

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018 **TWENTY-SECOND 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

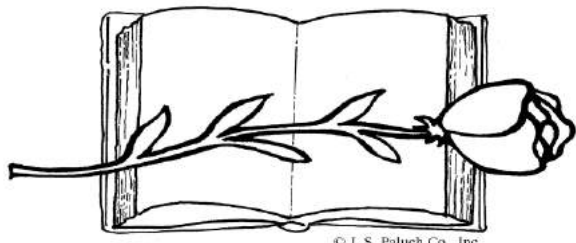
Marriage Preparation
 Diocesan regulations require that you see a priest at least *four months* before your wedding date.

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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 2, 2018**

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted
in you and is able to save your souls.

— *James 1:21b*

THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of “filler,” various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others’ attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.

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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.

**Mass Intentions for +Michael McDowell: Saturday, September 1 - 5 p.m., Sunday September 2 - 8 a.m.,
Monday, September 3 - 8 a.m., Tuesday, September 4 – 8 a.m., Wednesday, September 5 - 8 a.m.,
Thursday, September 6 - 8 a.m., Friday, September 7 - 8 a.m.**

By Colleen Juhara

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

8/25 & 8/26, 2018

Parish Offertory - \$888.25

Fiesta Donation (Asarco) - \$200.00

Fiesta Donation - \$20.00

Fiesta Raffle - \$80.00

Fiesta Dinner (Fundraiser) - \$626.00

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

SEPTEMBER 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
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
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.

Registration for 2018-19

Catechetical School/Sacramental Preparations

Sunday, September 9 – All Masses
Sunday, October 7 – Last day of registration
Week of October 14 – Classes begin
Parents, grandparents and sponsors: Encourage your children/wards to register.
Registration fees: \$25 per student.
Families with more than one child for registration – fee \$20.

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
Need volunteers to clean church on October 5

THANK YOU FOR ITEMS ALREADY DONATED.
STILL NEED: 17 DOZEN TORTILLAS (AT LEAST), HOT DOG BUNS, MUSTARD, MAYO, RELISH, TO-GO CONTAINERS W/COMPARTMENTS, BAG OF LIMES, TWO LARGE BAGS OF SHREDDED CHEESE, GALLON ZIP LOCK BAGS, SPLENDA SUGAR PACKETS, CASES OF SODA, LITERS OF SODA, ROLLS OF TIN FOIL, CHILDRENS' TOYS FOR GAME BOOTHS, GLASSWARE FOR DIME TOSS GAME BOOTH, ITEMS FOR GIFT BASKETS OR GIFT BASKETS ALREADY MADE UP, BAKED GOODS, BASKETS, DONATIONS OF GIFT CARDS, GIFT CERTIFICATES.

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 — For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us? (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalm — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Religion that is pure is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel — This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church; died 12 March 604; prefect of Rome; O.S.B.; papal legate to Constantinople; as pope, noted for liturgical reform and chant; sent missionaries to England; wrote on many moral and theological subjects (*e.g.*, *Moralia on Job*, *Dialogues*, and *Pastoral Rule*); one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church; called himself the "*servus servorum Dei*"; patron saint of music.

Labor Day

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When an altar is dedicated, the Rite of Dedication directs that, if possible, the relics of a martyr be mortared into the church floor under the *mensa*, or "altar table." Up until this revised rite, the general practice was to include small relics of saints in an altar stone, a slab of marble that was normally set in the altar itself. Today's rite states a clear preference for "martyr," and for a substantial part of the body, in accord with our tradition's desire for substantial symbols. Martyr, of course, means "witness" in Greek, and was the title given early on to the people who by their death imaged the death of Christ.

From the beginning, there has never been a shortage of such people, although it took a while for the Church to develop a process to declare someone a martyr. Saint Augustine tells how it was done in the fifth century. By then, popular opinion didn't count as much as an official tribunal set up by the bishop of the place where the martyr suffered. After the inquiry established that the person did indeed die for the faith, a metropolitan bishop had to ratify the decision before a shrine could be built or an altar set up over the martyr's tomb. For the most part, the honor paid to a martyr (called a "cult") was restricted to that diocese, although the fame of some heroes spread so much that they were celebrated elsewhere. The age of the martyrs is now, and more people died for the faith in the twentieth century than ever before, witnessing to Christ to the end. Their sacrifice remains "the seed of the Church."

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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



What is in your heart? Share the fullness of your heart with your spouse. 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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