



SANTA CRUZ ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

October 18, 2020

I have called you
by your name,
giving you a title,
though you knew me not.

I am

the Lord

and there
is no other,

there is no God besides me.

Isaiah 45:4-5

"Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God," Mt. 22:21

This past summer, after interring my father next to my mother in Baltimore (may they rest in peace), my brother Tim and I went to a Watson family reunion in Iowa. We drove through West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois to arrive at our destination. Along the way we stopped at places associated with the Watson family, going back four or five generations, as successive generations migrated west. Our first night was in Hodgenville, Kentucky, the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln. I picked up some literature about our 16th U.S. President and spent the next week reading about him. In fact, I am still reading his famous speeches. He was perhaps our greatest president.

What really impresses me about Lincoln is his staunch anti-slavery politics. The Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854, allowing for the introduction of slavery into the new territories, enticed Lincoln to again seek political office. He joined the Republican Party in 1856 and ran for the U.S. Senate in 1858. He used vigorous moral arguments against slavery in a series of debates with the incumbent Democrat, Stephen A. Douglas. (You learned all this in school, didn't you?)

Lincoln lost the Senate race to Douglas but two years later, in 1860, was elected president, precisely as an opponent of slavery. After he was elected, 11 Southern states declared their independence from the Union. Although the issue of slavery was the underlying cause of the succession of these states, Lincoln realized that to declare a war against slavery would result in many Northern people's refusal to fight. But when the South fired on Fort Sumter on April 22, 1860, Lincoln declared a war to preserve the Union.

It was more than a year into the Civil War before Lincoln was finally able to add the elimination of slavery to the war's purpose. His Emancipation Proclamation, freeing the slaves of the rebelling Southern states, took effect on January 1, 1863. Through his personal leadership, the 13th Amendment, which legally abolished slavery, was eventually ratified by the states, December 6, 1865.

Lincoln's second inaugural address, delivered less than six weeks before his assassination, eloquently summed up his beliefs: underlying the cause of the war was God's just punishment on the nation for its failure to remove slavery from the land; and it is every American's duty not only to accept the elimination of slavery but to forgive his or her fellow man and pursue a "lasting peace" with all nations. Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth on April 14, 1865 and died the following day.

What is the lesson from the example of Abraham Lincoln's leadership? One clear lesson is that one issue can be so important as to take precedence over other important issues concerning the common good. This is how Lincoln understood slavery. He basically ran as an anti-slavery candidate for the presidency of the United States. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' document "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" teaches that: "The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the great number of lives being destroyed.."

The Bishops urge Catholics to ask candidates how they intend to help our nation address the preeminent requirement to protect the weakest in our midst- innocent unborn children- by restricting and bringing to and end the destruction of unborn children through abortion and providing women in crisis pregnancies the support they need to make a decision for life.

As your Pastor, I urge you to seek candidates who are in favor of life. It is my duty to tell you that abortion is a grave sin and that legalizing abortion means participating in a "abominable crime." (The Vatican II document on Church in the Modern World, n.51).

If you are eligible to vote, VOTE pro-life.

~ **Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.**

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Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation has begun. Please call the Religious Office Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm or Saturdays from 8:00 am to 12 noon to make an appointment to register your returning child at 882-9687.

Also, registration for New Students for 3rd, 4th, 5th, and middle school and high school is going on.

Please call to make an appointment to register.

Due to the Coronavirus all classes will be offered on-line until it is safe to meet in person per the Diocese of Tucson. Fees: \$40.00 for 1 child, \$75.00 for 2 or more children. All fees must be paid at registration.

No exceptions.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Viernes, Octubre 30—

Sábado, Octubre 31

Dirigido por Padre Jose Luis Ferroni

Adoración Nocturna – programa

11:30pm - Misa

12 medianoche – Rosario

1am – Vía Crucis

2am - Coronilla San Miguel – Unción de los Enfermos

3am - Coronilla de la Divina

Misericordia y Letanía a la Virgen por los moribundos y difuntos

4 am - Mañanitas a la Virgen y Rosario

5 am - Misa Matutina

Santa Cruz Catholic Church Mass Schedule

Saturday, 3:30—5:00 pm (English/Español) Confession in Church and Courtyard. You must wear a mask. Confesión en el patio de la iglesia. Debes usar una mascara.

***New Indoor Masses:**
5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
6:30 a.m. Sunday
6:00 p.m. Sunday

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. (English) Rosary followed by Mass in the school field. Park N' Pray transmitted on radio station 98.5 FM on your radio.

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (English) Mass live streamed on parish Facebook. No attendance is permitted at this Mass. It can be viewed on Facebook, Santa Cruz Parish Tucson website and channel on YouTube.

Domingo, 4:00 p.m. (Español) Rosario seguido de Misa en el campo escolar. Park N' Pray transmitido por el canal 98.5 FM en su radio.

Tuesday through Friday, 6:00 p.m. (Bilingual) Rosary followed by Mass under the school ramada.



World Mission Sunday
TODAY, 2nd Collection
Sun. Oct. 18th
will be designate to
2020 World Mission Sunday Appeal

Mass Intentions

Margaret Yap/R.I.P.

Aurora & Benjamin Reyes/R.I.P.

Santa Cruz Parishioners

Special Int./Rosemarie Valenzuela

Leopoldo & Maria Rivera/R.I.P.

Naomi & Victor Martinez, Rebecca VanSickle & Ramona Bravo/R.I.P.

Jose & Charlena Cornejo/Wedding Anniversary

Teresa Kim Phan/R.I.P.

Robert Spurgeon & Dennis Wang/R.I.P.

Joseph Mihn Phan/R.I.P.

In Thanksgiving to Saint Jude

Howard Kim/R.I.P.

Celia Castillo/Happy Birthday

Special Int./Virginia Montes

Edward Acuña/R.I.P.

Frances Sesma/R.I.P.

In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/
Int. Nieves Ortiz & Family

Parish Collection October 11th, 2020

Collections: \$ 4,372.55

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

Thanking You for Your
Service to Our Parish

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger
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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor:

In Residence:

In Residence:

Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.

Rev. Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D.

Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in our parish office.

~ **Masses** ~

Sun. 6:30 am, 8 am (Spanish), 10 am, 12 noon, & 6 pm

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am & 8:00 am Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

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

Baptisms: 2nd Sunday of the Month (English) / 4° Domingo del Mes (Español)

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

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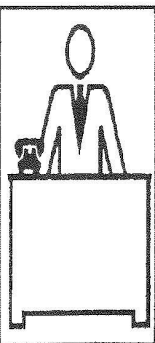
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