

# St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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**SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018**

**THIRD 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.



**Third Sunday of Lent  
March 4, 2018**

I, the LORD, am your God . . .  
You shall not have other gods besides me.

— *Exodus 20:2a, 3*

**KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH**

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.

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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** 2/24 & 2/25, 2018

**Parish Offertory - \$1,196.50**

**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
<b>Religious Education</b>	
<b>Gr. 1&amp;2</b>	Ellie Brown 237-2086
<b>Gr. 3</b>	Angelica Valdez 288-1979
<b>Gr. 4,5,6</b>	Leonor Berumen 419-4051
<b>Gr. 7&amp;8</b>	Allison Lapa 896-2148 Phyllis David 820-0425
<b>Confirmation Class</b>	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 9 San Manuel, St. Bartholomew hall

**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](mailto: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](http://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** — God gives the law through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

**Psalm** — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

**Second Reading** — We proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

**Gospel** — Many began to believe in Jesus' name when they saw the signs he was doing (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6;

Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Alternate readings (Year A):

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny

Wednesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs; Perpetua, a noble lady, and Felicity, her slave, died at Carthage in 203 under Septimus Severus; names mentioned in the Roman Canon.

Thursday: St. John of God, Religious; died 1550 in Granada; shepherd, soldier, and entrepreneur before his conversion at age forty-two; laid foundation for the Order of Hospitaliers, today numbering about 1,117 religious; patron of hospitals and the sick, of nurses and bookkeepers.

Friday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious; died 1440; noblewoman, wife, and mother; founded a community of Benedictine women oblates committed to serving the poorest of the poor; patroness of widows and motorists.

Abstinence

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If your parish is reading from Year B of the Lectionary today, and not Year A, as is normally done when there are elect present for the scrutinies and preparing for Easter baptism, you hear about Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple. If you wished to get as close as possible to this site today, you would in fact be at a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the ruins of Herod's temple. Archeologists believe that this striking, gold-domed crown of a shrine is set precisely where the Holy of Holies once was. Jews believe that the rock is the exact spot where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is not a mosque, as some think, but a shrine, the oldest one in the Muslim world. For them, the rock is the place from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended on a visit to heaven. The Crusaders mistook the shrine for the actual Temple of Solomon, and the infamous Knights Templar used it as their headquarters and model for their churches elsewhere. The geometric perfection of the shrine is a mathematician's dream. The inscriptions are not exactly hospitable though, since they encourage Christians to "depart from error" and declare that "Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of God." In ancient times, those who prayed here after walking around the rock were given a certificate entitling the bearer to admission to paradise. The ticket had to be buried with them.

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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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