

March 17, 2024
The Fifth 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 then the Diocesan Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection at **520-838-2513**

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

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Parish Pastoral Council

Tom Stevenson Chairman, Helen Garcia Secretary

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• **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.

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).

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 and Weekday Mass Intentions

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Saturday, March 16 — Sunday, March 24

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5:00 p.m.

† Nick Frega by Mom

† Susie Guerra by the Stevenson and Lowe Families

Sunday, March 17, 2024

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

† Frances Kyle by Liz Rutherford

† Angie Martinez by Martinez and Rutherford Families

† Jose Chavez by Tom and Linda Nally

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

6:00 p.m.

† Thomas Collette by Liz Rutherford

† Poor Souls in Purgatory by Dcn Ron and Paula Desmairis

Thursday, March 21, 2024

8:00 a.m.

Frida Mikaela Haines (birthday) by Marie Smith

Saturday, March 23, 2024

5:00 p.m.

† Nick Frega by Mom

† Alan Haines by Dcn Ron and Paula Desmairis

Sunday, March 24, 2023

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving for Archer Family by SVDP Board and Volunteers

The intentions of the Holy Father for the month of March 2024

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

TODAY'S READINGS

Sunday, March 17, 2024

(according to the Ordo)

First Reading: Jer 31:31-34. *I will make a new covenant and remember their sin no more.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 51:3-4, 12-15.
"Create a clean heart in me, O God."

Second Reading: Heb 5:7-9. *Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation.*

Gospel: Jn 12:20-33. *If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of March 18, 2024

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62,
Ps 23:1-6, Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16. Ps 89:2-5,
27, 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wednesday: Dn, 3:14-20 91-92, 95 Ps Dn 3:52-56, Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9, Jn 8:51-59.

Friday: Jer 20:20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28 Ps Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56

March 10, 2024 Collection Summary Parish Funds

Parish Offertory \$2,637.12

Facilities Maintenance Fund \$812.50

Brother Box \$114.00

Candles \$26.61

Easter Flowers \$5

Lighthouse \$20

Funds Collected to be sent out

St. Vincent De Paul \$65

Upcoming Events

- There will be a **Spring Fiesta meeting** on Monday, March 18, 5:30 p.m. in the Monsignor Rosettie Hall. All are welcome to attend. We're always looking for fresh new ideas and help will be needed as always. There are three weeks left until the Fiesta. **There will be Pizza!**
- **Penance Service** will take place on Tuesday, March 19th, after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Father Martin and Father Raymond will be available to hear confessions.
- **Easter Liturgy Meeting, Friday, March 22 at 4:00 p.m., before Stations of the Cross.** Deacons, Sacristans, Head of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers and anyone else who is involved in the Holy Week and Easter preparations are invited to attend.
- **March 22** will be Peggy Leichty's last day as our office secretary. She is resigning so she can be more available to her family. She will continue as Director of Religious Education. We will plan a gathering soon to thank her for her service and dedication and will post date and time.
- **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated on Monday, March 25th, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Augustine Cathedral. This is a beautiful Mass for the blessing of the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens, and the Consecration of the Sacred Chrism used in Baptism, Confirmation, the Ordination of priests and the Dedication of Churches. Parishioners are encouraged to attend. If you decide to go, please be sure to get there early. It is a beautiful Mass.
- **Fiesta News: Date— Saturday, April 6—Important Dates—Donations to Yard sale:** May be brought to the Monsignor Rosettie Hall on **Thursday April 4 and Friday April 5** from 9:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m. There is no pickup available. **Baked goods** for the bake sale may be dropped off on **April 4th and April 5th from 9 a.m.—4 p.m.** and on the day of the event. **Raffle Tickets** - on sale after each Mass and on the day of the Fiesta.
- **The Fiesta t-shirts** have been ordered and will get picked up this coming Monday, March 18th. They will be available for pick-up after Wednesday in the parish office.
- **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.

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

Monday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

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.

Mother's Ministry Fair

Are you or someone you know pregnant or parenting young children? Are you looking for information, help or support during a difficult time? There are many resources in Tucson with organizations eager to help you with material assistance, mentoring, pre-natal classes, post abortion healing, and more. **Come to the Mother's Ministry Fair at St Augustine Cathedral Pastoral Center March 21, 2024 from 4-6 p.m.** and meet the people who run these agencies.

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



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 McMillan, 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 to Saint Joseph by Pope Leo XIII

To be recited after praying the Holy Rosary

To thee, O Blessed Joseph, we fly in our tribulation and after imploring the help of thy holy Spouse, with confidence we ask also for thy intercession. By the affection which united thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by the paternal love with which thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we beseech thee to look kindly upon the inheritance which Jesus Christ acquired by His Precious Blood, and with thy powerful aid to help us in our needs. Protect, most careful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen people of Jesus Christ. Keep us, loving father, from all pestilence of error and corruption. From thy place in heaven be thou mercifully with us, most powerful protector, in this warfare with the powers of darkness and, as thou didst once rescue the Child Jesus from imminent danger of death, so now defend the Holy Church of God from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Guard each of us by thy constant patronage, so that, sustained by thy example and help, we may live a holy life, die a holy death, and obtain the everlasting happiness of heaven. Amen.

Did Saint Patrick Really Drive the Snakes out of Ireland?

It is true that there are no snakes in Ireland. Legend tells us that St. Patrick drove them away during his missionary journey around the fifth century. For this reason, many images depict St. Patrick crushing a snake with his foot. But did St. Patrick *really* drive the snakes out of Ireland? While we know about his impact on the spread of Catholicism in Ireland, we don't know many of the details of his life. St. Patrick is also a major symbol of Irish culture, so there are a lot of legends about his life. St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland is almost certainly one of those legends. Yes, Ireland is snake-free, but most experts believe they never made it to Ireland in the first place. But St. Patrick *did* drive the metaphorical snakes of evil and paganism out of Ireland, converting an entire people to Catholicism. That is why the legend persists and why, while probably not literally accurate, it is spiritually true. Before St. Patrick, pagan practices were rampant in Ireland. St. Patrick helped incorporate the Christian message into Irish culture to help the Irish people understand the Christian God and abandon their pagan practices. So while St. Patrick likely did not physically drive snakes out of Ireland, we can say with certainty that he did have a major role in driving the Devil out of Ireland by converting the Irish to Christianity.

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 items.

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 ololparish.com.

