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**ST ANN'S PARISH & ITS MISSIONS**

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.” - Mt 5:33

# 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

### Office/Parish Center (for all Churches)

2231 E Frontage Road  
Tubac AZ 85646-2911

### Office Hours:

Monday– Tuesday–Thursday  
9:00 to 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 to 1:00 p.m.

### Mailing Address only

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### Church Address:

St Ann's—11 Calle Iglesias, Tubac, AZ  
Assumption Chapel– 17 Montosa Rd, Amado, AZ  
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Tel: 520-398-2646

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Website: www.stannsparishtubacaz.org

### 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

Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

### Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill,  
and what they craved the Lord gave them;  
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

### Prayer after Communion

Having fed upon these heavenly delights,  
we pray, O Lord,  
so that we may always long  
for that food by which we truly live.  
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.**

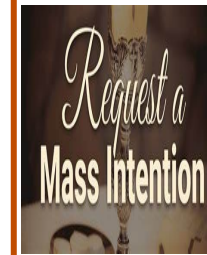
All are welcome to come and spend time in prayer before the Lord.

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### 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. 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.

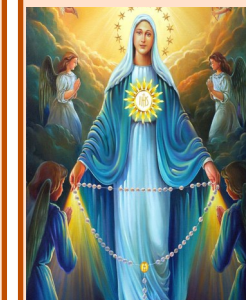
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†Deceased    ♥ Health    \*Special Intention

No mass intentions this weekend.

### Safe Environment

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<https://diocesetucson.org/reportabuse>



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

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.



### Weekly Offering

### Parish Collection

Feb 7 & 8th

Collection of \$1389.00

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## "Let's Get Started!"

A Lenten Parish Mission for St. Ann's  
February 24-26, 2026

Session One: Tuesday, February 24th: Where Do I Start?

"It's always best to start at the beginning," said Glinda to Dorothy. We will prayerfully examine how we got our start on this earth, who and what we are, and where we've been so far. Once we have a sense of our current starting point, we'll be better prepared to start something new.

Session Two: Wednesday, February 25th: Being in Re-Mission.

"Good news! You're in remission!" This might be good medical news about one's health and vigor after a period of trial. You might have a sense of having been given more time and new possibilities. Together, we'll look at how we might make ourselves available to the Spirit's next dream for us.

Session Three: Thursday, February 26th: Dying, Rising, and New Beginnings.

Lent and Easter remind us that we don't wither away. We die and are reborn according to the pattern made plain to us by Jesus and his beloved followers. What new adventures might await us as we grow into our undying, eternal selves?



Retreat sessions will be offered each evening at the hall behind the parish office from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. office from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Parish hall: 18 Calle Baca, Tubac, AZ 85646.



Mass will be offered each day at 9:00 am at St. Ann's Catholic Church: 11 Calle Iglesia, Tubac, Az 85645.



There will be opportunities for individual appointments of 30 minutes each with Father Nathan each day from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please call the office to schedule (520) 398-2646.

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Coming or going?

On the way home from the Ash Wednesday service, a young boy asked his mother, "Is it true that we are made of dust?"

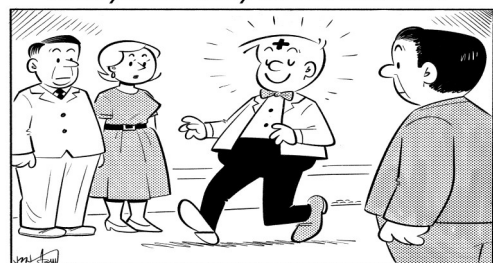
"Yes, darling."

"And do we go back to dust again when we die?"

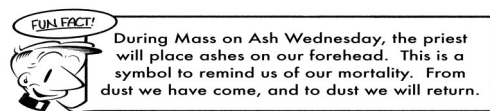
"Yes, dear."

"Wow!" said the boy. "When I said my prayers last night and looked under the bed, I found someone who is either coming or going!"

"There's a certain Wednesday during the year when you can easily tell who's Catholic."



"I doubt you need to Ash me which one that is."



"FUN FACT! During Mass on Ash Wednesday, the priest will place ashes on our forehead. This is a symbol to remind us of our mortality. From dust we have come, and to dust we will return."



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)

### Psalm:

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

### Second Reading:

Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory. (1 Cor 2:7)

### Gospel:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)

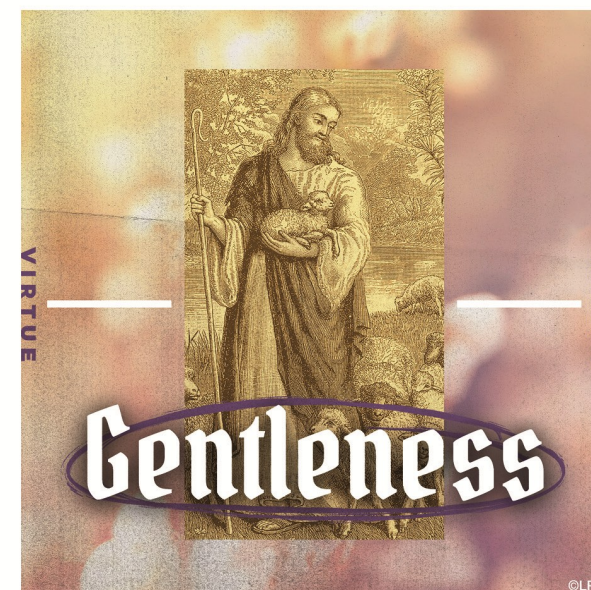
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus does not want us to live within the law — he wants the law to live within us. God's law, fulfilled by His Son, is rich soil. We must let it nourish the words and the decisions of our Christian life — only then will it flow forth into the world.

## Observances for the week of February 15, 2026

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Presidents' Day
- Tuesday:** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday
- Saturday:** St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent

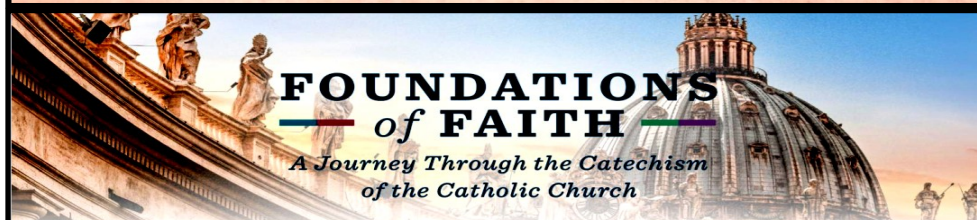


## Virtues, Explained!

Gentleness disposes us to receive the inspirations of the Spirit, who "reveals to men who Jesus is" (CCC 152). In cultivating a spirit of gentleness, we more closely resemble Christ, who was unfailingly gentle, even in the face of violence and death

## Blessing of Love

Heavenly Father, Ignite us with Your love. Reveal to us Your will, guide us in Your path. Pour Your blessings upon us, You who are the giver of every good thing. Help us to live, work, act, and speak in ways that bring honor and glory to You. Amen.



## FOUNDATIONS of FAITH A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Discover the heart and soul of your Catholic beliefs with *Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church*. This engaging, 20-session series was filmed across 40 locations, spanning 4 continents and 10 countries, showing you the universal beauty of the Church. Participants will meet weekly to view the dynamic video presentations followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

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Join us for *Foundations of Faith* at St Ann's Parish in St Ann's Community Hall beginning Tuesday, March 10, 2026, from 4pm-6pm for 20 weeks. For more information or to register for the study, contact Parish office at 520-398-2646 or at [stannsparish3@gmail.com](mailto:stannsparish3@gmail.com). We need to take note of how many participating to order books.



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**Mini Reflection:** The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “*Raqa*,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily. Over time, it becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it’ll break. Just you wait

**The Carpenter and the Law**

My husband and I couldn’t believe our luck: our new house had a deck. It was more than a couple of broke millennials had ever dared to dream. Lounging in our patio furniture drinking coffee and watching the cars drive past, we felt like Kennedys at Hyannis Port. We had arrived.

Well, until it started falling apart.

To be fair, my husband knew this was going to happen all along, because he’s a person who uses words like “joist” and “weight-bearing” correctly. He took one look at the deck at the open house and knew it wasn’t up to code. “We’re going to have to reinforce this at some point,” he told me. “Whatever!” I replied, daydreaming about twinkle lights and porch parties.

Sure enough, our second summer in the house, he had to rip the rotting surface boards off. The biggest issue was that the joists were too far apart; when we stepped on the boards, they bowed and almost cracked, lacking adequate support beneath. But we weren’t going to redo the whole deck — we’re not *actually* Kennedys. We (okay, *he*) simply ripped the surface boards off, added the necessary joists, and replaced the decking with newer, better, stronger wood.

Simply put, my husband did not come to abolish the deck, but to fulfill it.

The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “*Raqa*,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily on boards not adequately supported. Over time, the anger becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it’ll break. Just you wait.

And when it does, you’ll see why: there wasn’t anything beneath, holding it up.

So God sent a Carpenter to reinforce the law. The Carpenter crafted joists from prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance — strong virtues that can withstand a lifetime of battery, if properly maintained.

And the law still holds.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Why do we do that?**

**Catholic Life Explained**

**Question:**

Why is the Church against stem cell research, especially if it offers the possibility of cures for diseases like Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s?

**Answer:**

Like so many issues, the truth about stem cell research is more complicated than a few sound bites and vague promises of cures. For the Church, the problem is with *embryonic* stem cell research, not the research itself. The destruction of human life, even for a seemingly noble cause, is never acceptable. The ends cannot justify the means. Stem cells can be obtained in other ways, including from the placenta as well as from adults. So research is possible without the destruction of other life.

On the other hand, stem cell research shows much promise, but no concrete results. Some scientists also dispute what diseases might be cured by new discoveries. The research is still in its early stages. The question for our country is whether we should invest a lot of money in research now, looking for cures that will probably remain out of reach for most people, or should we invest that money in other programs with more immediate benefits, especially those that stress prevention and education. It is indeed a complex issue that requires close scrutiny and investigation before we jump to inaccurate conclusions or make decisions based on good, but misinformed, intentions.

**Readings for the week of February 15, 2026**

**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

**Monday:**

Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/ Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:**

Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/ Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:**

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:**

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:**

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/ Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:**

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

**Next Sunday:**

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/ Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



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**Gospel Meditation**

**Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn’t keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: “NO.” It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn’t say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus says, “**Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’ Anything more is from the Evil One**” (Matthew 5:37). He’s not just giving advice about polite speech. He’s showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

**Lenten Challenge:** Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it’s a sincere “yes” to something important, or a humble “no” to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

— Father John Muir