

# St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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**SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

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



**Parish Board of Directors**  
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\*\*\*\*\*SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION\*\*\*\*\*

*Holy Matrimony*

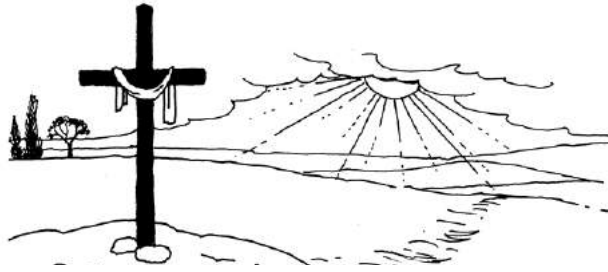
**Marriage Preparation**  
 Diocesan regulations require that you see a priest at least *four months* before your wedding date.

*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.



**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
March 25, 2018**

Christ Jesus humbled himself,  
becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.

— *Philippians 2:8*

**PASSION**

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

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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** 3/17, 3/18, 2018

Parish Offertory - \$1,150.00

Easter Flowers - \$65.00

Raffle - \$12.00

AA Donation - \$50.00

**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*

**+ Randy Edward Halliday, Jr.**

**MARCH 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

**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 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.*

**Palm Sunday – March 25, 2018**

**Holy Week Services – 2018**

**Holy Thursday – March 29**

7 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper and Adoration Of the Blessed Sacrament

**Good Friday – March 30**

2 p.m. – Stations of the Cross followed by Tenebrae  
3 p.m. – Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

**Holy Saturday – March 31**

8 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday – April 1**

8 a.m. Mass & 10 a.m. Mass

*Sincere Parish Condolences to  
Randy and Mary Halliday and  
Hortencia Valenzuela  
on the passing of their son and grandson,  
Randy.*



*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.*

**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.

**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.*



*"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.cathfnd.org/donate](http://www.cathfnd.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

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

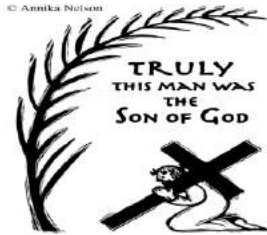
**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;

Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

**Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;

Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26;

Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25;

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,

12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;

b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;

Mk 16:1-7

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Monday: Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday: Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday);

Fast and Abstinence; Passover begins

Saturday: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night;

Holy Saturday



## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

For many centuries, Christian pilgrims have longed to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and on Passion Sunday the eyes of the world are on the *Via Dolorosa*, the "Road of Sorrows," in Jerusalem. As soon as it became safe for Christians to worship in public in the fourth century, a way was marked out. It was changed a few times over the years, and today's usual route was sketched by the Franciscans six hundred years ago, although Anglicans and Byzantines have their own unique detours. Friday is the most favored day, although it is crowded then. Almost everyone begins at the Lion's Gate in the Muslim Quarter, and ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It's less than a quarter mile, but it threads its way through crowded markets with souvenir shops and fast-food snacks. There are, just as in your parish church, fourteen stations along the way. The exact spots are not known, but what matters is the pilgrim's unique ability to see even an ordinary road in a teeming city as something more than meets the eye.

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*Diocese of Tucson*

*...employment opportunities at the Diocese*

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- St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Yuma, AZ – Full-Charge Bookkeeper
- Santa Cruz Catholic School, Tucson, AZ
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  - 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!



“Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear;” As we celebrate Palm Sunday, let us keep our ears open to the love from our spouses and God by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. To apply online, and for weekend dates visit [www.wwearizona.com](http://www.wwearizona.com)



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