

# St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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**SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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.

**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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*Holy Matrimony*

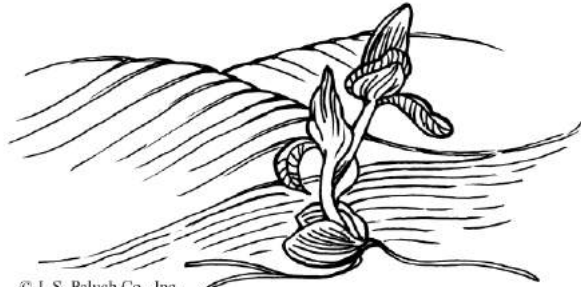
**Marriage Preparation**  
 Diocesan regulations require that you see a priest at least *four months* before your wedding date.

*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.



**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 22, 2018**

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD,  
when I will raise up a righteous shoot  
to David.

— *Jeremiah 23:5a*

**REST IN THE LORD**

For several weeks we have listened to readings that have recounted just how arduous the work of prophets and disciples can be. In today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus listens to the reports of those he had sent out "two by two" to minister to the people. After the apostles reported what they had done, Jesus, recognizing their fatigue, says, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31). Perhaps this is what the Lord is telling his disciples in the year 2018 as well. We need to pause on our journey of discipleship and simply rest in the Lord. Sunday Mass provides many opportunities for quiet times, particularly during the periods of silence following the readings. Why not take the time today to allow the saving word of the Lord to penetrate your heart during those silent times? Ask the Lord to renew you in body, mind, and spirit for the arduous work of discipleship.

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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.***



7/14 & 7/15, 2018

Parish Offertory - \$622.00  
AA Donation - \$10.00

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

**Sanctuary Lamp**



**+Frank Sandoval by Mary Castillo**

*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:** Frank Castillo, Baby Gilbert Franco, Mary Anne Davis, Al Gutierrez, Debbie Martinez, Felix Garcia, Cassandra Otero, Robert Muller, Patricio Ortiz, Allison Gomez, Susie Molina, Rosa Santos, Evodio Barrientos, Rico Guerrero, Carmen Garcia, 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:** Christopher Salazar, Nathan Jackson

***Faithful Departed:*** +Tom Flores *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them*

**JULY 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	526-4557
Music Coordinator – Ellie Brown	237-2086
Sacristan/Altar Servers – Tony Telles	896-9031

**Religious Education**

<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
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
Church Cleaning/Furnishings/Environmental Design (Volunteers needed)		

**pil-grim-age** (pil' gram - ij) a journey made by a pilgrim to a shrine or a holy place; a journey for the heart and soul, to discover God and oneself

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 16 - a pilgrimage program at the Redemptorist Renewal Center in Tucson. From 1 p.m. until 5 p.m., a day of prayer and devotions honoring our weeping mother, the blessed Virgin Mary, and her appearance at La Salette in France in 1846. Beverages and snacks provided. The day concludes with a Sunday Mass, preceded by a rosary, holy hour, opportunities for healing prayer and for individual confessions. 7101 West Picture Rocks Rd, Tucson 85743. For more information, call the LaSalette Missionaries at 520-797-8838

**St. Helen Website**

If you haven't visited our parish website we encourage you to do so. The website is updated weekly; it contains the latest information on parish activities, recent bulletins, and much more parish information.

***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)**  
 July 21 & 22 Diocesan Catholic Schools  
 August 4 & 5 – St. Helen Building Fund  
 August 18 & 19 – St. Helen Maintenance Fund

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

***Inquiries regarding the Religious Education program should be directed to the Parish Office. Persons interested in applying for the Director of Religious Education position should speak with Msgr. or contact the Parish Office.***



**CURSILLISTAS – Our monthly Ultreya and Potluck to be held Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at Santa Catalina Parish, 14380 N. Oracle Road, Tucson, Arizona from Noon to 2:00 p.m. Please join us! For more information contact Teresa Small at [tucsonsolchair@gmail.com](mailto:tucsonsolchair@gmail.com) or (520) 238-1870**

**Our parish's participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal is more than just raising money for the Diocese. We belong to the wider Church – not just our own parish, but in communion with our brothers and sisters in neighboring parishes. It's up to all of us to remember we are living a vision to provide a future full of hope for generations to come.**  
 If you have not yet given, this is a reminder that **St. Helen-Oracle** needs you! **Your personal participation in the Appeal is vital to our success as a parish in the Diocese, and if you have not already made a pledge you are encouraged to do so in support of the Annual Catholic Appeal this year. Thank you.**

**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** — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — In Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

**Gospel** — When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42  
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50  
Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28  
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17  
Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23  
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30  
Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bridget, Religious; died 1373 in Rome; born in Sweden; mother of eight; mystic prophet and foundress of the Order of the Most Holy Savior (“Bridgetinnes”); sought to end the luxury and dissipation of the Avignon papacy and the return of the pope to Rome; her *Revelations* record her spiritual experiences and life; patroness of Sweden; together with St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) and St. Catherine of Siena, declared co-patroness of Europe by Pope John Paul II.

Tuesday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest; died 1898. Born in 1828 in a small mountain village, he became a monk of the Maronite Rite and was ordained a priest in 1859. Devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he spent the last twenty-three years of his life as a hermit. Despite temptations to wealth and comfort, Sharbel taught the value of poverty, self-sacrifice, and prayer by the life he lived. He possessed the gift of performing miracles even during his lifetime. His tomb at the monastery of St. Maron in Annaya, Lebanon is a place of pilgrimage. Canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1977, Sharbel is known as the “Hermit of Lebanon.”

Wednesday: ST. JAMES, APOSTLE; James, brother of John, is called “the Greater” because he followed Christ before the other apostle of the same name; first of the Twelve to be martyred, being decapitated by order of Herod Agrippa I, c. 44; venerated at Compostella, Spain; named in the Roman Canon; patron of pilgrims, of Spain, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.

Thursday: Ss. Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Names for the parents of Mary found in the 2<sup>nd</sup> c *Protoevangelizatum of James*; veneration of Anne originated in the 6<sup>th</sup> c. East; patroness of childless women and miners; devotion to Joachim dates from the 8<sup>th</sup> c.

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The American Revolution cleared the way for freedom of religion in the former colonies, since the colonies had always been a more religiously tolerant place than the old country. Even so, colonial laws restricted the practice of the Catholic faith, and just as in England, Americans who desired to be priests or nuns had to go to the Netherlands or France. As political storm clouds gathered in France, an American woman, Mother Bernardina Matthews, the prioress of the Hoogstraeten Carmel in Holland, made a brave move. With two other American nuns, her nieces, and a Dutch sister, she came to Port Tobacco, Maryland, in 1790. Within twenty years the community had grown to twenty, although by 1823 their farm failed and they had to move to Baltimore and open a school. The Carmelite order requires contemplation and cloister, so in time the school was closed. The Port Tobacco land had long since been sold, but in 1976 a community of nuns was able to return thanks to loyal neighbors who had worked for forty years for their restoration. Today, our original American convent is fully alive in prayer, hard work, and strong community.



## Diocese of Tucson

Bishop Weisenburger's *Wednesday Update* is available to view on the Diocesan website. The *Update* is an informative communication about the bishop's schedule and events currently occurring within the diocese. Log in to the diocesan website: [www.diocesetucson.org](http://www.diocesetucson.org) and under the *Bishop's* heading click on the following links: *Departments*; then *Office of the Bishop*; then *The Wednesday Update*. Call St. Helen Parish Office for help or more information.

### Employment opportunities in the Diocese of Tucson

Following are employment opportunities currently available in the Diocese of Tucson. To view the position descriptions and information on how to apply, persons interested should refer to [www.diocesetucson.org](http://www.diocesetucson.org) (Employment Opportunities).

<u>Parishes:</u>	<u>Openings</u>
• Bookkeepers	4
• Parish Staff	7
• Maintenance/Custodial	3
<u>Schools:</u>	
• School Principals	2
• Elementary Teachers	58
• High School Teachers	6
• School Staff	12
• Maintenance/Custodial	4

### RETRouvaille & MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER RETREAT NOTICES



A Retrouvaille Weekend can help struggling couples rediscover hope and purpose in their 4 Stages of Marriage – The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4<sup>th</sup> Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4<sup>th</sup> Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille. marriages. Register for Weekend Program beginning Friday evening, August 17 - Sunday, August 19. For confidential information Call 520-686-1598, Email: [rtvdavis@hotmail.com](mailto:rtvdavis@hotmail.com) or Visit: [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)



Jesus said, "Come away and rest awhile". Give your marriage new life by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. To apply online, and for weekend dates visit [www.wmearizona.com](http://www.wmearizona.com)



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