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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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.

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Rev. Joseph Esson

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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

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honor.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Prayer after Communion

Having received the food of immortality,
we ask, O Lord,
that, glorying in obedience
to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe,
we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses



Adoration

Adoration of the blessed sacrament: ,
St Ann's Parish.

Adoration

Will resume the 1st & 3rd Thursday at
4:pm to 6:pm
12/04/2025
12/18/2025

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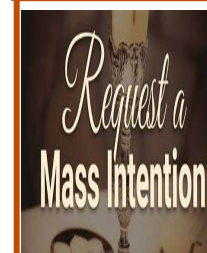


Weekly
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The practice of requesting a mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic Tradition. Continuing in this long standing practice, you can remember someone who has died recently or many years ago. But intentions do not have to be just for the dead. They make beautiful gifts for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, etc.

You can also offer an intention for †call or come to the parish office to set up a mass intention. Mass intentions are \$10.00 each
All mass intention must be done a week before mass date to be posted in the bulletin.

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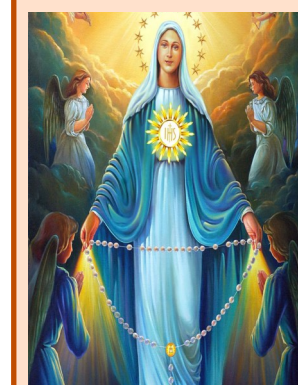
No mass intentions this weekend

Advent Penance Service

Prepare the way of the Lord



Wednesday,
December 10, 2025
at 5:PM—6:PM
Multiple priest will be
available.



Reparation Mass & Rosary
We are pleased to announce that the Reparation Mass and Rosary will resume on the **first Saturday of each month, beginning December 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**

Thank You for Your Generous Donations

Thanks to your contributions of food baskets, monetary gifts, and gift cards, our parish was able to provide Thanksgiving dinner to **21 families** this year.

Your kindness and generosity continue to make a meaningful difference in our community. Thank you for helping us share the spirit of gratitude and hope this Thanksgiving season.

Blessings to all of you!

From the Office of the Chancellor on behalf of Bishop Kicanas:

As we enter Advent, pastors are encouraged to include a column in their parish bulletins titled "Make Room In The Inn." Each weekend during Advent, we will publish a reflection from a migrant who lived in our Southern Arizona Community and has since been deported or detained. We are partnering with the Kino Border Initiative to share these stories and explain why the Church opposes mass migrant deportations without due process.

You will discover that many of those being detained are not dangerous criminals. In most cases, their offenses are minor misdemeanors or administrative violations.

This bulletin series will begin on the first weekend of Advent, November 29-30, and will continue through the following three weekends. Our immigration system is complex, and I recognize that it can be an emotionally charged issue. Nevertheless, my hope is that by hearing these stories, we can better understand and share the experiences of several migrants in our community and the difficulties they have faced.

Make Room in the Inn

Pope Leo XIV in his Apostolic Exhortation calls us as people of faith to welcome, promote, protect, and integrate our immigrant sisters and brothers. During Advent when we celebrate the Posada, how Mary and Joseph were turned away from the Inn, we will listen to the voices of migrants in our community to better understand their plight and struggles.

-Bishop Gerald Kicanas

My home is no longer my home

Milton is 35 years old. He was arrested while returning from dropping his kids off at school. An officer pulled him over, claiming he had been speeding. "I've never violated traffic rules. I'm a father, and the last thing I want in my life is trouble," Milton says.

A father of two US-born children, he arrived in the US when he was 7 years old. His home and life are in Tucson, where he built a house after getting married with his wife, Azucena, 10 years ago. "My home is no longer my home. Now I face a reality that's completely different from the life I've known. I worry deeply that Azucena will have to handle everything on her own. That was never the plan."

He wakes up every morning and talks to God. Milton shares that "God has been my best friend my whole life, and I hope that in these new circumstances He remembers the friendship we have, because now I think He might be the only one keeping me going."



- Milton, husband and father, detained in Tucson and deported to Nogales, Sonora.



Parish Office Closed

The Parish office will close at Noon on Wednesday, November 26, and will re-open on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 9:00 am.

CCD Parents & Student's

No Religious Education Classes Wednesday November 26.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 27th at 9:00 am



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Thanksgiving!

With a grateful heart at Thanksgiving, we can offer this Irish-American blessing:

*May God give you...
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer to each prayer.*

And I suppose this is a Lebanese-American blessing, because it is attributed to Danny Thomas who wrote it in 6th grade:

*For the air we breathe,
And the water we drink,
For a soul and a mind with which to think,
For food that comes from fertile sod,
(And) For these and many things, I'm thankful to my God.*

"What is a dentist's favorite hymn?"



"Crown Him with many crowns!"



The feast of "Christ the King" was instituted in 1925, a reminder that Jesus is our Lord and Savior.

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY
Great for social media or in your bulletin

Jesus is King

Dear Jesus,
I see the kingdom you love, the one full of the broken and forgotten.
I see the crown you wear — thorns out of love for me.
I pick you as my King.
Mold my heart to be a worthy member of your kingdom.
Amen.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"And the LORD said to you,
'You shall shepherd my people Israel
and shall be commander of Israel.'" (2 Sm 5:2)

Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

Second Reading:

For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile all things for him,
making peace by the blood of his cross
through him, whether those on earth or those
in heaven. (Col 1:19-20)

Gospel:

He replied to him,
"Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:43)

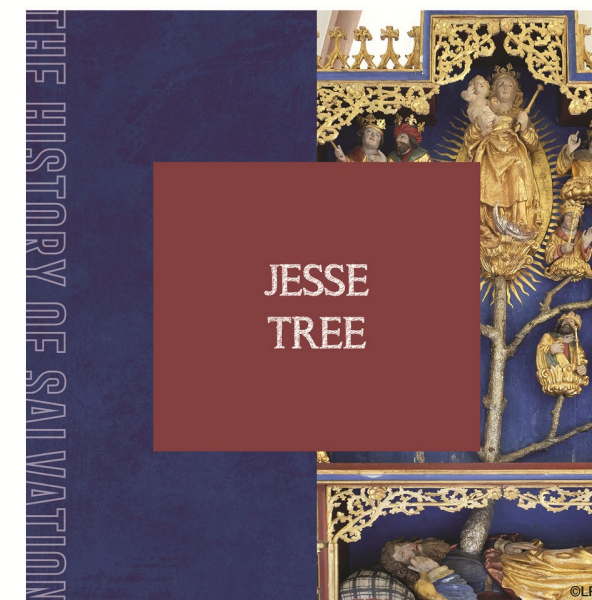
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our king wears a crown of thorns, not a crown of gold. His glory is not in riches but in suffering. His law is written in his own blood, shed for the love of us. Do we understand the gift that it is, to be subject to such a king?

Observances for the week of November 23, 2025

- Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- Monday:** St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
- Thursday:** Thanksgiving Day
- Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent



Devotions, Explained!

The Jesse Tree is an Advent practice which recounts the history of salvation by tracing the lineage of Christ — the foretold "shoot from the stump of Jesse" who will bring peace and unity to the people of God (Isaiah 11:1).

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the one full of the broken and forgotten.
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thorns out of love for me.
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member of your kingdom.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: It's taken me a few hundred read-throughs of this Gospel passage to finally understand a painful truth: I am Gestas, "the bad thief." I am as close to Jesus as he was, and I ask for all the wrong things.

The King Who Hangs Beside Us

We love to hate the bad thief.

Ancient Christian tradition has called him by the name "Gestas." In contrast to Dismas, "the good thief" who recognized and repented of his own sins, Gestas goes down bitter and swinging. With his last breaths he taunts Jesus, poking fun at the absurdity of a deity who allows himself to be crucified by mortals. "Are you not the Christ?" he sneers.

But his final words betray an undercurrent of desperation. Of terror. In the end, Gestas just wants Jesus to save him.

It's taken me a few hundred read-throughs of this Gospel passage to finally understand a painful truth: I am Gestas. I hang from my own cross — we all do, in this life. But I'm lucky enough that my cross is right beside Jesus, because the sacraments bring him as close to me as he was to Gestas — closer, even. How unfathomable is the mercy of God.

And yet, I am not grateful. I don't rejoice at my proximity to my Lord, to the flesh and blood that have bought my salvation. I don't do what I should do, and what Dismas does. I don't say, "Wherever you are King, please, let me be your subject. Wherever you are going, please, take me with you."

"Are you not the Christ?" I say instead. And what I mean is exactly what Gestas meant: "Get me down. Take this cross away. I don't want it. I can't take it."

What a tragedy it would be, if all Christ had to offer us was an easier life.

None of this looks like anyone thought it would. The long-foretold Messiah, whose majesty and might would eradicate violence and establish peace. The guy who was going to make everything okay again. The King of the Jews. And here he hangs: bleeding and dying and doing what looks like nothing. Staring at Gestas. Staring at me. Staring at you.

What will you say to him?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Answer:

The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is a centuries old ritual and falls within a broader category of devotions and rituals that are associated with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In a particular way, Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of the worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that occurs in every Mass.

In a long-standing practice, a period of Eucharistic Adoration often ends with "benediction," the blessing of the faith with the Blessed Sacrament.

Several parishes throughout the United States have introduced the practice of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, while other communities have the custom of shorter periods of Eucharistic Adoration. Care should always be taken that these periods of adoration respect the instructions outlined in *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*, the liturgical book that gives the instructions for the proper celebration of Eucharistic Adoration.

Although adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can never take the place of Eucharistic Communion, many Catholics find great comfort and consolation in their prayers before the Eucharist enshrined in the tabernacle or when it is exposed in the monstrance (both are equally valid, as the Christ is not more present in one than in the other). But when we consider our eucharistic devotions, it is always important to remember the fundamental connection these acts of devotion have the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass and reception of Christ in Communion.

Readings for the week of November 23, 2025

Sunday:

2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/ Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday:

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday:

Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/ Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday:

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday:

Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday:

Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/ Lk 21:29-33

Saturday:

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/ Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom**" (Luke 23:42). That word — *remember* — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "**Today you will be with me in paradise.**"

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, "**You will be with me.**"

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

— Father John Muir