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ST ANN'S PARISH & ITS MISSIONS

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

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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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
Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

Communion Antiphon
Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Prayer after Communion
Having received this pledge of eternal redemption,
we pray, almighty God,
that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer,
so we may press forward all the more eagerly
to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's
Nativity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses

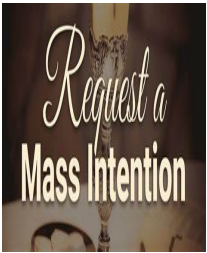


Adoration

Adoration of the blessed sacrament: ,
St Ann's Parish.
Adoration
Will resume the 1st & 3rd Thursday at
4:pm to 6:pm
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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.

†Deceased ♥ Health *Special Intention

No mass intentions this week

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
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First Saturday Devotion Mass & Rosary

Beginning Saturday, January 3rd and every First Saturday of each month, we will resume the 9:00 a.m. Mass and Rosary at St. Ann's Church.

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

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

We hope you will join us in this beautiful devotion.



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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-Collection of 12/13 & 14/25
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Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve- December 24, 2025

St Ann's Parish

Family Vigil Mass – 4:30 PM

Midnight Vigil Mass- 8:00 PM

St Ferdinand's in Arivaca

Vigil Mass -5:00 PM

Christmas Day- December 25, 2025

St Ann's Parish

Christmas Morning Mass- 9:00 AM

Assumption Chapel in Amado

Christmas Mass- 11:00 AM

May the light of Christ fill your hearts

With peace and joy this Christmas!

Merry Christmas & Blessings to All!



Church Office CLOSED

Parish office will be closed
Wednesday December 24 and
will reopen on Monday,
December 29 at 9:AM.



**JESUS,
GIVE
ME
THE
FAITH
OF ST. JOSEPH**



*Solemnity of
Mary,
Mother of God*

Mass at 9:00 am
January 1, 2026

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT





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Prayer for Advent – Miracles

Dear God,

You are in the miracle business.

I still believe that You can move mountains and separate seas.

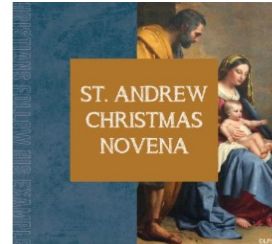
Bring into every unknown and astound us with Your goodness and grace.

Amen.

December 22–29 Days of the week Liturgy
Monday Tuesday Wednesday



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK — Sometimes we want God's instructions to be clear and precise — like the angel in Joseph's dream. But Joseph's understanding was only as strong as his devotion to God's will. If we give our lives to God as Joseph did, we will know what he asks of us! What does "giving of your life to God" mean to you?



Devotions *EXPLAINED!*
The St. Andrew Christmas novena is a prayer said from Nov. 30 through Christmas Eve. St. Andrew was the first disciple of Christ, and in saying this prayer, Christians follow his example of prescient faithfulness throughout the days of Advent.

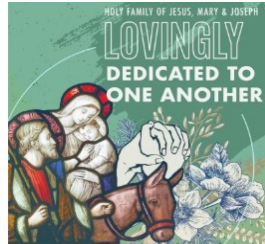


Merry Christmas Eve!
Celebrate the joy of
Christ's birth with us.
Join us for one of our
Christmas Masses:

**May you have a Blessed
Christmas From
Father Joseph & Staff**



For unto us, a Savior is born! This Christmas, we reflect on the incredible gift Jesus is. May your heart be filled with his peace, your home with his joy, and your life with his hope renewed. Merry Christmas!



This upcoming Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration reminds us that every moment in our lives can be a holy moment – even those that may seem insignificant. May your own family experience God's eternal grace, today and always. Holy Family, pray for us!

See you at Mass!

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall name him Emmanuel. (Isa 7:14)

Psalm:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. (Ps 24)

Second Reading:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 1:7)

Gospel:

“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.
For it is through the Holy Spirit
that this child has been conceived in her.
She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins.” (Mt 1:20-21)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

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Observances for the week of December 21, 2025

Sunday:	4th Sunday of Advent
Tuesday:	St. John of Kanty, Priest
Wednesday:	Christmas Eve
Thursday:	The Nativity of the Lord
Friday:	St. Stephen, First Martyr
Saturday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Next Sunday:	The Holy Family



Devotions, *Explained!*

Las Posadas is a Mexican tradition which recreates the Holy Family's search for lodging in Bethlehem. This nine-day devotion anticipates the birth of Jesus Christ, who seeks refuge in the heart of every man and woman.

Prayer for Advent - Miracles

Dear God,
You are in the miracle business.
I still believe that You can move
mountains and separate seas.
Break into every unknown and
astound us with Your goodness
and grace.
Amen.

(PRACTICING)
CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Advent is drawing quickly to a close, and Christmas is coming soon. The change is upon us. Do we rise to accept it, or do we fall on our faces in fear?

The First Transfiguration
I imagine Joseph waking up the morning after the dream, blinking in the dim half-light of the dawn.

One day, decades from now, the baby his wife carries will stand on a mountaintop. His face will shine like the sun, and those who look upon him will fall down upon their own faces in fear.

We call this the transfiguration, and Joseph won't be there to see it. But that doesn't matter. What those men will learn on the mountaintop, Joseph already knows. He learned it last night.

Today, he shrugs off the remnants of slumber and stands up.

"Rise, and do not be afraid." This is what the baby — a baby no longer, but a man now, one in the last days of his life — will say to his companions on the mountain a few decades from now. They will look up to see him standing there the same as he always was, and they will realize that he did not change at all. They did.

"Do not be afraid." This is what the angel said last night as he revealed to Joseph the will of God: that Joseph take Mary and the Child as his own, despite having so many reasons not to do so. And today Joseph wakes up and the world is the same as it always was: Mary is pregnant, and the Child does not belong to him.

No, the world has not changed. Joseph has.

He rises, and goes to Mary.

Advent is drawing quickly to a close, and Christmas is coming soon. The change is upon us. Do we rise to accept it, or do we fall on our faces in fear?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?
Catholic Life Explained

Question:
What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

Answer:
Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.

Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for "ten." The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.

Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God.

Readings for the week of
December 21, 2025

Sunday:
Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday:
1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday:
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and
14/Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday:
Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps
89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Thursday:
Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
(2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or
1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13
(Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/
Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/
Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday:
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and
8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday:
1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Next Sunday:
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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Gospel Meditation
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly ten years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: **"Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20).** When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

— Father John Muir