

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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.



**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 11, 2018**

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

— *John 3:17*

COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

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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 3/3, 3/4, 2018

**Parish Offertory - \$1,430.50
St. Helen Building Fund - \$291.58
Donation - \$2,000.00**

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Sanctuary Lamp



Danny Gallardo by Maidie Smolkovich

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: Felix Garcia, Cassandra Otero, Robert Miller, Patricio Ortiz, Allison Gomez, Lawrence Ortiz, Martin Romero, Susie Molina, Payton Roberts, Rosa Santos, Evodio Barrientos, Rico Guerrero, 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: Nathan Jackson, David Navarro

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

FEBRUARY 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
Music Coordinator – Ellie Brown 237-2086
Sacristan/Altar Servers – Tony Telles 896-9031

Religious Education

Gr. 1&2 Ellie Brown 237-2086
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
St. Helen's Food Bank – Helen Alvarez 404-4817
Boots Stewart 896-2540
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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Lenten Fish Fry Dinners: Baked or fried fish, French fries, coleslaw for \$9.

Dinner is served from 4 to 7 p.m. or until we run out of food. Eat in or take out.

March 16 Oracle, St. Helen hall

March 23 Mammoth, Blessed Sacrament hall

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR IRISH COFFEE/LIQUOR BASKET WILL BE AVAILABLE NOW THRU DRAWING ON APRIL 7. \$1 EACH, \$5 FOR SIX, \$10 FOR 12. TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

UPCOMING PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS: Saturday, April 21, 2018

Yard Sale from 8 a.m.-12 noon. Green chile burros, desserts and beverages will be sold.

We are now collecting items for the yard sale.

Please donate *gently* used items. Electronics must be in working condition. *Deliver items in large bags or boxes.* Do not bring items that need washing or heavy cleanup.

Raffle tickets for a liquor basket and coffee basket - \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00

Questions? Call Ellie Brown or Jennie Seballos.

We are still collecting supplies of non-perishable food items for our parish food bank. Thanks for your support.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING SOCIALS

Thank you!

2018 SECOND COLLECTIONS (*Diocesan)

March 3 & 4 – St. Helen Building Fund
March 17 & 18 – Holy Land Collection*
April 7 & 8 – St. Helen Building Fund

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

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

ST. HELEN - TUESDAY, MARCH 13 - 6:30 P.M.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent – 7 p.m.

Vocations Retreat for Men – March 16-18 at Immaculate Heart High School, 625 E. Magee Road, Oro Valley, AZ.

Overnight retreat will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and will conclude at 12 noon on Sunday. Registration for the retreat can be done through the Vocation Office at 520-838-2531 or by sending an email to vocations@diocesetucson.org.



We are now accepting donations for Easter Flowers in memory of our loved ones, deceased or living. Envelopes are provided.

List the names of those you wish remembered.



“How marvelous it would be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say: today I have performed an act of charity towards others” – Pope Francis

Catholics across the diocese are being asked to make a commitment to support the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. Ministries supported by the appeal have a direct impact on the administration and evangelization efforts at our parish – and all parishes, missions, and communities of our diocese. Your generous support and participation is critical to the success of the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. Help move us forward in hope as we seek to better embody the Gospel message in our lives.

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace” – 1 Peter 4:10

Thank you for your prayers, support and participation!

Text ACA to 41444 ~ OR ~ visit www.cathfund.org/donate

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

“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 wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) *or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.*

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) *or Psalm 23.*

Second Reading — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) *or Ephesians 5:8-14.*

Gospel — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21) *or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].*

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Alternate readings (Year A):

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;

Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny;

Daylight Saving Time begins;

Girl Scouting Sunday

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: Saint Patrick, Bishop; died 461 at Down; born about 389 of Romano-British origin, perhaps in Wales; founded metropolitan See of Armagh; authored *Confessio*; the famous *Lorica*, a work praising Christ, is probably his; patron of Nigeria; apostle and patron of Ireland.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Year B of the Lectionary has the Letter to the Ephesians today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience. His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) seventeen gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim.

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...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 - **Eleven Families say “Thank You!”**. This is just a short note to say Thank You! The Retrouvaille Weekend held in Tucson and completed Sunday, January 21st was attended by 11 couples. That’s 11 families who now have a fighting chance. By running the Retrouvaille announcement in your bulletin and with your prayers, you helped give them that chance!



“And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” Let the Holy Spirit acknowledge and increase our love for our spouses while we participate in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. To apply online, and for weekend dates visit www.wmearizona.com

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