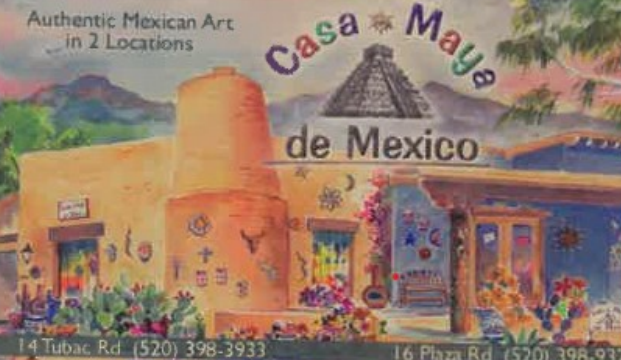


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SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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St Ann's Parish & Its Missions

Our Mission Statement

**As a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Tucson,
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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.**

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Please contact the parish office



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.

Weekday Mass

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday &
Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

Prayer after Communion

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me; Passion of
Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus hear me; Within your wounds hide me;
separated from you, let me never be; From the evil
one protect me; At the hour of my death, call me;
And close to you bid me; That with your saints,
I may be praising you forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament St. Ann's Parish

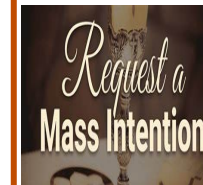
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held
on the **1st and 3rd Thursdays** of each
month from **4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

All are welcome to come and spend time in
prayer before the Lord.



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.



Mass Intentions

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or
deceased, is a beautiful and meaningful part of our Catholic tradition. Contin-
uing this long-standing practice, you may remember someone who has
died—whether recently or many years ago. Mass intentions are not only for
the deceased. They also make thoughtful and prayerful gifts for special
occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, or in thanksgiving for prayers
answered.

To request a Mass intention, please call or visit the parish office. Mass intentions are \$10.00 each.

All Mass intentions must be submitted **at least one week prior to the Mass date** in
order to be listed in the bulletin. **All mass intention must be done a week before mass
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No mass intention for this weekend

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For All St Ann's & Its Mission
Parishioners
that are in need of
Homebound Communion brought to them, must first
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arrangements. 520-398-2646

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration for the 2026–2027 Religious Education Program is now open.

Parents are invited to stop by the parish office **Monday through Thursday** to register their children.

Please bring the following documents when registering:

- Child's **Birth Certificate**
- Copies of any **Sacrament Certificates** previously received (Baptism, First Holy Communion, etc.)

Returning Families:

If your child attended our Religious Education program last year, you only need to review and update your existing records.

To help us prepare class rosters and materials, **please complete your registration by Wednesday, August 12, 2026.**

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. We look forward to another wonderful year of growing together in faith!



BACK TO SCHOOL

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Supply Tree

Help Our Religious Education Students Start the Year Ready to Learn!

Our Religious Education program is preparing for another wonderful year of sharing the Catholic faith with our children, and **we need your help!**

Beginning this weekend, you will find a **Back-to-School Tree** in the back of the church. Each card on the tree lists an item that our Religious Education students and classrooms need.

YOU MAY ALSO CHOOSE TO:

- SPONSOR A STUDENT'S REGISTRATION**
\$35.00 per student
- MAKE A MONETARY DONATION**
to support our Religious Education Program.

PLEASE RETURN ALL DONATED SUPPLIES to the church or the parish office.

Your generosity helps provide our children with the materials they need to grow in faith, knowledge, and love of Christ.

Thank you for supporting the children of our parish!

„Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it...”
PROVERBS 22:6

A graphic of a tree with various school supplies hanging from its branches. The supplies include: Notebook Paper, Pencils, Crayons, Construction Paper, Water Bottles, Other Classroom Supplies, and a Monetary Donation tag. The Monetary Donation tag says "Any amount is greatly appreciated!".

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A series of in-depth presentations are given by one of three married couples and a priest, focusing on a specific area of a marriage relationship. You will be encouraged to put the past behind you and begin 'rediscovering' one another again.

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A cartoon illustration of a priest in a black robe and a man in a suit. The priest is standing and looking at the man, who is sitting in a wheelchair. The priest is saying, "Oh no, fellas! I didn't mean THAT kind of canon!"

FUN FACT!

The "Canon of Sacred Scripture" is the list of books in the Bible that the Catholic Church recognizes as inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

For your might is the source of justice;
your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.
(Wis 12:16)

Psalms:

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

Second Reading:

And the one who searches hearts
knows what is the intention of the Spirit,
because he intercedes for the holy ones
according to God's will. (Rom 8:27)

Gospel:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed
that a person took and sowed in a field.
It is the smallest of all the seeds,
yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants."
(Mt 13:31-32)

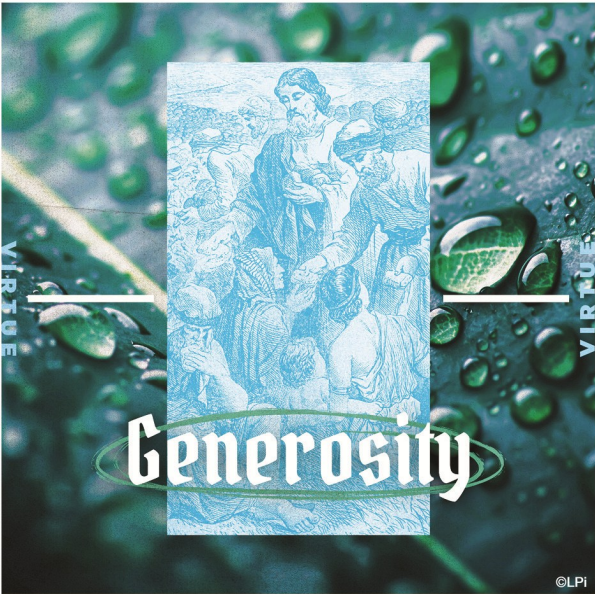
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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

The mustard seed was the smallest seed, but it grew to be the largest plant because it was well-tended. This is faith: looking past what is to see what can be, if only we make the necessary choice.

Observances for the week of July 19, 2026

Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr
Tuesday:	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday:	St. Bridget, Religious
Friday:	St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
Saturday:	St. James, Apostle
Next Sunday:	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Generosity is a hallmark of Christian discipleship. Christ placed our needs above his own, so we likewise place the needs of others above our own. Our concern for our brothers and sisters must be evident not just in what we do but in how we do it — with cheerfulness and love.

Blessing for Summer

O God,
Pour your blessing upon these summer months of sun and clouds, flowers and growth. In this season of cultivation, cultivate us as we worship, work, play, and rest in You. May this season, and all the others, serve to draw us closer to You.
Amen.

(PRACTICING)
CATHOLIC

The Weeds We Need

Driving up my street in late spring, you can see which yard is mine from a whole block away: it's the one covered in dandelions. And I like it that way.

I fear neither my husband's shame nor the snarky comments of neighbors: I will never apologize for my dandelion-filled yard. "It's for the pollinators," I say, but it's a total lie. I just think it looks lovely. Who doesn't like a splash of yellow after a long, dreary winter?

People call dandelions "weeds," but it's just not true. Weeds are, by definition, any plant growing where it isn't wanted. A rosebush is a weed, if it's in the middle of a cornfield. I want my dandelions. Plants that are commonly considered weeds can even have beneficial properties. They attract pollinators, for instance, and they promote nutrient cycling, whereby soil health is improved.

We all have metaphorical "weeds" in the garden of our lives. I certainly do: facets of my personality I loathe, realities of my life I resent, limitations in my abilities I dread — these are my weeds, and their roots run deep, coiling closely around those of the plants I try to cultivate. But if I could rid my garden of any one of these weeds, would it really benefit me? And if I examined them all closely, could I tell them apart — the blessing from the curse, the struggle from the triumph?

One day, it will all become clear: what is the wheat, and what is the weed. We will be put to our ultimate purpose, and we will see ourselves for what we are meant to be.

Until then, we need the weeds. It's not harvest time yet.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?
Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I accept on faith that God is a Trinity of Persons, and I know it's something we can't fully understand. Should I just accept that, or should I try to learn more?

Answer:

There's a legend from the life of St. Augustine. As the early Church grappled with the identity of Christ and his relation to the other Persons in the Trinity, the holy theologian wrote a book about the Trinity. The story goes that, while he worked on the piece, he took a break to walk along the seashore. He came upon a small boy who had dug a hole in the sand. He was carrying a bucket, which he'd fill up with seawater and pour into the hole. Back and forth he walked. St. Augustine gently chided the young boy, "You can't pour the whole ocean into that hole." The boy responded, "And you cannot fit the whole Trinity into your mind."

The Trinity is a mystery! Our finite mind can't comprehend the infinite God. Of course, the lesson isn't about giving up trying to understand God. St. Augustine did write that treatise, after all. The hunger to know more about God is good. We can read books about the Trinity or about the fatherly love of God, the life of Christ, and the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives. More than that, we can deepen our life of prayer. The heart of our Trinitarian teaching is "God is love." The Three Persons are an infinite relation of love between one another. Real understanding of that comes less through our heads but through our hearts.

Readings for the week of
July 19, 2026

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

Monday:
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21
and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday:
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Mt 12:46-50

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

Thursday:
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9,
10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday:
Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday:
2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,
6/Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday:
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-
128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or
13:44-46



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GOD WORKS
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Gospel Meditation
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. "It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth," he said, "but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?" That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field," yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God's quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. Amen.

— Father John Muir