

# St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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.



**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/Confession**

Saturday from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 Any other time by appointment.



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 20, 2019**

Nations shall behold your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory.

— *Isaiah 62:2*

**A VISIBLE GOD**

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to *see*, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult “public life” at his baptism by John. Today’s Gospel reading tells us of his “first sign,” providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God.

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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**

1/12 & 23 2019

Parish Offertory - \$1,067.75  
Special Donation from the Zappia Family - \$1,000.00

**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:** Rosemary Parsons, Jacqueline Zappia, 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**

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| 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 Building Fund  
 February 16 & 17 – St. Helen Maintenance Fund

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

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

The Diocese of Tucson is seeking applicants for the position of Executive Assistant to the Chancellor. Please visit the diocesan Human Resources page at <https://diocesetucson.org/human-resources/employment-opportunities> for the complete job description and applicant information.

**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.*

**New Members Welcome**

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. To so clearly state your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings you advantages, recognition, and responsibilities of all kinds. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school registration, weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor, and even funerals. We are often asked to provide affidavits for baptismal and confirmation sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered member in our parish. If you are not registered, please consider registering. Registration forms are always available in the Parish Office. We always welcome new members and would like to have you join our community.

**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** — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen ones (Isaiah 62:1-5).

**Psalm** — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

**Second Reading** — All the varied gifts in the Christian community are from one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

**Gospel** — Rejoicing at a wedding celebration in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply (John 2:1-11).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;  
Mk 2:23-28, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*  
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;  
Mk 16:15-18  
Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or  
Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21  
Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15;  
1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr; died beginning of 4<sup>th</sup> c. under Diocletian at the age of twelve; patroness of Christian virtue confronted by political and social violence; represented with a martyr's palm and a lamb; the wool from two lambs blessed today will be used to make the pallia which are presented by the Pope to Metropolitans on 29 June; name mentioned in the Roman Canon.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; World Youth Day

Wednesday: St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr (USA); died in early 4<sup>th</sup> c., in the persecution of Diocletian at Valencia; deacon of the church of Saragosa; protomartyr of Spain; Prudentius, Spanish born poet, sings his praises in his narrative poem *Peristephanon*; patron of wine producers.

St. Marianne Cope, died 1918; a religious of the Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse, NY; known for her charitable works and virtuous deeds. For thirty-five years she cared for the lepers on the island of Molokai. She was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on 23 October 2012.

Thursday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; died 1622, bishop of Geneva; sought to bring many back to the Church through his personal life and writings, especially his *Controversies* and several devout treatises, including his *Introduction to the Devout Life*; co-founder with St. Jane Frances de Chantal; of the Visitation Order; patron of writers, journalists, and the deaf.

Friday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle;  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends;

Saturday: Ss. Timothy and Titus, Bishops; Timothy, from Lystra in Asia Minor, and Titus, of Greek origin, died 1<sup>st</sup> c.; companions of St. Paul and overseers of the churches of Ephesus and Crete, respectively; recipients of the so-called pastoral epistles.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The cause of church unity is commended to Christians for prayer and action every year around this time. This week is not so much to focus on the many divisions within the Christian family, but on bonds of faith and mission. Even though Christians have always shown an inclination to fracture, spin off, and mutate into new expressions, recent history shows some new points of convergence and agreement. Catholics are more firmly rooted in the word of God, for example, and many Protestants are more likely to celebrate Communion than in years past. Some denominations are merging and pooling resources, and people from various traditions are collaborating on projects.

The call of this week is to be mindful of the diversity of our traditions and customs while treasuring what we hold in common. The old advice to “lighten up” is good medicine, because sometimes our differences are delightful and amusing. If someone says, “Let us pray,” a Catholic might close the eyes, bow the head and fold hands; a Protestant reach out and clasp hands with the person in the next chair; and someone belonging to an Orthodox tradition might stand up with eyes wide open. Each has taken a different path, but the goal is always the same. This is a week not for focusing on the well-worn paths of divergence, but for mutual delight in a common goal.

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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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