

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 3, 2019

Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.

— Luke 6:44

THE INSIDE SHOWS

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us.

Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression-words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws.

And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through.

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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.

Sunday, March 3 – 10 a.m. - +Renee Wiles by Melissa Butsback

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 2/25 & 2/26, 2019

Parish Offertory - \$614.00

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: 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

+Steve Ramirez

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 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)	

KNIGHTS CORNER

Knights are selling **Lenten Fish Dinner tickets: \$9 per plate** - fish (fried or baked), fries, coleslaw or fish tacos, beans, rice

Friday Lenten Fish Dinners:

March 8 – San Manuel – Fried or baked fish, coleslaw, fries
March 15 – San Manuel – Fish tacos, beans, rice
March 22 – Oracle – Fried or baked fish, coleslaw, fries
March 29 – Oracle – Fish tacos, beans, rice
April 5 – Mammoth – Fried or baked fish, coleslaw, fries
April 12 – Mammoth – Fish tacos, beans, 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.

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 2 & 3 – St. Helen Building Fund
March 16 & 17 – Holy Land *
April 6 & 7 – St. Helen Building Fund

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

Parish Council Meeting
Sunday, March 10, at 11:30 a.m.
in the Parish Hall.
Parishioners are invited to attend



ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 6, 2019
MASSES 9 A.M. & 7 P.M.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Tuesday, March 12 – Holy Cross, Morenci – 5:30 p.m.
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 — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Casimir; died 1484; Polish prince known as the "brother and defender of the poor", led an austere life; patron of Poland and Lithuania.

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday;
Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving

Thursday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs; Perpetua, a noble lady, and Felicity, her slave, died at Carthage in 203 under Septimus Severus; names mentioned in the Roman Canon.

Friday: St. John of God, Religious; died 1550 in Granada; shepherd, soldier, and entrepreneur before his conversion at age forty-two; laid foundation for the Order of Hospitaliers, today numbering about 1,117 religious; patron of hospitals and the sick, of nurses and booksellers.
Abstinence

Saturday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious; died 1440, noblewoman, wife, and mother; founded a community of Benedictine women oblates committed to serving the poorest of the poor; patroness of widows and motorists.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a symbol of purity and a reminder of God's promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to God, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends, or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and "clear the air" by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year.

Perhaps the ashes you receive will be invested with deeper meaning if you follow a similar plan. This year, Rosh Hashanah will be September 29, and Yom Kippur October 8. A conversation with some Jewish friends or neighbors about their experience of a season of repentance may be a blessing on your Lent.

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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 Mar 16-17 in Tucson or May 17-19 in Phoenix. To apply online, and for weekend dates visit www.wmearizona.com

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