

# St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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**SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018** **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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*

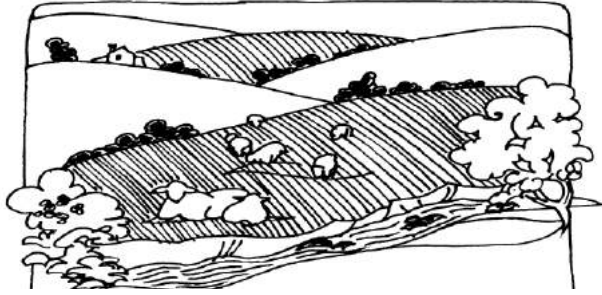
**Marriage Preparation**  
 Diocesan regulations require that you see a priest at least *four months* before your wedding date.

*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.



**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 22, 2018**

See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.

— 1 John 3:1

**SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED**

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?

*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** 4/07 & 4/08, 2018

**Parish Offertory - \$719.00  
Building Fund 4/7&8 - \$321.00**

**Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.**

**Sanctuary Lamp**



**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:** Tom Flores, Felix Garcia, Cassandra Otero, Robert Muller, Patricio Ortiz, Allison Gomez, Lawrence Ortiz, Martin Romero, Susie Molina, Payton Roberts, Rosa Santos, Evodio Barrientos, Rico Guerrero, 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 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	576-8208
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

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING SOCIALS**

**Thank you!**

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

April 21 & 22 – St. Helen Parish Maintenance  
May 5 & 6 – St. Helen Building Fund  
May 19 & 20 – Holy Father Collection\*

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

**Congratulations, winners of Easter Baskets!**

**Maria Gastellum: Easter Basket**

**Family Member of Boots Stewart:  
Easter Basket**

**Family member of Gloria Apodaca:  
Go Green Liquor and Coffee Basket**

*Thank you for your support!*

**Knights of Columbus Charity Raffle**  
Remember, half of the local money raised for the Knights of Columbus Charity Raffle comes back to our Tri-Community parishes. The more tickets you buy the more the Knights donate back to our parish. See any Knight for raffle tickets. Deadline is May 15.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations, April 22, 2018**

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 22nd, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the [USCCB Vocations webpage](http://www.usccb.org/vocations) (www.usccb.org/vocations). 2018 marks the **55th Anniversary** of the World Day of



**AT WORK**

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world.  
—Anonymous

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFIRMATION WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018, 6:30 p.m.  
BISHOP EDWARD WEISENBURGER**



*"The Catechist is one who guards the memory of God and who knows how to awaken it in others." – Pope Francis*

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

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — There is no other name under heaven by which we are to be saved than the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene (Acts 4:8-12).

**Psalm** — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

**Gospel** — I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;  
Mk 16:15-20  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;  
Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14  
Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32;  
1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Earth Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Monday: **St. George**, Martyr; Tradition holds that George was decapitated perhaps in Palestine sometime before the reign of Constantine; 12<sup>th</sup> c. legend portrays him as a knight and dragon slayer; since the crusades, the patron of England and Constantinople.;

**St. Adalbert**, Bishop, Martyr; died 997; born of a noble family in Bohemia; at age twenty-six elected bishop of Prague; forced to leave his See twice due to violent political oppression; preached in Pomerania to the Prussians who murdered him on 23 Apr. 997; buried in Gniezo, the first capital of Poland; patron of Bohemia, the Czech Republic, and Prussia; a patron of Poland.

Tuesday: **St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**, Priest, Martyr; died 1622 in Switzerland; from Swabia; known as the “lawyer of the poor” before becoming a Capuchin; preached in the canton of the Grisons; protomartyr of Propaganda Fide.

Wednesday: **ST. MARK, EVANGELIST**; died 1<sup>st</sup> c.; cousin of Barnabas; associated with Paul and Peter; the gospel ascribed to him (cf. Acts 12:12) is the oldest (written probably prior to the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70) and shortest; largely a collection of narratives that depict Jesus as being almost constantly active; presents Jesus as the Son of God whose ministry was marked by a series of mighty works, signs of God’s power and kingdom; tradition holds Mark as the first bishop of Alexandria; portrayed as a winged lion; patron of Egypt, of Venice, and notaries.

Administrative Professionals Day

Friday: Arbor Day

Saturday: **St. Peter Chanel**, Priest, Martyr; died 1841; French Marist missionary on the Pacific islands of Wallis and Futuna where he was martyred; destroyed cult of evil spirits; protomartyr and patron of Oceania.

**St. Louis Grignion de Montfort**, Priest; died 1716; from Brittany; studied at Saint Sulpice; hospital chaplain and founder of the Congregation of the Daughters of Wisdom; apostolic missionary whose preaching led to a spiritual revival in his native Brittany; established numerous confraternities for the recitation of the rosary; founded the Missionaries of the Company of Mary [S.M.M.] today numbering about 876 religious; chief work: *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord’s Passover: *Pasqua* in Italian, *Pâques* in French, *Paach* in Dutch, *Pascha* in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name, the name of a pagan goddess, Eoster. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King’s chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Eoster once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that!

Although they were baptized, most people didn’t take to the new Latin name (*Pascha Domini*) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: Yule.

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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!



Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. Give your marriage new life by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. To apply online, and for weekend dates visit [www.wwmearizona.com](http://www.wwmearizona.com)

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