

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017

TWENTY-SIXTH 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

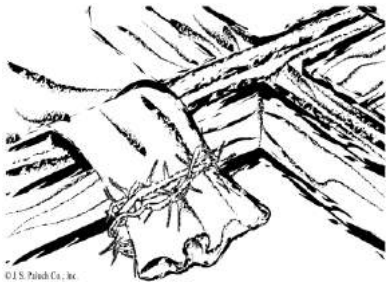
Marriage Preparation
 Diocesan regulations require that you see a priest at least *four months* before your wedding date.

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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2017**

Have in you the same attitude
that is also in Christ Jesus.

— *Philippians 2:5*



CALL UPON THE LORD

The very first line of today’s first reading summons us to seek the Lord and to call upon God. This sentiment is echoed in the refrain for today’s responsorial psalm: “The Lord is near to all who call upon him” (Psalm 145:18a). Saint Paul is the embodiment of someone who constantly sought the Lord. In the excerpt we read today from his letter to the Philippians, we find Saint Paul toward the end of his life, a life he describes as completely consonant with Christ. He writes, “For to me life is Christ” (Philippians 1:21). To find out what it means to live life completely in accord with Christ we need look no further than today’s Gospel. There we find that God’s love and mercy are immeasurable for all those who seek and call upon the Lord.

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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.*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 – 8 A.M. +EUNICE & DENNIS MARKETTI BY JULIE & GREG MARASTON

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 9/23 & 9/24, 2017

- Parish Offertory – \$1,292.25
 - Wedding Stipend - \$100.00
 - Breakfast - \$247.00
 - Beef Donation -\$250.00 - Raffle Tickets - \$84.00
 - Fiesta Donations \$150.00 – Chair Rental \$40.00
- Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.**

Sanctuary Lamp

October 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, Payton Roberts, Rosa Santos, Evodio Barrientos, Rico Guerrero, Raymond Laase, Tom & Carmen Garcia, Dora Chavez, Lynne Cunningham, Mollie Clark, 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: Ignacio Madrid, Nathan Jackson, David Navarro, Theo Gordon-Martin

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.

OCTOBER 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)

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of La Salette Shrine

Sunday, October 8, 2017

3879 Double Adobe Road

McNeal (Double Adobe), AZ 85617

Schedule of events available in

St. Helen Parish Office

Annual Red Mass, October 17, 2017

M. Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas will celebrate the Annual Red Mass on Tuesday, October 17 at 5:30 p.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, (Campbell and Lee, across from UMC). The event is celebrated in conjunction with the St. Thomas More Society of Southern Arizona and the Catholic Foundation. In recent years, we have recognized someone from the local legal profession and law enforcement to receive the St. Thomas More Society recognition. This year, **Patrick McNamara** a parishioner at Sts. Peter and Paul parish will receive the award for the legal profession. **Deacon Ernest "Ernie" Trujillo**, a Regional Director overseeing five of the ten state-operated prisons in Arizona and permanent deacon for the Diocese of Tucson at Assumption of the Virgin Mary Parish, Florence, AZ will receive the award for the law enforcement community. Each year the Society awards a scholarship in honor of the memory of the Honorable John M. Roll. All are welcome! For information please contact the Diocese of Tucson Office of Worship, Ofelia James, 520-838-2545 or ojames@diocesetucson.org

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING SOCIALS

Thank you!

2017 SECOND COLLECTIONS (*Diocesan)

October 7 & 8 – St. Helen Building Fund

October 21 & 22 – St. Helen Parish Maintenance

November 4 & 5 – 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

SALSAS TASTING CONTEST – On Fiesta Day – October 7

Where: Church Hall Time: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Guidelines:

- Drop off salsa at contest table between 2:15-2:45 p.m.
- Salsa must be in clear 1 QUART container with name and phone number pasted on the bottom of the jar
- Salsa samples will be provided with chips
- Vote for salsa in specific categories
- Winners announced by 4:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded!

FIESTA UPDATE – As of September 26, 2017

1. Tickets for all booths, food, basket draws, etc. will be sold at the ticket trailer, ONLY.
2. We are in need of tables, chairs, shade canopies. Please bring to the church grounds with your name and phone number.
3. We are in need of volunteers for church ground clean-up and booth set up. Time and date to be announced.
4. If you have notified that you will bring donated supplies, please start to bring the items to the hall.
5. In need of baked goods for bake sale and cake walk. Please deliver Friday during the day, evening or Saturday morning.
6. 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, cans of whole tomatoes, bag of yellow onions, large bag of garlic, cans of nacho cheese, can of jalapenos, frozen chicken tenderloins, 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

Classes have begun. Still accepting registrations.

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 — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalms — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Wednesday: St. Francis of Assisi ; died 3 Oct. 1226; noted for his charismatic personality, deep compassion for all, and love for God's creation; renounced wealth to follow passion for all, and love for God's creation; renounced wealth to follow "Lady Poverty"; deacon; founded the Franciscan Family which is made up today of the Friars Minor Capuchins, numbering about 10,875 religious, the Conventuals, c.4,400 religious, and those of the Leonine Union, c. 14,520 religious; Poor Clares, Third Order Religious , and Secular Franciscan Order, wrote Canticle of the Sun; received the stigmata 14 Sept. 1224; canonized only two years after his death; patron of ecologists and of Italy.

Thursday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest (USA); born in Germany 1819, Francis Xavier Seelos entered the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer and was sent to North America. Ordained a priest in 1844, he began his pastoral ministry in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as assistant pastor of his confrere, Saint John Neumann, serving also as Master of Novices and dedicating himself to preaching. He became a full-time itinerant missionary, preaching in both English and German in a number of different states. He died in New Orleans on 4 October 1867 and was declared "Blessed" by Saint John Paul II 9 April 2000.

Friday: St. Bruno, Priest; died 1101 in Calabria; celebrated teacher at Reims and close advisor to his former pupil, Pope Urban II; founded near Grenoble, La Grande Chartreuse, the mother house of the Carthusians, who today number around 320 religious; sought "to seek God assiduously, to find God promptly, and to possess God fully"; their motto: *stat crux dum movitur orbis* ("While the world changes, the Cross stands firm.")

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin; died 1849 at age thirty-eight; born in St. Antoine, Quebec; began the first Canadian parish sodality for young women; founded the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary for Christian education.

First Friday

Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary;

First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eucharistic Prayer IV is, like Eucharistic Prayer III, a fresh composition from the 1960s, based on a prayer from the tradition of the ancient church of Alexandria. It has an interesting structural feature. The new prayers all nod toward the East with the *epiclesis*, or calling down of the Spirit, over the gifts. In this prayer the Spirit is asked to come down again, after the consecration, to make holy the communicants who "partake of this one Bread and one Chalice that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, they may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your glory." This beautiful phrase is well worth meditating on. What is the goal of your reception of Holy Communion today?

The preface for this Eucharistic Prayer is firmly attached to the prayer, and the directives for using the prayer anchor it to Ordinary Time. It is not intended to be an option if the Mass has a proper preface of its own, like a funeral, a Lenten weekday, or a great feast. It is not often used these days, in part because of these limitations. At first, it was suggested that this prayer was better suited to small groups of people who were well educated in scripture. This was kind of an odd stipulation, especially since its images are so beautiful and worthy of attention.



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!



“Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,” Explore the paths with your spouse by engaging 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.wwmearizona.com

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