

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Ambrose O. Nwohu.....520-896-2708
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 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.



**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 1, 2018**

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.

— *Psalm 118:17*

PROCLAIM THE RISEN CHRIST

On Easter morning everything—the spring weather, the flowers, birds and butterflies, the people around us in their finery, the beautiful liturgy and music—everything seems to bear witness that Jesus Christ is risen today! Like the eyewitness accounts in today’s scriptures, the glorious and joyful life all around us helps us to believe the good news of the Resurrection and sing “Alleluia!”

In the scriptures today we hear from Peter and Paul and John. All three speak with conviction about witnessing the resurrected Christ. John’s Gospel account includes Mary of Magdala, who also was privileged to witness the Resurrection and tell others the good news. On this glorious Easter Sunday can we ourselves give eyewitness accounts that Jesus Christ is risen today, alive and active in our lives?

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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 3/24, 3/25, 2018

Parish Offertory - \$1,310.00
Easter Flowers - \$86.00
Raffle - \$84.00
Grant Award from Diocese for church upgrades - \$15,000.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Sanctuary Lamp



**+Danny Gallardo by Maidie Smolkovich
Joey Mallon by Mary Buzan**

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

APRIL 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	576-8208
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

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.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the many parishioners and others who supported our weekly Lenten fish fries this year. Thank you.

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.

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)

April 7 & 8 – St. Helen Building Fund
April 21 & 22 – St. Helen Parish Maintenance
May 5 & 6 – St. Helen Building Fund

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

LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY

Deepen Your Prayer Life; Help Others Do The Same!
Work for the New Evangelization!

Are you a woman or man of prayer? Are you comfortable working with small prayer groups?

Saturday, April 21 at the Mount Claret Retreat Center in Phoenix there will be a facilitator Training-Retreat for the “Lord Teach Me to Pray Ignation prayer series. No charge for retreat or materials. More information available in the Parish Office.



Easter Flower Memorials

Felix & Jesus Sandoval, Frank & Lucy

Sandoval by Mary Castillo; John &

Elizabeth Juhara & Richard Kelly by Michael

& Colleen Juhara; Sabrina, Mabel & Pete Garcia & Arley Iverson by David & Anita Garcia; Alex & Milo Candelaria by Donna Candelaria; Karina E. Gonzalez & “LB” Fischette by Maria Fischette; Manuel P. Apodaca by Gloria Apodaca; Socorro Ballesteros & Norma Romero by Elda Chavira; Amy Kijewski by Anna Kijewski; Lino & Jenny Chavez, Georgia Barajas, Felix & Bea Marquez by Yolanda C. Marquez;+Jonathan & Elizabeth Nwohu, Catherine Nwosu by Msgr. Ambrose Nwohu

Dear Parishioners: My sincere thanks and appreciation for your help and dedication during preparations for Lenten and Easter services. Special thanks to JoAnn Vigil and her helpers who prepared the priests' meal for the Lenten Penance Service, to the Altar Servers for their participation in the Friday Stations of the Cross and liturgies, to Debbie Gutierrez for the altar decorations, to the choir, lectors and Eucharistic ministers and to all our parishioners who helped in any way, especially by attending services, to make our Easter services beautiful and pleasing to God. May you and your families and loved ones enjoy a blessed Easter Season with an abundance of God's blessings.

--Msgr. Ambrose

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord, Jesus, giving thanks to God, the Father through him.”

Colossians 3:17

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 — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Mark 16:1-7 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31
or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter

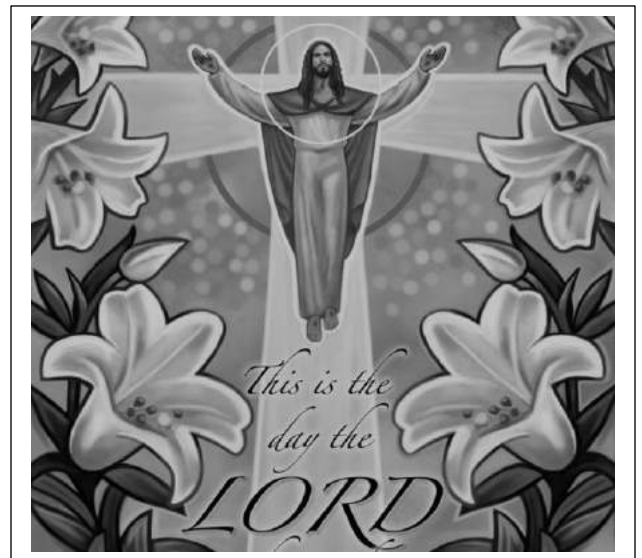
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Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; First Friday; Julian Calendar Good Friday

Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter; First Saturday



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Paschal Mystery is the key to our Christian faith: the dying and rising of Jesus that is the pattern of our life. In their first steps on the road of faith, the catechumens feel the cross of glory traced over their eyes, on their lips, across their shoulders, on their ears, over their heart, and on their feet. The mystery is that even death gives way to life for those who are held in the embrace of Jesus. Today, many new Christians arise from the waters of the font. Yet the font is not the destination of their journey. The goal is Pentecost, fifty days from now, and a lifetime of praise to the Father, in Christ, in the embrace of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the world. “Neophyte,” our ancient word for newly-baptized people, means “newly-planted” in Greek. If someone in your parish has just been baptized, welcome them today. The smiles on their faces and the light in the eyes is a foretaste of heaven.

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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!



He is risen! May the joy of Easter be with you. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you resurrect the romance in your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends. To apply online, and for weekend dates visit www.wmearizona.com

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