

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Ambrose O. Nwohu.....520-896-2708
 Parish Secretary & Compliance Representative: Gloria Acosta520-896-2708
 Parish Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday..... 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Priest: Tuesday - Friday.....9:30 a.m. - 12 noon & 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.
 Director of Religious Education: Mary Telles: Wednesday.....520-896-2708

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Mass of Anticipation).....5 p.m.
 Sunday.....8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
 Monday thru Friday.....8 a.m.
 First Friday of the Month Anointing of the Sick and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.....8 a.m.
 All Holy Days of Obligation.....9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
 Pray the Rosary.....1/2 hour before each Mass



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*****SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION*****

Holy Matrimony

Marriage Preparation
 Diocesan regulations require that you see a priest at least *four months* before your wedding date.

Baptism

Baptismal Preparation
 Please call for arrangements at least *two months* prior to the date of Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled for the third weekend of each month.

Reconciliation

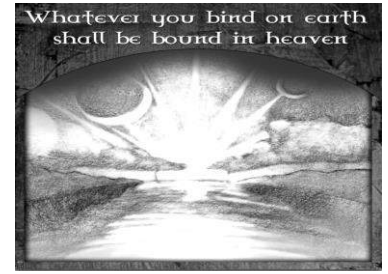
Reconciliation/Confession
 Saturday from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Any other time by appointment.



**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 2017**

“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

— *Matthew 18:19*



GOD’S WATCHERS

In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God’s will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today’s Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ’s body around us.

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Deadline for bulletin announcements is 2 p.m. on Tuesday

MASS INTENTIONS

Offered for our beloved dead as well as our living ones.

May the souls of our faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Saturday, September 9 – 5 p.m. - +Felipa P. Felix by Family

VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX

At each Mass, the family taking the crucifix should designate another family to carry the crucifix home the following week.
Please return the crucifix before the beginning of each Mass.

INFANT BAPTISMS

Instructions for infant Baptisms are on the first and third Thursday of the month (after initial registration) at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.
It is mandatory that parents and Godparents attend.

Weekly Collections 9/2 & 9/3, 2017

- Parish Offertory – \$1,066.00**
- St. Helen Building Fund - \$251.00**
- Fiesta Donation - \$100.00**
- Raffle Tickets - \$148.00**

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Sanctuary Lamp
September 2017



Please stop by the parish office to reserve dates for the Sanctuary Lamp. The Sanctuary Lamp may be reserved by more than one persons for the same dates.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Ill and/or homebound: Allison Gomez, Lawrence Ortiz, Martin Romero, Susie Molina, Ruth Quinn, Payton Roberts, Rosa Santos, Evodio Barrientos, Rico Guerrero, Tony Telles, Raymond Laase, Tom & Carmen Garcia, Veronica Lozano-Myers, Dora Chavez, Lynne Cunningham, Mollie Clark, Hailey (Candelaria) Lugo, Madison Harper, Michael Hilimire, Bea Marquez, John Hughes

Please help keep our prayer list current. To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the parish office. In order to ensure an updated prayer list, names will be listed for two months and then removed.

Our Service Men & Women: Carlos Zazueta, Ignacio Madrid, Nathan Jackson, Manny Navarro, David Navarro, Theo Gordon-Martin

Faithful Departed: *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them*

Bishop Kicanas’ Monday Morning Memo is an informative update on events taking place in the diocese and what the bishop’s busy schedule consists of each week. You can read the weekly memo by visiting the diocesan website; www.diocesetucson.org or by requesting a copy from St. Helen Parish Office. If you have something you want to publicize in the bishop’s memo, please e-mail it to bishop@diocesetucson.org or send it to his attention c/o Monday Memo at the Pastoral Center, 64 Broadway Blvd., P.O. Box 31, Tucson, AZ 85702.

SEPTEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

Every First Friday – 8 a.m.- Anointing of the Sick and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Days of Obligation – Masses 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Adult Formation (Scripture) Classes with Msgr. Ambrose – Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Choir Practice – Saturdays, 9 a.m.
Womens' Prayer Group – Tuesdays from 12 noon to 1 p.m. 896-9031
Finance Committee – Every 3rd Thursday – 6:30 p.m.
Parish Council – As announced
Liturgy Committee – As announced

Second collection for Building Fund - Every first weekend of the month . Parish Maintenance Second Collection six times/year.

St. Helen Offices & Ministries

Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson – Ellie Brown 896-3530
Finance Council Chairperson – Manny Navarro 896-2469
Compliance Representative – Gloria Acosta 896-2708
Liturgy/Bereavement - Mary Buzan 730-8929
Choir Director – Ellie Brown 896-3530
Sacristan/Altar Servers – Tony Telles 896-9031

Religious Education

Gr. 1&2 Angelica Saldivar 388-1979
Vincent Valdez 388 3032
Gr. 3 thru 8 Debbie Gutierrez 896-2711
Maria Martinez 896-2142
Gr. 4,5,6 Leonor Berumen 241-4793
Gr. 7&8 Allison Lapa 896-2148
Phyllis David 896-3169

Confirmation Class Mary & Tony Telles 896-9031
Social Justice – Mary Ellen Kazda 896-2955
St. Helen's Food Bank – Helen Alvarez 404-4817
Knights of Columbus – Johnnie Seballos 896-2589
Cursillo Movement Leaders – Mary & Tony Telles 896-9031
Adult Catechesis – Msgr. Ambrose O. Nwohu 896-2708
Kitchen Angels 896-2589
Church Cleaning/Furnishings/Environmental Design (Volunteers needed)

TAMALE BREAKFAST

**Sunday, September 24,
after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses**

Hosted by Becky Bayze

All proceeds to benefit St. Helen's Fiesta

Your support is appreciated!

NOTICE FROM DIOCESE OF TUCSON CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

"To better serve Catholics that are burdened with heavy financial responsibilities and are in need of a permanent place for the urn of their loved one, the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Tucson is providing an opportunity through its Works of Mercy Program at Holy Hope Cemetery to have the urn placed in a mausoleum crypt dedicated for this purpose. There will be other urns that are part of this ceremony placed in the crypt at the same time.

Criteria have been established that list the requirements necessary to be able to have your loved one placed in the crypt. Please call Holy Hope Cemetery, 520-888-0860 and ask to speak to one of the cemetery representatives. They will help answer any questions.

The communal committal service will be held on October 20, 2017. However, the cemetery needs to have the necessary paperwork complete."

Holy Hope Catholic Cemetery 520.888.0860

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING SOCIALS

Thank you!

2017 SECOND COLLECTIONS (*Diocesan)

September 9 & 10 – Hurricane Harvey Collection*
September 16 & 17 – Campaign Human Develop.*
October 7 & 8 – St. Helen Building Fund

Envelopes for PARISH special collections in rack back of the church.

**FIESTA MASS WILL BEGIN AT 11:30 A.M.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7**

Children, teens and adults wishing to participate in the processional and presentation of flowers to Blessed Virgin Mary please meet outside of the church no later than 11:15 a.m. Flowers will be handed out at that time.

Fiesta Tickets sold and money collected should be placed in an envelope and dropped off in the collection basket. If you need more tickets please contact Manny Navarro, 520-975-2172

FIESTA NEWS! FIESTA SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Last day to order bulk green chile burro orders is September 30. All orders to be placed with Jennie Seballos – 896-2589

Please see below for items still needed.*

FIESTA UPDATE – As of September 9, 2017

- 1. Need someone to be in charge of the Salsa Contest.**
- 2. Tickets for all booths, food, basket draws, etc. will be sold at the ticket trailer, ONLY.**
- 3. We are in need of tables, chairs, shade canopies. Please bring to the church grounds with your name and phone number.**
- 4. We are in need of volunteers for church ground clean-up and booth set up. Time and date to be announced.**
- 5. If you have notified that you will bring donated supplies, please start to bring the items to the hall.**
- 6. In need of baked goods for bake sale and cake walk. Please deliver Friday during the day, evening or Saturday morning.**
- 7. Volunteers needed for after-fiesta clean up.**

SUPPLIES STILL NEEDED

***5# blocks of cheddar cheese, liters of soda, to-go containers, large deep tin trays, napkins, canned soda, cases of water, tin foil sheets, hamburger patties, hot dogs, *beef roasts, dessert plates, large garbage bags, cans of whole tomatoes, bag of yellow onions, large bag of garlic, cans of nacho cheese, can of jalapenos, frozen chicken tenderloins, whole uncooked beans (need up to 10 pounds), cooking oil, liquid creamer (flavored and not), large bowls for menudo, butter, relish, dish soap, brillo scrubbing pads, coffee.**

EARS OF CORN: Please deliver to hall but not before October 5, 2017. Contact Frank or Debbie Gallardo at gdesim17@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCD Registration after 10 a.m. Masses

September 10, Sunday, September 17

Classes will begin week of September 18

**Fees: \$20 for 1 child, \$10 for each additional child
Baptism and First Communion certificates required.**

Call Mary Telles for information – 896-2708

"The Catechist is one who guards the memory of God and who knows how to awaken it in others." – Pope Francis

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents Day

Monday: Patriot Day

Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

God the Father is glorified by the exalted role in salvation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thus, her name is a name of honor, a holy name, a maternal name, and a name responsive to the needs of the Church.

Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor; died 14 Sept. 407; ascetic; became bishop of Constantinople; outstanding preacher, thus named “golden mouthed”); defended the poor; sought reform of the clergy; twice exiled due to royal opposition; authored ascetical, apologetic, and polemical treatises as well as letters; one of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church; patron of preachers and of Istanbul (Constantinople).

Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows; by the 14th c., the sorrows of Mary numbered seven; the presentation of Jesus in the Temple; the flight into Egypt; Jesus being lost in Jerusalem; the meeting of Mary and Jesus on the way to Calvary; the crucifixion; the taking down of Jesus' body from the cross; and his burial.

Saturday: Ss. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs

Cornelius, died 253 in exile in Civitavecchia; opposed Novatian and the rigorists in the *lapsi* controversy' buried in the cemetery of Callistus.

Cyprian, decapitated 14 Sept. 258 under Valerian; ally of St. Cornelius; bishop of Carthage; wrote *On the Unity of the Catholic Church*; Cyprian disagreed with Pope Stephen 1 over the question of the rebaptism of heretics and schismatics; first African bishop to be martyred; patron of North Africa and of Algeria; both mentioned in the Roman Canon.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On Good Friday, at the heart of the Triduum, the commemoration of the Lord's Passion is colored by sobriety and decorum, but this Thursday the mystery comes in a luminous celebration of Christ's victory. In its deepest origins, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the feast of a dedication of a church, since in the year 335 the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated on September 13, and on the following day the “true cross” discovered by St. Helena was brought outside to the faithful for veneration. It is a great feast of the Eastern Church, which often marks it by having the whole assembly prostrate themselves on the floor honoring the life-giving cross.

At the core of the tradition is the quest of Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, to acquire the cross and the nails of the Crucifixion from the ruins of Jerusalem. When she was satisfied that she had found them, thanks to the healing of a sick man whose body was placed on the cross, she had her son fund the building of the great basilica. The history of the relic is complicated, especially because it was carried off by invading Persians in the year 614 and “went missing” for fifteen years. Thursday's feast does not celebrate the relic, but rather the life-giving cross from which salvation flows. It's a good day to look around your house or office: Don't those walls look bare without a cross? What better day to remedy that?



Diocese of Tucson

...employment opportunities at the Diocese

The following are employment opportunities currently available in the Diocese of Tucson.

To view the job descriptions and information on how to apply, persons interested should refer to www.diocesetucson.org (Employment Opportunities).

Diocese of Tucson Pastoral Center:

Fiscal Operations Department, Tucson, AZ - Controller

Office of Corporate Matters, Tucson, AZ – Executive Assistant

Other Organizations:

- **Reachout Women’s Center, Tucson, AZ – Program Manager, Marketing**
- **Schools & Parishes:**
 - **St. Joseph Catholic School, Tucson, AZ – Teachers, K-4**
 - **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, Tucson, AZ**
 - **3rd Grade Teacher**
 - **6th Grade Teacher**
 - **San Xavier School, Tucson, AZ – Receptionist (Part-time)**
 - **Immaculate Heart Academy, Oro Valley, AZ – Computer Teacher (Part-time)**
 - **Our Lady Queen of All Saints, Tucson, AZ – Parish Secretary**
 - **St. John Catholic School, Tucson, AZ – Second Grade Teacher**
 - **St. Cyril of Alexandria Catholic School, Tucson, AZ**
 - **Girls Volleyball Coach (Part-Time)**
 - **Boys Volleyball Coach (Part-Time)**
 - **St. Thomas the Apostle Pre-school, Tucson, AZ**
 - **Pre-Kinder (4 year-old) Teacher**
 - **St. Ambrose Catholic School, Tucson, AZ – K-2 Teachers**
 - **St. Cyril Catholic School, Tucson, AZ**
 - **Maintenance Technician**
 - **K-2 PE Teacher (part-time)**
 - **St. Francis Cabrini Parish, Tucson, AZ – Maintenance Technician**
 - **St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, Oro Valley, AZ – Volunteer Coordinator**
 - **St. John Catholic School, Tucson, AZ**
 - **Assistant Principal**
 - **Interventionist**

RETROUVAILLE & MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER RETREAT NOTICES




This is just a short note to say Thank You! The Retrouvaille Weekend held in Tucson was completed Sunday, August 7 and attended by 13 couples. That’s 13 families who now have a fighting chance to improve their marriage. With your prayers and by running the Retrouvaille announcement in your bulletin and/or posting it onto your Facebook, Twitter, or webpage, you helped give these 13 families that chance!



“I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.” Learn how to more easily express love to our spouses by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekend is on October 6-8 in Tucson and November 3-5 in Phoenix. To apply online, and for weekend dates visit www.wmearizona.com

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Closed Saturday

<p>Sunday Special BBQ Baby Back Ribs ½ Rack \$14.95 Full Rack \$21.95 <small>With corn on the cob and potato</small></p>	<p>Thursday Night Special 16 oz. Char-Broiled RIB-EYE STEAK \$21.95 <small>With soup or salad, baked potato and garlic bread</small></p>	<p>Friday Night Special Freshly Battered Cod Fillets <i>or</i> 7 Large Shrimp \$16.95 <small>With french fries, rice, chowder or salad</small></p>
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