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St Ann’s Parish & Its Missions

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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.

Pastor
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St . Ann’s Parish
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Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

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Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Mass- St Ann’s Parish

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

Entrance Antiphon
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord,
in which we have participated,
profit us, we pray,
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,
you teach us by them
to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what endures.
Through Christ our Lord.

Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses

Adoration

Adoration of the blessed
sacrament: Every 1st &
3rd Thursday of each
month, St Ann’s Parish.



Adoration Thursday, 4:PM to 6:PM
December 5, 2024
December 19,2024

Important Reminder

Once you have received the host in
your hand,
Please **do not** step to the side and
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Saturday, December 7, 2024
Reparation Mass at 9:00 AM followed by
Rosary and prayers
Come and Join Us!
St Ann’s Parish



Everyday Stewardship


I wish I were a better steward. I would like to think I am a pretty generous person, and I do work hard to cultivate the characteristics of a good Everyday Steward in my life. However, stewardship is about more than giving. It is also about prudence and wise planning. It is about storing up grain for the lean years and making sure there is enough oil to light your lamps when the power goes out. If I were a better steward, I would have that \$1,000 emergency fund to dip into when I need a car repair. I would save more for retirement and vacation. I would have more food in the garage freezer because I bought more on sale and prepared for when money was a little tighter. In a nutshell, I would be prepared for whatever comes my way, good or bad.

Advent is a time of preparation. We not only prepare for Christmas, but for the day when Jesus Christ returns again. Unfortunately, we too often act like this is the only time to prepare for such events. We should be preparing all throughout the year.

If we only focus on our spirituality at Advent and Lent, then we are poor stewards of our time the rest of the year. The wise steward is always cultivating their faith and working to improve their relationship with God. They know that they need to be prepared for anything at any time. They stand ready, waiting for the call of their God.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses



*Request a
Mass Intention*

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 someone who is struggling with a serious illness or other life trauma..

Please 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.

†Deceased ♥ Health *Special Intention

Week of 12/14-15, 2024 Francis Cordes †

2024 CALENDAR

December

Christmas food Drive & Children's giving tree.

18 Children's Christmas Party

20- office closed to public

24-26- office closed

24 Christmas Family Mass

4:PM Family Mass


8 PM Vigil Mass

6:PM St Ferdinand's Arivaca

25 Christmas Day Mass

9 AM St. Ann's


11:AM Assumption Amado



Please help us to decorate our church with beautiful poinsettias and offer the Christmas mass on behalf of your families and friends.--

The cost of the flowers are \$20.00 each, please put the name of the mass intention in an envelope with your donation. The intention can be for your loved ones, who has passed away, or birthday celebration, or anniversary.

Thank you for your support!



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, my note will start with the serious and then end with the silly. It has been said, "Christmas is for children." Yes. I agree with that statement on two levels. In the first place, so much of the holiday is oriented towards children: the toys, the games, the craft projects, the decorated tree, and the joy of unwrapping presents. I enjoy many fond memories of my childhood Christmases. And it is fun to watch young ones have fun today. Yet, the Holy Day is not just for children.


The second level is that "children" means all of us. Jesus teaches us, "...whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter into it." [Luke18:17] How do I write about this in a succinct way? The gift of Christmas is Jesus Christ. We are spiritually childlike if we receive Jesus as a gift that we recognize is generous, unearned, delightful, and unexpected. Maybe that is even why we play the game of putting gifts under the Christmas tree. That is, we are imitating the self-sacrificing love of God who gave himself to us through his Incarnation in Bethlehem. We want our children to be delighted as we are delighted to "unwrap" the gift of Jesus throughout our lives.

And now, the silly part of this note. I'm allowed to like these "Dad jokes" from Reader's Digest, because after all, I am "Father."

Why was Santa late to deliver presents?	His sleigh got mistle-towed.
What did Santa buy Mrs. Claus for Christmas?	An elf-cleaning oven.
What do you call it when you dream that Santa doesn't show up?	The nightmare before Christmas.
Why didn't the Christmas tree get any presents from Santa?	He was on the knotty list.
What is the reindeers' favorite reality show?	Prancing with the Stars.

Yours truly in the Sacred Heart,
Father Pat


Holiday Monetary Family Support.



Christmas Season is a time to help those Families that need a little extra. Just like Thanksgiving, If you are able to donate, we are asking parishioners to please support this cause.

St Ann's Parish & Its Mission will start this Monetary Support, however, instead of collecting food baskets, we are providing gift cards to help needy families in our community.

We humbly ask that your support be monetary one through the gift of a check, cash or gift card(must have the gift receipt attached) Check can be made to St Ann's Parish and in the memo section write: Holiday Family Support. This way they can choose their own meals to buy or bill to pay. Last day will be Dec 20 Blessings. Father Joseph



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
he will rejoice over you with gladness. (Zep 3:17)

Psalm:
Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. (Is 12:6)

Second Reading:
The Lord is near.
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God. (Phil 4:5-6)

Gospel:
The crowds asked John the Baptist,
"What should we do?" (Lk 3:10)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.

Observances for the week of
December 15, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent
Saturday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent



Saint of the week

Blessed Alexandrina Maria de Costa (1904-1955) became paralyzed after jumping from a window to escape an attack. She suffered the passion of Jesus each Friday for several years and would survive on the Holy Eucharist alone for 13 years until her death.

Prayer with St. John the Baptist

Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring Your generosity into our community.

Amen.



Parish Collection for
December 7 & 8th

Collection: \$1,575.00

Thank you and God bless
your generosity!

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 15, 2024

Sunday:
Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/
Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday:
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday:
Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/
Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday:
Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/
Mt 1:18-25

Thursday:
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17/Lk 1:5-25

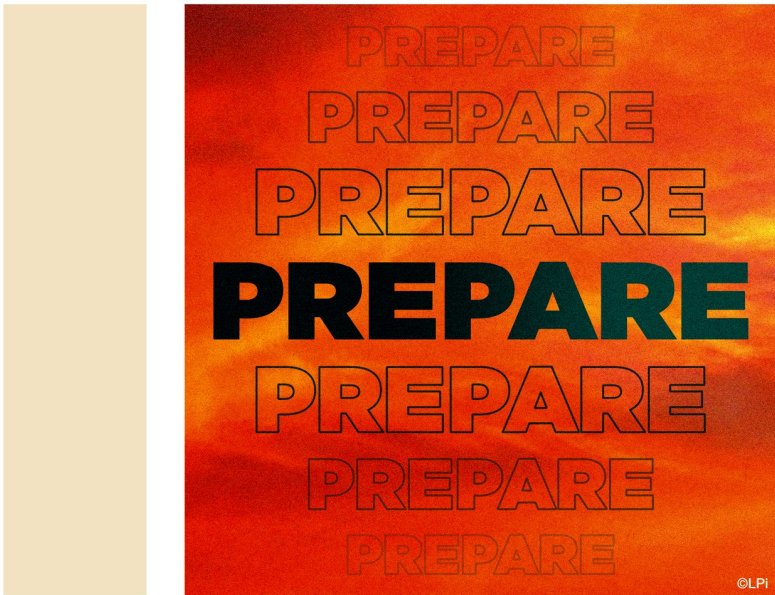
Friday:
Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday:
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday:
Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/
Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, “What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?” The Saint responded, “I’d keep hoeing this row of beans.” Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus’ glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize **“with the Holy Spirit and fire”** (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus’ coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It’s so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don’t know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That’s what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: “Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming.” Then make the appropriate changes.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Asking the Question
I have found in my life that if I am certain of the answer to a big and complicated question — right away, no doubts or hesitations — there is a high likelihood that the answer is actually the wrong one.

Because most of the time the truth is buried beneath a thicket of pride, prejudice, and ignorance. To find our answers, we have to be ready to put the gardening gloves on and pick through the thorns. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to question ourselves and others. We have to examine our feelings. And then we have to pray some more.

See, I would be willing to bet that the tax collectors and soldiers knew. Deep in their hearts, they knew.

They knew when they approached John the Baptist and asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” that his reply was not going to be: “Keep doing exactly what you’re doing.”

They had heard this guy preach. They knew what he was about: repentance. They might not have known exactly what John the Baptist was going to tell them to do, but they knew whatever it was, it was going to be a challenge. It was going to turn their lives upside down.

I give them credit for asking the question. That’s a hard thing to do, and I don’t do it enough. Too often, I’m afraid to ask the question.

How do I love this person? How do I live out my baptismal call in this particular situation? How do I draw water from the fountain of salvation — and how do I do it with joy, as we are commanded by the Psalms?

Christmas is ten days away. Are we asking the question?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:
With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it’s easy to stray.

Answer:
Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord’s coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.