the Faithful to these 'safe houses'. And patrolling English soldiers, noticing the open doors and lit candles, were simply told that it was to welcome Mary and Joseph on Christmas. The soldiers dismissed the story as 'harmless Catholic superstition, and the 'safe house' was safe for the priest to celebrate Mass! The trimming of the "Christmas Candle" is still an important tradition in many Irish homes!

If you would like to be as smart as the "Quiz Master" — you can purchase a copy of the Catholic Source Book, available in the Parish Office.

SOUL FOOD:

"When we work hard, we must eat well. What a joy, that you can receive Holy Communion often! It is our life and our support in this life – receive Communion often and JESUS will transform you into Himself!"

- St. Peter Julian Eymard (1811-1868)

The Parish office will be
closed Monday January 1st



Happy New Year

An advertisement for the 'relevant radio' app. It shows a hand holding a smartphone displaying the app's interface. The screen shows various content including 'LISTEN AND WATCH FAMILY ROSARY ACROSS AMERICA HERE - 7:00PM CT', 'TOP STORIES How to find Purpose in Your Life', 'LISTEN LIVE', and 'NOW PLAYING'. The app logo 'relevant radio' is in the bottom right corner with the tagline 'Bringing Christ to the world through the media'. Text on the right says 'Get the App that makes a difference. LIVE & Interactive shows. Popular podcasts. Putting faith at your fingertips. Now, that's relevant.' At the bottom left, it says 'Listen on-air, online at relevantradio.com, and on the app. DOWNLOAD TODAY!'.



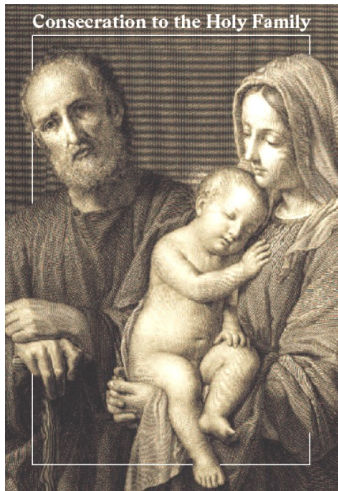
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st

9:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

(Not a day of obligation this year)

Next week the parishioners are asked to join the Knights of Columbus in consecrating ourselves to the Holy Family as we do each year between Christmas and the Feast of the Mother of God. At the Sunday Masses for December 31st, you will receive a prayer card as shown below. Please reflect on the image and prayer in preparation for the consecration at Mass on that day. JESUS, Mary and Joseph – PRAY FOR US!



Bishop Salpointe Council, Knights of Columbus

O Lord Jesus,
you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace
as you prepared to fulfill your mission
as our Redeemer.
We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary,
you are the Mother of our Savior.
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.
We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph,
you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,
and gave us a model of fatherhood
while showing us the dignity of work.
We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family,
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
May we be completely united
in a love that is lasting, faithful
and open to the gift of new life.
Help us to grow in virtue,
to forgive one another from our hearts,
and to live in peace all our days.
Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.
May our home, O Holy Family,
truly become a domestic church
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Building the Domestic Church



KofC.org/DomesticChurch

Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.

10/22/21 9/20



SAINT PAUL
Evangelization Institute

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says in #1816 All, however, must be prepared to confess Christ before men and to follow him along the way of the Cross, amidst the persecutions which the Church never lacks.” **Service of and witness to the faith are necessary for salvation:** We have bricks that look like fish nets outside our Church. Those are evangelization nets because our Bulletin says "I will make you Fishers of Men". As Catholics, we are to go and share our faith in these trying times. St. Paul Street Evangelization has many new things on its site. How to Share Your Faith and a new one called "Healing in Evangelization."

Go to <https://stpaulsevangalization.com/> and click on the street evangelization link. Then click on "I want to learn how to share my faith" Then click on "Support the School" it will take you to a donation page and if you can make a donation please do, but if you can't then click on the "More Pledge Options" and scroll to the bottom where it says "FREE ACCOUNT". They will ask you once more for a donation but click on the FREE ACCOUNT and then give your name and email address and you are in.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

“Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God.” Consider following Christ more closely as a priest or in consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to Deacon Bill at:

bsaski@live.com

“No temas, porque has allado favor ante Dios”. Considere seguir a Cristo más de cerca como sacerdote o en la vida consagrada. Hable con su Sacerdote o comuníquese con el Diácono Lauro Terán por correo electrónico:

deaconlaurot@standrewsv.org

Wishing YOU A Joyous YEAR

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HARNESSSES THE POWER OF COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIPS TO FEED, CLOTHE, HOUSE AND HEAL INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO TURN FOR HELP.

AS IMPORTANT, SVDP PROVIDES MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE THEIR NEIGHBORS IN NEED WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION.

HAPPINESS
Blooms
in the hearts of
those who volunteer.



HAVE YOU PRAYED ABOUT
BEING PART OF SOMETHING
GREAT? GIVE US A CALL TO
LEARN MORE.
520-458-0500

REPORT ABUSE

Call 911

- Call law enforcement to make a report.
- If the abuse happened in Arizona, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area.
- If the abuse happened in any other state, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area of that state.
- Call the diocese in which the abuse happened.

If the abuse happened in the Diocese of Tucson, call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson at **520-623-0344** (**1-800-234-0344** in Arizona) and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection of the Diocese of Tucson at **520-838-2513**.

<https://www.diocesetucson.org/reportabuse>



As we celebrate Holy Family Sunday, let us remember that God's love for us is reflected in the love for each other in our family. Why not celebrate and encourage that love by giving your spouse the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience of February 3-4, 2024 in Phoenix or April 6-7, 2024 in Tucson

- Christ gave us a great gift of Himself on Christmas. He calls us to give of ourselves to everyone, especially our spouse.
- Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and learn how to be the best gift you can be for your spouse.
- Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February or April of 2024.
- Early registration is highly recommended.

For more information visit our website at:

www.wwme.org

SOMETHING GREAT JUST GOT BETTER!

Taxpayers contributed over \$12 million dollars to Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) last year and provided tuition scholarships for students in schools throughout the Diocese of Tucson.

Thank you!

For additional information brochures are in the vestibule or visit:

www.ctso-tucson.org for online giving.



**Please Silence
Your Cell Phone**

Eucharistic Day of Discernment

FOR YOUNG ADULT CATHOLIC WOMEN

January 20th
San Xavier Mission



**Discernment
Reflections, Prayer,
Adoration and a Meal
with Franciscan Sisters
of Christian Charity**



Visit fscs-calledtobe.org
for more information
and to register



Text or call Sr. Mary Ann
920-320-1627

FRANCISCAN SISTERS
of Christian Charity

God Calls You. We Invite You



GriefShare is a nondenominational program that features biblical teachings that focuses on grief associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts, workbook and group discussions about what the DVD and your grief process.

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent.

You will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling and how your life has changed.

GriefShare support group meets every Wednesday Dec 6th - Feb 28th, 2024, in Madonna Hall, room #3 from 5:00pm to 6:30 pm., Saint Andrews Church .

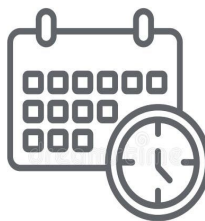
To register or for questions or to speak with a GriefShare Facilitator please call 520-458-2925.

When you scan this
QR Code you are able to
make a donation to Parish's general fund.
A receipt will be sent
to you via e-mail.
This will be your only
record, so please keep it.

Thank you so much for your generosity!



PARISH BUILDINGS RESERVATIONS



RESERVATION

Make sure you schedule your space needs through the Parish office as far in advance as possible.

The Church, Chapel and both the halls are in high demand and we have many ministries and requests to accommodate throughout the year. Help US help YOU by channeling all room/church/hall space reservations thorough the office staff.

Bethlehem University called an 'oasis of peace'

A light in darkness

One place where it is possible to look for some light, however, is Bethlehem University, the only Catholic university in the Holy Land, a school described by Bishop William Shomali, auxiliary bishop of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, as "an oasis of peace where Muslim and Christian students and teachers live, study and work in concord and harmony."

Any visitor to Bethlehem eventually notices the impressive campus operated by the De La Salle Brothers. The influence of the school also becomes clear in conversation with local leaders, especially in the Latin Patriarchate of .

Graduates hold a host of jobs across the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, and some return to serve as faculty.

One of them, Vera Baboun, came back to work at the university for 21 years as a teacher of English literature and also as assistant dean of students. A Catholic, in 2012 she was elected the first female mayor of Bethlehem. She considers herself "a daughter" of the university's De La Salle teaching tradition and views the school as one of the great treasures of the city she now runs.

"Usually you graduate from a school," she said, "but Bethlehem University has a tradition, and as a teacher and a student I have been raised on that tradition. That affects my life also today. How to be efficient, to work with honesty and decency and most importantly with faith, with (Jesus) in your heart."

Difficult times

This tradition is especially crucial given the violence that has touched the faculty, staff and students over the years.

The school has been closed 12 times by the Israeli military, including a three-year period from October 1987 until October 1990 during the First Palestinian Intifada, the uprising against Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories. The scars of the fighting can still be seen in the buildings.

In March 2002, when Bethlehem was the center of fierce firefights and the Church of the Nativity was the site of a siege between Israeli troops and Palestinians, four Israeli anti-tank missiles struck the university. Three hit the Millennium Hall complex that had been dedicated only the year before and one smashed into the Palestinian Cultural Heritage Center in the library. The hole in the wall of the library caused by the missile has been carefully preserved with a glass cover.

Today, many of the students who attend the university and live in Jerusalem face daily travel restrictions and Israeli military checkpoints. One of them, Dalal, a 22-year-old daughter of a German woman and a Palestinian, makes the uncertain trip every day from Jerusalem through the security zones. She had studied in Germany and came back to the Holy Land to finish her degree in social work, but the hardships are worth it because of the reputation and level of accreditation the university offers.

Interreligious ties

Considered one of the best students at the university, Dalal embodies as well the atmosphere of harmony among the Christian and Muslim students and the surprising demographics of the student body. Visitors to the school are often shocked to learn that 74 percent of the students are Muslim, and even more surprised that 77 percent of the students are women.

At a time when Christian-Muslim relations seem at a low point in Iraq, Syria and elsewhere across the Middle East, the university is a unique place — a Catholic institution of higher learning where Muslims and Christians can meet and build cultural and social bridges for the future.

Sami Yousef, head of the Pontifical Missions Society for the Holy Land and a former professor, stresses the importance of this process.

"For many of the Muslim students who come from places like Hebron or the outlying villages," he told Our Sunday Visitor, "this is really their first exposure at the age of 18 to any Christian presence, symbols or individuals ... and yet when they open up their eyes, Christianity for them is something very dear to their heart. All of a sudden you are talking about people who are of the same language and the same culture that are your neighbors, and you start to build up these relationships and respect for Christian institutions."

This was the vision intended from the start by the Christian Brothers, and the Holy See has worked to help. The papal nuncio to Israel and apostolic delegate to Jerusalem and Palestine, for example, holds the post of university chancellor and acts as chief adviser to the vice chancellor in expressing the concerns of the Holy See. The Vatican also encourages the vital task of institutional development and fundraising.

The Christian Brothers have done exemplary work, but they are keenly aware of the degree to which the university has relied over the decades on generous help from across the globe. Only 40 percent of the university's operating costs come from tuition, so the school benefits greatly from support from 29 countries. The United States provides the most assistance, followed by Australia, France and Germany. The members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem have also provided crucial assistance over the years.

Supporters want to help preserve the Christian presence in the Holy Land. But there is the complementary goal of seeing a school where Christians and Muslims study together, and not merely survive but flourish. As Bishop Shomali emphasizes, Bethlehem University is "a Catholic institution where ethical values of tolerance, dialogue, teamwork, respect of the other and the Christian values are the daily bread. Although Bethlehem University is a small one in terms of numbers, it remains an oasis of peace and dialogue in a torn and divided Middle East."



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION RETREAT

Saturday, January 6, 2024

9:00 am Mass – 1:00 pm

Kino Hall

Guest Speaker: Sr. Lois Paha, O.P.

We are being called to deeply reflect on the Eucharist during the worldwide Eucharistic Revival. Many graces and rich blessings are bestowed on those who regularly adore Our Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease."
— Pope John Paul II in "Dominicae cenae"

Come spend some time with the Blessed Sacrament. Open to all Adorers and anyone interested in the ministry. Please plan to join us for this retreat, a light breakfast will be provided.

Please RSVP to Lydia Corral 520 236-5261 or Frances Huertas 253 640-7734.



If you want to learn more about who Padre Kino was and what he has meant for our faith. You can watch Father Greg being interviewed by Bishop Weisenburger on the following links:

<https://youtu.be/w26socmgQdU?si=aRx8-2TBthX8Xvd>



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