



SANTA CRUZ ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS



**January 8, 2023**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**



*They opened  
their treasures and  
offered him gifts of*

*gold,  
frankincense,  
and myrrh.*

**Matthew 2:11**



## Prospero 2023 Año y Felicidad

This is Fr. Julius Ntalo (Padre Julio Guerrero), counting three weeks at Santa Cruz Parish. Thanks very much for your warm welcome. When I hear you saying “Bienvenido a casa Santa Cruz” I know what you mean and I feel at home.

A little bit about myself, I was born on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1984 in Iganga, Eastern Uganda, on the great continent of Africa. I’m from a family of nine children; four girls and five boys, I am number seven. My Mother Ruth Ntalo Nambalirwa till now works on her farm in the rural Uganda and my Father Ntalo George William (of blessed memory) died after the aftermath of 1994 Rwandan Genocide where like many other Ugandans had gone to help the victims of the war-ravaged neighborhood as a medical Officer with the Red Cross.

Like all my siblings my mother put us through school and I graduated in Public Health, majoring in Maternal Health at Kampala International University. I worked for a couple of years with local Non-Governmental Organization as a coordinator for Obstetric Fistula (a maternal injury from childbirth known well in the rural Africa). That has shaped my participation in the Pro-Life Ministry as a Natural Family Planning instructor.

At the University, as a student of Maternal Health, I was introduced to Christian Feminism, and St. Teresa of Avila as the Champion of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. This re-opened up what I had once considered a Childhood dream of becoming a Religious Priest and knowing that one can be a religious and promote rights.

With the hearing of a call to religious life and priesthood, I joined the Discalced Carmelites in 2011 in Jinja Duruelo House of Formation. As a fruit of Fr. David Costello’s labor in that far land (on a Mission Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of October, 2002, Fr. David Costello began officially the life of the Discalced Friars in Uganda – Kyengeza Mityana; for more information check – “*Come Back Tomorrow*” a book he authored recently). At the time of my admission to the Postulancy of Discalced Carmelites in Jinja, Fr. Stephen Watson was the Prior of that Community and Fr. Godfrey Chandya was the Vocation Director.

I took my solemn vows on July 2019 at the hands of Fr. Adam Gonzales Gregory the current Father Provincial of St. Joseph Province, California – Arizona. My Diaconate was on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and I was Ordained to the priesthood on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022 by the Bishop Charles Martin Wamika of Jinja Diocese, Uganda.

There is an old saying among my people; **You may not use the old man’s walking stick always... But always his words are essential.** I am glad that I am a community member with these two senior friars David OCD and Stephen OCD. It is nice to hear and learn from their understanding and experience of the Church and the Carmelite Order at large.

Once again, thank you all for your welcome and thank you for the Christmas gifts and the New Year messages. I am happy to be here. I also know many of you have been praying for my safe arrival. I appreciate it too.

**Gracias por todas sus oraciones. Que Dios los bendiga.**

*~Fr. Julius Ntalo, O.C.D.*

## SECOND COLLECTION FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE

**TODAY’S second Collection January 7 & 8 will be designated for church maintenance.**

**La segunda colecta de HOY Enero 8 será designada para el mantenimiento de la iglesia.**



**Alive in Christ gathering at St. Frances Cabrini on January 12, 2023. Praise With All Your Might.** “Love the Lord...with all your heart...soul...and mind...” (Matt 22:37). Express your love in praise, using your voice and moving your body! Share the Holy Spirit’s gifts, then worship Jesus in His True Presence in Eucharistic Adoration. Join us at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at St. Frances Cabrini, 3201 E. Presidio Rd.

## CALENDARS

Holy Hope Cemetery supplies Catholic Churches with calendars. Due to administration changes, they are not able to supply calendars to churches this year.

## 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](mailto:ojames@diocesetucson.org)

## 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 at 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.

## Parish 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.



## Natural Family Planning Class

Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church will be hosting a **Sympto-Pro Natural Family Planning class** starting in January 2023! The date/times: Thursdays, Jan. 26, Feb. 9, and March 9 at 5:30pm to 7:45pm in OMOS' Retreat Room of the Activity Center. The fourth meeting will be an individual consultation with each couple. To benefit from the class, ideally both the man and the woman should attend all three classes. Married and engaged couples are welcome. Please contact Michele Grantham: [michelegrantham@gmail.com](mailto:michelegrantham@gmail.com) to sign up and for more details.

## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

### **Grieving during the Holidays**

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>

**Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger**  
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**Santa Cruz Catholic Parish**  
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**Sign up for Flock Notes text santacruzaz to 84576**  
**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 7th

8:00am Martha Kunke, O.C.D.S./R.I.P.

5:30pm Luis Alberto Ortega/R.I.P.

### Sunday, January 8th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Mother Maria, O.C.D./Improved Health

10:00am Socorro Bermudez/Improved Health

12:00pm Maria Alicia Burrue! &  
Ronald N. Badilla/R.I.P.

6:00pm Mike & Katie Acedo/R.I.P.

### Monday, January 9th

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am Mercedes Martinez/Happy Birthday

### Tuesday, January 10th

In Thanksgiving to San Antonio

8:00am Angela Murrieta/R.I.P.

### Wednesday, January 11th

Special Int./The Aytona Family

8:00am Jimmy, Sr. & Annie Vidal &  
Jimmy, Jr. & Linda Vidal/R.I.P.

### Thursday, January 12th

Special Int./Fr. George E. Horan

8:00am Dr. Teresa Toro/Happy Birthday

### Friday, January 13th

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

8:00am In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima/Int.  
Souls of Infants, victims of abortion/R.I.P.

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**or go online to**

**[santacruzchurch.flocknote.com](http://santacruzchurch.flocknote.com)**

### **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

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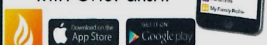
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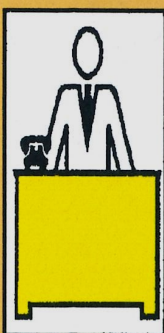
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