

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Ambrose O. Nwohu.....520-896-2708
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 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.

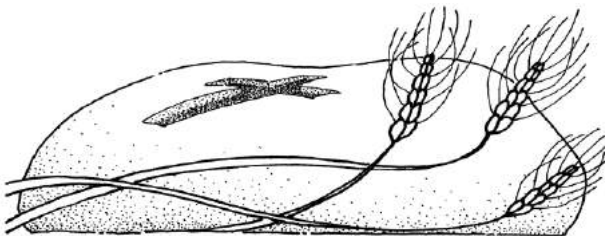
Baptism

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.

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 12, 2018**



I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

— John 6:51

STRENGTHENED BY THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today we resume the “Bread of Life” discourse from John’s Gospel that began two weeks ago. He makes reference to the Jews’ ancestors who ate manna in the desert. These days we would think primarily of Israel wandering in the desert, but faithful Jews would also have known the story of Elijah that we hear today. Strengthened by food and drink in the desert, the angel of the Lord sends him on his forty-day and forty-night journey (the biblical number for a preparation time). Like the food given to Elijah in the desert, Jesus tells his listeners that he is bread for the life of the world. It is very important that we not stop listening to Jesus after his promise of eternal life—a marvelous promise, but this “reward” is not the only reason we feast on the Bread of Life. We also come to the table to be made strong for the journey of mission, that the whole world might have life in the fullness of Christ. We are compelled, if we have eaten of the bread of life, to go forth in service to all. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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.

Saturday, August 11 - +Dax Gonzales by Tina & Jaime Gonzalez

Sunday, August 12 – 8 a.m. - +Elizabeth A. Davis

Sunday, August 12 – 10 a.m. - +Louise Schluttenhofer by Susan E. Daviess

Monday, August 13 – 8 a.m. +Elizabeth A. Davis; Tuesday, August 14 – 8 a.m. +Elizabeth A. Davis

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

8/4 & 8/5, 2018

Parish Offertory - \$1,659.00

Fiesta Raffle - \$104.00

Building Fund - \$272.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Sanctuary Lamp



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

AUGUST 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)	

Thank you, Al Trejo. The front door to the church has been painted and beautified; new lock installed, and the cemented area in front of the door has been painted. **Thank you Al for your generous commitment of time and treasure to our parish.**

Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of La Salette

Join in a day of prayer on Sunday September 16, 2018 at the Redemptorist Renewal Center, 7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd., Tucson. We will celebrate the anniversary of Our Lady's apparition in the French Alps. Beverages and snacks provided. Activities begin at 1 p.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. Included in the day are a rosary, time for private prayer, holy hour, opportunity for confessions, healing prayer service and a Sunday Mass. For information call 520-797-8836.

KNIGHTS CORNER: Local knights are looking for a few good men who want to give back to the church, community, and family.

Knights of Columbus was founded on four principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Knights and their families have opportunities to participate in a variety of activities that deepen their faith, promote the New Evangelization, and strengthen our parishes. Our charitable activities encompass and include the Family Fun Get Together, Food Drives, Scholarships, Coats for Kids, and many more. **See a Knight for your membership.**

Non-perishable food items for our parish food bank are still being accepted. Thanks for your support.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING SOCIALS

Thank you!

2018 SECOND COLLECTIONS (*Diocesan)

August 4 & 5 – St. Helen Building Fund
August 18 & 19 – St. Helen Maintenance Fund
September 1 & 2 – St. Helen Building Fund

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

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018 - MASSES 9 A.M. AND 7 P.M.

The U.S. Bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3-September 28. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray/! Participants will receive weekly e-mail or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others. (See this week's insert)

FIESTA FUNDRAISER!

There will be a St. Helen Pre-Fiesta Warm Up Fund-raiser on Saturday, August 25, 2018 from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. Food plate will be available for purchase: BBQ Meat, Beans, Rice, Salsa, Tortilla and Drink all for \$8.00. Proceeds go to St. Helen Catholic Parish. Music from 4 to 8 p.m.! Stop by and enjoy a good BBQ meal and dance it all away! *Bring your own beer!*

FIESTA – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018

Donations needed:

Whole beans, rice, salsa, tortillas, hamburger patties, hotdogs, buns for both, lettuce, tomatoes, mustard, mayo, onions, paper plates, napkins, paper towels, canned tomatoes, corn tortillas, lemon, tequila, limes, margarita mix, canned and liters of soda, garlic salt, salt, pepper, tablecloths, ice, water, tin foil, tin foil sheets, to-go containers, plastic serving gloves, children toys for game booths, creamer, sugar, hot/cold cups, string lights, colored napkins (for flowers) or crepe paper, items for gift baskets, baskets, ribbon, shrink bags or shrink wrap, gift certificates. Baked goods will be needed the day before or the morning of the fiesta for the cake walk as well as the bake sale.

Please contact Ellie Brown, 237-2086, Manny Navarro, 975-2172 or Al Trejo, 235-2336 if you have questions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

"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 — Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus said, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:41-51).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Ss. Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyr; Pontian died 235; bishop of Rome banished by Maximinius Thrax to Sardinia where he was reconciled with Hippolytus; before dying, he abdicated his office (first pope to do so) to make way for his successor, St. Anterus; buried in the cemetery of Callistus.

Hippolytus died 235/236; disputed author of *Apostolic Tradition*; Roman priest and stern rigorist; opposed Sabellianism and milder penitential discipline of Pope St. Callistus; first anti-pope; exiled to Sardinia with Pontian; source of Eucharistic Prayer II.

Tuesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Martyr; died 1941 at Auschwitz by lethal injection; born near Lodz, Poland; O.F.M. Conv.; founded militia of Mary Immaculate; missioned in Japan; offered his life in exchange for the father of a family.

Wednesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Stephen of Hungary; died 1038; as the first Christian king of Hungary he united and Christianized the Magyar people; received the "holy crown" from Pope Sylvester II in 1000; renowned for his charity to beggars; known as the "Apostolic King and Apostle of Hungary."

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Careful readers of the "Treasures" will have noticed that the two columns about the oldest monastic communities in the United States refer to the colonial states. The Louisiana Purchase gained a great treasure for our nation, the Ursuline monastery of New Orleans. Among the greatest pioneers of that city were nuns who came from France on a perilous voyage in 1727, pestered by pirates and tossed by fearsome storms. These were genteel, well-educated Ursulines, yet their first task was to roll up their sleeves and open a hospital to care for the pestilence-ridden colony. Next, they opened a school for girls and launched a plan to educate the women being shipped over from France to marry settlers. In this way, they had enormous influence in molding patterns of family and domestic life.

At Christmastime in 1814, the threat of a British assault on the city was growing. On the terrifying night of January 7, 1815, the women of New Orleans gathered in the monastery chapel to pray that the city be spared from destruction in battle. The mother superior made a vow to have a Mass of Thanksgiving on that date every year should the Americans win. That night, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, to whom the nuns had great devotion, became the protector and patron of this great city. The convent in the French Quarter is the oldest standing building in the Mississippi valley, and the only surviving building of the French colonial period. The nuns relocated in 1824, but their old monastery is preserved as a museum and archives for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The school the nuns began, Ursuline Academy, is the oldest continuously operating Catholic school, and school for women, in the United States.

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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>	Openings
• 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



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

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