

February 25, 2024
The Second 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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To report abuse in the Diocese of Tucson, call **911** immediately and
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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

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President, Fr. Martin Atanga,

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• **Vocations**

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• **St. Joseph, the Worker
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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.



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 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 Desmarais

Saturday March 2, 2024

5:00 p.m.

† Richard Little by Phyllis Little

† Poor Souls in Purgatory

Sunday March 3, 2024

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

† Edgardo Nazario de la Fuente, Erlinda Espiritu, Jaime Quirino Jr, and Jaime Quirino



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 25, 2024

(according to the Ordo)

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 116 "I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living."

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34 God did not spare his own Son.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10 This is my beloved Son.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of February 26, 2024

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10, Ps 79:8-9,11,13, Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is:1-10,16-20, Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23, Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer:18-20, Ps 31:5-6. 14-16, Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 7:5-10, Ps 1:1-4,6, Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 16-21, Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15,18-21, Ps 103:1-4, 9-12, Lk 15:1-3,11-31

February 18, 2024 Collection Summary

Parish Funds

Parish Offertory \$3,521.09

Facilities Maintenance Fund \$46.00

Brother Box \$219.23

Candles \$39.65

Ash Wednesday \$1,353.75

Funds collected to be sent out

SVDP \$37.00

Black & Indian Mission \$764.75

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 20th after Mass (and after all the Masses until May 5th) 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.
- The American Red Cross Blood Drive commences on Monday March 4th. All registered donors will be receiving a reminder on Friday March 1st. If you have forgotten your appointment time or need to amend it, please call 520-559-1809 for assistance. The Logan De Rosier Council of the Knights of Columbus express their most sincere gratitude to all donors for your life saving gift. Thank You.
- **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.

How (and why) do you request a Mass?

The Mass is the most powerful of all prayers, so it is a very effective way to pray for loved ones. Praying for loved ones through the Mass is an ancient tradition. While you can personally offer your prayers at Mass for a special intention, requesting that a priest say a Mass for your intention can be even more powerful because the priest himself has offered the Mass for that intention.

Requesting a Mass for your special intention is easier than you might think. It's often as simple as calling your local parish and putting in a request. There are also many religious orders and shrines with online Mass intention request forms which you can submit. It is customary to give a very small monetary gift when you request a Mass for a special intention. This money helps support the priest, parish facilities, or missions. In previous eras, for example, candles were expensive, and the monetary offering helped a poor priest buy those candles for saying your Mass. You can offer a Mass for family members, friends, or any special intention, but Masses offered for the dead are particularly powerful. In fact, many souls have actually appeared to loved ones to ask for Masses to be said for them so that they will be released from Purgatory. Since the souls in Purgatory are no longer able to pray for themselves, they rely on the prayers and good works of those still on earth to help them enter heaven sooner. Jesus loves them so much that He will often release a soul sooner when such prayers as the Mass are offered.

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. Brochures are in the vestibule or visit ctso-tucson.org for online giving. Make your contribution by April 15, 2024 for the 2023 tax year.

Saints and Special Observances

Tuesday, 2/27 - St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Monday, 3/1 - World Day of Prayer, First Friday, National Women's History Month begins
Saturday, 3/2 - First Saturday

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. *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 could not 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. He will be returning on March 1st—we hope! We will begin scheduling weekday Masses for the week beginning March 10. Until Father Martin's return we will continue to have 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

Prayer for Vocations

Loving and generous God, we need more vocations to the priesthood. Send us faith-filled servants to minister as dedicated and loving priests in the Diocese of Tucson. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit so that we will encourage and foster a culture of vocations in which many will hear your call to serve your people. Bless our Diocese with men and women who will work together with your priests as deacons, religious, and lay ministers to bring to life the Gospel and to realize the Church's mission in our Diocese. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Miraculous Medal



The back of the Miraculous Medal is engraved with the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts and the initial “M” topped with a cross. These symbols are surrounded by a garland of twelve stars. The twelve stars go far back in the Church's history. The Book of Genesis relates the first dream of Joseph, in which twelve stars, the sun, and the moon bow down to him. The stars were understood to refer to his brothers and have since then symbolized the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Later, Our Lord called the Apostles to follow Him and fulfill the Twelve Tribes, so they also are present in the symbol of twelve stars. In addition to this, twelve stars have been associated with the Blessed Mother since the first century, when John the Apostle received the vision related in Revelation 12: “And a great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.” Theologians have understood these twelve stars to symbolize both the Tribes and the Apostles, as discussed above. The Tribes and

Apostles together represent the whole Church, and therefore when the stars surround the Blessed Mother—such as when they appear on the back of the Miraculous Medal—they represent the Church as we surround Mary as our Queen. The Blessed Mother promised special graces to those who wear her Medal, and these graces have been so obvious that the Medal, originally called the Medal of the Immaculate Conception, became known as Miraculous in no time. (From Get Fed and the Catholic Store)

Online Giving Now Available!

Visit Our Lady of Lourdes Giving Page at www.osvhub.com/ololparish/giving/funds, scan the QR code below, or visit 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.

