

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

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

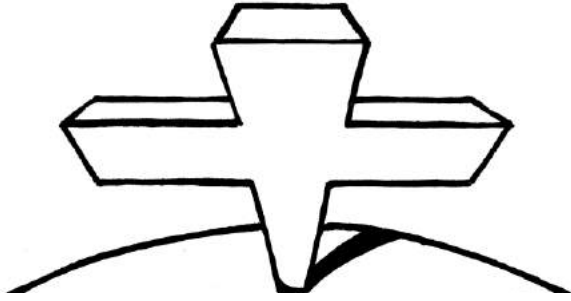
Marriage Preparation
 Diocesan regulations require that you see a priest at least *four months* before your wedding date.

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.



**Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
April 8, 2018**

Who indeed is the victor over the world
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

— *1 John 5:5*

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

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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 3/31 & 4/01, 2018

Parish Offertory - \$1,604
Holy Thursday (3/29) - \$78.00

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, 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

+Thomas Garcia

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

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.

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.

Our First Communion Students will receive their First Eucharist on Sunday, April 8 at the 10 a.m. Mass. Please pray for them.



*Benjamin Rodriguez
Gabriella Henneman
Alex Henneman
Sebastian Henneman*



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our sincere parish condolences to Carmen and Alfred Trejo on the loss of Carmen's father, Thomas Garcia. May the love and prayers of your parish family help you and your family through these difficult days.

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.

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.

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 — The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy);
Julian Calendar Easter

Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Wednesday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr; died 1079; as bishop of Cracow, he assisted the poor; slain by the oppressive and savage king, Boleslaus II the Bold; patron of Poland.
Thursday: Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Friday: St. Martin I, Pope, Martyr; died 656; as a deacon, served at the imperial court in Constantinople; combated emperor Constans II over Monothelite belief that Jesus had only a divine will and so was not truly human; as pope, forced from Rome to Constantinople where he was tried for treason; later exiled to Crimea where he died of starvation and ill-treatment; last pope to be martyred.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes children acquire nicknames in childhood that stalk them through adulthood: “Pinky,” “Boo-boo,” and the like. This Sunday was once called “Low Sunday,” a step down from Easter glory, and an unfortunate nickname since Easter rejoicing goes on for fifty days. Traditionally this is the day when the newly baptized put away their white baptismal robes and returned to their everyday life after a week of intense celebration. Of course, the goal was to take up everyday duties with a very new point of view.

A long title for the day was *Dominica in albis deposito*, or “The Lord’s Day for Putting Away the Albs,” so no wonder the nickname “Low Sunday” arose. In the old calendar it was also called “Quasimodo Sunday,” after the first word of the opening chant, *Quasimodo geniti infantes*, or “As newborn infants,” a reference to the newly baptized taken from the Epistle of Peter. Victor Hugo’s bell-ringing hero in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* was abandoned as an infant on the threshold of the cathedral of Paris on Low Sunday, 1467, and named “Quasimodo” for the feast.

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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 (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!



Are we like Thomas and doubt the power of God in our marriage? Learn the tools to put God in your Sacrament of 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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