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ST ANN'S PARISH & ITS MISSIONS

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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St Ann's Parish & Its Missions

Our Mission Statement

As a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Tucson, our mission is to spread the word of God. Our mission is to promote peace, love and unity 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.

Pastor

Rev. Joseph Esson

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Monday– Tuesday–Thursday
9:00 to 2:00 p.m.
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Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

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

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed now with heavenly bread,
by which faith is nourished, hope increased,
and charity strengthened,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may learn to hunger for Christ,
the true and living Bread,
and strive to live by every word
which proceeds from your mouth.
Through Christ our Lord.

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.**

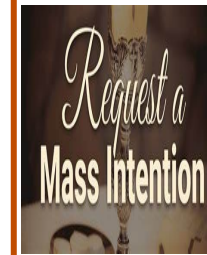
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The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and meaningful part of our Catholic tradition. Continuing this long-standing practice, you may remember someone who has died—whether recently or many 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.

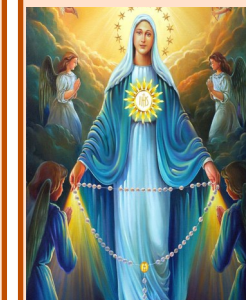
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First Saturday Devotion – Mass & Rosary Saturday, March 7th (and every First Saturday of each month)

Mass and Rosary will be celebrated at **9:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Church.**

Please come and join us for this special time of prayer offered in reparation and to grow closer to Jesus and His Blessed Mother.

Our Lady requested the **Five First Saturdays Devotion** at Fatima, and by responding to her call, many blessings are obtained for ourselves, our families, our country, and the whole world.

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.



Weekly Offering

Parish Collection

Feb 14 & 15

Collection of \$1761.00

Thank you and
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Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses

"Let's Get Started!"

A Lenten Parish Mission for St. Ann's
February 24-26, 2026

Session One: Tuesday, February 24th: Where Do I Start?

"It's always best to start at the beginning," said Glinda to Dorothy. We will prayerfully examine how we got our start on this earth, who and what we are, and where we've been so far. Once we have a sense of our current starting point, we'll be better prepared to start something new.

Session Two: Wednesday, February 25th: Being in Re-Mission.

"Good news! You're in remission!" This might be good medical news about one's health and vigor after a period of trial. You might have a sense of having been given more time and new possibilities. Together, we'll look at how we might make ourselves available to the Spirit's next dream for us.

Session Three: Thursday, February 26th: Dying, Rising, and New Beginnings.

Lent and Easter remind us that we don't wither away. We die and are reborn according to the pattern made plain to us by Jesus and his beloved followers. What new adventures might await us as we grow into our undying, eternal selves?



Retreat sessions will be offered each evening at the hall behind the parish office from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. office from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Parish hall: 18 Calle Baca, Tubac, AZ 85646.



Mass will be offered each day at 9:00 am at St. Ann's Catholic Church: 11 Calle Iglesia, Tubac, Az 85645.



There will be opportunities for individual appointments of 30 minutes each with Father Nathan each day from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please call the office to schedule (520) 398-2646.

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Lent

Lent is a period of time that involves giving things up, prioritizing prayer, growing closer to God, preparing for Easter, and finding ways to care more for the good of others than for self.

Here are some short reflections on Lent

Lent is a call to weep for what we could have been and are not.

Lent is the grace to grieve for what we should have done and have not.

Lent is an opportunity to change what we ought to change, but have not.

Lent is not about penance. Lent is about becoming, doing and changing whatever it is that is blocking the fullness of life in us right now.

Our Lent should awaken a sense of social justice. Let us observe our Lent thus, giving our sufferings, our bloodshed, our sorrow the same value that Christ gave to his own condition of poverty, oppression, abandonment, and injustice. Let us change all that into the cross of salvation that redeems the world and the people.

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FOUNDATIONS of FAITH
A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Dates - Time - Location
Starting Tuesday, March 10, 2026
4 pm - 6 pm
It will run every Tuesday for 20 sessions
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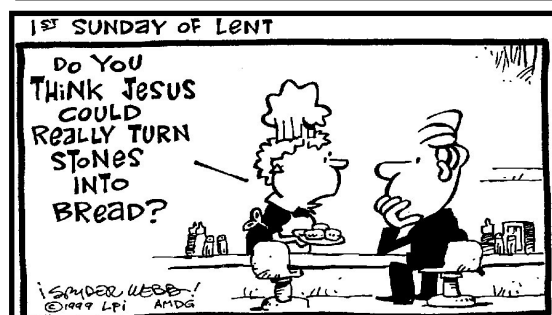
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For More Information
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520-398-2646 or
email: stannsparish3@gmail.com

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. (Gn 2:7)

Psalm:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

Gospel:

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

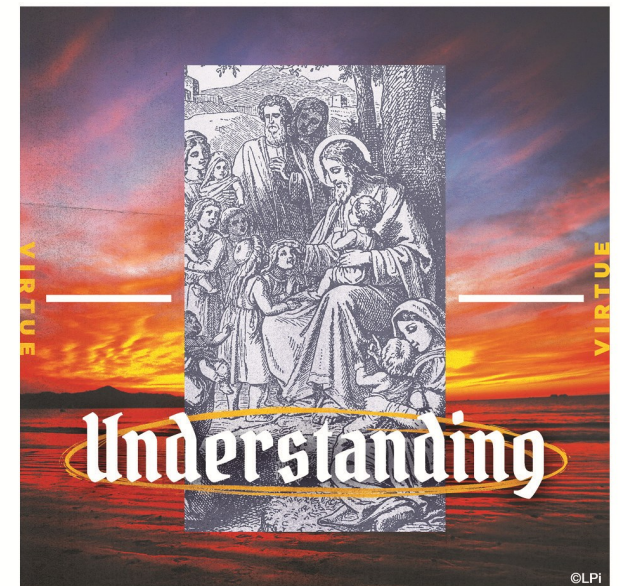
Our Lord is so humble that he allows us to see him experience temptation. The vulnerability of this moment is awesome to behold. Let us learn from Jesus' interaction with the devil, and be transformed by it. Let us say, with him: "Get away, Satan."

Observances for the week of February 22, 2026

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026 | 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



Virtues, Explained!

Understanding is the "food" of faith. "I believe, in order to understand," said St. Augustine. We must constantly ask the Holy Spirit for greater and more profound understanding, for though understanding proceeds from faith, it in turn nourishes that faith.

Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord, as we enter these 40 Days of Lent. Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew. Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice, and give us the strength to follow. Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: There are many reasons why the Word became flesh. But I think one of the most important reasons must have been that God wanted to show us that He knows, intimately, how easily the devil exploits our physical experience of this world.

Into the Desert

When we first got married, I wanted to know everything my husband was thinking, exactly when he was thinking it.

Thirteen years later, I still want to know it all. But I want to know it after he's had a snack.

I think he still wants to know what I'm thinking, too. But he wants to know it after I've had 10 minutes without hearing the word, "Mommy!"

Life has taught us, you see, that it's hard to be a good person, a nice person, a gentle person, when your body doesn't feel good or nice or gentle. When you're hungry. When you're exhausted. When you're anxious.

It's not impossible, of course. It's just ... *hard*.

We're entering a penitential season, a time in which we purposefully deprive ourselves in certain ways. During Lent, we intentionally enter into the desert of physical hunger and weakness. Why, in preparation for Easter and in an effort to spiritually purify ourselves, do we go to this place where it's so *hard to be good*? Why do we go to the desert?

Because Christ has shown us that the desert is where decisions are made.

There are many reasons why the Word became flesh to accomplish God's plan for our salvation. But I think one of the most important reasons must have been that God wanted to show us that He knows, intimately, how easily the devil exploits our physical experience of this world. We see it in today's Gospel: Jesus, hungry and weary. Jesus, taunted and tempted.

We see him. We recognize him. We are him.

And we hear his voice, even though it trembles with fatigue: "Get away, Satan!"

Today, we enter the desert. Because the desert is where decisions are made.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What does Jesus mean when he talks about taking up our cross?

Answer:

Our journey of faith begins in baptism. When we are faithful to it, we find God's plan for us, his way of allowing us to participate in his saving work, which in turn becomes for us our own salvation. Stated simply, we share in the mission of Jesus each day. We live our life with all of its ups, downs, joys, and sorrows in union with the mission of Jesus. Our work then is holy. It is joined to the cross, God's will for Jesus — the way in which he destroys sin and death and makes eternal life possible. His sacrifice accomplishes what we ourselves cannot do.

To take up the cross, then, means that we share in the mission of Jesus and so embrace the sufferings of the cross. It is our daily life made holy, given a redemptive mission. It is our purpose and goal to unite our life to that of Christ. St. Paul says it best, "If we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection" (Rom 6:5).

Readings for the week of February 22, 2026

Sunday:

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday:

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday:

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday:

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

Next Sunday:

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.

Today's Gospel begins: "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1). The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

Lenten Challenge: This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.

— Father John Muir