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## ST ANN'S PARISH & ITS MISSIONS

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026**

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

# 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

### Office/Parish Center (for all Churches)

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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

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor. .

### Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,  
the water I shall give will become in him  
a spring welling up to eternal life.

### Prayer after Communion

As we receive the pledge  
of things yet hidden in heaven  
and are nourished while still on earth  
with the Bread that comes from on high,  
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,  
that what is being brought about in us in mystery  
may come to true completion.

# 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.**

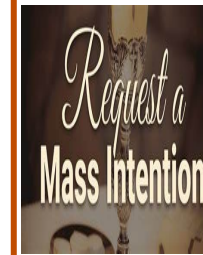
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The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and meaningful part of our Catholic tradition. Continuing this long-standing practice, you may remember someone who has died—whether recently or many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

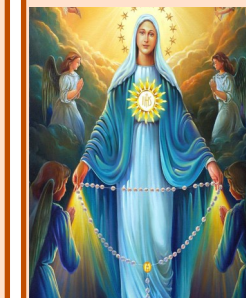
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03/08/2026 Lenore Martinez † StA    Henry Martinez † StA

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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 28 & March 1**

**Collection of \$1029.00**

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**Lenten & Easter Schedule**

**Stations of the Cross**  
Every Friday at 5:PM St Ann's

**Mass of Reparation & Rosary**  
9:AM St Ann's  
First Saturday of the month (March)

**Adoration**  
Thursday 5th 5:PM

**Penance Service**  
Wednesday, March 26  
5PM

**Adoration**  
Thursday 19th  
5:PM

**Palm Sunday**  
Palm Sunday  
March 29, 2026

**Chrism Mass**  
Chrism Mass March 30th  
St Augustin Church  
3:PM, March

**Holy Thursday /Washing of Feet**  
Will need 12 people  
April 2nd  
Mass 6:PM  
Adoration: after mass

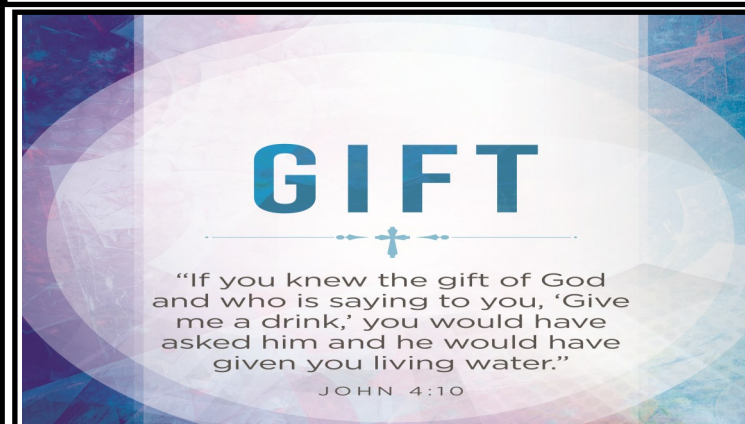
**Good Friday**  
Friday the Passion  
Station of the Cross 10:AM  
Exultation of the Cross 5PM

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# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

**First Reading:**  
"Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." (Ex 17:6)

**Psalm:**  
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

**Second Reading:**  
And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom 5:5)

**Gospel:**  
"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:13-14)

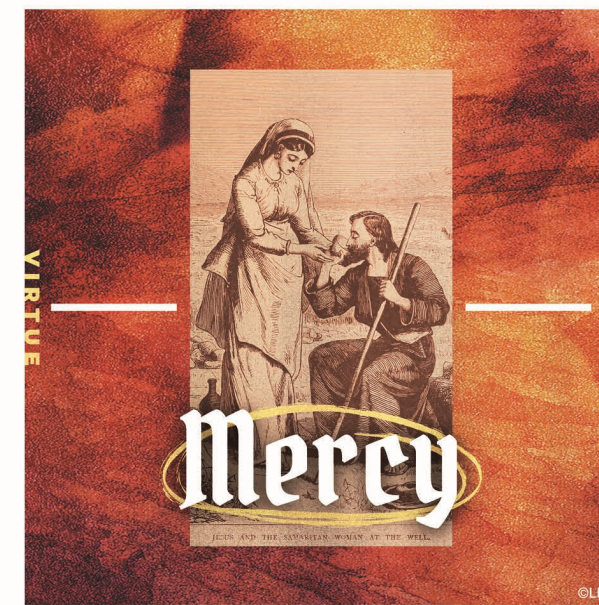
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**Live The Liturgy**  
**Inspiration of the Week**

Jesus did not convert the Samaritan woman with miracles. He converted her with presence. He was not afraid of her sins or her failures. He listened to her. He sat with her. Let us learn from this: when we are present to others, we can show them the face of God.

## Observances for the week of March 8, 2026

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
- Monday:** St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent



## Virtues, Explained!

True virtuous mercy is a choice governed by reason, not merely a feeling. God's mercy to us knows no bounds, but that mercy does not compel Him to grant us everything our appetitive passions desire. Rather, His perfect mercy is directed toward supplying our needs.

## Blessing of Living Water

Lord, where there has been dryness in my life, bless me with Your living water!  
Where I fear to dream of new hope and growth, bless me with Your living water!  
Where I'm thirsty for new and abundant life, bless me with Your living water!  
Drench the parched earth with Your promise, bless me with Your living water!  
Amen.

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Before the Incarnation, God looked down from Heaven and said, “You are thirsty. Here is something to drink.” After the Incarnation, God sits down beside us and says, “I’m thirsty. Give me something to drink.”

### When God asks for Water

One of my earliest memories is of my mother weeping.

The last few months of her pregnancy with my little brother were tremendously painful for her, and more than once the pain brought her to tears. I have a hazy image of her in my mind, belly swollen with a 12-pound baby lying transverse in the womb, sitting on the edge of her bed, dabbing at her face with toilet paper.

I had brought her the toilet paper. I would do that when I saw her crying, to wipe away her tears. I have a hazy memory of that, too — of the way my heart was wrenched by the sight of her suffering, of my desperation to do something to help, and of my immense satisfaction when she would take the toilet paper, smile and say, “Oh, thank you, sweetheart!” as if I had just airlifted her out of a war zone.

What a powerful gift to give to a child still learning the meaning of compassion and selflessness — the gift of being able to feel that she has, even in some small way, “rescued” a person she worships. Her smile of gratitude lives, immortal, in my mind, along with the swell of satisfaction it produced in the deepest corner of my heart. This was when I learned that it feels good to help people, and this memory is a perpetually replenished well of living water for me. I draw from it daily, three decades later.

This is a gift that Christ gives, over and over again, in the Gospels. He allows us to encounter him tired, afraid, sad and hungry. Omnipotent power subjected to the utter vulnerability of human form.

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— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

If we are all meant to be united in Christ, why is there so much division in the Church?

#### Answer:

Each Sunday, we profess that we believe in “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.” The Church is indeed one because her source is the Trinity, and she is founded by Christ. The Church also exists in the fallen world and is made up of fallen people. Sometimes, there are tensions over what we believe as Catholics. Who is Jesus really? Are we affected by original sin? How do our traditional sexual ethics play out amidst medical and technological developments? Doctrinal disagreements are rarely just about ideas ... they occur within a context.

Tensions are influenced by various social and political factors of the time period. For example, Martin Luther’s attempts at reform gained followers, in part, as a reaction against poor moral practices within the Catholic Church. When the schism between the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church occurred in 1028, tensions between the two culturally different regions had been brewing for centuries.

Division still occurs within the bounds of the Church today. Oftentimes, this is about pastoral or practical matters. These Questions can vary. Should we incorporate Latin back into the liturgy? What is the best way to reach the youth in our parish? These may not be articles of faith, but people have strong opinions about what ought to be done. We can remember the prayer of Christ — “*that all might be one*” — and do what we can to grow in understanding and respectful dialogue.

## Readings for the week of March 8, 2026

### Sunday:

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

### Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

### Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

### Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

### Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

### Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

### Saturday:

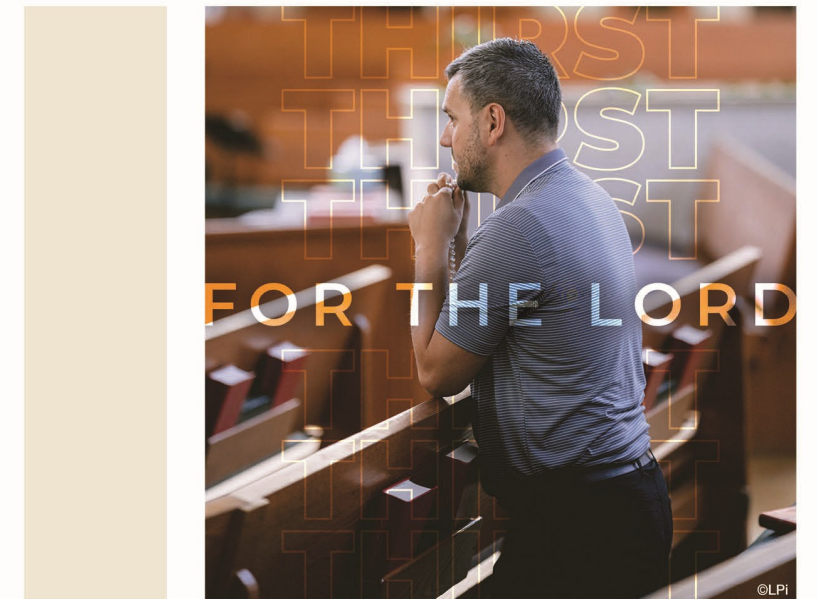
Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

### Next Sunday:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

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