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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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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

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things

Prayer after Communion

O God, who have willed that we be partakers
in the one Bread and the one Chalice,
grant us, we pray, so to live
that, made one in Christ,
we may joyfully bear fruit
for the salvation of the world.
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.**

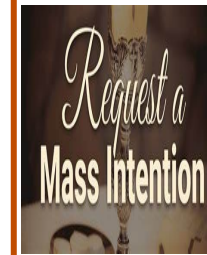
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The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and meaningful part of our Catholic tradition. Continuing this long-standing practice, you may remember someone who has died—whether recently or many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

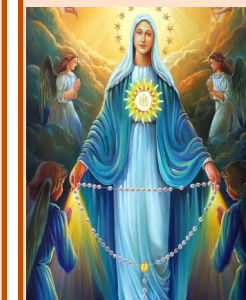
All Mass intentions must be submitted **at least one week prior to the Mass date** in order to be listed in the bulletin.

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†Deceased ♥ Health *Special Intention

Safe Environment

We all have a duty to protect the vulnerable. If the abuse happened in the Diocese of Tucson, call the victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson at 520-623-0344 (1-800-234-0344) and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection of the Diocese at 520-838-2513
<https://diocesetucson.org/reportabuse>



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

Due to festival no mass or rosary on February 7

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.



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Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your wound shall quickly be healed. (Is 58:8)

Psalm:

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright. (Ps 112)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

When I came to you, brothers and sisters,
proclaiming the mystery of God,
I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom.
For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. (1 Cor 2:1-2)

Gospel:

"You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.
Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel
basket." (Mt 5:14-15)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Salt without flavor is no longer salt. Light that illuminates nothing is no longer light. As Christians, we must be what we have been made to be. So think about it, carefully: what stands between you and being who you were made to be?

Observances for the week of February 8, 2026

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
- Tuesday:** St. Scholastica, Virgin
- Wednesday:** Our Lady of Lourdes
- Saturday:** Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mark your calendars Parish Office closed

The parish office will be closed on **Monday, February 9th**. We will resume our regular schedule on **Tuesday, February 10th**.

Thank you for your understanding.

ASH WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 18th
9:00 am & 6:00 pm St

"What kind of deposit does Jesus make when He goes to the bank?"

"A Deposit of Faith."

Fun Fact! The Deposit of Faith is the entirety of Divine Revelation, given once and for all by Christ and the Apostles, which is entrusted to the Catholic Church to be preserved and passed on.

Annual Catholic Appeal



The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is important because it helps support the mission of the Church beyond just our local parish. Through the Appeal, we join with other parishes in our diocese to help fund ministries that serve everyone— such as seminarian education, support for priests and deacons, religious education, youth and young adult programs, and outreach to those in need.

When our parish participates in the Annual Catholic Appeal, we are given a **goal** to reach. Everything we raise **up to that goal** goes to support these diocesan ministries. But the beautiful part is that **any amount we collect over our goal comes back to our parish** to help with our own needs — such as building repairs, ministry programs, and day-to-day parish expenses.

This means that when we work together and reach our goal:

- We are helping the wider Church carry out its mission.
- We are also directly helping our own parish stay strong and active.

And it's important to remember that **no gift is too small**. When everyone gives what they can — even a small amount — it adds up in a big way. A \$5 or \$10 donation, given by many families, can make just as much impact as a large gift. What matters most is participation and generosity from the heart.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is not just about raising money — it is about sharing in the work of the Church and supporting one another as one Catholic family.

The New Annual Appeal starts in February, 2026: \$23,104 Monetary Goal for St Ann's

Ways to Give:

- ♦ Return completed envelope
- ♦ Text "ACA" to 41444
- ♦ Scan QR code



World Day of the Sick Mass

Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, DD
Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Tucson



Anointing of the Sick
Blessing of Caregivers
Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes
Distribution of Lourdes Water

Saturday, February 14th, 2026
10:00 AM



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All are welcome

LENTEN RETREAT
February 24th - February 27th
6:00PM - 8:00PM
We will be having our Lenten retreat from Tuesday through Friday and all are welcome to come. Please join us in prayer and reflection this Lent.
All are welcome to come!



Virtues, Explained!

In baptism, the Holy Spirit gives us the sanctifying grace of justification — the ability to grow in goodness through an increase in moral virtue (CCC 1266). Baptism, therefore, disposes us toward goodness.

Blessing of Mission

Bless us on our way, O Lord.
Share with us as we share with others.
Heal us as we help others to heal.
Provide for us as we open our hands in charity.
Every gift comes from You.
You are at the heart of all that is good.
Share that goodness with us today, abundantly.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: The greatest saints in history were not great at holiness. The greatest saints in history were great at being who they were meant to be.

Be Salty

I want you to close your eyes. Are they closed? (I'm serious.) Okay. Now think of the greatest saint in history.

I don't care who you're thinking of. It's going to be different for everyone. Just think of that person. Think of his or her life. And answer the question: Why is he or she a great saint?

You're all thinking of different people, but the answer is the same for everyone. And it's not "Because he did great things for God" or "Because she sacrificed everything she had for the poor." Those answers show *evidence* of the reason. But the reason is something more.

The greatest saints in history were not great at holiness. God brought holiness about within them because (ding ding ding! Here's the answer!) the greatest saints in history were great at being who they were meant to be.

Not who they wanted to be. Not who they thought they should be. Who they were meant to be.

Simply put, they gave themselves to God. All of themselves. Flaws and all. And God took them, in their totality, and said: "Now watch this."

Just imagine if salt was ashamed of being salty. Imagine if it looked at the sodium content on its nutrition label and thought, "That's embarrassing," and decided it was going to stop being salt. Well, great. Now it's just a box of tiny rocks.

Wouldn't it have been better for the salt to trust the baker using it?

There is a plan for each of us. There is a path to holiness for each of us. This path doesn't bypass our flaws or our weaknesses; it incorporates them. It transforms them. It fulfills them.

So be salty. Be who you were meant to be.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Are near-death experiences real?

Answer:

There is a lot of curiosity and fascination with the idea of an afterlife and communicating with those who have died. In movies, television shows, and numerous books, people make claims about their ability to communicate with the dead, or having had a near-death experience. There is no objective way to verify any of this. While details about people and events can be surprisingly accurate, it is just circumstantial evidence that might be explained in other ways.

On the other hand, when people have unusual experiences, sometimes called near-death or out-of-body, it is real to them. They react with the emotions and thoughts that one would expect. At times, they report details they could not have known any other way, such as bits of conversation, or meeting people they had never known in this life. So certainly, to the person, they experience something. We believe in a life after death, we believe in the communion of saints. These things are not a contradiction to faith, but we should not base our faith on them, nor change our beliefs. They are unexplained and will likely remain so.

Readings for the week of February 8, 2026

Sunday:

Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday:

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday:

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday:

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday:

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday:

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday:

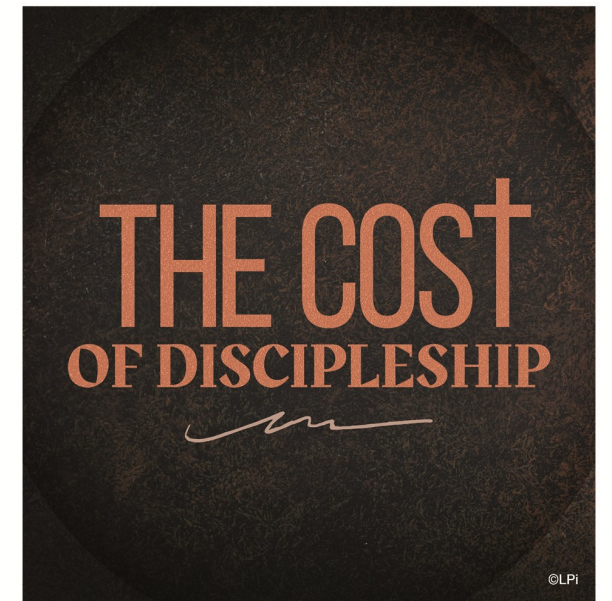
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday:

Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous.

Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That's why Jesus' words in today's Gospel are so challenging: **"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14).**

A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that's part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn't call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let's ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.

— Father John Muir