

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017 **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Ambrose O. Nwohu.....520-896-2708
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 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.



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**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2017**

Blessed are you who fear the LORD.

— Psalm 128:1a



SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

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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, November 19 – 10 a.m. - +Sandoval & Self Families by Mary Castillo

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 11/11 & 11/12 2017

Parish Offertory - \$1,109.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



Sanctuary Lamp
Sandoval & Self Families
By Mary Castillo

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: Paul and Brenda Bilek, 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

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.

NOVEMBER 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)	

Invitation to welcome Bishop Weisenburger

Catholics are invited to join in welcoming Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger as the seventh Bishop of Tucson. All are invited to the Vesper Service on Nov. 28 in St. Augustine Cathedral, 192 S. Stone Ave., Tucson, at 7 p.m.

The Installation Mass the next day is by invitation only, because of the size of the Cathedral. Each parish will receive a small allotment of tickets. Bishop Weisenburger is planning to travel to outlying vicariates after his installation and will visit with members of the Catholic community who could not attend the Installation Mass. The Installation Mass also will be streamed live via the Internet. More information can be found on the diocesan website diocesetucson.org as it becomes available. Parishes with the capability of streaming and hosting the Installation Mass are encouraged to do so.

Our food pantry needs supplies of non-perishable food items. If you know of any family who needs help please call 896-2540. All information will be held strictly confidential. Monetary donations also gratefully accepted.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING SOCIALS

Thank you!

2017 SECOND COLLECTIONS (*Diocesan)

November 18 & 19 – Priests' Retirement*
December 2 & 3 – St. Helen Building Fund
December 16 & 17 – St. Helen Parish Maintenance

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

COMPLIMENTARY THANKSGIVING DINNER AFTER 8 A.M. AND 10 A.M. MASSES ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH. ALL ARE INVITED! PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND THANKSGIVING! EVERYTHING IS PROVIDED.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS
Thursday
November 23, 2017
9 a.m.



Prayer for Souls in Purgatory
Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Cursillo Movement Ultreya

We invite you to attend a Diocese of Tucson Ultreya to thank Bishop Kicanas for his love and dedication to this Movement. It will be on Sunday, November 19, 2017 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, 1800 S. Kolb Rd., Tucson. Bring a dish to share. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information contact Nancy Rambaran at (520) 360-9810 or nancycre@outlook.com

All Cursillistas & Guests are invited! De Colores!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Helen Religious Ed. is having a Bilingual meeting for ALL Parents of CCD children/teens and any interested adult, on Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. At least one parent is required to attend. Confirmation sponsors are also asked to attend. Students do NOT need to attend, the meeting is for parents/adults in English and Spanish. Refreshments will be available. We will take up a "Love offering" for the guest speaker. For questions, contact Mary Telles, 896-2708.

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 — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Gospel — To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44 Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr; died 3rd c. ?; known from her legendary *Passio*, a poem which exalts Christian virginity; honored in Rome since the 5th c.; mentioned in the Roman Canon; patroness of sacred music because of the song of God in her heart.

Thursday: St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr; died c. 100 under Trajan; fourth bishop of Rome; wrote famous epistle to the Corinthians; mentioned in the Roman Canon.

St. Columban, Abbott; died 615; Irish monk and missionary to France; wrote a strict monastic rule and Penitential; founded monasteries at Luxeuil, Bobbio, and elsewhere; exiled to Italy for denouncing court immorality and lax bishops; died at Bobbio.

Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest, Martyr; died 23 Nov. 1927 at age thirty-six; from Guadalupe, Mexico; S.J. noted for his sympathetic nature and firm piety; during Mexican religious persecution, he was accused of plotting against the government and was executed while exclaiming, "Long live Christ the King!"

Thanksgiving Day

Friday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions, Martyrs; During the 17th-19th centuries in Vietnam, some 130,000 Christians suffered cruel martyrdom, many by decapitation or strangulation; today 117, most of them killed during the reigns of Emperors Minh-Mang and Tu-Duc are remembered; they include eleven Spanish Dominicans (six bishops and five priests), ten members of the seven priests, including eleven Dominicans, and Andrew Dung-Lac (+1839) and fifty-nine lay persons, including one seminarian and ten Dominican tertiaries; all canonized 19 June 1988 by Pope John Paul II.

Saturday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr; Catherine was a learned woman of the early fourth century who, according to legend, following her conversion at age eighteen, preached the Gospel throughout Alexandria in Egypt. While imprisoned by the emperor Magnus Maximus, she converted both the empress and the leader of the armed forces and for this she was martyred. Legend has that upon her death, after a wheel of torture (known as "Catherine's wheel") broke, her body was carried by angels to Mt. Sinai. St. Joan of Arc was thought to have heard her voice. Venerated in the East since the 9th c., she is a patron saint of philosophers, preachers, librarians, and young unmarried women.

Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Earlier this autumn, we looked at how our Eucharistic Prayers have been enriched by the approval of several new prayers to augment the old Roman Canon. For us, there are the four standard prayers, three for Masses with Children, and the most recent addition, the former Swiss Eucharistic Prayer with four alternative forms (now known as the Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions).

We also have two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation. The source for these two prayers is the request by many bishops for a special prayer for the "Holy Year" of 1975. Originally, the committee in charge was commissioned to write a single prayer, but the theme proved so rich that it gave rise to two. The first is based on and develops biblical texts on reconciliation. The second starts with the experience of living in today's fractured world, and how the Spirit calls us to reconciliation and peace. Not everyone was happy with all this creativity, saying that if too many were published, it would be difficult for the Vatican to control further requests. Everyone thought the pope would put strict limits on the prayers, but in the end he said he was willing to open doors that had long been closed. Although he approved them for a period of only three years, they were never formally removed from the *Sacramentary* and have been incorporated into the new Roman Missal.



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:

- Office of Tribunal, Tucson, AZ – Tribunal Notary
- Office of Corporate Matters, Tucson, AZ – Executive Assistant
- **Schools & Parishes:**
- St. Augustine Catholic High School, Tucson, AZ – Bus Driver (Part-time)
- San Xavier Mission School, Tucson, AZ – Custodian (Part-time)
- St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Yuma, AZ – Full-Charge Bookkeeper
- Santa Cruz Catholic School, Tucson, AZ
 - Kindergarten Teacher
 - 3rd Grade Teacher
- Santa Cruz Parish, Tucson, AZ – Cook (Part-time)
- San Martin de Porres Parish, Sahuarita, AZ – Office Assistant (Temporary, Part-time)
- Santa Cruz Catholic School, Tucson, AZ – 6th Grade Teacher
- St. Joseph Catholic School, Tucson, AZ – 4th Grade Teacher
- 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

RETROUVAILLE & MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER RETREAT NOTICES



Retrouvaille provides marriage help! A Retrouvaille Weekend can help struggling couples rediscover hope and purpose in their marriages. **Register for Weekend Program** beginning Friday evening, January 19 - Sunday, January 21. For confidential information Call 520-686-1598 or Visit: www.retrouvaille.org



“When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.” Spouses, find value in one another by enjoying a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend together. The next weekend is on January 26-28 at Mount Claret Retreat Center in Phoenix. To apply online, and for weekend dates visit www.wmearizona.com

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