

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

TWENTY-THIRD 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 9, 2018**

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

— *James 2:5*

SEE BEYOND OUTWARD APPEARANCES

The phrase “Sunday best” has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it’s a healthy sign that we’re as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man’s origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark’s Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven.

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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.

Tuesday, September 11 – 8 a.m. - +Del Santini
Wednesday, September 12 – +Sr. Mary Geraldine Vitagliano
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 9/1 & 9/2, 2018

Parish Offertory - \$671.00
Fiesta Raffle - \$102.00
Building Fund- \$178.00

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)

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:

Need:

- **Someone to run the Ring Soda Toss game booth**
- **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), HOT DOG BUNS, HAMBURGER BUNS, 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, GLASSWARE FOR DIME TOSS BOOTH, 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 — Be strong, fear not! Here is your God
(Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17;
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18;
Mk 8:27-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents Day;

Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5779 begins at sunset

Tuesday: Patriot Day

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary. God the Father is glorified by the exalted role in salvation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thus, her name is a name of honor, a holy name, a maternal name, and a name responsive to the needs of the Church.

Thursday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor; died 14 Sept. 407; ascetic; became bishop of Constantinople; outstanding preacher (thus surnamed “golden mouthed”); defended the poor; sought reform of the clergy; twice exiled due to royal opposition; authored ascetical, apologetic, and polemical treatises as well as letters; one of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church; patron of preachers and of Istanbul (Constantinople).

Friday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday: Our Lady of Sorrows; by the 14th c., the sorrows of Mary numbered seven: the presentation of Jesus in the Temple; the flight into Egypt; Jesus being lost in Jerusalem; the meeting of Mary and Jesus on the way to Calvary; the crucifixion; the taking down of Jesus' body from the cross; and his burial.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Back to work we go! Summer break is over and there is much to accomplish in school and in the workplace. It's a venerable Catholic custom to assign patron saints to the trades and occupations of life. This is largely in the realm of popular devotion, and although from time to time the Vatican declares a saint to be patron of this or that, the process is free-wheeling and just about uncontrollable. Still, there is a saint for almost any purpose, whether you are on death row (Dismas), having eye trouble (Lucy), or pursued by poisonous toads (Hubert). Medieval guilds would often associate themselves with heavenly patrons, so Saint Joseph has the carpenters, Thomas More the lawyers, and physicians get Saint Luke. If you're stuck in the airport, St. Joseph of Cupertino is on call since he was said to rise off the floor when he prayed, and if you're in a long line at the ATM, Saint Anthony Claret is for you.

In recent years, the Vatican has from time to time assigned a new patronage, as when Saint Aloysius Gonzaga was named the patron of HIV-AIDS patients, since as a young Jesuit novice he had cared for his fellow novices during a terrible plague. Anything that matters to us—nation, parish church, occupation, illness—can have a patron, and it is an aspect of Catholicism that has enormous appeal. To believe in the “communion of saints” is to know that the ties that bind us as a communion do not unravel with death, and that when we stand before life's struggles, we do not stand alone. Who is your patron saint?

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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.wwmearizona.com

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