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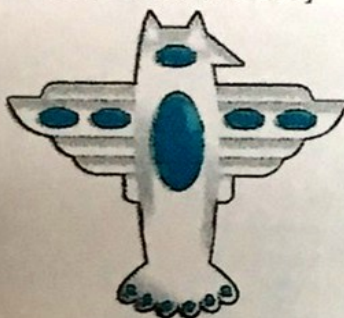


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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

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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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.

Week day Mass will be Communion Service
Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at
9:00 a.m.

Entrance Antiphon
We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in
whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom
we are saved and delivered.

Communion Antiphon

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to
myself, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table,
we beseech you, Lord,
that, being the food of charity,
it may confirm our hearts
and stir us to serve you in our neighbor.
Through Christ our Lord.

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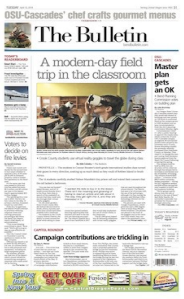
Adoration of the blessed sacrament: ,
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Adoration
We will resume upon Fathers
return.

Important Reminder

Once you have received the host in your hand, Please **do**
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(Re) Imagining Catholic Vocation
During many of our lifetimes, St.
Pope John Paul II gave us so very
much spiritually to think about.
Consider this: could it be that your
vocation is to pray for vocations?

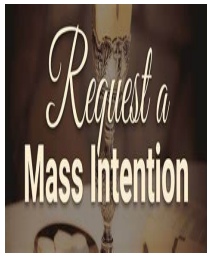


Prayer of Love
Dear God,
Expand my heart in new ways today,
to understand the love You have for me,
to take that love deeply into myself,
and to act from that love.
Amen.

“What does the tiger say to his friends before
they go hunting for food?”



FUN FACT!
The Bible tells us to pray in every
circumstance; don’t forget that God
is always here, listening, and loving!



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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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: When the unfaithful of the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. To heal us, God invites us to look upon the cross.

The Cross is Not Negotiable

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I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is *tough*, and to do it you have to decide to *be tough*, to endure tough things — and ultimately, to love the toughness of it all, because within that struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation.

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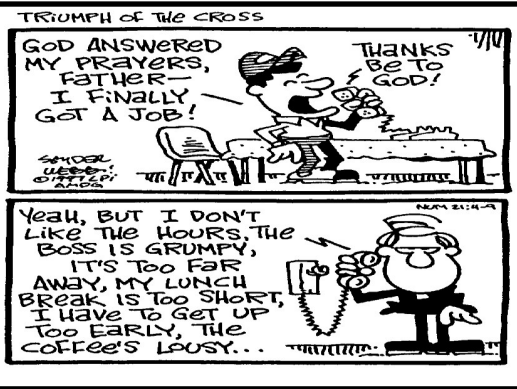
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Jesus came here to die on that cross for us. For the wimps. Because we couldn't do it ourselves, even if we tried. We couldn't right all of our wrongs, not if we had a million years to do it. We would keep screwing it up. We would keep failing. We're wimps; that's what we do.

But the cross — the cross is a magnificent invitation to do something more. Divinity Himself, assuming the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross, we might recognize ourselves. So that we might see what we have been, what we are, what we could be.

And none of it is negotiable.

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- 2) If the abuse happens in any other state, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area of that state.
- 3) Call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson at 1-800-234-0344 and/or the office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection at 520-828-2513.

For more info, diocese of Tucson website:
[Report Abuse :: Diocese of Tucson :: Tucson, AZ \(diocesetucson.org\)](https://www.diocesetucson.org)

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
"We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you.
Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." (Nm 21:7)

Psalm:
Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78)

Second Reading:
He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

Gospel:
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

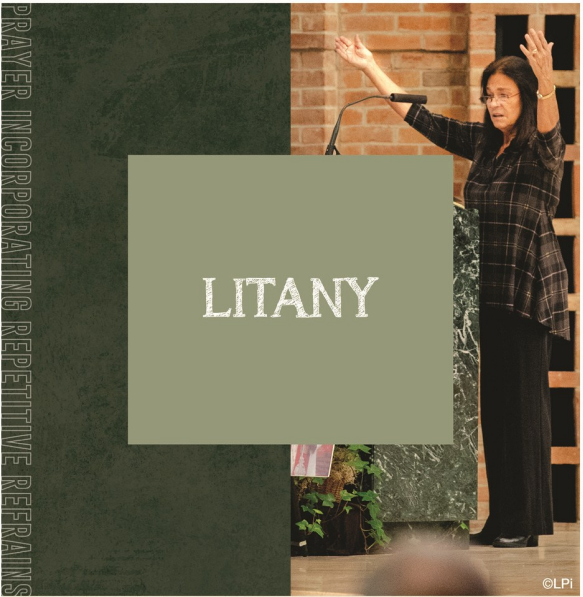
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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it. The cross is not a symbol of judgment — the cross is what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we live the mercy which has saved us?

Observances for the week of
September 14, 2025

- Sunday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Monday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor
Friday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs [M]
Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday



Devotions, *Explained!*

A litany is an ancient form of prayer incorporating repetitive refrains (often “hear our prayer” or “pray for us”). Litanies are used in a variety of liturgical settings and in both private and public acts of devotion.

Prayer of Love

Dear God,
Expand my heart in new ways today,
to understand the love You have for me,
to take that love deeply into myself,
and to act from that love.
Amen.

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Why do we do that?
Catholic Life Explained

Question:
I have a friend who says she doesn’t need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day. What are your thoughts on this justification?

Answer:
If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. The Church is a community of believers, formed by “one Lord, one faith, one Baptism.” It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God’s life.

Coming to Mass is not really for God’s sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away?

Readings for the week of
September 14, 2025

Sunday:
Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Monday:
1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday:
1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/ Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday:
1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday:
1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

Friday:
1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/ Lk 8:1-3

Saturday:
1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday:
Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/ 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



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Gospel Meditation
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy *What About Bob?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin’s failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr Marvin for break-through “death therapy.” In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week’s feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses’ snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don’t run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The “death therapy” of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to “exalt the cross.” If you don’t have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— Father John Muir