

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018 **TWENTY-FIRST 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

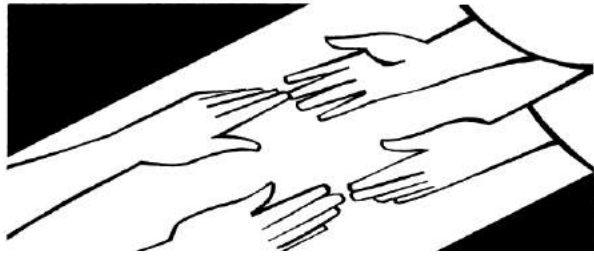
Marriage Preparation
 Diocesan regulations require that you see a priest at least *four months* before your wedding date.

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.



**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 26, 2018**

As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.

— *Joshua 24:15b*

HOUSEHOLDS IN GOD’S SERVICE

In the ancient world, “household” was a wide-reaching concept. When Joshua today speaks of his household serving the Lord, he meant not just those people who lived inside his walls or those related to him by blood or marriage; he meant slaves or servants and their families, and anyone indebted to him in any way. Even his livestock and other possessions would be consecrated to service of God. In our world, we value allowing individuals their freedom to choose how they live, and wouldn’t think of offering our pets to the service of God. But, as we discern our vocation as disciples baptized into Christ, we can come to realize how far-ranging the “households” of our lives still are: how we act toward our spouses, children, roommates or anyone we live with; our behavior with neighbors; or in public as we encounter many “strangers” every day in stores or traffic who suddenly are “next door” to us. How can we use our time, our resources, or gifts for selfless reasons rather than personal gain? No matter what life our witness to the Good News calls us to, we all have a “household” that must be consecrated to service of the Lord our God.

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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.

Sunday, August 26 – 10 a.m. +Louise Schluttenhofer by Susan E. Daviess

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

8/18 & 8/19, 2018

- Parish Offertory - \$1,155.41**
- Holy Day - Assumption of BVM - \$147.00**
- Catholic Church in Africa - \$203.00**
- Fiesta Donation - \$100.00**
- Fiesta Raffle - \$100.00**

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, 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

+Oralia Self; +Robert Muller

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

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| Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson – Ellie Brown | 896-3530 |
| Finance Council Chairperson – Manny Navarro | 896-2469 |
| Compliance Representative – Gloria Acosta | 896-2708 |
| Lector Scheduling/Bereavement - Mary Buzan | 526-4557 |
| Sacristan/Euch. Minister Scheduling – Tony Telles | 896-9031 |
| Altar Server Scheduling – Debbie Gutierrez | 896-2711 |
| Music Coordinator – Ellie Brown | 237-2086 |
| 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) | |

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.

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:

Why join the Knights of Columbus?

Knights lead with faith. Knights protect our families. Knights serve those in need. When the world says men should step aside, Knights of Columbus step up.

Become a Knight. See a local Knight for your membership, join today.

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 18 & 19 – St. Helen Maintenance Fund
September 1 & 2 – St. Helen Building Fund
September 15 & 16 – Catholic Campaign Hum.Dev

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

CALLING ALL CATECHISTS AND PERSONS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATECHIST OR ASSISTANT CATECHIST
Please plan to attend a special meeting with Msgr. Ambrose to discuss a plan for this year's Catechetical Year Program and Student Registration.
Sunday, August 26 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall

St. Helen Liturgy Team
Tony Telles – Eucharistic Ministers/Scheduling
Mary Buzan – Lectors/Scheduling
Debbie Gutierrez – Altar Servers/ Scheduling

FIESTA – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018

UPDATED LIST OF Donations needed:

Need someone to run the Ring Soda Toss game

Glassware for dime toss booth, toys for childrens' booths, 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, 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 — The LORD, our God, protected us along our entire journey (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

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

Second Reading — Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:21-32 [5:2a, 25-32]).

Gospel — We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:60-69).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mk 6:17-29
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Monica; died 387 at Ostia; born in Tagaste in Roman Africa (now Souk Abras, Algeria); after thirty years of prayer, she obtained the conversion of her dissolute pagan husband; under the guidance of St. Ambrose, she won the conversion of her eldest son, St. Augustine; patroness of mothers.

Tuesday: St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; died 430 in Hippo Regius (now modern day Annaba, Algeria); born in Tagaste, north Africa (now Souk Abras, Algeria); after a dissolute life, he received baptism at age thirty-three from St. Ambrose; elected bishop of Hippo Regius; combatted Manichees, the Donatists, and Pelagius; most noted for his *Confessions* and *City of God*; over 500 homilies are extant; considered a founder of monastic life in the West; his Rule (whose mantra for community life is *anima una et cor unum in Deum*) is observed by some religious communities today; one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church; called the "Doctor of Grace".

Wednesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist; today's memorial designates the celebration of the dedication, perhaps on this day, of the church of St. John at Sebaste (Samaria) where, according to tradition, John the Baptist was buried by his disciples.

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday; World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This is the height of vacation season, but as anyone who has ever been to Rome in the summer knows, no time to visit there! The city is sweltering, and in a pre-air-conditioned world long ago, Romans figured out that they needed a break in the surrounding hills. Even the pope clears out. His destination is usually Castelgandolfo, a lovely little hill town southeast of Rome, overlooking a tranquil lake. It has been a papal possession since about 1600, and in 1929, when most of the papal states were finally lost, the papal dwelling was given "extraterritorial rights," meaning that it is an extension of Vatican City and not under Italian rule. The Vatican observatory maintained telescopes here for decades, far from the glare of the city lights of Rome, but although the observatory offices remain here year round, the telescopes are in Arizona. Pope Francis spends less time here than his predecessors, though he still slows down the pace of his work in Rome.

Vacations can help us visit friends and relatives, and revive those human contacts that the pace of our lives keeps us from cultivating. The pope needs a break, and so do you. Vacation comes from a word meaning to empty oneself. There's still time to clear the calendar for at least one golden summer day even if you don't have a personal castle in the hills!

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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).

Position Opening, Diocese of Tucson – Catholic Foundation

The Catholic Foundation is currently seeking to fill the position of Development Associate. To view the position description and for information on how to apply, visit the Catholic Foundation website at www.cathfnd.org/jobs or call 520.838.2515.

RETROUVAILLE & MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER RETREAT NOTICES




Couple Prayer Retreat at Immaculate Heart Academy Use Spirituality to enhance your Marriage! PRAY TOGETHER AS A COUPLE using Scripture prayer to Listen to God's Word. Discover new intimacy in your communication, relationship and discern a deeper awareness of the Holy Trinity's presence in your marriage. Journey Together to God on a Saturday-Sunday go home at night Couple Prayer Retreat October 13th & 14th. Facilitated by Fr Bob Brazaskas and Marriage Retorno Team Couples. Call Kevin or Kathie at 520-722-2931 for more info or email stogskk@mindspring.com. At Immaculate Heart Academy 410 E Magee Rd Oro Valley. AZ 85704 Like us on Facebook at Marriage Retorno/Couple Prayer Retreat & website <https://marriageretornocpr.org/> P



Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Put Christ's love into your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. To apply online, and for weekend dates visit www.wmearizona.com

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