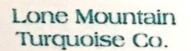
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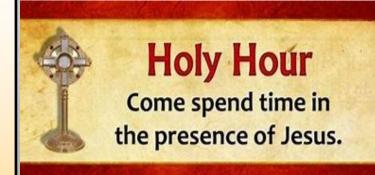


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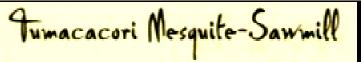
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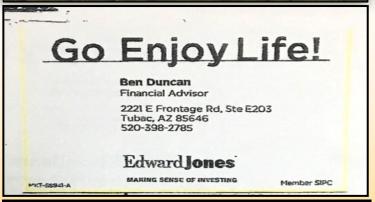
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Our Mission Statement

As a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Tucson, our mission is to spread the word of God. Our mission is to promote peace, love and unity to all the people of our community.

> The doors of Saint Ann's Parish and Its Missions are open to all who wish to enter.

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Saturday at 4:15 p.m. or By appointment



St . Ann's Parish

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Sunday's at 9:00 a.m.

Assumption Chapel

Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

St Ferdinand's

Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass St Ann's Parish

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 98 (97): 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

 ${f I}$ am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, Alleluia.



Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses

Adoration

Adoration of the blessed sacrament: Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month, St Ann's Parish.

Adoration Thursday, 5PM -6:30 May 2nd & 16th

Time will change to 4:PM to 6:PM

Important Reminder

Once you have received the host in your hand,

Please do not step to the side and then consume it.

You must consume the host in front of the Eucharistic Minister before heading back to your seat.

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For All St Ann's & Its Mission Parishioners

that are in need of

Homebound Communion

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Safe Environment

We all have a duty to protect the vulnerable. If the abuse happened in the Diocese of Tucson, call the victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson at 520-623-0344 (1-800-234-0344) and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection of the Diocese at 520-838-2513

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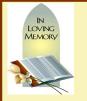


Every First Saturday of Each Month, we will behaving Mass and rosary at 9:00 a.m. at St Ann's Church on May 4th, 2024.

Please come join us for this special time of prayer in reparation and to draw closer to Jesus and His mother.

Mary requested the Five First Saturdays at Fatima and by responding to her request we receive many blessings for ourselves, our families, our country and the world.





Memorial Mass Schedule for Jim Davis Wednesday, May 1, 2024 At 10:AM Our Lady of the Valley Church

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetua light shine upon him. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



AND TO OUR PARISHIONERS: PARISHIONERS: PLEASE REMEMBER THAT, IF YOU SHOULD FIND AN UNFAMILIAR CAR IN YOUR



Our parish library has been reorganized and it is ready now for you to come browse and check out a good book. There are many books to choose from that will encourage and inspire you and help you to grow deeper in your faith walk. We welcome all to come and spend some quiet time reading daily especially during this holy Lenten season.



Rachel's Vineyard (Tucson) -Are you a woman or man feeling regret, grief, or sadness fol-Rachel's Unevard lowing an abortion? Come and receive God's love and mercy

for emotional and spiritual healing on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat, May 10-12, 2024. Visit: rachelsvineyardtucson.org or Call/Text 520-743-6777.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 **5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Reflections & Prayer



The prac-

tice of requesting a mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful 155 Intentions and wonderful part of our Catholic Tradition. Continuing in this long standing practice, you can remember someone who has died recently or many years ago. But intentions do not have to be just for the dead. They make beautiful gifts for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in

thanksgiving for a prayer answered, etc.

You can also offer an intention for someone who is struggling with a serious illness or other life trauma..

Please call or come to the parish office to set up a mass intention. Mass intentions are \$20.00 each

All mass intention must be done a week before mass date to be posted in the bulletin.

† Deceased ▼ Health

\$ Special Intention



ST. ANN'S MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Dear Parishioners

Father Joseph Esson wants to expand on the ministry to our beloved brothers and sisters who are homebound and may need Holy Communion for spiritual nourishment, healing, and strength. Therefore, as members of Christ's Mystical Body, it is our duty to visit and comfort those members who cannot take part on Sunday Eucharistic assembly. This is a symbol of unity among the members of the community and its homebound, which has special significance on the Lord's Day.

St. Ann's Parish wishes to expand the current ministry in its outreach to our homebound Catholic members. If you need to receive homebound ministry or know someone who is duly disposed to receiving the Eucharist and unable to get to Sunday Mass, please call Gloria Salinas @ (760) 535-6994.

If you are interested in helping in this ministry, special training and safety certification will be required.

Those who receive these visits have often commented on how special and rewarding the experience has been, helping them to reconnect with the parish family and continue to feel they are an active part of the community. Those who bring communion to the homebound often testify; it is an intimate encounter with Christ in his Body, the Church, enriching their own personal experience of Holy Communion in the Mass. Please prayerfully consider helping us to expand this all-important ministry.

Loving God, we thank you for the nourishment you give us through your holy gift. Pour out your Spirit upon us, and in the strength of this food from heaven, grant us strength, healing, and peace.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Your Pastor.

Rev. Joseph Esson



Important Information: For Saturday, May 4, 2024

10:15 AM –First Reconciliation Services will be held for our Students of our CCD program.

First Holy Communion Services will be at the 5:00 PM - Mass.



Confirmation Retreat Saturday, April 27, 2024-8:00 AM- 3:00 PM-Let us keep our students of Confirmation in prayer as they prepare for their Retreat at Our Lady of the Valley Church in Green Valley.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles.

and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him. (Acts 9:27)

Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

And his commandment is this:

we should believe in the name of his Son. Jesus Christ. and love one another just as he commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23)

Gospel:

"I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom.

Observances for the week of **April 28, 2024**

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the

Church

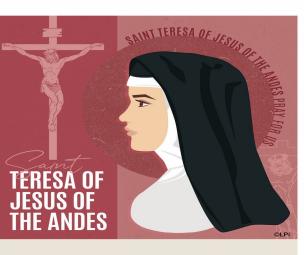
Tuesday: St. Pius V, Pope Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church: National Day of Prayer

Friday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter



Saint of the week

St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes was a teenage Chilean Carmelite novitiate. Although she died of typhoid when she was 19, she proved that one's life doesn't have to be particularly long and filled with lofty accomplishments to be an amazing example of the love of Christ.

Praver of Fruitfulness

God in Heaven.

Your grace surrounds us every day as we seek to live and move and grow in You. Prune the spaces in our lives that distract us from You! Plant Your word more deeply within us! Amen.



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SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 28, 2024

Sunday:

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/ Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/ Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/ Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/ Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

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Love in Deed

It's a Wonderful Life is one of my favorite Christmas movies. It only occurred to me recently, though, that this film, for all its yuletide aesthetic, is actually more of an Easter story.

I love this movie because it's a very Catholic film — not overtly, although we do see the main character, George Bailey, going to Mass. No, it's the themes that are Catholic, not the set dressing. It's a story about the choices we make — to love, or not to love? To sacrifice, or not to sacrifice? To put oneself first, or to put oneself last? It's a story about what the consequences of those choices look like here in the world, and what they look like in heaven.

In the film, we meet a young George Bailey who dreams of growing up to do amazing, impressive things. Over the years, he makes a choice here and he makes a choice there ... and when all is said and done, the adult George Bailey is a tired, overworked husband and father with no worldly attributes that anyone would envy.

But he's a man who has loved in deed, not just in word, and who has reaped the spiritual rewards of those choices.

The season of Easter is about rejoicing in true redemption, not in worldly triumph. The Word of God is not a bedtime story. It's a pruning shear. To hear it is to be changed, to be shaped. To live it is to lose some things, so that you might bloom in unexpected ways. To welcome the Word is to be willing to look different, to feel different.

Anyone can say, "I love you, I accept you, I want to help you." But what does it actually look like, to love in deed and not just in word? It looks like giving something up: free time, wealth, comfort, worldly approval. It looks, to the casual observer, like pain.

To someone who has no concept of how plants grow and thrive, a gardener's pruning shears look like an executioner's sword. To someone who has no concept of how souls grow and thrive, a tomb barred by a stone looks like the end of a story, when in fact it's just the beginning.

"Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." — 1 John 3:18

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

How does a person become a canonized saint?

Answer:

It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.

After a holy person's death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title "Servant of God." The first phase involves collecting information about the person's life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase "devil's advocate!" When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared "Venerable."

If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared "Blessed." If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them "Saint."