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When Jesus saw the crowds,
he went up the mountain
and began to teach them.

Matthew 5:1

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel of Matthew is the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount, the outline of the teaching of Jesus, that extends from chapter 5 to chapter 7. This section opens with the Gospel of the Beatitudes, a summary of these chapters. It surprises us; maybe it shocks us; we are amazed, and as we try to understand, we say, "How wonderful it is! How true it is!" It is undoubtedly a cause for joy and celebration. Translators have difficulty deciding whether they should use the traditional word 'Blessed ...' or something different like 'Happy ...' Both words fail to bring out the power in each statement. Maybe we should use both "How blessed and how happy are the poor in spirit ..." or "How amazing".

The Beatitudes are "wisdom teaching" and reporting facts; they are not "moralizing" demands. Nowhere in the beatitudes do we find the expression "you should do this". We celebrate the wisdom of Jesus; we remain in amazement. Each is a prayer of astonishment. They are exclamations of the joy of seeing goodness. They are not confined to Christians. They are universal; valid just for Christians (much less just for Catholics), but for "all men and women of goodwill".

Matthew lists 9 Beatitudes, but we notice that the 9th one is similar to the number 8 but directed to "you", meaning most likely the 12 apostles themselves. The other eight are for everyone who desires to listen to the message of Jesus and live by it. Strangely, Luke, in his Gospel, mentions only four beatitudes and contrasts them with four "woes".

Each Beatitude is a way of entering into the wisdom of Jesus, and perhaps we should concentrate on one only in our reflection and prayer time. For example, "Blessed are those who mourn ..." refers to not just mourning for a friend who has passed away. It relates to all our losses, even our sins, and failures. It is good to repent, to be in touch with our deepest emotions, and to bring them to the Lord for the consolation of His mercy.

Let yourself be blessed, happy, and amazed
at the wonder of God's love.

~ Fr. David Costello, O.C.D.

Contribution Letters

The parish contribution letters for 2022 will be mailed out by the end of January. To make sure you receive your letter, please call the parish office 520-623-3833 if you need to update your information. Thank you.



Cartas de Contribución Parroquiales

Las cartas de contribución parroquiales del 2022 se enviarán por correo a fines de enero. Para asegurarse de recibir su carta, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial 520-623-3833 si necesita actualizar su información. Gracias.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE

**Next week's second Collection
February 4 & 5 will be designated
for church our maintenance.**

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la iglesia.**



Celebrating 2023

Marriage Anniversaries

Bishop Edward Weisenburger will celebrate the Mass for Marriage Anniversaries for 2023 on

**Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 2:30 PM
at St. Augustine Cathedral.** He will be available before the Mass to have pictures taken with each couple.

REGISTRATION WEBSITE: <https://tinyurl.com/2023marriageanniversary>

Please register by: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 If you have any questions, contact Ofelia James ojames@diocesetucson.org

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

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11:15 am - 1:00 pm

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Eucharist Workshop

The third and final Eucharist workshop will be held at La Capilla de Guadalupe on **Saturday February 4th**, from 8:00 am to noon. We will explore the meaning of Church Liturgy as well as go over the Liturgy of the Eucharist in detail. All are invited and especially lay ministers who assist at Mass. If you missed the second workshop, there is a recording of the session online at <https://youtu.be/ZDLANPeBTGo>

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Mount Carmel Bereavement Group

The Our Lady of Mount Carmel Bereavement Group at Santa Cruz Church has developed a video on the topic: "How to cope during the holidays while grieving" If you are interested in viewing this video here is the link: <https://youtu.be/DgMM1IK1AvY>

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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.
In Residence: Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 28th

8:00am Grace Lohr/R.I.P.

5:30pm Joanne Cincotti/Happy Birthday

Sunday, January 29th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Yolanda Martinez/Happy Birthday

10:00am Francisco Javier Lopez/R.I.P.

12:00pm Mary Ann Bravo/R.I.P.

6:00pm Olga Leon/R.I.P.

Monday, January 30th

Special Int./Ruth Cox

8:00am Special Int./Perscilla Lopez

Tuesday, January 31st

Special Int./Ruth Cox

8:00am Special Int./Brian Rucker

Wednesday, February 1st

Special Int./The Aytona Family

8:00am Special Int./Yolanda Parra

Thursday, February 2nd

Special Int./Fr. David Costello, O.C.D.

8:00am In Honor of St. Blasé
and the Holy Helpers

Friday, February 3rd

Special Int./Mother Regina Marie, of Jesus, O.C.D.

8:00am Ester Gonzales/R.I.P.

Parish Collection January 22nd, 2023

Collection: \$ 4,772.01

*Thank you and God bless your generosity!
¡Gracias y que Dios bendiga su generosidad!*

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

Masses: Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 6 pm

8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street)

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confessions: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office / Llame a la oficina parroquial

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

Parish Administrative Assistant: Hada Reyes (520) 623-3833

Religious Education: Martin Doe, Director (520) 882-9687

Santa Cruz Catholic School: (520) 624-2093

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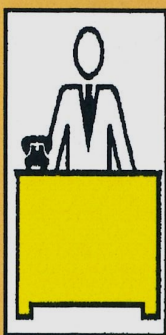
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