

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017 **THIRTY-FIRST 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

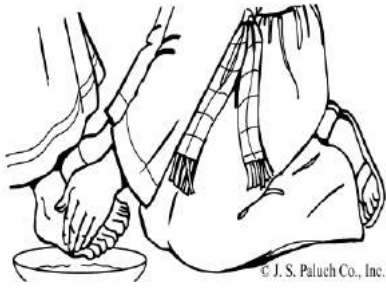
Marriage Preparation
 Diocesan regulations require that you see a priest at least *four months* before your wedding date.

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.



**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5, 2017**

The greatest among you
must be your servant.

— Matthew 23:11



THE GREATEST AMONG US

Whom do you admire? Is it the President of the United States or a movie star or a billionaire? These are people whom the world exalts as great. Like the Pharisees in today’s Gospel, they have places of honor wherever they go. Would you like to follow in their footsteps?

The scriptures for today offer different examples for us to follow. Jesus tells us that the greatest among us are the servants. These are the people we are to honor and imitate. We are called to be like Paul, who worked hard to serve the needs of his communities, and Jesus, who gave his life in service to the world.

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 10/28 & 10/29 2017

Parish Offertory - \$1,498.00

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 4 & 5 – St. Helen Building Fund
November 18 & 19 – Priests' Retirement*

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

APPRECIATION DINNER

On behalf of Rev. Msgr. Ambrose Nwohu and the St. Helen Fiesta Committee, there will be an Appreciation Dinner for all that helped with the 2017 Fall Fiesta.

Thursday, November 9, 2017

St. Helen Church Hall

6:00-8:00 p.m.

This includes, but not limited to, all who donated goods or money, cleaned the grounds/kitchen/church, worked in the various booths, worked in the kitchen, after Fiesta cleanup, etc.

Menu includes: Sub-Sandwiches, Caesar Salad, Chips/Dips, Dessert and Drinks.

Door prizes, good food and fellowship available!

Your support and hard work deserves applause!

Contact Ellie Brown at 520-237-2088 if you have questions.



A message to my St. Helen Parish Community:

Dear friends, I express my sincere appreciation for the prayers and condolences I received on the recent passing of my dear mother. Your prayers were certainly felt, as she left peacefully, with all her daughters present. We had a beautiful celebration of her life.

On behalf of my family, my sisters and their families, thank you. May you receive many blessings for sharing your gifts of love and kindness. –Gloria Acosta

NOVEMBER 11, 2017

Today we honor those

who have fought for our freedom

VETERANS DAY

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 — Do we not have one father? Did not the one God create us? (Malachi 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10).

Psalm — In you, Lord, I have found my peace (Psalm 131).

Second Reading — You have received not a human word but the word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13).

Gospel — Call no one your father on earth; you have but one Father, the one in heaven (Matthew 23:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time;
National Vocation Awareness Week;
Daylight Saving Time ends

Tuesday: Election Day

Thursday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Friday: St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church; died 461; eminent pastor and preacher; defender of the Roman primacy; combatted Pelagianism and Manichaeism; his Tome on Christ's two natures was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon; many of his prayers are found in the Roman Missal; saved Rome from marauding Huns and Vandals.

Saturday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; died 397; from Pannonia (in Hungary); soldier turned Christian at eighteen; disciple of St. Hilary at Liguge, founded the first monastery in the West; bishop of Tours; first non-martyr with annual feast in the Western Church; patron of soldiers, wine producers, and of France.
Veterans Day

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What is the name of the pope's cathedral? If you said the Vatican, or St. Peter's, you were off by a few miles, since the answer is the Basilica of St. John, the Lateran, the "Mother Church" of all the churches of the world and the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. It takes its name from the Lateran family, the Trumps of their day, who somehow ran afoul of the Emperor Nero. He seized all their property, including their vast Roman palace and estate. We don't know how Plautius displeased Nero so badly, but eventually all the Lateran property came to Constantine, the first Christian emperor, through his wife, Fausta. Early in the fourth century, when Christianity was at last legalized, Constantine gave the property to the church. Soon the great meeting halls were expanded and adapted.

Over the centuries, the church building has been sacked by armies, ruined by fire, torn down, and rebuilt. The oldest and most unchanged part of the Lateran is a vast, separate baptistery with steps leading down to a huge green basalt pool. Imagine what a triumphal moment the dedication of this public church building was for a community that had worshiped in secret for so long! This Thursday's feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica is really about the tradition of consecrating space for worship, and so by extension, a feast for your parish church building and, given the beautiful second reading, for its baptistery as well.

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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:

Office of Corporate Matters, Tucson, AZ – Executive Assistant

• Schools & Parishes:

- **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**
- **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**

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



Discern how to give thanks to God for our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekend is on November 3-5 in Phoenix. To apply online, and for weekend dates visit www.wmearizona.com

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