

# St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Ambrose O. Nwohu.....520-896-2708  
 Parish Secretary & Compliance Representative: Gloria Acosta .....520-896-2708  
 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*

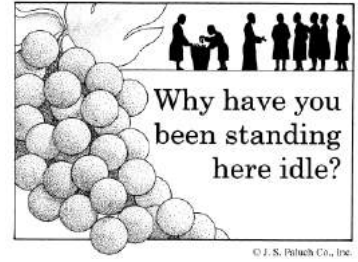
**Reconciliation/Confession**  
 Saturday from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 Any other time by appointment.



**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 24, 2017**

Turn to the LORD for mercy;  
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

— *Isaiah 55:7b*



**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.*

**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** 9/16 & 9/17, 2017

- Parish Offertory – \$1,093.00**
- Campaign for Human Development - \$122.00**
- Fiesta Donations - \$120.00**
- Fiesta Raffle Tickets - \$247.00**

**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, yton 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:** +Ruth Quinn

*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](http://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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
<b>Religious Education</b>	
<b>Gr. 1&amp;2</b>	Angelica Saldivar 388-1979
	Vincent Valdez 388 3032
<b>Gr. 3 thru 8</b>	Debbie Gutierrez 896-2711
	Maria Martinez 896-2142
<b>Gr. 4,5,6</b>	Leonor Berumen 241-4793
<b>Gr. 7&amp;8</b>	Allison Lapa 896-2148
	Phyllis David 896-3169
<b>Confirmation Class</b>	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!**

**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**

**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](mailto: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*

**SALSA 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 19, 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](mailto: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** — Turn to the LORD, who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

**Gospel** — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5;  
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8;  
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;  
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13;  
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];  
Mt 21:28-32

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs; died c.300 at Cyrrhus in Syria; brother physicians known as (“moneyless ones”) for their gratuitous care of the sick; mentioned in the Roman Canon; patrons of physicians, surgeons, druggists, barbers, and the blind.

Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest; died 1660 in Paris; born in Pouy; renewed the clergy and defended the poor and the abandoned; founded the Congregation of the Missions, today numbering some 3,830 members; mission preachers and seminary educators; with St. Louise de Marillac, founded the Daughters of Charity, preached against Jansenism’ patron of charities, of hospitals and prisoners, and of the Malagasy Republic (Madagascar).

Thursday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; died 929 at age twenty-two, duke of Bohemia; sought to bring the faith to his people; killed by his pagan brother, Boleslaus; patron of the Czech Republic and Slovakia.  
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs; Today the Church commemorates sixteen martyrs (thirteen Dominicans and three Tertiaries) of Nagasaki, Japan, during the years 1633-1637; they included nine Japanese, four Spaniards, one Frenchman, an Italian and the Philippino, Lawrence Ruiz, the father of a family and protomartyr of the Philippines, after enduring horrible tortures, their bodies were burned and their ashes scattered by order of the ruler, Tokugawa Yemitsu; canonized 18 October 1987.

Friday: SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS; These biblical messengers signify God’s transcendence and loving care; Michael (meaning “Who is like God?”), Gabriel (“God’s Strength”), and Raphael (“God’s Remedy”); Michael, patron of security forces and of the sick; Gabriel of telecommunications and the postal service; Raphael; of travelers and the blind.  
Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset

Saturday: St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church; died 420 at Bethlehem; from Dalmatia; devoted monk and ascetic; wrote numerous commentaries on and authored Latin (“Vulgate”) translation of the Bible; one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church; patron of scripture scholars; *ignoratio Scripturarum ignoratio Christi est* (“Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ.”)

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Along with the reform of the Roman Canon and the redrafting of an ancient Roman prayer in Eucharistic Prayer II, two additional prayers were announced in 1969. Eucharistic Prayer III is a fresh composition. Like Eucharistic Prayer II, it has no preface of its own, but the presider chooses from a long menu of possible prefaces to become part of the prayer on a particular occasion. Also, like Eucharistic Prayer II it has a way to insert the name of the deceased in Masses for the dead such as funerals and memorials. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* views Eucharistic Prayer III as the best substitute for Eucharistic Prayer I on Sundays and feasts.

In practice, this prayer is used very often at Sunday Mass, and its texts are familiar to all members of the assembly. In this prayer, notice that the priest extends his hands over the gifts and calls down the Holy Spirit to change them into the Body and Blood of Christ. This call of the Holy Spirit is called the *epiclesis*, and Eastern Christians consider it to be the consecration. Latin Christians have long considered the “institution narrative” to be the consecration. Partly in response to a deep sensitivity to the East, the reformers took care to structure all our new prayers with a strong *epiclesis*. The poetry and images of Eucharistic Prayer III are fruitful sources of meditation. Why not take a sentence or two into your private prayer?

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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](http://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**
    - **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher**
    - **6<sup>th</sup> 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!



“Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near.” Encourage those moments by enjoying a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend with your spouse. 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](http://www.wwmearizona.com)

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