

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Ambrose O. Nwohu.....520-896-2708
 Parish Secretary & Compliance Representative: Gloria Acosta520-896-2708
 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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 30, 2018**

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.
— *Psalm 19:8*

NOT AGAINST US

Like Moses before him, Jesus corrects his disciples' misunderstanding of the gift of the Spirit. They saw people who were not of their company casting out demons and doing other works such as Jesus had done. Jesus points out that no one who does a good deed in his name can be opposed to him at the same time. He goes on to point out the importance of the "little ones," the poor, simple people, children, the meek ones who are not important in the world. It is to them that he was sent, not to the wealthy and the self-righteous. He underscores the importance of small works done in faith, as well as big works like driving out demons. "Anyone who gives you a cup of water . . . because you belong to Christ . . . will surely not lose his reward" (Mark 9:41). God builds the coming reign little by little in our actions, however small and unassuming, when they are done out of love of God and neighbor.

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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 9/22 & 9/23, 2018
Parish Offertory -

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)

October 6 & 7 – St. Helen Building Fund
October 20 & 21 – St. Helen Parish Maintenance
November 1 & 2 – St. Helen Building Fund

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 — Moses said, “Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!” (Numbers 11:25-29).

Psalm — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19)

Second Reading — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (Jason 5:1-6).

Gospel — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8;
Mt 18:1-5, 10
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15;
Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10,
13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75,
91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor; the “Little Flower” died 30 September 1897 of tuberculosis in the Carmel of Lisieux at age twenty-four; born in Alençon; contemplative who, in her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, urged all to follow “the little way”; proclaimed a doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II, 19 October 1997; patroness of the missions, of florists, and of France; secondary patroness of the Apostleship of Prayer.

Tuesday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Thursday: St. Francis of Assisi, died 3 Oct. 1226; noted for his charismatic personality, deep compassion for all, and love for God’s creation; renounced wealth to follow “Lady Poverty”; deacon; founded the Franciscan Family which is made up today of the Friars Minor (Capuchins [numbering about 10,000 religious], Conventuals, 4,235 religious, and those of the Leonine Union, 13,635 religious, Poor Clares, Third Order Religious, and the Secular Franciscan Order; wrote *Canticle of the Sun*; received the stigmata 14 Sept. 1224; canonized only two years after his death; patron of ecologists and of Italy.

Friday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest; USA; born in Germany in 1819, Francis Seelos entered the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer and was sent to North America. Ordained a priest in 1844, he began his pastoral ministry in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as assistant pastor of his confrere, Saint John Neumann, serving also as Master of Novices and dedicating himself to preaching. He became a full-time itinerant missionary, preaching in both English and German in a number of different states. He died in New Orleans on 4 October 1867 and was declared “Blessed” by Saint John Paul II 9 April 2000.

First Friday

Saturday: St. Bruno, Priest; died 1101 in Calabria; celebrated teacher at Reims and close advisor to his former pupil, Pope Urban II; founded, near Grenoble, La Grande Chartreuse, the mother house of the Carthusians, who today number about 290 religious; sought “to seek God assiduously, to find God promptly, and to possess God fully”; their motto: “While the world changes, the cross stands firm.”

Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, Virgin (USA): died 1849 at age thirty-eight; born in St. Antoine, Quebec; began the first Canadian parish sodality for young women; founded the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary for Christian education.

First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From its earliest days, the Church has had an interest in the education of young people. In ancient Rome, teachers of boys had to resign their posts in order to become catechumens, since the education of boys was so keyed to the lore and worship of the gods. In other ages, public education has been so attuned to other values that creative solutions have arisen.

In late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Ireland, government schools had a goal of “Anglicizing” the Irish in culture and religion. Most Irish Catholics opted out in favor of “hedge schools.” In these largely secret schools, meeting not just in the shadow of hedges but also in cottages and barns throughout Ireland, schoolmasters provided eager students with a classical education grounded in Greek and Latin, Irish literature, the banned Gaelic language, and the catechism of the Church. The so-called penal laws forbade Catholics from teaching young people publicly or privately, and “civil disobedience” ruled the day. In 1826, a British government study showed that of half a million Irish children enrolled in schools, 403,000 were in hedge schools! A woman named Nano Nagle defied the law by opening schools for the poor. Eventually her companions became the Presentation Sisters. A layman named Edmund Rice, inspired by her courage, founded the Irish Christian Brothers for the same purpose. By 1820, the situation eased, since Irish Catholics had shown that they would defy any law that diminished their love of learning and threatened their faith.



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



Your word, oh Lord, is truth. Bring the Lord's truth into your marriage by attending an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. To apply online, and for weekend dates visit www.wwmearizona.com

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