

# St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019**

**FIFTH 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



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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.



**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 10, 2019**

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
“Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?”  
“Here I am, “I said, “send me!”

— *Isaiah 6:8*

**GOD’S SUMMONS**

Confronted with God’s power and majesty, the first response of the prophet Isaiah was to acknowledge his sinfulness. “Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips,” he said aloud. Likewise, with his empty fishing nets dramatically filled at Jesus’ instruction, Peter fell to his knees and cried out, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.”

Next, Peter got up. He docked his boats then left to follow Jesus. Isaiah also had a dramatic change of heart. When he heard the Lord say, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” Isaiah answered, “Here I am, send me.”

We are summoned daily by the Risen Lord. We are reminded of the saving power of the gospel and know in our heart of hearts that, as St. Paul wrote, believing in anything else won’t lead to anything.

What will it take for you to move past your sinfulness? What will it take for you to get off your knees? What will it take for you to bring to dock what is unimportant and to accept your call to be God’s messenger?

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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**

2/2 & 2/3, 2019  
Parish Offertory - \$1,073.30  
Hall Rental - \$100.00  
Building Fund - \$138.00

**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:** 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*

**+Rosemary Parsons, +Jacqueline Zappia**

**FEBRUARY 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>	
<b>Gr. 3</b> Mary Telles	896-9031
<b>Gr. 4,5,6</b> 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)	

**GET CREDIT NOW FOR A GOOD DEED AND MAKE YOUR 2018 TAX CREDIT CONTRIBUTION BY APRIL 15.**

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**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.**

*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.*

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING SOCIALS**

**Thank you!**

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

February 16 & 17 – St. Helen Maintenance Fund

March 2 & 3 – St. Helen Building Fund

March 16 & 17 – Holy Land \*

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

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

*We pray that we may truly share the love and mercy we have received from God by sharing our gifts of time, talent, and treasure, for the good of the wider Diocesan Church through the Annual Catholic Appeal.*



*“How marvelous it would be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say: today I have performed an act of charity towards others” – Pope Francis*

Each year, at this time, we are encouraged to consider the needs of our Church and of the Diocese as one family in Christ.

Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, we are asked to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries, that provide services which no one parish could provide on its own. It is our call to reach beyond the boundaries of our parish, and the confines of our own personal sphere, to help build up our faith community and uplift our brethren.

Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes.

*“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others” – Philippians 2:4*

**Thank you for your prayers, support and participation!**

**Text ACA to 41444**

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**visit [www.cathfnd.org/donate](http://www.cathfnd.org/donate)**

**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** — Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the Lord and responds, “Send me!” (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

**Psalm** — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

**Gospel** — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. (Luke 5:1-11).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10  
Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Marriage Day
- Monday: Our Lady of Lourdes; According to St. Bernadette, the visionary of Lourdes in 1858, the Virgin Mary proclaimed herself “The Immaculate Conception”; patroness of Portugal and the Phillippines.  
World Day of the Sick
- Tuesday: Lincoln’s Birthday
- Thursday: Ss. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop; Cyril died 869, and Methodius died 885; brothers, known as the “Apostles to the Slavs”; prepared Slavic liturgical texts; served as the “spiritual bridge between Eastern and Western traditions” (Pope John Paul II); patrons of the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and all of Europe.  
Valentine’s Day
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ’s total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God’s own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the act of giving from our abundance, and attending to the needs of the poor, opens us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

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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. Visit: [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or Call 520-686-1598



"They left everything and followed him." Leave behind the world's plan for your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Mar 16-17 in Tucson or May 17-19 in Phoenix. To apply online, and for weekend dates visit [www.wmearizona.com](http://www.wmearizona.com)



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