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ST ANN'S PARISH & ITS MISSIONS

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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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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Summer Office Hours:

Monday– Tuesday–Thursday
9:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 to 12:00 p.m.

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Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Please contact the parish office



St . Ann's Parish

No Saturday Mass until October
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 Communion Service only

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

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

Prayer after Communion

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me; Passion of
Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus hear me; Within your wounds hide me;
separated from you, let me never be; From the evil
one protect me; At the hour of my death, call me;
And close to you bid me; That with your saints,
I may be praising you forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament St. Ann's Parish

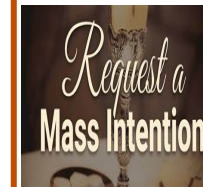
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Due to Fathers absence the month of
September we will not be having
Adoration of the blessed Sacrament,
until Father Joseph returns



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.



Mass Intentions

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. Contin-
uing 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. **All mass intention must be done a week before mass**
date to be posted in the bulletin.

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08/23/26 Jon Hamper † AC

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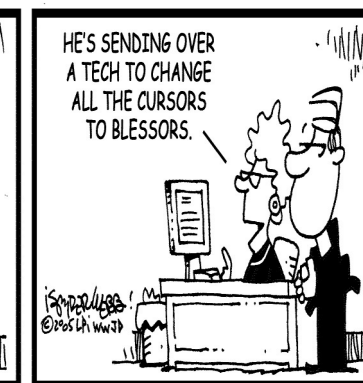
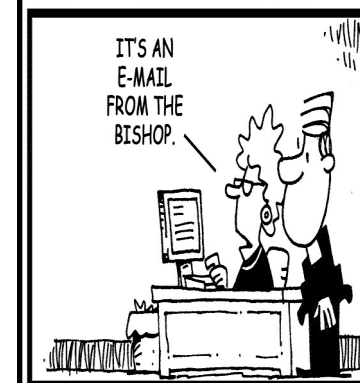
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vulnerable. If the abuse happened in the Diocese of Tucson,
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520-838-2513
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Homebound Communion

For All St Ann's & Its Mission
Parishioners
that are in need of
Homebound Communion brought to them, must first
contact the Parish Office and make the proper
arrangements. 520-398-2646

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Temporary Mass and Confession Schedule

Please note that while Father Joseph is away, the following changes will be in effect from **August 24 through October 16, 2026**:

- Weekday Masses will be replaced by **Communion Services**.
- There will be **no Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Ann's** until Father Joseph returns.
- Sunday Mass will continue at **9:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Parish** and **11:00 a.m. at Assumption Chapel in Amado**, located only about 15 minutes from St. Ann's.
- Confessions will be available on Sunday mornings **30 minutes before each Mass**.
- The month of September we will not be having Adoration of the blessed Sacrament.

We encourage everyone who normally attends the Saturday Mass to join us at one of our Sunday Masses. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and please continue to keep Father Joseph in your prayers during his travels.

Questions of the Week
Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:
For disobeying the Lord, Shebna, the master of King Hezekiah's palace, is stripped of his authority and honor, and it is given to Eliakim. Are there people in your life or family that you honor and revere?

Second Reading:
Reflecting on the unimaginable depth of God's wisdom and knowledge, Paul asks, "Who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?" What question do you have for the Lord?

Gospel:
Jesus establishes Peter as the rock upon whom he will build his church. In what ways do you help build your church community?

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." - Mt 16:15-17

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. (Is 22:22)

Psalm:
Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:
For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

Gospel:
"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt 16:19)

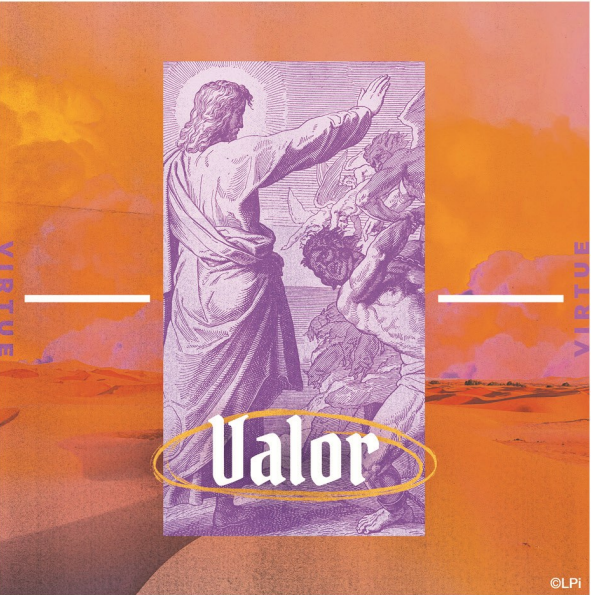
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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks his apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who Jesus is. Do we? In everything we do and everything we are, let us say together with Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Observances for the week of
August 23, 2026

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| Sunday: | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Monday: | St. Bartholomew, Apostle |
| Tuesday: | St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest |
| Thursday: | St. Monica |
| Friday: | St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church |
| Saturday: | The Passion of St. John the Baptist |
| Next Sunday: | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time |



Virtues, Explained!

Though valor itself is not a cardinal or theological virtue, as a Latin-based word that means "strength," we associate it with the gift of fortitude. It conjures an image of fortitude on the battlefield — of fidelity to the good fight, regardless of the coming attack.

Prayer for the Pope

Dear God,
Be with Our Holy Father in his ministry. Bless, anoint, and protect him in his comings and goings. Inspire his words, direct his interactions, guide his prayer. Amen.

(PRACTICING)
CATHOLIC

Only Peter Has the Answer

“What do you think of the Pope?”

After the election of Pope Leo XIV in 2025, all my non-Catholic friends texted me this question. The result of the papal conclave was dominating the news cycle, and everyone was curious about this man who would now be so prominent on the world stage, making me temporarily popular with people who apparently need more (and better) Catholics in their lives.

In today’s Gospel, we see Jesus entrust Peter and his heirs with the stewardship of the kingdom here on earth, creating an unbroken line of authority which stretches through the millennia all the way to our current Pope — whoever he is at the time you are reading this.

I don’t know if you like the Pope. The same goes for your local bishop and your pastor. If a friend texted you, “What do you think of him?” I have no idea how you would respond.

All I know is this: it doesn’t really matter. What really matters is what we would say if a friend texted us the same question about Jesus Christ: “What do you think of him, and why?”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus doesn’t ask his disciples to take an IQ test. He doesn’t try to find out which one is the nicest, the hardest worker, the most humble, or even the holiest.

He asks a very simple question: “Who do you say that I am?”

Peter has the answer.

I am not Catholic because I like the Pope. I am not Catholic because the human representatives of the Church have anything to offer me (they often do, but this is beside the point).

I am Catholic because only Peter has the answer.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?
Catholic Life Explained

Question:

In Sunday school, the students are studying the Ten Commandments. I know that kids are important in the eyes of God, so I’m just wondering why there isn’t a commandment about honoring children.

Answer:

Commandments provide EOO-Equal Opportunity for Observance! They are meant for everyone, children as well as adults. There are several assumptions that would make such a commandment a bit redundant. One, children are entrusted to the care of their parents. So, respect, love, and care — as well as teaching them — are assumed to be part of the responsibility of parents. They are the first teachers in the ways of faith and, as such, participate in God’s work of loving and creating. The child has the obligation and responsibility towards their parents. Only when they are adults will they make decisions on their own.

In Biblical times, and in many societies today, children are responsible for caring for elderly parents, providing for their needs. In our culture today, too often kids have more rights than responsibilities, and oftentimes long before they are able to handle them. If we follow the Commandment of Jesus to love others and treat them as we would want to be treated, everyone is included, children too.

Readings for the week of
August 23, 2026

Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday:

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday:

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday:

1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/
Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



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Gospel Meditation
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The first time I stood inside St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo’s dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus’ question, “Who do you say that I am?” And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today’s Gospel, “You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.”

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God’s presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— Father John Muir