

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

TWENTY-FIFTH 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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 23, 2018**

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.

— *James 3:18*

HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like?
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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.*

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

9/15 & 9/16, 2018

Parish Offertory - \$845.15

Fiesta Donation - \$100.00

Fiesta Donation (Tortillas) - \$60.00

Fiesta Raffle - \$176.00

Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.- \$105.83

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: Margarita Pena, 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)

FIESTA UPDATE!!!

All children, young adults, and adults are invited to be part of the procession for the opening of St. Helen Annual Fiesta on Saturday, October 6, 2018.

Please assemble in front of the church no later than 12:15 to receive your flowers. After communion all will present their flowers to the Virgin Mary. Questions – call Mary Telles 896-9031

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 wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalms — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163;
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;
Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14;
Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset; Autumn begins

Wednesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs; died c. 300 at Cyrrhus in Syria; brother physicians known as “moneyless ones” for their gratuitous care of the sick; mentioned in the Roman Canon; patrons of physicians, surgeons, druggists, barbers, and the blind.

Thursday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest; died 1660 in Paris; born in Pouy; renewed the clergy and defended the poor and the abandoned; founded the Congregation of the Missions (Vincentians, today numbering some 3,365 members; mission preachers and seminary educators; with St. Louise de Marillac founded the Daughters of Charity; preached against Jansenism; patron of charities, of hospitals, of prisoners, and of the Malagasy Republic (Madagascar).

Friday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; died 929 at age twenty-two; duke of Bohemia; sought to bring the faith to the people; killed by his pagan brother, Boleslaus; patron of the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; today the Church commemorates sixteen martyrs (thirteen Dominicans and three tertiaries of Nagasaki, Japan, during the years 1633-1647; they included nine Japanese, four Spaniards, one Frenchman, one Italian, and the Filipino, Lawrence Ruiz, the father of a family and protomartyr of the Philippines; after enduring horrible tortures, their bodies were burned and their ashes scattered by order of the ruler, Tokugawa Yemitsu; canonized 18 October 1987.

Saturday: SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL

These biblical messengers signify God’s transcendence and loving care. Michael (meaning “Who is like God?”), Gabriel (God’s Strength”), and Raphael (“God’s Remedy”) Michael, patron of security forces and of the sick; Gabriel; of telecommunications and the postal service; Raphael: of travelers and the blind.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How long have there been parochial schools in the United States? Longer than you may imagine. The Jesuit fathers opened Saint Mary School in Philadelphia in 1782 in the first light of independence. Catholic and Protestant squabbles about the nature of education forced the Fathers to make this risky and innovative venture in the heart of the city. The school was closed by a devastating fire in 1902, but reopened in 1968 as St. Mary Interparochial School, the first example of a shared parochial school. It is also the only Catholic school within the confines of a national park. This is the “Mother School” of this uniquely American institution. Many parochial schools, especially in “national parishes,” were established to preserve the culture and language of the “old country,” and also to protect young people from prejudice.

In other countries, Ireland for one, the Church is authorized to run national schools, sometimes under the sponsorship of a parish. In still other places, such as Quebec, publicly-funded “separate schools” were administered by the Church. Wherever the state funds Catholic schools, normally enrollment is guaranteed to all applicants. The Quebec system was dismantled in 1998 when the state decided to reorganize schools along linguistic lines rather than religious affiliation. Parochial schools require considerable sacrifice, but they endure as a distinctive treasure of the Church 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.

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 October 13-14 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



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