

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

TWENTY-FOURTH 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

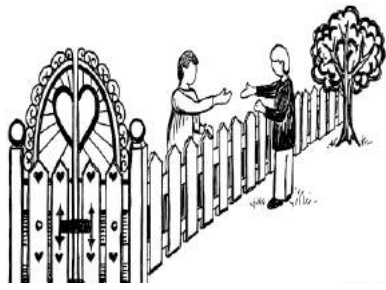
Marriage Preparation
 Diocesan regulations require that you see a priest at least *four months* before your wedding date.

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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2017**

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray,
your own sins will be forgiven.

— Sirach 28:2



FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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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.*

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 9/9 & 9/10, 2017

**Parish Offertory – \$1,344.00
Hurricane Harvey Collection - \$319.14
Fiesta Raffle Tickets - \$244.00**

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. & 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 16 & 17 – Campaign Human Develop.*
October 7 & 8 – St. Helen Building Fund
October 21 & 22 – St. Helen Parish Maintenance

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
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 — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:9).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6;
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday

Tuesday: St. Januarius, Bishop, Martyr; died c. 305; according to his legend, thrown to bears at Pozzaolo under Diocletian; bishop of Benevento; as early as 1389, his blood has liquefied on this and other days each year; patron of Naples.

Wednesday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest and Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
Andrew, born in Seoul, Korea, was a convert to the faith and was ordained Korea's first native priest. His father was a martyr. In 1846 Andrew was tortured and beheaded along with his lay associate, seminarian Paul Chong Ha-sang. Between 1839 and 1867, 103 martyrs gave their lives for the faith in Korea.
Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5778) begins at sunset

Thursday: ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

According to the bishop Papias (c. 125), the Church's canonical text of Matthew draws upon the Aramaic traditions associated with his name. Composed c.85, the gospel is generally arranged in an alternating pattern of narrative and discourse. Intended for a largely Jewish-Christian audience, it seeks to portray Christianity as consistent with the Jewish tradition and a continuation of it. Tradition holds that Matthew preached in Judea and in Ethiopia where he was martyred; symbolized by the winged human being; mentioned in the Roman Canon; patron of accountants and customs officers.

Friday: Autumn begins

Saturday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest; "Padre Pio" was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in the small Italian village of Pietrelcina. A Capuchin priest who had received the stigmata, he spent fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. Despite such notoriety, he would often say, "I only want to be a poor friar who prays." His life was devoted to the Eucharist and to prayer. He died 23 September 1968 at age eighty-one. Pope John Paul II announced the inclusion of his Memorial in the General Roman Calendar in June, 2002. He is considered the patron saint of civil defense volunteers and Catholic adolescents.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We've seen how the rescue of Eucharistic Prayer II from the mists of history changed the style of our prayer, introducing a sleek simplicity to the prayer said aloud by the priest. Remember, before the reform of our prayer in the late 1960s, the priest whispered the words of the Roman Canon, Eucharistic Prayer I. His voice was not amplified, his back was to the people, who could only tell what was going on by a shift in his posture as he bowed and genuflected and as bells were rung to indicate his progress through the prayer.

With the emergence of the new prayers, some feared that the old prayer would be lost forever if it weren't somehow changed. The reformers asked that it be streamlined a bit by omitting the repeated "Through Christ" at the end of various intercessions, and trimming the list of somewhat obscure saints. The new edition therefore brackets parts of the two lists of saints in the prayer, unfortunately dropping all the women from the second set. The decision was also made to keep the Lord's words at the consecration exactly the same in every Eucharistic Prayer, although there is precedent for more variety. On November 2, 1968, Pope Paul VI signed off on the plan of the new Mass, and by April 1969, the publication of the revised order of Mass was announced.

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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.wwmearizona.com

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