

# St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017** **TWENTY-SEVENTH 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



**Parish Board of Directors**  
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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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 8, 2017**

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
make your requests known to God.

— *Philippians 4:6*



**BEARING THE RIGHT KIND OF FRUIT**

Today's readings focus our attention on vineyards. Isaiah's song concerning his friend's vineyard begins with inspiring and poetic images of an idyllic vineyard where the choicest harvest is expected. Instead, the vineyard yields wild grapes, which causes the owner to abandon it. The psalmist cries out to God, asking that God once again take care of the vineyard, which is the house of Israel. The parable told in today's Gospel offers a stern warning that those who commit treachery in the hopes of attaining personal wealth will be "put . . . to a wretched death" (Matthew 21:41). Jesus warns his listeners not to act like the murderous tenants in the vineyard. Instead he exhorts them to produce the kind of fruit that will lead them to the kingdom of God.

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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 9/30 & 10/1, 2017**

Parish Offertory – \$1,149.00  
St. Helen Building Fund - \$201.55  
Chair Rental - \$40.00  
Raffle Tickets - \$430.00  
AA Group - \$60.00  
**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*

*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.*

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 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)	

**Pilgrimage to Our Lady of La Salette Shrine**

Sunday, October 8, 2017  
3879 Double Adobe Road  
McNeal (Double Adobe), AZ 85617

Schedule of events available in  
St. Helen Parish Office

**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 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.**

**42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Arizona Rosary Celebration**

The Arizona State Council of the Knights of Columbus and the Diocese of Tucson invite all to the 42<sup>nd</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Cursillo Community Ultreya**  
**Saturday, October 28, 2017**  
**12 p.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Potluck**  
**Santa Catalina Catholic Church**  
**Tucsonsolchair@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** — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

**Psalm** — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

**Gospel** — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43)

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;  
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;  
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;  
Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Denis, Bishop and Companions; Denis, or Dionysius died 258; first bishop of Paris; martyred with the presbyter, Eleutherius, and the deacon, Rusticus, on Montmare (or "mount of martyrs"); patron of paris and of France.

St. John Leonardi, Priest; died 1609 in Rome; from Lucca; founded the Congregation of Clerics Regular of the Mother of God; today numbering about ninety members; in 1579 he formed the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, and published a compendium of Christian doctrine in use until the 19<sup>th</sup> c.; cofounded with St. Philip Neri at Rome the Collegio Urbano which, under the direction of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, trains priests for the foreign missions.

Columbus Day;

Canadian Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday: Saint John XXIII, Pope; born of a farming family in Sotto il Monte in Northern Italy in 1881, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was ordained a priest in 1904. After serving in World War 1 as a stretcher-bearer, he was later made national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. In 1925 he became a papal diplomat, serving in Bulgaria, Turkey, and in France. With the help of Germany's ambassador to Turkey, Roncalli helped save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people during World War II. Named a cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953 by Pope Pius XII, he was elected pope in 1958 at age seventy-eight. He took the name John after his father and the two patrons of Rome's cathedral, St. John Lateran. He convoked the Second Vatican Council, his most famous encyclicals were *Mater et Magister* and *Pacem in Terris*. "Good Pope John: died of stomach cancer 3 June 1963. His feast day, 11 October, recalls the day of the first session of the Second Vatican Council;. Declared a Blessed in 2000, he was canonized, together with Pope John Paul II, by Pope Francis on 27 April 2014.

Saturday: St. Callistus I, Pope, Martyr; died 222; incurred ire of Tertullian and Hippolytus over *lapsi* controversy; organized the first official Christian cemetery in Rome and instituted Ember Day fasts.  
Blessed Virgin Mary

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before long, as we've seen, the four newly constructed Eucharistic Prayers became two. The old Roman Canon faded away into relative disuse after 1600 unbroken years, sometimes heard only at Christmas Midnight Mass or the Easter Vigil. The new Eucharistic Prayer IV, at least in its English form, grates a bit on most hearers, and besides is meant only for Ordinary Time. The reconstruction of the ancient prayer of Hippolytus, Eucharistic Prayer II, is the most familiar, but its brevity sometimes creates an imbalance with the Liturgy of the Word. No wonder that as soon as the creative juices began to flow at the Vatican, people worldwide were trying their hands at new prayers.

In 1967, even before the final shape of the new Mass was announced, bishops were asking to adapt that celebration for the needs of children. They wanted to clarify what ought to happen when large numbers of children are at Mass: what could be adapted, omitted, or shortened. Experimentation had already begun. Separate Liturgies of the Word for children were by this time commonplace in Holland and elsewhere in Europe. Catechists were saying that many of our liturgical forms were too complex for the children in their charge, and priests were making adaptations on their own. Clearly, the Vatican had to take this seriously.

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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!



“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;” Listen with your spouse for God's message of love by exploring 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.wmearizona.com](http://www.wmearizona.com)

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