

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 **TWENTY-FOURTH 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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 16, 2018**

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.

— *Isaiah 50:7*

LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way.

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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.

Saturday, September 15 – 5 p.m. – Mater Dolorosa (Feast Day)

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 9/8 & 9/9, 2018
Parish Offertory - \$946.00
Fiesta Donation - \$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, 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)

FLOWER MAKING BRUNCH

There will be a Flower Making Brunch on Saturday, September 15 from 9 a.m. to noon.

A light brunch with coffee and juice will be served.

Please bring: colored napkins, colored tissue paper, scissors, string, yarn.

The flowers will be used to decorate the hall, kitchen, booths and church.

Everyone welcome to join in.

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)
September 15 & 16 – Catholic Campaign Hum.Dev
October 6 & 7 – St. Helen Building Fund
October 20 & 21 – St. Helen Parish Maintenance

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:

The list is getting shorter!! Thank you to all who have donated to date!!!

Still Need:

- **Volunteers to clean church after 9:30 am October 5**
- **Volunteers to week-wack grounds on October 5**

If you are donating something please drop your donation off the day before the Fiesta – Friday, October 5.

THANK YOU FOR ITEMS ALREADY DONATED.

WE STILL NEED: 17 DOZEN TORTILLAS (AT LEAST), MAYO, RELISH, BAG OF LIMES, TWO LARGE BAGS OF SHREDDED CHEESE, CASES OF SODA, LITERS OF SODA, WATER, TIN FOIL SHEETS, CHILDREN TOYS FOR GAME BOOTHS, ITEMS FOR GIFT BASKETS OR GIFTS BASKETS ALREADY MADE UP, BAKED GOODS, BASKETS, DONATION OF GIFT CARDS, GIFT CERTIFICATES, PAPER TOWELS, FORKS, 20 OZ. SOAK RESISTANT BOWLS FOR MENUDO/POSOLE, CANS OF WHOLE TOMATOES.
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 GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” (Mark 8:27-35).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22;
Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28;
Lk 7:36-50
Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14;
Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3;
Mk 9:30-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
- Monday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; died 1621; Tuscan; brilliant Jesuit scholar, preacher, writer, and systematic apologist of the Counter Reformation; most noted for his *Catechism* and *Disputationes de Controversiis Christianae Fidei*; involved in the Galileo affair; cardinal archbishop of Capua; patron of catechists and catechumens.
Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset
- Wednesday: St. Januarius, Bishop, Martyr; died c. 305; according to his legend, thrown to bears at Pozzuolo under Diocletian; bishop of Benevento; as early as 1389, his blood has liquefied on this and other days each year; patron of Naples.
- Thursday: Ss. Andrew Kim Taegŏn, Priest and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs; Andrew, born in Seoul, Korea, was a convert to the faith and was ordained Korea's first native priest. His father was a martyr. In 1846 Andrew was tortured and beheaded along with his lay associates, seminarian Paul Chong Ha-sang. Between 1839 and 1867, 103 martyrs gave their lives for the faith in Korea.
- Friday: ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST; According to the bishop Papias, the Church's canonical text of Matthew draws upon the Aramaic traditions associated with his name. Composed c. 85, the gospel is generally arranged in an alternating pattern of narrative and discourse. Intended for a largely Jewish-Christian audience, it seeks to portray Christianity as consistent with the Jewish tradition and a continuation of it. Tradition holds that Matthew preached in Judea and in Ethiopia where he was martyred; symbolized by the winged human being; mentioned in the Roman Canon; patron of accountants and customs officers.
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In this country, we don't name our churches “The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church,” but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood. In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn't take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on, or by a nickname. Saint Francis of Assisi in Dublin is often called “Adam and Eve” after a pub in the same street. The pub sign is an interesting carving of our first parents, so they become patrons by default.

Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of “Midvalley City” comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches. Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names. In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Mother Teresa.

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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).

RETROUVAILLE & MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER RETREAT NOTICES



Couple Prayer Retreat at Immaculate Heart Academy

Couples say: "We have made a deeper commitment to God and each other." "The retreat opened a whole new way to pray and share with each other." ME brought me to a deeper love and communication with my spouse and Retrouvaille help us save our marriage and family. Marriage Retorno is the next step beyond that brings husband and wife to a deeper intimacy with God using prayer and Scripture. It is facilitated by a Catholic priest and Retorno Team Couples. Call Kevin & Kathie Stogsdill 520-722- email stogskk@mindspring.com . At Immaculate Heart Academy Multi-Purpose Room 410 E Magee Rd Oro Valley. AZ 85704



Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Take time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. To apply online, and for weekend dates visit www.wmearizona.com

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