

April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter



*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 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,

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Parish Pastoral Council

- **DRE**
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Marie Smith

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Dan Garcia

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
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 520-586-3394.

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 and Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 13, 2024

5:00 p.m.

†Nick Frega by Mom

†Agnes and John Pilat, and family, by Sister Alice Cortez

Sunday, April 14, 2024

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

†Clark Burgess by Nell Caluza

†Jose Cornelio Chavez by Luis Padilla

Saturday, April 20, 2024

5:00 p.m.

Ysidro Ruiz's 100th Birthday, by Manuel Padia Family

Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

†Jose Cornelio Chavez by Luis Padilla

*The intention of the Holy Father
for the month of April 2024
For the role of women*

*We pray that the dignity and immense
value of women be recognized in every
culture; and for the end of
discrimination that they experience in
different parts of the world.*

TODAY'S READINGS

Sunday, April 14, 2024

(according to the Ordo)

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19. *The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead.*

Responsorial Psalm: 4:2, 4, 7-9. *"Lord, let your face shine on us."*

Second Reading: 1 Jn 2:1-5a. *Jesus Christ is expiation not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.*

Gospel: Lk 24:35-48. *Thus it was written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of April 15, 2024

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29.

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35.

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40.

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51.

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1-2; Jn 6:52-59.

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69.

Saints and Special Observances

None this week!

Upcoming Events

- **Day of Revival Celebrating Vine of Grace Retreat Ministry Silver Jubilee** — On Saturday, April 20, 2024, a retreat will take place at the St. Augustine High School Gymnasium, 8800 East 22 Street, Tucson (next door to St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church). It runs from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. featuring international speakers and authors, praise and worship, adoration and a healing service. You can get more information and register online at vineofgrace.org (520) 631-1408 and we have some brochures at the entrance to the church. Please note the change of venue.
- **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 after Mass 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.



Congratulations to all those receiving their
First Holy Communion
May you always keep the joy of Jesus in
your Hearts

April 7, 2024 Collection Summary

Parish Funds

Parish Offering \$8,855.90
Facilities Maintenance \$1,285.30
Easter Offering \$1.00
Candles \$17.00
Brother Box \$318.50

Funds Collected to be sent out

St. Vincent de Paul \$126.00

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.

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.

The need for additional Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers has been brought to our attention here at Our Lady of Lourdes. If you feel called to join either of these ministries, please pray about it and let us know. Call the parish office and we will put you in touch with the Ministry Head.



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, Kaylene Flint

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

What happened to the True Cross? How did the Church find the relics from Jesus' crucifixion?

Have you ever wondered what happened to Jesus' cross? Known as "the True Cross," for hundreds of years this highly-venerated relic was thought to be lost. Anti-Christian Romans sought to dispel any effort to spread the Good News; that included destroying objects from Jesus's crucifixion. According to tradition, the True Cross was buried in the ground with the crosses of the two thieves who were crucified with Jesus.

Almost 300 years later, after the Roman Emperor Constantine's conversion to Christianity, he sent his mother, St. Helena, to the Holy Land in search of the True Cross. According to legend, St. Helena followed in Jesus' footsteps by performing corporal works of mercy—such as feeding the hungry and visiting the sick—on her way to Jerusalem. Once in the Holy Land, some legends say a commoner led her to the True Cross, while others believe that St. Judas Cyriacus helped her find it. St. Helena found all three crosses buried in the ground, but wasn't sure which one belonged to Jesus. There are many different legends about how St. Helena and the bishop of Jerusalem confirmed which one was the True Cross. One myth claims the bishop of Jerusalem had an ill woman touch all three crosses. As soon as the woman touched the True Cross, she was healed.

Upon discovering the True Cross, St. Helena ordered a church to be constructed on the site where she found it. This church is known as the Church of the Resurrection, or the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. St. Helena brought a piece of the True Cross back to the empire's capital city, Constantinople, and left another part at the Church of the Resurrection, where Christians made a yearly pilgrimage to see the relic.

Throughout the next thousand years, the piece of the True Cross at the Church of the Resurrection changed hands many times. It was captured in 614 by the Sassanid emperor, and then restored to Jerusalem by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius. Later, when the Islamic rulers took Jerusalem at the beginning of the 11th century, Greek Orthodox Christians protected and hid the relic of the True Cross, a small piece of wood embedded in a gold cross. This relic was restored to the Church of the Resurrection when Europeans in the First Crusade captured Jerusalem. Finally, in 1187, it was captured by Saladin, the leader of the Muslim military campaign against the Crusader states in Levant. This piece of the True Cross has never returned and was last seen in the city of Damascus.

The piece of the True Cross that was preserved in Constantinople was shared among the Venetians and the new Eastern Roman Empire. However, threatened with bankruptcy, this new empire decided to sell the relics. St. Louis, King of France, bought several pieces of the True Cross and preserved them in Sainte-Chapelle in Paris. Most of these relics disappeared during the French Revolution. All that remain are a few fragments and a Holy Nail; these are preserved with the other relics in the Cathedral of Notre-Dame in Paris.

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



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.

