

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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| SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER |
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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.



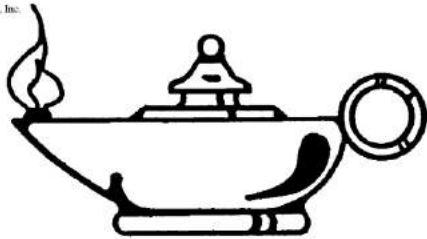
Baptism

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.



COMMITTED TO TRUTH

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2018**

Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

— 1 John 3:18

LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God’s own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: “And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another” (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ’s life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul’s fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord’s Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

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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 4/21 & 4/22, 2018

- Parish Offertory - \$1,074.00**
- Parish Maintenance - \$219.79**
- Rummage Sale - \$1,557.87**
- Raffle - \$188.00**

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: Felix Garcia, Cassandra Otero, Robert Miller, 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 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

Mother’s Day Magnificat Breakfast

Saturday, May 12 – 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the beautiful 49ers Clubhouse on Tanque Verde Rd. just past Soldier Trail. Inspirational testimony by Carla Luera, who will share about living with an incurable disease and the miracle of motherhood. Cost is \$20 per person. Tickets available at Trinity Bookstore and Casa de Inspiration Catholic Bookstore or call 520-237-7060 to purchase tickets by mail. Tickets will not be sold at the door.



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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)

- May 5 & 6 – St. Helen Building Fund
- May 19 & 20 – Holy Father Collection*
- June 2 & 3 – St. Helen Building Fund

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

The Parish Bereavement Committee is seeking additional members willing to serve in this ministry of consolation and compassion. If you are interested in being a part of this important ministry please leave your name and contact information at the parish office or with a member of the parish council.

“Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

New Members Welcome!

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. To so clearly state your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings you advantages, recognition, and responsibilities of many kinds. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for infant baptism, religious education, weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor, and even funerals. We are often asked to provide affidavits for baptismal and confirmation sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered member in our parish. So, are you a registered parishioner? If not, please consider registering. Registration forms are always available at the Parish Office. Please come by and fill one out. We always welcome new members and would like to have you join our community.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

BISHOP EDWARD WEISENBURGER

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

- Analupe Rodriguez**
- Jovon Goga**
- Isaak Pallanes**
- Javier Montijo**

Confirmation Retreat Sunday, May 6

“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 church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Pius V, Pope; died 1 May 1572; O.P. who implemented the reforms of the Council of Trent; promulgated the *Roman Catechism*, the *Roman Missal*, and the *Roman Breviary* whose 1962 editions may be freely used according to the 2007 *motu proprio, Summorum Pontificum*, of Pope Benedict XVI; canonized 22 May 1712.

Tuesday: St. Joseph the Worker

Wednesday: St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; died 373; forty-five years the bishop of Alexandria; champion of Nicea; prolific polemicist against the Arians who exiled him five times; one of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church; wrote *On the Incarnation*, the *Discourse Against the Arians*, and the *Life of Antony*; known as the “Doctor of the Incarnation.”

Thursday: SS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES;

Philip died 1st c.; from Bethsaida; among the first disciples called by Jesus (Jn 1:43-44); tradition holds he preached in Phrygia, dying on a cross at Hierapolis; two apocryphal works attributed to him; with James, venerated as the patron saints of Uruguay.

James died 62; son of Alphaeus and cousin or “brother of the Lord”, surnamed “the Less or “the Just” for his piety; leader of the Jerusalem Church; an epistle is ascribed to him; believed to have been beaten or stoned to death; patron of the dying; both saints mentioned in the Roman Canon. National Day of Prayer

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday; Cinco de Mayo

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In medieval times, one country, Scotland, linked its economy to the liturgy. Four holy days of the church calendar were keyed to the legal year. On these days, rents were due, clergy and servants were paid, and contracts and leases would begin or end. The term days were Pentecost (called Whitsunday), the Feast of Saint Martin on November 11 (Martinmas), the Feast of the Presentation on February 2 (Candlemas), and August 2 (Lammas), a harvest festival. On Lammas day, the first loaf of bread from the summer wheat harvest was given to the village priest. After the Reformation, which swept the Catholic festivals away, the term days were gradually detached from the old feasts. It was only in 1990 that the term days were anchored on the 28th of February, May, August, and November. Today the old Scottish universities are the last hold-outs, still naming their terms or semesters after the old festivals. Scottish students today may not know about the liturgical year, but they still call the fall term Martinmas, and the spring session Candlemas.

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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!



In the second reading today, John encourages us to love one another in deed and truth not in speech only. Do you show your spouse that you truly love them, not just say it? Love your spouse in *deed* by giving the gift of yourself; make the time to attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. To apply online, and for weekend dates visit www.wwmearizona.com

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