

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Ambrose O. Nwohu.....520-896-2708
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 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

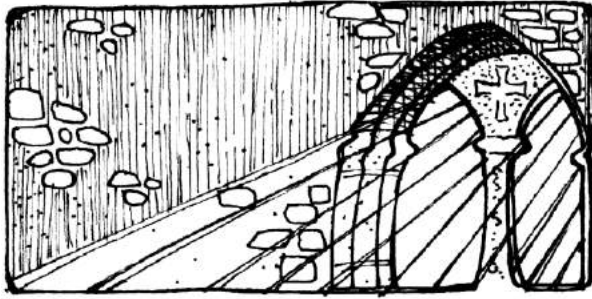
Marriage Preparation
 Diocesan regulations require that you see a priest at least *four months* before your wedding date.

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.



**Second Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2019**

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

— *Psalm 27:1*

STAND FIRM IN THE LORD

It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, “Many . . . conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction . . . Their minds are occupied with earthly things” (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, “our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (3:20). He will “change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body” (3:21). Note that he says “body” rather than “bodies.” He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So “stand firm in the Lord” (4:1).

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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.

Saturday, March 16 – 5 p.m. - +Randy Halliday by Colleen Juhara

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 3/9/ & 3/10, 2019

**Parish Offertory - \$1,483.10
Black & Indian Missions - \$251.00**

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: 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*
+Dora Chavez

MARCH 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)	

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS DURING LENT
7 P.M.**

KNIGHTS CORNER

*K of C Lenten Fish Dinners are as follows:
March 15 in San Manuel, March 22 & 29 in Oracle;
and April 5 & 12 in Mammoth. First dinner at the location will have fried and baked fish with coleslaw and fries. Second dinner at the location will have fish tacos, beans and rice.

*Knights are selling tickets for local **Scholarship Raffle**: 43" color LED TV, **\$1 per ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets**. Money raised will go towards local scholarships, drawing March 22.

*Next Council meeting March 13, 2019 in San Manuel at 7 p.m.
Thanks,
Grand Knight Alfred Trejo

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)
March 16 & 17 – Holy Land *
April 6 & 7 – St. Helen Building Fund
April 20 & 21- St. Helen Maintenance Fund

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

A Message From Bishop Weisenburger

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Starting with Ash Wednesday, I will be releasing a brief reflection on the Scripture Readings for each Sunday in Lent. My “Lenten Minute Reflection” will be posted each Saturday on our Tucson Diocesan web page. If you enjoy the weekly reflections then I kindly ask that you share them with a friend via social media, or simply encourage others to log on and listen. May you have a blessed Lent, leading to a joyful Easter. – Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo: Empezando con el miércoles de ceniza, publicaré una reflexión breve sobre la lectura de las escrituras para cada domingo de Cuaresma. Mi “Reflexión Cuaresmal de un Minuto” se publicara cada sábado en la pagina web de la Diócesis de Tucson. Si usted disfruta las reflexiones semanales le pido de corazón que las comparte con un amigo a través de los medios de comunicación social, o simplemente que anime a otros para que inicien la sesión y escuchen. Que tenga una Cuaresma bendecida, conduciéndolo a una Feliz Pascua.- Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Tuesday, March 19 – St. Rose of Lima, Safford – 6 p.m.
Thursday, March 23 – St. Philip, Payson – 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 28 – Blessed Sacrament – Mammoth – 6 p.m.
Tuesday, April 2 – St. Helen, Oracle – 6 p.m.
Tuesday, April 4 – Infant Jesus of Prague – Kearny – 6 p.m.
Tuesday, April 9 – St. Francis, Superior – 6 p.m
Tuesday, April 11 – Holy Angels, Globe – 6 p.m.

Lenten Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday (March 6) and Good Friday (April 19) are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Roman Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory for ages 18-59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal for a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members from age 14.

Religious Education Announcements

Inquiries regarding the Religious Education Programs 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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;
St. Patrick's Day

Monday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop; died 386; great pastor and teacher; ordained bishop of Jerusalem in 348; authored eighteen "Catecheses" and five "Mystagogical Catecheses" devoted to the liturgy and the sacraments; exiled three times by the Arians.

Tuesday: ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY; honored on 19 March since the end of the 10thc; declared Patron of the Universal Church in 1870 by Pope Pius IX and Guardian of the Redeemer in 1989 by Pope John Paul II; patron of workers and carpenters and of fathers; also of Austria, Belgium, Bohemia, Canada, Mexico, Peru and (south) Vietnam; mentioned in Eucharistic Prayers I-IV.

Wednesday: Spring begins; Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sundown

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop; Toribio died 1606; from Salamanca; as a layman he was the chief judge of the inquisition at Granada; as archbishop of Lima, he presided over the III Council of Lima; established the first seminary in the New World; sought to alleviate poverty among the native population; contemporary of Rose of Lima; patron of Latin American bishops.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to "give something up" for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ's embrace of us in love: "What are you taking on for Easter?"

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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



Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. Give the gift of your love by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on May 17-19 in Phoenix. To apply online, and for weekend dates visit www.wmearizona.com

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