

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

TWENTY-EIGHTH 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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15, 2017**

I can do all things
in him who strengthens me.

— *Philippians 4:13*



THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

The mountain of the Lord described in today’s first reading is a place where there is no more hunger, no more weeping, and no more division of any kind. We need to pause and ponder these images every now and then, especially given the fact that we live in such a fractured world. The responsorial psalm continues to paint a picture of a place where only goodness and kindness flourish. These readings describe the heavenly banquet, to which God calls each of us through baptism and continues to call us throughout our lives. Let us “RSVP” to God’s invitation and live our lives consistent with gospel values so that one day we will be welcomed to the table of the kingdom.

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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 15 – 8 a.m. - +Daria & +Nino Maraston 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 10/7 & 10/8, 2017
Parish Offertory – \$702.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



Sanctuary Lamp

October 2017
+Juanita (Jenny) Martin
By Berumen Family

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

Faithful Departed: *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them*

+Sabrina Garcia

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)	

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

Cursillo Community Ultreya
Saturday, October 28, 2017
12 p.m. to 2 p.m. --- (Potluck)
Santa Catalina Catholic Church
Tucsonsolchair@gmail.com

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)

October 21 & 22 – St. Helen Parish Maintenance
November 4 & 5 – St. Helen Building Fund
November 18 & 19 – Priests' Retirement*

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed the former Bishop of Salina, Kansas, Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, as the new Bishop of Tucson Diocese. He replaces Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas, who submitted his letter of retirement in August 2016.

Bishop Weisenburger's installation as Bishop of Tucson will take place November 29, 2017.

42nd Annual Arizona Rosary Celebration

The Arizona State Council of the Knights of Columbus and the Diocese of Tucson invite all to the 42nd Annual Arizona Rosary Celebration on October 21, 2017 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Tucson, Arizona.

This year we honor Our Lady of Fatima and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's appearance to the three children at Fatima, Portugal. The celebration starts at 10 a.m. Keynote speaker is the Most Reverend Ricardo Ramirez.

A box for your prayer intentions is located at the back of the church. Place your petitions and prayer intentions in the box. The Sisters at the Benedictine Monastery will take our petitions and pray for one year every day. The box will be picked up on October 15, 2017 after the 11 a.m. Mass.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MEXICAN FOOD DINNER**

The Knights of Columbus offer a Mexican Food Dinner to benefit People with Intellectual Disabilities. Friday, October 27 from 4 to 7 p.m.

St. Bartholomew Parish Hall – San Manuel

Dinner includes two tacos, enchilada, rice and beans for \$8.00. Dine in or take out available.

Ask any knight for a ticket, or purchase at the door. Funds benefit local area programs for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

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 — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

Psalm — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43;
Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10;
1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: **St. Hedwig, Religious**; died 1243; born in Bavaria; duchess of Silesia and mother of seven children; peacemaker dedicated to the poor and prisoners; as a widow, retired to a Cistercian convent.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; died 17 October 1690 at age forty-three; French Visitandine mystic who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a feast which helped free the Church from the spirit of Jansenism; promoted first Friday devotion.

National Boss's Day

Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr; died c. 107 under Trajan in Rome's amphitheater; from Syria; Apostolic Father known as the second successor of St. Peter in Antioch; wrote seven letters to local communities on church unity and structure, esp., the monoepiscopacy; first to use the term "Catholic Church" as a collective designation for Christians; mentioned in the Roman Canon.

Wednesday: **ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST**; died 1st c.; Syrian physician from Antioch and companion of St. Paul; authored Acts of the Apostles and a gospel for gentile Christians which speaks of God's mercy, universal salvation, love of the poor and the marginalized, absolute renunciation, prayer, and the Holy Spirit; represented by a winged ox; patron of the medical profession, painters, artists, sculptors, and butchers.

Thursday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs (USA)

French Jesuit and oblate missionaries to the Hurons and Iroquois of North America; died 1642-1649; Isaac was tomahawked to death by Iroquois on 18 Oct. 1646 near Albany; John was savagely mutilated and slain 16 Mar. 1649 near Georgian Bay; other martyrs were Antony Daniel, Gabriel Lalemant, Charles Garnier, Noel Chabanel, and oblates Rene Goupil and Jean de la Lande; secondary patrons of Canada.

Friday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest (USA); died 18 Oct. 1775; born in Liguria; renowned preacher and founder of the Passionists [C.P.], today numbering about 2,100 members, who combine the apostolate of retreats and missions with penitential monasticism.

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In 1971, the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship completed a survey of the presidents of the national liturgical commissions around the world. How were children doing in the liturgical reform? Probably to their surprise, the cardinals learned of special weekday Masses for children designed to teach them how to participate on Sunday, Masses with separate components for children. The decision was made quickly to develop adaptations for Masses where children were a majority of the assembly. Changes would include a simpler structure, understandable texts, a simplified Lectionary, more active participation, and most surprisingly, new Eucharistic Prayers. By 1973 the work was done, and with very specific advice from Pope Paul VI, including the need for two new Eucharistic Prayers, the *Directory for Masses with Children* was published on December 20, a timely Christmas gift for the children of the world.

The prayers are the first to be written fresh in a modern language—not Latin, but French and German—then translated into English, Italian, and Spanish. With a sense of caution, these new prayers were approved for three years, until 1977, but it soon became apparent that they had truly been embraced.

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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!



"On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples," Learn how to put aside the veils and masks that prevent true intimacy with your spouse by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WME) 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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