

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019

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

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.



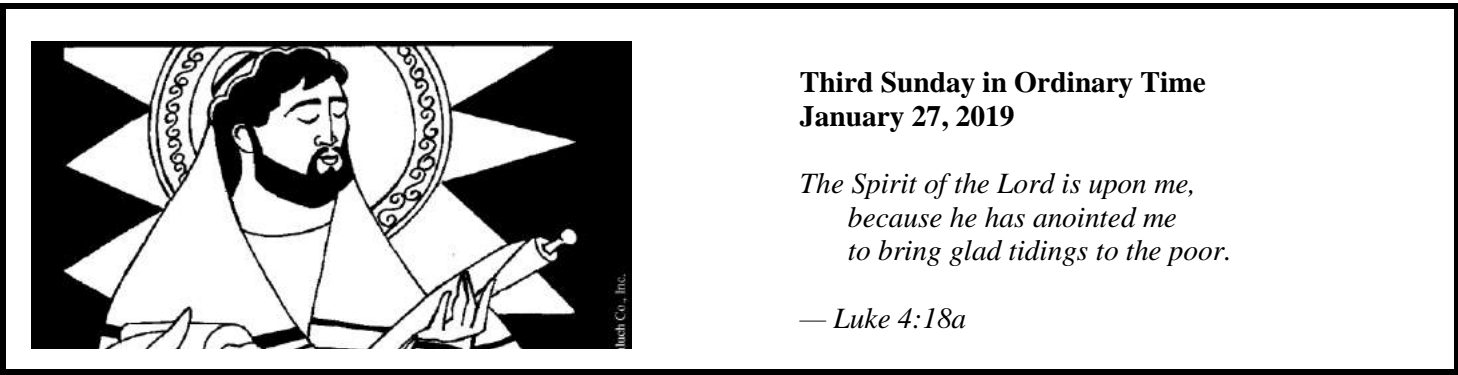
Baptismal Preparation

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.



TIME

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today’s Gospel, it will be “a year acceptable to the Lord.” And Jesus surely didn’t mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the “arrival” of God’s favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God’s word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, “Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep.”

The “year acceptable to the Lord” is this year. The day that is “holy” is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God’s help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on 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

1/19 & 20, 2019
Parish Offertory - \$838.00
Catholic Relief Services - \$198.56

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 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. 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)	

CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS PRICELESS...MAKE YOUR 2018 TAX CREDIT CONTRIBUTION BY APRIL 15TH

Arizona's Tax Credit Program allows you to direct your tax dollars to help children in our Catholic schools. You can use money you would have to pay in taxes anyway to give these children a very precious gift...a quality Catholic education. Brochures are available or visit www.ctso-tucson.org for online giving.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING SOCIALS
Thank you!**

2019 SECOND COLLECTIONS (*Diocesan)

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.



World Day for
Consecrated Life



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 — Rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel — The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week

Monday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church; died 1274; O.P.; the “Angelic Doctor” who wrote the *Summa Theologiae* and authored *Adoro te devote*, *O salutaris*, *Tantum ergo*, and *Pange lingua*; patron of Catholic schools, colleges, and universities; of philosophers, theologians, and booksellers.

Thursday: St. John Bosco, Priest; died 1888 at Turin; founded the Salesians [S.D.B.], today numbering over 15,270 members; dedicated to educating youth, with St. Mary Mazzarello, founded the Salesian Sisters; a pioneer in vocational training; first saint in history to submit to a press interview; forty thousand people filed past his body at his death; first canonized saint in whose honor a national holiday was declared in Italy; patron of editors; known as the “Apostle of Youth.”

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Blessing of Candles; First Saturday;
World Day for Consecrated Life;
Groundhog Day

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Saturday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.

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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.

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 (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. Visit: 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

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