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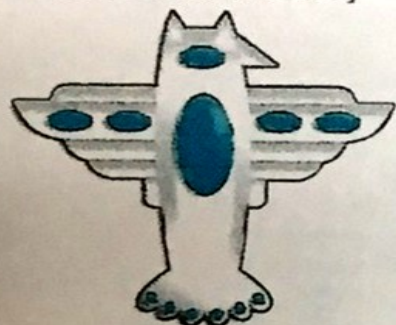


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SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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# St Ann's Parish & Its Missions

## 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.**

### Pastor

Rev. Joseph Esson

### Office/Parish Center (for all Churches)

2231 E Frontage Road  
Tubac AZ 85646-2911

### Summer Office Hours:

Monday– Tuesday-Thursday & Friday  
9:00 to 1:00  
Wednesday 10:00 to 1:00

### Mailing Address only

P O Box 2911  
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### Church Address:

St Ann's—11 Calle Iglesias, Tubac, AZ  
Assumption Chapel— 17 Montosa Rd, Amado, AZ  
St Ferdinand's —17140 W Arivaca, AZ

Tel: 520-398-2646

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Website: www.stannsparishtubacaz.org

### Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

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

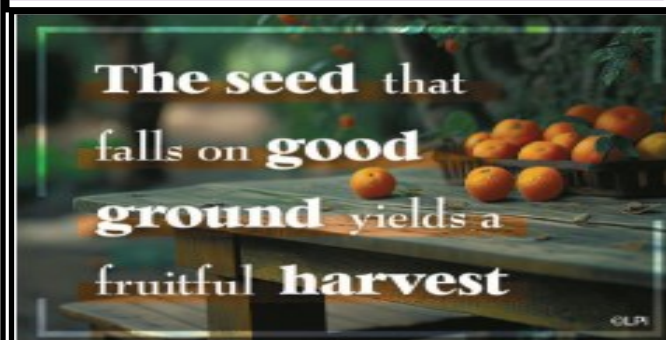
Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

### Weekly Mass

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at  
9:00 a.m. at  
St Ann's Parish

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** - *As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** - *The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.*



## Calendar of Events in the Parish & our Diocese

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### Adoration

July | 6:00 pm

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



**Adoration Thursday July 6 at 6:PM to 8: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** brought to them, must first contact the Parish Office and make the proper arrangements.

### 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 <https://diocesetucson.org/reportabuse>

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**St. Ann's Parish**  
**(stannsparishtubacaz.org)**



### RECRUITING CATECHISTS FOR NEXT YEAR'S CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PREP PROGRAM



We're looking for adult who love our Catholic faith and who would love to instruct our children in the teachings of our church. You'll be instrumental in guiding them onto the next stage of their faith journey. Please contact the parish office for more information.

### Vocation Prayer

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give the parents faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood and religious life.



Let your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.

-From the dioceses of Sioux Falls and Rapid City

### HELPFUL WEBSITES

Diocese of Tucson: [www.diocesetucson.org](http://www.diocesetucson.org)  
The New Outlook: <https://news.diocesetucson.org>  
News from the Vatican: [www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va)  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)  
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*The Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

Invitation to have the Divine Mercy Tapestry visit your home. If your interested, we will bring it to your home. All you need to do is have a wall/window to hang it on. It is for anybody who would like to have the image of Jesus Divine Mercy in their home. We encourage them to pray the Divine Mercy while the Image is in their home.

There is no requirement for having the image in your home— You can keep it for a month or longer if necessary. It is a wonderful reminder that Jesus is always with us even during our challenging times. Interested hosts can contact: Julie Grotheer 720-289-8652.



# Liturgical Life

# Weekly Prayer

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### Mass Intentions

If you wish to reserve an mass intention for one of our scheduled Masses, please contact the Parish Office, The recommended donation is \$20.00 per Mass. If you wish for the intention to appear in the bulletin, it must be requested before the bulletin deadline for that week. You may choose to remember someone who is deceased or you can pray for the special intention for yourself or someone you know. Many people like to remember a deceased family member on their birthday or on the anniversary of their death. Being remembered in a Mass also makes a nice birthday gift. **Give the gift of a Mass Intention.**

† Deceased ♥ Health ‡ Special Intention

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

- We are ready to kick-off this year's Millions for Tucson Raffle Event. Please consider buying a ticket.
- 2023 "Millions for Tucson Raffle" sponsored by the Jim Click Automotive Group
  - 400 total tickets allocated (200 for St. Anns, 200 for our local Knights of Columbus Council)
  - 100% of proceeds remain locally
  - A total of \$8700 raised last year.
  - Last year, 10 local needy families were provided with \$4700 of financial assistance at Christmas.
  - A Tubac resident won 3rd place (\$5000) last year  
Tickets available after Mass or contact Art or Valerie

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023 | 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow...Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."  
- Mt 13:3, 7-9

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## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful. (Is 55:10)

### Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

### Second Reading:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God. (Rom 8:18-19)

### Gospel:

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. (Mt 13:3)

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### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all sowers in the field. Our time, our money, our attention: these finite resources are the seeds, and the choice is ours where we scatter them. Do we focus our efforts on soil that will bear fruit for the kingdom?

## Observances for the week of July 16, 2023

- Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
- Thursday:** St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. Mary Magdalene
- Next Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023 | 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Saint of the week

Saint José Luis Sánchez del Río was a 14-year-old boy when he was put to death by Mexican government officials trying to eliminate religious freedom locally. Despite continuous public torture and his eventual murder, he refused to ever renounce his Catholic faith.

## Prayer

Dear Lord,  
Help me to be courageous and steadfast in my devotion to You. Help me to identify causes and injustices in my day that are worth defending and standing up for. Give me perseverance and a desire to help others at any cost. Help me to revere Christ as the king of my life.  
Saint José Sánchez del Río, pray for us.  
Amen.

(Prayer Source: <http://secretariat.synod.va/content/synod2018/en/youth-testimonies/saint-jose-sanchez-del-rio.html>)

**Parish Collection for July 8 & 9, 2023**  
**Collection: \$ 1,773.00**

**Thank you and God bless your generosity!**



## Readings for the week of July 16, 2023

### Sunday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

### Monday:

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34-11:1

### Tuesday:

Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

### Wednesday:

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

### Thursday:

Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

### Friday:

Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

### Saturday:

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

### Next Sunday:

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

— Father John Muir

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### Soil Conditions

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn't swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions.

Because really, it's all about the soil conditions — at least, that's what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like "Why aren't any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard." I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can't understand why it's not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that it's all about the soil.

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

*"...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it."*  
— Isaiah 55:11

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Why do we use incense at Mass?

### Answer:

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).