

# St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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**SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018** **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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



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\*\*\*\*\*SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION\*\*\*\*\*

*Holy Matrimony*

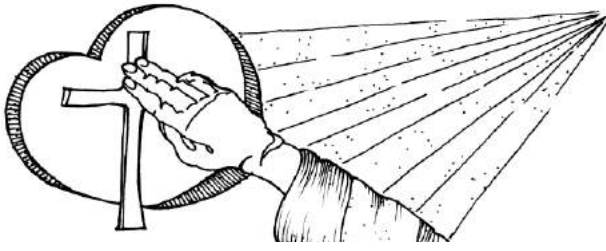
**Marriage Preparation**  
 Diocesan regulations require that you see a priest at least *four months* before your wedding date.

*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.



**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 18, 2018**

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

— *Jeremiah 31:33*

**SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE**

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

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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** 3/10, 3/11, 2018

**Parish Offertory - \$1,181.00**

**Easter Flowers - \$50.00**

**Raffle - \$146.00**

**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 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  
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

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING SOCIALS**

**Thank you!**

**2018 SECOND COLLECTIONS (\*Diocesan)**

March 17 & 18 – Holy Land Collection\*  
April 7 & 8 – St. Helen Building Fund  
April 21 & 22 – St. Helen Parish Maintenance

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

**Palm Sunday – March 25, 2018**

**Holy Week Services – 2018**

**Holy Thursday – March 29**

7 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper and Adoration  
Of the Blessed Sacrament

**Good Friday – March 30**

2 p.m. – Stations of the Cross followed by Tenebrae  
3 p.m. – Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

**Holy Saturday – March 31**

8 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday – April 1**

8 a.m. Mass & 10 a.m. Mass

**Mollie Clark turns 102 this Sunday!**  
**Happy Birthday, Mollie, from your St. Helen Parish Community. God's blessings on your special day!**



*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.*

**OWN Oracle** is planning to hold a workshop for existing and prospective board members on April 11, 2018 from 4-6 p.m. at the Oracle Community Center Community Center. Anyone interested in learning the process for volunteering is invited to attend.

**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.**



*"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.cathfnd.org/donate](http://www.cathfnd.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** — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or Ezekiel 37:12-14.*

**Psalm** — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or Psalm 130.*

**Second Reading** — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or Romans 8:8-11.*

**Gospel** — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].*

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a *or* Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 *or* Jn 12:12-16; (procession)

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny

Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary; honored on 19 March since the end of the 10<sup>th</sup> c.; declared Patron of the Universal Church in 1870 by Pope Pius IX; patron of workers, carpenters, and of fathers; also of Austria, Belgium, Bohemia, Canada, Mexico, Peru, and (south) Vietnam; mentioned in the Eucharistic Prayers I-IV.

Tuesday: Spring begins

Friday: Abstinence;

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop; died 1606 from Salamanca; as a layman he was the chief judge of the Inquisition at Granada; as archbishop of Lima, he presided over the III Council of Lima; established the first seminary in the New World; sought to alleviate poverty among the native population; contemporary of Rose of Lima; patron of Latin American bishops.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means “olive press,” and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can’t be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured—knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a “gethsemane,” and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called *Dominus Flevit*, or “The Cry of the Lord,” built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites.

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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:**

- 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
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
- St. Joseph Catholic School, Tucson, AZ – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
- 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

**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 (WME) weekend. To apply online, and for weekend dates visit [www.wmearizona.com](http://www.wmearizona.com)

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