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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.

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St . Ann’s Parish
Sunday’s at 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

St Ferdinand's
Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Mass- St Ann’s Parish

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 Nativ-
ity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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
January 2, 2025
January 16,2025

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
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Saturday, January 7, 2025
Reparation Mass at 9:00 AM followed by
Rosary and prayers
Come and Join Us!
St Ann’s Parish



The Christmas "Blues"

Excerpted from the National Institute on Aging, Depression & Older Adults:


"Christmas is usually a time of joy, gatherings, and activities. However, for many it is a spotlight on their loneliness, isolation, and loss. For some it is the first holiday after the loss of a loved one and for others it is great expectations that end up not materializing. Whatever the reason the feelings of sadness and anxiety can sometimes lead to depression. During the holiday season please check in on your elderly be it family, friends, or neighbors. Send them a Christmas card so they see they are remembered. When possible, include them at meals, Christmas tree decorating, attending Advent and Christmas services. How about a gift of a plate of cookies delivered to an elderly neighbor.

If you are feeling sad, lonely, or anxious do not hesitate to reach out to someone. Call a family member, friend, or church. Below are listed the crisis hotline numbers.

This season may Faith, Hope, Love and Joy blanket you in comfort and may you receive the special Blessings as we celebrate the birth of Christ and all His promises to us."

Suicide Hotline 988 Crisis Lifeline 1-800-273-8255

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

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*Special Intention

Week of 12/21-22/24

St. Ann's Robert "Bob" DeGreen

Week of 12/28-29/24



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!



LORD,
MAKE US
TURN
TO YOU.

PSALM 80

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" - Lk 1:41-42

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ALL THAT RELIGIOUS STUFF'S OK FOR YOU, FATHER, BUT I GOT A LIFE, YOU KNOW?



AREN'T YOU GLAD MARY DIDN'T THINK LIKE THAT?




The Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle 2024 edition is now over! 378 charities raised \$1,833,925 and the winners are:

Third Prize: Donna Gutman of Tucson, won \$5,000 (ticket sold by No Kill Pima County)

Second Prize: Diane Kirkendall of Green Valley won two plane round-the-world First Class plane tickets (some restrictions apply) (ticket sold by St. Vincent de Paul San Martin de Porres)

Grand Prize: Angela Johansen of Harlem, GA won a 2024 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon 4xe with an MSRP of \$72,290 (ticket sold by St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church).

Congratulations to all the winners and charities!





Christmas Masses Schedule

Tuesday December 24-- Christmas Eve

4:PM-- Family Mass

8PM-- Vigil Mass

6:PM St Ferdinand's Arivaca

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day

9:AM--Christmas Mass-- St Ann's

11:AM--Christmas Mass--Assumption

Wednesday, January 1, 2024 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9AM-Mass

Office closed Dec 24- 26 &31- January 1-2, 2024

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Mi 5:1)

Psalm:
Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

Second Reading:
"Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" (Heb 10:7)

Gospel:
"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:43)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

"Blessed are you who believed," Elizabeth tells Mary. Do we believe? When we hear the voice of God whispering in our heart, do we listen — or do we ignore, out of fear and uncertainty? This last week of Advent, follow Mary's example, and believe.

Observances for the week of December 22, 2024

- Sunday:

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:
- 4th Sunday of Advent

St. John of Kanty, Priest

Christmas Eve


The Nativity of the Lord

St. Stephen, First Martyr

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

The Holy Innocents, martyrs

The Holy Family



Saint Margaret Clitherow

Saint of the week

St. Margaret Clitherow (1556-1586), the pearl of York hid priests and allowed Mass to be celebrated in her home, a criminal offence at the time. She was pressed to death. Margaret was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as one of 40 martyrs of England and Wales.

Prayer for Advent Joy

Dear Jesus,

The news of your coming was met with boundless joy — fill us anew with the wonder of your presence. You are Emmanuel, God with us.

Amen.



Weekly Offering

Parish Collection for

December 21 &22

Collection: \$1,670.00

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Readings for the week of
December 22, 2024

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

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

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

Wednesday:
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/Heb 1:1-6/
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18
or 1:1-5, 9-14

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

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

Saturday:
1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/
Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday:
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
(see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52



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Gospel Meditation
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary “blessed” for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady’s belief that **“there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord”** (Luke 1:45). Mary is “blessed” entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our “motherly” contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus’ presence. Pray: “Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her.”

— Father John Muir

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The Hidden Truth

If you have ever been visibly pregnant, chances are that someone, somewhere, whom you do *not* know, has reached out to touch your stomach.

I’ve had this happen to me, and sure, it’s a little strange. Generally, I prefer people to ask before they touch me. But it’s also very sweet, this great mystical excitement inspired by a pregnant belly. We know that belly is special. We know enclosed within it is hope and potential — the very future of our world. Hidden, but real. How can we help but venerate it?

It’s why the pregnant Madonna is my favorite devotional image. I even prefer it over the depictions of the Madonna and Child because I find in the sight of Mary’s swollen belly more to meditate upon than I find in the unveiled face of the Christ Child. Salvation and redemption, enclosed in flesh, moving, and growing and breathing, but I cannot see it. It’s real and it’s true and it’s *there*.

And it is hidden.

There is much about God that we know with certainty. But there is so much that remains beyond our sight, beyond our comprehension. Questions of evil and sorrow. Pain and tragedy. Life and death. Why don’t we have all the answers? We grow very impatient about this. We’re like teenagers who want to be trusted with all the family secrets. We hate feeling left out of the loop.

But truth, like life, does not come to us showing its face. Perhaps this is because we could not bear its terrible beauty. Perhaps it’s because we would not recognize it if it was laid bare for us to see.

But it’s there, right in front of us. We can reach out and touch it. We may not see it. We may not understand it. But we can know it.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?
Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Answer:

Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.