

Mission Statement:

"We, the members of Santa Cruz Parish, diverse in culture and traditions, united with the Body of Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, follow Christ through faithful witness and discipleship in family and community."

"Nosotros, los miembros de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz, diversa en cultura y tradición, unidos con el Cuerpo de Cristo y guiados por el Espíritu Santo, seguimos a Cristo a través del testimonio fiel y discipulado en familia y comunidad."

Masses / Misas

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:30 p.m. - English

Sunday / Domingo

6:30 a.m. - English

8:00 a.m. - Spanish

10:00 a.m. - English

12:00 noon - English

6:00 p.m. - English

Monday - Friday

Lunes - Viernes

6:30 a.m. - English

8:00 a.m. - English

Saturday / Sábado

8:00 a.m. - English

Confessions / Confesiones

Friday / Viernes

6:00 p.m.

Saturday / Sábado

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Eucahristic Adoration

Every Friday

3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Parish Office / Oficina

Monday - Friday

Lunes - Viernes

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Pastor:

Rev. Marcos C. Velásquez

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Simon Muema, S.D.S.

In Residence:

Rev. Showri R. Narra

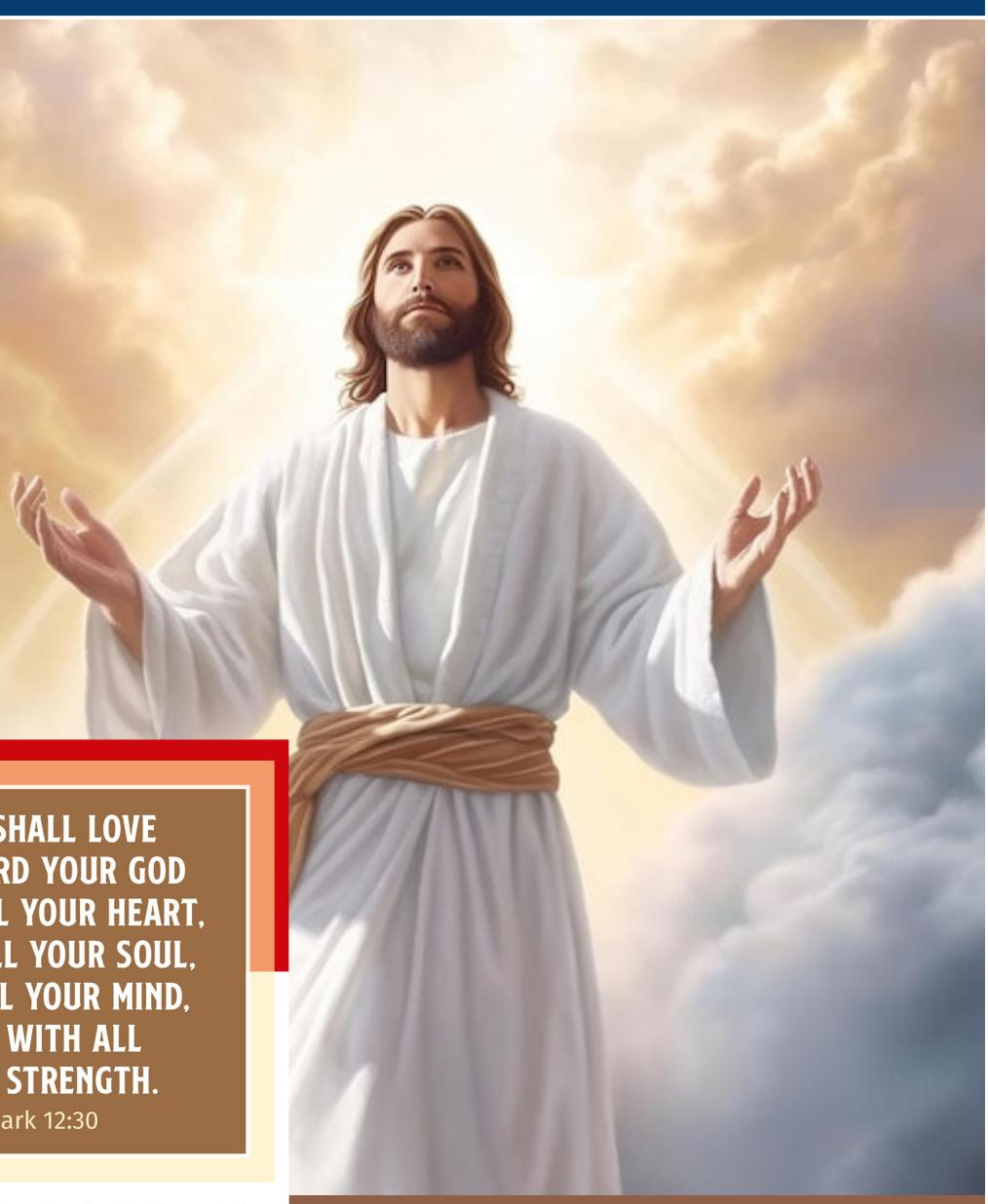
Deacon:

Rev. Mr. Ernesto Lujan



Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

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YOU SHALL LOVE
THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,
WITH ALL YOUR MIND,
AND WITH ALL
YOUR STRENGTH.

Mark 12:30

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

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A Parish in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson

Message from the Pastor . . .

Dear Parishioners of Santa Cruz Parish,

Last Sunday the second reading from the Mass was from the Letter to the Hebrews, and one of the teachings given was regarding the priesthood and how one has to be called by God:

No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified Himself in becoming high priest, but rather the One who said to Him: You are my Son: this day I have begotten You; just as He says in another place: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek, (Hebrews 5:4-5).

We received this message from Bishop Weisenburger:

"Our Diocesan Vocations Board met yesterday and recommended the acceptance of the three young men listed below for sponsorship as seminarians for the Diocese of Tucson. I was very pleased to accept their recommendation. I kindly ask that you encourage them when you meet them and remember them in prayer.

I continue to attribute our growing success in vocations recruitment to the grace of the Holy Spirit--who hears when we cry out in prayer, asking for laborers for the harvest. However, I believe that the Holy Spirit works also through our wonderful and energetic parish-based vocation teams, the encouraging and faithful priests reaching out and meeting with young men individually or in groups, and the consistent efforts of our Vocations Office under the guidance of Fr. Alan Valencia along with our newly ordained priests.

Let us never underestimate the power of God to work through us when we entrust our needs to Him and His Blessed Mother.

May God bless you abundantly,
+Edward J. Weisenburger"

The new seminarians are:

Dylan Bryce Martin

Our Lady of Grace Parish,
Maricopa, Arizona

Matthew David

Our Lady of Grace Parish
Maricopa, Arizona

Stephen Patrick Grummett

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Yuma, Arizona

They will begin their official discernment process in the Fall of 2025. Let's give thanks to God for answering our prayers for more vocations, something we pray for as a parish at the end of every Sunday Mass. Let's keep these men and all seminarians in prayers, that they persevere in saying "yes" to the will of God for them.

In Christ,
Fr. Velásquez

Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

El domingo pasado, la segunda lectura de la Misa fue de la Carta a los Hebreos, y una de las enseñanzas que se dieron fue sobre el sacerdocio y cómo uno debe ser llamado por Dios:

Nadie se arroga este honor, sino sólo cuando es llamado por Dios, como lo fue Aarón. De la misma manera, no fue Cristo quien se glorificó a sí mismo al convertirse en sumo sacerdote, sino más bien Aquel que le dijo: Tú eres mi Hijo: yo te he engendrado hoy; como dice en otro lugar: Tú eres sacerdote para siempre según el orden de Melquisedec (Hebreos 5:4-5).

Recibimos este mensaje del obispo Weisenburger:

"Nuestra Junta Diocesana de Vocaciones se reunió ayer y recomendó la aceptación de los tres jóvenes enumerados a continuación para el patrocinio como seminaristas para la Diócesis de Tucson. Me dio mucho gusto aceptar su recomendación. Les pido amablemente que los alienten cuando los conozcan y los recuerden en sus oraciones.

Sigo atribuyendo nuestro creciente éxito en el reclutamiento de vocaciones a la gracia del Espíritu Santo, que escucha cuando clamamos en oración pidiendo obreros para la cosecha. Sin embargo, creo que el Espíritu Santo también trabaja a través de nuestros maravillosos y energéticos equipos de vocaciones parroquiales, los sacerdotes fieles y alentadores que se acercan y se reúnen con los jóvenes individualmente o en grupos, y los esfuerzos constantes de nuestra Oficina de Vocaciones bajo la guía del P. Alan Valencia junto con nuestros sacerdotes recién ordenados.

Nunca subestimemos el poder de Dios que trabaja a través de nosotros cuando confiamos nuestras necesidades a Él y a Su Santísima Madre.

Que Dios los bendiga abundantemente,
+Edward J. Weisenburger"

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Comenzarán su proceso oficial de discernimiento en el otoño de 2025. Demos gracias a Dios por responder nuestras oraciones por más vocaciones, algo por lo que oramos como parroquia al final de cada misa dominical. Mantengamos a estos hombres y a todos los seminaristas en nuestras oraciones, para que perseveren en decir "sí" a la voluntad de Dios para ellos. En Cristo,
P. Velásquez



"Yes, I am willing to spend one hour weekly with Jesus, who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament."

"Sí, estoy dispuesto a pasar una hora semanal con Jesús, quien está verdaderamente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento."

Eucharistic Adoration Every Friday

3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - Exposition

3:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:00 p.m. - Confessions

6:00 p.m. - Rosario

7:00 p.m. - Rosary

8:00 p.m. - Benediction

You are invited to join men from across the Diocese of Tucson in our annual Catholic Men's Conference in Tucson on Saturday, November 2nd, 2024. This year's conference will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and will feature keynote presentations from John Sablan from Man on Fire and Bart Schuchts from the JP II Healing Center and former FSU Football great.

We are excited to announce that Santa Cruz Parish/School now has a **FORMED** account! This means that all parishioners can enjoy a wide variety of awesome, educational, and entertaining Catholic online content. From books and audio talks to movies and documentaries, there's something for everyone in the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church. Check it out and dive into the amazing content!

Here's what to do!

1. Visit [FORMED.org](https://formed.org)
2. Click **Sign Up**
3. Select Find Your Parish Subscription
4. Type in Santa Cruz Catholic School (it's under the school's name)
5. Enter your name and email address and you are in!
6. Search for "Formed" in your app store to download on your device.

Sunday Collection - October 26 - 27, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$5,263.08
 On-Line Giving: \$775.47
 Total Sunday Offertory: \$6,038.55

Weekly Expenses:

Income:	\$6,038.55
*Expenses:	-\$6,000.25
	\$ 38.30

*Weekly operation expenses include utilities, payroll, maintenance and insurance.

Your generous donations are greatly appreciated and are definitely needed. Thank you and God bless!

Statement of Financial Position for Santa Cruz Parish
 as of June 30, 2024

REVENUES:

	Parish	School
Offertory & Other Contributions	446,011.68	9,118.23
Grants & Bequests	59,000.00	10,490.00
Fees for Service	35,460.25	1,239,429.11
Fundraising Revenues	53,468.80	20,852.04
Investment Revenues	1,292.79	8,228.16
Other Revenues		98,308.01
Total Revenue	595,233.52	1,386,425.55

EXPENSES:

Compensation	146,506.89	872,085.64
Benefits	38,380.00	249,917.52
Residency	8,547.35	-
Office Administration	31,696.40	133,615.80
Travel & Transportation	2,600.42	-
Maintenance Support	129,020.78	109,843.75
Programs	48,656.84	38,542.83
Diocesan Assessments	102,141.56	-
Professional Fees		3,425.10
Fundraising Activities	28,741.26	
Other Expenses		2,212.22
Total Expenses	536,291.50	1,409,642.86

Net Income	58,942.02	(23,217.31)
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Santa Cruz
 Catholic School

Accreditation Success at Santa Cruz Catholic School

October 29, 2024 by Sheri Dahl, Superintendent for Catholic Schools

"First, a little background fact of which some may not be aware: all of our 23 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Tucson are accredited by Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA), the largest Catholic accrediting body in the country. It is a six-year cycle of self-study, data analysis, goal-setting, and continuous improvement protocols. Schools rate themselves and set goals in four domains:

1. Mission and Catholic Identity
2. Governance and Leadership
3. Academic Excellence
4. Operational Vitality

I am so very pleased and proud to share the following excerpt from the WCEA team's executive summary of their report:"

"Santa Cruz Catholic School is a warm, friendly, mission-driven, academically focused, and faith-based school. The administration, faculty, and staff are self-driven, student achievement focused, and dedicated employees. It is evident that the pastor, parochial vicar, and principal are committed to leading and supporting the school in Mission and Philosophy, Governance and Leadership, Academic Excellence, and Operational Vitality. The visiting team commends the teacher leaders of Santa Cruz Catholic School in successfully completing the self-study and creating an Educational Improvement Plan that addresses the critical growth areas identified in the self-study. The visiting team extends a heartfelt, warm thank you to the pastor, parochial vicar, principal, faculty, staff, parents, students, and all in the broader community that contributed to making our time here on campus comfortable. Santa Cruz Catholic School is an amazing school filled with a dedicated, nurturing, kind, and warm-hearted faculty who have the students' best interests at heart and take their education very seriously. Santa Cruz Catholic School has a bright future."



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NOVEMBER 2 - 22, 2024



Donations Needed

Frozen Turkeys, Bags of Potatoes, Canned Vegetables/Fruits, Boxes of Stuffing, Pasta and Sauces, Gravy, Frozen Pies

How Can You Help!

The Knights of Columbus of Santa Cruz are preparing to pack and deliver our annual Thanksgiving food boxes to families in need. We kindly invite you and your family to participate in this charitable effort. Please consider donating food items by placing them in the designated food drive boxes located inside the church and in the patio areas. Any contributions you can make are greatly appreciated! Thank you for your generosity, and may God bless you always!





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HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

- Call 911 to make a report.
- If the abuse happened in Arizona, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area. If the abuse happened in any other state, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area of that state.
- Call the diocese in which the abuse happened. If the abuse happened in the Diocese of Tucson, call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson 520-623-0344 or (1-800-234-0344 in Arizona) and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection of the Diocese of Tucson at 520-838-2513.

Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick is available upon request for the faithful who are seriously ill, before major surgery, or advanced age. Please call the parish office (520) 623-3833 to make an appointment.



Join us for our Youth Group meeting **every Sunday** in the Carmelite Hall.
Time: **7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**



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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 2nd, All Souls' Day

- 8:00 a.m. Ignacio & Hilda Vega & Walter Vega/R.I.P.
- 12:00 noon All Souls in Purgatory/R.I.P.
- 5:30 p.m. All Deceased Family Members of the Machain & Gonzalez Families/R.I.P.

Sunday, November 3rd

- 6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners
- 8:00 a.m. Special Int./Victor & Deborah Basurto & Boys
- 10:00 a.m. Peter & Yolanda Martinez/
Wedding Anniversary
- 12:00 noon Carlos Lopez & Evangelina Lopez/R.I.P.
- 6:00 p.m. Xavier Rodriguez & Deceased Family
Members of the Rodriguez & Bell Families/R.I.P.

Monday, November 4th

- 6:30 a.m. Lucy Flores & Gabriel Chacon/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m. Richard Ornelas, II/Happy Birthday

Tuesday, November 5th

- 6:30 a.m. Frank Esparza - Improved Health
- 8:00 a.m. Gloria Valenzuela Egurrola/R.I.P.

Wednesday, November 6th

- 6:30 a.m. Claudia Proto/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary/R.I.P.

Thursday, November 7th

- 6:30 a.m. Claudia Proto/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m. Grace Altagracia Alegria/R.I.P.

Friday, November 8th

- 6:30 a.m. Francisco Islas/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m. Lionel Wells/R.I.P.



**New Parishioners are
Always Welcome!**
Register using forms available in the church.
Baptisms: Information on our Website.
Matrimony: Please call at least six months
in advance.

**Felices Nuevos
Siempre son Bienvenidos!**
Regístrate usando los formularios disponibles
en la iglesia.
Bautismos: Información en Sitio Web.
Matrimonio: Por favor de llamar con seis
meses de anticipación.