

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018

SECOND 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

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.



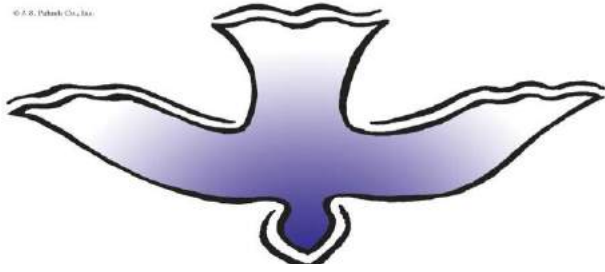
Baptism

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.



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2018**

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

THE LAMB OF GOD

“Behold the Lamb of God!” We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there’s a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today’s Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John’s own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of 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.



1/6 & 1/7, 2018

**Parish Offertory - \$1,779.00
Building Fund - \$210.00**

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Sanctuary Lamp



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: Susan Hanson, Patricio Ortiz, 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

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

JANUARY 2018 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	Ellie Brown 896-3530
Gr. 3	Angelica Valdez 288-1979
Gr. 4,5,6	Leonor Berumen 419-4051
Gr. 7&8	Allison Lapa 896-2148 Phyllis David 820-0425
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	520-603-5584
Cursillo Movement Leaders – Mary & Tony Telles	896-9031
Adult Catechesis – Msgr. Ambrose O. Nwohu	896-2708
Kitchen Angels	520-400-4404
Church Cleaning/Furnishings/Environmental Design (Volunteers needed)	

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING SOCIALS

Thank you!

2018 SECOND COLLECTIONS (*Diocesan)

January 20 & 21 – Catholic Relief Services*
February 3 & 4 – St. Helen Building Fund
February 17 & 18 – St. Helen Maintenance

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

Feed Your Spirit: An Alternative Spring Break for Young Women (ages 18-30)

Pray, reflect, and volunteer while experiencing the life of a 21st century monastic community. Learn about monastic spirituality and how it can deepen your heart and transform your life. The contemplative nuns at Santa Rita Abbey in Sonoita, AZ, welcome you March 4-10, 2018. Interested?

Contact: Sister Pam at Santa Rita Abbey, 14200 E Fish Canyon Rd., Sonoita AZ 85637-6545; 520-455-6695;

sracomnty@gmail.com; www.santaritaabbey.org.

GET CREDIT NOW FOR A GOOD DEED AND MAKE YOUR 2017 TAX CREDIT CONTRIBUTION BY APRIL 15TH

Catholic education combines a quality curriculum that nurtures faith development, provides strong academics, high expectations, and promotes respect for one another. Take advantage of the tax credit and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit...if filing as a single taxpayer you can give up to \$1,089, and a married couple filing jointly can contribute up to \$2,177. Visit www.ctso-tucson.org for online giving.

ARE YOU USING YOUR 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES?

Please collect your new envelope box, located at the back of the church. If you are not receiving envelopes and wish to, please call the office. If you no longer wish to receive them also please let us know.

Because of your generous contributions to our food bank we have been able to help feed people in need during the year.

One of our missions, as Catholics, is to help our unfortunate brothers and sisters. Thank you for your continued help. Your donations are appreciated. 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.

Recognizing the Signs and Symptoms of Unresolved Grief Due to Fetal Loss and Resources to Help

Presented by: Dr. Theresa Burke, PhD and Kevin Burke, LSW

Rachel's Vineyard of Southern Arizona Conference for Mental and Physical Health Professionals, Pastors, Volunteers in Church Ministries & Interested Persons

12.5 LSW Hours Available

16 -17 March 2018

Santa Catalina Church

14380 N Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ 85739

To Register: www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org

rachelsvineyardtucson@cox.net

Cursillistas! Ultreya Saturday, January 27, 2018

at noon at Santa Catalina Parish.

Bring a dish to share.

De Colores!

tucsonsolchair@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR, STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARISH FAMILY!

Thanks to all who supported our religious education program last year by donating supplies, treats, a new Christmas tree and a new DVD player. We greatly appreciate your help. Be assured of our prayers of thanksgiving for your generosity. We look forward to serving our parish in this new year.

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 — Speak, for your servant is listening
(1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will
(Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Do you not know that your
body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you?
(1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — Andrew found his brother Simon and
brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31;
Mk 1:14-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

Wednesday: St. Anthony, Abbot; died 356 at age 105; born in upper Egypt; hermit and early founder of religious life; called the “Patriarch of Monks”; aided St. Athanasius of Alexandria in combatting Arianism.

Thursday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Friday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)

Saturday: **St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr**; died 250 under Decius; layman elected bishop of Rome in 236; an “incomparable man, the glory of whose death corresponded with the holiness of his life”; his body came to be transferred from the catacombs of Calistus to the basilica of St. Sebastian.

St. Sebastian, Martyr; died 288? at Rome under Diocletian; chief of the Praetorian cohort whose *acta* tell of his being pierced by arrows, later being clubbed to death; patron of archers, soldiers, and police associations.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Ordinary Time” began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecorated the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ’s birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don’t enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem!

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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 - is a program designed to help marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program can help save hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Register Now for Retrouvaille Weekend Program beginning Friday evening, January 19 - Sunday, January 21. For confidential information Call 520-686-1598, Email: rtvdavis@hotmail.com or Visit: www.retrouvaille.org



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Closed Saturday

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