

St. Helen Roman Catholic Parish - Oracle



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SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
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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




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*****SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION*****

 <p><i>Holy Matrimony</i></p> <p><u>Marriage Preparation</u> Diocesan regulations require that you see a priest at least <i>four months</i> before your wedding date.</p>

 <p><i>Baptism</i></p> <p><u>Baptismal Preparation</u> Please call for arrangements at least <i>two months</i> prior to the date of Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled for the third weekend of each month.</p>
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 <p><i>Reconciliation</i></p> <p><u>Reconciliation/Confession</u> Saturday from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any other time by appointment.</p>



**First Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2019**

*The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.*

— Romans 10:8

ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God’s] presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you’re tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

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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 3/4/ & 3/5, 2019

**Parish Offertory - \$1,598.70
Building Fund - \$328.00**

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

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

*Congratulations to Johnnie Seballos as Knight of the Year and to Jennie and Johnnie Seballos as family of the year 2018 for Council 5542.

*K of C Lenten Fish Dinners are as follows:
March 8 & 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 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 — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending;

Daylight Saving Time begins;

Girl Scouting Sunday

Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins

Friday: Abstinence



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

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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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