

*February 18, 2024*  
*The First Sunday of Lent*



*O, Mary  
Conceived  
without sin,  
Pray for us who  
have recourse to  
Thee!*

*Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church*

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# Parish Information

## Deacons:

Reverend Mr. Rick Valencia

Reverend Mr. Tom Adams (retired)

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office**—520-586-3394

Office Hours - Monday - Friday 9:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Please call ahead if you wish to visit with Father Martin

Office Secretary: Peggy Leichty

Office Assistant/Finance: Jennifer Morse

Office Assistant/Compliance: Liz Rutherford

Custodian: Gerald Nelson

For Sacramental Preparation, including:

**Baptism, Religious Education,**

**Quinceañeras, Marriage or to schedule a Confession,**

please call the Parish Office.



## List of Ministry Leaders

### Board of Directors

**President, Fr. Martin Atanga,**

Secretary, Helen Garcia, Treasurer: Al Cesarz

### Finance Council

**Chairman, Dan Garcia,** Secretary, De Wilson

Assistant Secretary, Melissa Tibbitts,

Bookkeeper, Vita Baker-Luna

### Parish Pastoral Council

**Tom Stevenson Chairman, Helen Garcia Secretary**

• **DRE**

**Peggy Leichty and Ray Ruiz—Assistant DRE**

• **Eucharistic Ministers**

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• **Funerals**

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• **Music**

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• **Weddings**

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**Marie Smith**

• **Parish Alive**

**Jennifer Morse**

• **Renovation & Repair**

**Dan Garcia and Kirby Wilson**

• **I.T.**

**Rich Leichty and Matt Brewster**

• **Vocations**

**Greg Mayer and Donna Mayer**

• **St. Joseph, the Worker  
Ministry**

**Dan Garcia**

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 5:00 p.m.  
throughout Lent

### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

*Communion Service while Father Martin is away*

TUESDAY 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation: Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Benediction every Friday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass/Communion Service

### CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.

OR BY APPOINTMENT (call the office)

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

(for those unable to physically receive Communion)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### Scam Alert

If you are contacted by anyone claiming to be from the Diocese or Our Lady of Lourdes asking for money or gift cards, please confirm the contact's identity with the Diocese at 520-838-2500 or Our Lady of Lourdes office at 520-58-3394.

### CTSO

CTSO literature has been placed in the bulletin. Please read for more information.



### The Brother Box/Coffee and More

There are those in our community who sometimes need a little help. The Brother Box/Coffee and More funds have been very helpful in supporting our Parish to help meet this need. The box is located in the front of the church on the left in front of the choir loft. The biggest needs recently are for people who have emergency medical appointments and do not have the money to buy gas to get there, and for travelers or others who are hungry and need some assistance. We are grateful for your support.

## Weekend Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 17, 2024**

**5:00 p.m.**

† Fr. John T. Zager by Deacon Ron and Paula Desmarais

† Poor Souls in Purgatory by Deacon Ron and Paula Desmarais

† Mary Martinez by Carmen Rosado

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**

**8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**

† Fr. Clement Agamba by Deacon Ron and Paula Desmarais

† Poor Souls in Purgatory by Deacon Ron and Paula Desmarais

† Howard and Lucy McMahon by Mary Lopshire

**Saturday, February 24, 2024**

**5:00 p.m.**

† Fr. Mark Beard by Deacon Ron and Paula Desmarais

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**

**8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**

† Fr. Mark Beard by Deacon Ron and Paula

## The intentions of the Holy Father for the month of February 2024

For the terminally ill.

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**

**(according to the Ordo)**

**First Reading:** Gn 9:8-15 *God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 25:4-9 *"Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant."*

**Second Reading:** 1 Pt 3:18-22 *The water of the flood prefigured Baptism, which saves you now.*

**Gospel:** Mk 1:12-15 *Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him.*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK of February 19, 2024

**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:** 1 Pt 5:1-4, Ps 23:1-6, Mt 16:13-19

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28, Ps 130:1-8, Mt 5:20-26

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

## February 11, 2024 Collection Summary

### Parish Funds

Parish Offertory \$2,343.40

Facilities Maintenance Fund \$586.50

Brother Box \$136.56

Candles \$45.00

Lighthouse \$28.23

Ash Wednesday \$110.00

## Upcoming Events

- **The Knights of Columbus** Arizona State Council Annual Drawing to Support Local Charities Raffle Tickets have arrived. The Knights of Columbus will be out in front of the Church beginning Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> after Mass (and after all the Masses until May 5<sup>th</sup>) offering tickets for donations for a chance to win from 10 Prizes, beginning with first place of \$10,000. The Council designates the Parish to be the recipient of the proceeds.
- **Monday March 4th:** The Logan De Rosier Council #7521 Knights of Columbus, have partnered with the American Red Cross to sponsor a blood drive. The blood drive will be held in the Monsignor Rosettie Hall from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Continuing through February 25th, a Knight will be in front of the church after all Masses to assist donors with registration. Donors can also register on line at RedCrossBlood.org Your precious gift saves lives.
- **Fiesta News: April 6, 2024**—Donations request for Spring Fiesta (yard sale): Items could be lightly used, almost new. There will be no pickup available. All donations will be received on Thursday, April 4 and Friday, April 5, 2024, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at the Msgr. Rosettie Hall. Thank you for your support of our parish. **More Fiesta News:** Fiesta **raffle tickets** are available outside the Church. Purchasing the tickets is a fun way to help make the Fiesta a success. The **Fiesta T-Shirt** Sign up sheet is at the back of the Church, Don't forget to get your order in.
- **Marriage Encounter:** Love is in the air! No matter how long you have been married, you can still have romance in your marriage. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the tools to keep your marriage alive and vibrant. Sign up for an upcoming WWME on April 6-7, 2024. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit website at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

## Catholics have put ashes on their foreheads for how long?

Catholics first started putting ashes on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday at least as early as the 8th century, when the practice can be found in the Gregorian Sacramentary (a book with directives for the liturgy). That's simply the earliest recorded date for doing so—it's likely a much earlier tradition. Long before that, donning sackcloth (a coarse animal hair shirt) and ashes was a Jewish penitential practice. We see it many times in the Old Testament. For example, in the book of Jonah, the King of Nineveh puts on sackcloth and sits in ashes when Jonah prophesies the destruction of the city. Our Lord refers to this practice in the Gospel of Matthew: "Woe to you, Chora'zin! woe to you, Beth-sa'ida! for if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes." - Matthew 11:21 So the practice of wearing ashes really goes back thousands of years. The words that the priest says as he marks our forehead go back even further than that: "Remember man that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return." This phrase is almost a direct quote from the Book of Genesis, when God pronounces the punishment for the sin of Adam "...**In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.**" - Genesis 3:19 Here at the beginning of Lent, it is most fitting that we should recall the origin of our sinfulness. These forty days are a preparation for the holiest time of the year, the Sacred Triduum, wherein we commemorate the sacrifice of the New Adam, Who came to wash away the mark of our sin in His own Blood, and Who went down to the dust to raise us up from it. From "Get Fed " and the Catholic Store

**CTSO TIME: Together we can save Catholic Education...and it won't cost you a dime!**

**Under Arizona law, taxpayers may contribute their tax liability to a parochial school. This cost you nothing and you receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit against your Arizona income tax liability. Your dollars can go to the State of Arizona or to support Catholic education through CTSO.**

### Saints and Special Observances

**Monday:** Presidents' Day

**Wednesday:** St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Thursday:** The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

**Friday:** St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

The Diocese of Tucson invites you to stay in touch with the Diocese via your phone and/or email.

Every week the diocese publishes the New Outlook, our local newsletter with links to news, events, and so much more! To sign up, you can text DOT-NEWS to 84576 or go to <https://news.diocesetucson.org/subscribe>  
*Please note: the instructions at the bottom of this page for the OLOL flocknotes remain the same. The above link will connect you to the weekly Diocesan newsletter.*



### **Parish Alive**

When a need arises in our community, as parishioners, we are blessed with the responsibility to do what we can to fulfill that need. Parish Alive is an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment and love to one another, our neighbor.

### **We Care Pregnancy Center**

We Care Pregnancy Center of Benson Arizona is a free pregnancy resource center. They offer compassionate, confidential resources to those who are in a crisis pregnancy situation. They also are a resource for families in our community providing support with diapers, clothing, formula, parenting classes etc. This organization is strictly pro-life and does not promote abortion or provide referrals to abortion clinics. For more information please visit their website [www.wecarebenson.com](http://www.wecarebenson.com). *If you would like to donate items to “We Care”, you may leave them at the church and the office staff will deliver them. Or - you can deliver them yourself!*

**OUTREACH**—Flocknotes are text messages and a way of sharing information about things that are out of the ordinary—for example, if for some reason the church was unable to open, we would send out a Flocknote. Flocknotes are also used for reminders of important things happening. They are short and to the point. To sign up for Flocknotes please call the office and leave your name and phone number. The office staff will add you to our “flock”.

### **Saint Joseph, the Worker Ministry**

Just as St. Joseph took care of Mary and Jesus and worked throughout his life to provide for them, we begin a new Ministry in honor of St. Joseph, the Worker. Members will dedicate their work to St. Joseph while maintaining the grounds surrounding the Church property. Please consider if you feel called to help out on a scheduled basis with the grounds maintenance and/or with projects that need to be completed around the Parish properties. Touch base with Dan Garcia (520) 444-1339.

### **Lighthouse**

Adult and Family Religious reading resources are available in the back of the church (on the right hand far side as you exit) for small donations. They explore anything from one topic to an entire review of a relevant subject. Please have a look every once in a while to see if there is a topic that interests you or if new materials have been added, as this happens frequently!

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Bernadette Conference, Benson, AZ**

**(520) 586-9438 Maggie Montijo, President**  
**Case Management Phone number is 520-686-1489**  
**(for assistance) Please leave a message!**

Thrift Store Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday-  
Thursday-Friday and Saturdays

Closed Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift store is located at 181 Patagonia Street. (corner of 5th Street and Patagonia Street across from G & F Pizza.)

*The Thrift Store Volunteers thank you for your support!*

## Knights of Columbus Logan De Rosier Council #7521

### Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

<http://www.ololparish.org/kofc/index.htm>

Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 p.m. in the Monsignor Rosettie Hall.

All Knights and visiting Knights are encouraged and welcome to attend. Any practicing Catholic gentleman 18 or older wishing to join the Knights of Columbus may contact the membership drive director S. K. Dan Garcia - 520-444-1339 for more information.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Mass Intentions in Father Martin's absence

Please note that during Father Martin's absence we cannot schedule Mass

Intentions for the Weekdays. Father will be away for 5 weeks - and Mass intentions for weekdays will be scheduled for after he returns. There will be

Communion Services at the regularly scheduled weekday Mass time.

### What are the Scrutinies?

The Scrutinies are three special rites that help prepare the Elect, those participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), to enter the Catholic Church. They take place during the period of RCIA formation known as Purification and Enlightenment, near the end of their formation. The purpose of the Scrutinies is "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful" in the hearts of the Elect and to "strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good." These Scrutinies will take place during the third, fourth, and fifth Sunday of Lent during the 8:00 a.m. Mass (at OLOL)



**Please review this list and let the Office Staff know of any changes or additions that are needed.**

**Please Pray for Our Men and Women in the Military and their Families**

**ARMY:** Brian Curd, Chris Krug, Matthew Lawrence, Richard McMillian, Tommy Montijo, Benjamin Nolting, Richard Matthew Simpson CPT, Colby Tigges, Joseph James Simpson ENS, Quentin Tigges, Kenal Hestand, Matthew Castagno, Joseph Agay, Nicholas Pecina, Andrew Pecina, Jared Romero, Hannah Amavisca, Norman Richard Scroggins, Gordon Molina, Nicolas Amavisca, Faith Daniels

**MARINES:** Anthony Contreras, Antonio Agay, Eddie Zazueta, Jordan Sanud, Jerry Gordo, Rolando Carrillo Jr, Gabriel Contreras, Gabe Osuna, Popeye Contreras, Rolando Carrillo II

**AIR FORCE:** Miss Alyx Lynn, Sean Lynn, Matthew Nolting, Stefan Olivas, Richard Restorff, Sabrina Moore, Annissa Daniels, Brayden Moore

**COAST GUARD:** Steve Macias, Justin Vivian

**AIR NAT'L GUARD:** Ryan Erskine

**NAVY:** Bradley Maxwell Jonathan Martell II, Eddy Sisneroz, Dylan Bernal, Steven Coauetto, Jake Thoutt, Mackenzie Kirkpatrick, Devin Vivian, Daniel Kaleb Wenrick, Tatianna Quezada, Randy Suprenant

**Space Force:** Nicole Flint - Space Force Guardian

## Who made the first Way of the Cross?

Actually, we owe our thanks to the Blessed Mother. According to an ancient tradition, it was she who made the first Way of the Cross. Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich, one of the Church's modern mystics and visionaries, relates to us some of the details, as they were revealed to her, of how this devotion came about. After the Ascension, Our Lady immersed herself in the contemplation and remembrance of the Passion. Blessed Anne tells us that she went out daily and traced the route of the Cross through Jerusalem. The Blessed Mother, relates Bl. Anne, was grave and shed "tears of compassion" as she walked the Way. When the Blessed Mother moved from Jerusalem to Ephesus, she quickly marked a space for replicating the Way. Blessed Anne Catherine describes the new Way, saying: Soon after her arrival at her new home [in Ephesus] I saw her every day climbing part of the way up the hill behind her house to carry out this devotion. At first she went by herself, measuring the number of steps, so often counted by her, which separated the places of Our Lord's different sufferings. At each of these places she put up a stone, or, if there was already a tree there, she made a mark upon it. The way led into a wood, and upon a hill in this wood she had marked the place of Calvary, and the grave of Christ in a little cave in another hill. Bl. Anne goes on to explain that at first, the Blessed Mother made this Way alone. Later, she brought her maidservant with her to meditate on the Passion and praise Our Lord for it. After her Assumption, the site became well-known by Christians. They made access to the Way easier, beautifying it with both material and spiritual attentions.

Our Lady, in making the first Way, gave us a tremendous gift. The Stations of the Cross that are erected in every Catholic Church, and which are traditionally prayed by Christians on Fridays—especially during Lent—are a spiritual heritage given to us directly from Our Blessed Mother!  
(from Get Fed/The Catholic Store)

### Online Giving Now Available!

Visit Our Lady of Lourdes Giving Page at [www.osvhub.com/ololparish/giving/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/ololparish/giving/funds), scan the QR code below, or visit [ololparish.com](http://ololparish.com). View upcoming collections, set reminder notifications, make one time gifts or set up recurring offerings, view and / or download tax statements at any time. Safe, secure, and easy. Make offerings to all collections or use it for mass intentions, religious articles, brother box, etc. You can set up your account or simply give as a guest. If you would like assistance or have any questions regarding online giving, please contact Jennifer Morse at the parish office.



### Religious Articles

**Stop in to the office to see the available religious articles for donation or purchase.**  
**Available during office hours.**

### Website Updates

Please visit our website for new updates that include a message from Pope Francis, online giving, bulletins, and introducing a Parish Calendar under the Parish News tab. You may add to the Parish Calendar by emailing the office at [olol@ololparish.com](mailto:olol@ololparish.com).

