

# St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Ambrose O. Nwohu.....520-896-2708  
Parish Secretary & Compliance Representative: Gloria Acosta .....520-896-2708  
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

### **Parish Board of Directors**

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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.



**The Baptism of the Lord  
January 13, 2019**

He saved us through the bath of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— *Titus 3:5*

**CALLED TO SERVE**

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as “one mightier than I.” But he did as Jesus asked, and the “Holy Spirit descended” and heaven’s voice spoke to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son.” Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today’s second reading, he announces the heart of the message, “peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God’s word.

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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** 1/8/2019

**Parish Offertory - \$1,039.00  
St. Helen Building Fund - \$169.00**

**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:** Baby Matteo Gonzales, Estevan Ramirez, Dora, John Hernandez, Elaine Mendibles, Warren Perow, Margarita Pena, Frank Castillo, 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*

**JANUARY 2019 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
<b>Religious Education</b>	
Gr. 3 Mary Telles	896-9031
Gr. 4,5,6 Leonor Berumen	419-4051
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)	

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING SOCIALS**

**Thank you!**

**2019 SECOND COLLECTIONS (\*Diocesan)**

January 19 & 20 – Catholic Relief Services\*  
February 1 & 2 – St. Helen Maintenance Fund  
February 16 & 17 – St. Helen Maintenance Fund

*Envelopes for PARISH special collections in rack back of the church.*

**A luncheon will be provided to all St. Helen Catholic parishioners and their families for the accomplishment of yet another successful Fall Fiesta! Whether you donated an item, worked a booth, cleaned the grounds or attended the fiesta, we invite you to join us as we say "Thank You". We could not have done this without you!!!**

**When: Sunday, January 13, 2019**

**Where: St. Helen Parish Hall**

**Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

**Please join us for fellowship, a nice meal, drinks and dessert!**

**Monsianor Ambrose & The 2018 Fiesta Board**

WASHINGTON--On January 14, 2019, thousands of Catholics across the country will join in prayer for "9 Days for Life." The prayer campaign, sponsored by the Committee on Pro Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, leads up to the annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. The novena and day of prayer are a time of recollection and reparation in observation of the anniversary of Roe v. Wade--the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal throughout the United States.

The overarching intention of the novena is that all human life will be respected. Each day of the "9 Days for Life" novena highlights a related topic and provides a reflection, educational information, and suggested daily actions. Participants can subscribe to receive the daily prayers at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com).



**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*



**Please remember to pick up and use your 2019 Offering Envelopes.**

**YOU HAVE UNTIL APRIL 15 TO MAKE A TAX CREDIT CONTRIBUTION**  
Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) for the Diocese of Tucson is helping students attend Catholic schools regardless of their race, religion, national origin, and economic status, etc. Take advantage of the Arizona Tax Credit Program by directing your tax dollars to CTSO, and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit. Brochures are available or visit [www.ctso-tucson.org](http://www.ctso-tucson.org) for online giving. Make your contribution by April 15, 2019 for the 2018 tax year.

*Non-perishable food items for our parish food bank are still being accepted. Thanks for your support. Needed: Canned fruit, fruit juices, chicken, ham, tuna, chilis, potatoes or yams, tomatoes, veggies. Sugar, flour, pinto beans, rice. Instant potatoes, noodles, garbage bags. Toilet paper, tooth paste, hand and dish soap, wipes, shampoo/conditioner. Shaving lotion, brushes, combs, female items. Pet food.*

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.

**Psalm** — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or* Psalm 104.

**Second Reading** — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) *or* Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

**Gospel** — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20  
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17  
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Thursday: St. Anthony, Abbot; died 356 at age 105; born in upper Egypt; hermit and early founder of religious life; called the "Patriarch of Monks"; aided St. Athanasius of Alexandria in combating Arianism.

Friday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Saturday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany);  
Blessed Virgin Mary



## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

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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](http://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.

There 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](http://www.diocesetucson.org) (Employment Opportunities).

Pray  
For  
Vocations

### RETROUVAILLE & MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER RETREAT NOTICES




**Marriage Help** - A Retrouvaille Weekend can help couples rediscover hope and purpose in their marriage. **Register Now** for a Retrouvaille Weekend beginning **Friday evening, January 18 - Sunday, January 20, 2019**. Visit: [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or Call 520-686-1598



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.wmearizona.com](http://www.wmearizona.com)

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