

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2018 **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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.

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

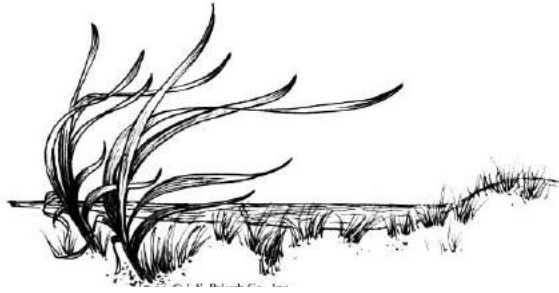
Marriage Preparation
 Diocesan regulations require that you see a priest at least *four months* before your wedding date.

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.



**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 8, 2018**

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with
me.

— 2 Corinthians 12:9

OBSTACLES

The prophet Ezekiel, Saint Paul, and the Lord Jesus share something in common in today's scripture readings. They all experience obstacles to their ministry. Ezekiel is summoned to prophesy to the Israelites, who are "[h]ard of face and obstinate of heart" (Ezekiel 2:4). Saint Paul recounts how he has been given a "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7). The Lord Jesus is unable to perform many signs in his native place. The Gospel tells us that "[he] was amazed at their lack of faith" (Mark 6:6). We too sometimes encounter obstacles as we travel along the journey of faith. So often we experience weakness on this journey. Let the words of the Lord to Saint Paul encourage us today: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9)

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.*

Sunday, July 8 – 8 a.m. – +Cleo Duran by Vigil Family

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 6/30 & 7/1, 2018

**Parish Offertory - \$788.00
Peter's Pence Collection - \$171.00
Knights of Columbus Donation - \$280.84**

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: 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 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	526-4557
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
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)	

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.

After the announcement proposing Carmen Trejo as Secretary of the Board of Directors of St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish-Oracle two weeks ago, no counter proposals were received according to law. Carmen Trejo will now serve a second term of three years as Secretary of the Board of Directors of our Parish.
Congratulations, Carmen Trejo.

Msgr. Ambrose O. Nwohu
 Pastor/President of Board

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

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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.

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.

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 — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

Psalm — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

Second Reading — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

Gospel — The people said: “Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?” (Mark 6:1-6).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions. The 120 martyrs honored today died between 1648 and 1930. Most of them (eighty-seven) were born in China and were children, parents, catechists, or laborers, ranging from nine years of age to seventy-two. The group included four Chinese priests. The thirty-three foreign-born martyrs were mostly priests or women religious; especially from the Order of Preachers; the Paris Foreign Mission Society, the Friars Minor, Jesuits, Salesians, and Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier who accompanied the prisoner Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse (Paris Foreign Mission Society) to his martyrdom in Beijing. Moved by the bishop's courage, Augustine sought baptism and not long after was ordained a diocesan priest. He was martyred in 1815. Beatified in groups at various times, these 120 martyrs were canonized 1 October 2000 by Pope John Paul II.

Wednesday: St. Benedict, Abbot; died 547; wrote famous monastic Rule noted for its wisdom, moderation, and need for obedience. “Let us all follow the Rule as their guide in everything, and let no one rashly depart from it” (Rule, Chapter 3); founded twelve monasteries including Monte Cassino; Benedictines today number some 6,970 religious; considered the “Patriarch of Western Monasticism”; a patron of Europe.

Friday: St. Henry; Henry II died 1024; together with his wife, St. Cunegunda, assisted the poor; as emperor, he respected the Church's freedom, fostering ecclesiastical and monastic reform; founded the See of Bamberg as a center for missions to the Slavs; patron of Benedictine oblates.

Saturday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin (USA); died 1680 at Caughnawaga, Quebec, at age twenty-four; led a life of great austerity and love in spite of ridicule and abuse; called “Lily of the Mohawks”; first native American to be declared “Blessed”; canonized by Pope Benedict XVI 21 October 2012.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week's Treasure mentioned the “Nuns of the Battlefield,” religious sisters from several communities who served as nurses in the Civil War. Florence Nightingale had only instituted female nurses a decade before in the Crimean War, so the idea of women tending to wounded soldiers was extraordinary. The medical and sanitary conditions on the battlefields were appalling, and the sisters were nearly all teachers. Few had any medical training beyond what they had learned as youngsters in the family. Anti-Catholic prejudice was so deeply entrenched in America that sisters could not wear their habits in public. These sisters were the first, and people on both the Union and Confederate sides soon began to marvel at their bravery, efficiency, and respect for Protestant soldiers. More than six hundred sisters from twenty-one communities went to war, serving in wretched conditions. They were tough and single-minded, efficient and fearless.

After the war, sisters could appear in public everywhere in the reunited nation, and often received the praise and gratitude of grateful soldiers and family members on behalf of their sister nurses. An outdoor monument to the “Nuns of the Battlefield” stands in Washington at M Street and Rhode Island Avenue. The inscription reads: “They comforted the dying, nursed the wounded, carried hope to the imprisoned, gave in His name a drink of water to the thirsty.”

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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 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 (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 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th 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 or Visit: www.retrouvaille.org



Have faith that God can increase the blessing in your 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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