



SANTA CRUZ ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS



Thirtieth  
**SUNDAY**  
in Ordinary Time

October 24, 2021

Although they go forth weeping,  
carrying the seed to be sown,  
they shall come back rejoicing,  
carrying their sheaves.

Psalm 126:6

## MISSION SUNDAY-OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Each year the Church presents us with a special weekend dedicated to the consideration of the Missions of the Church, inviting us to learn more about them and support them generously with our prayers, sacrifices, and financial support. These are usually referred to as the “Foreign Missions” in another country poorer than our own. For the last 25 or more years, I have had the privilege of serving on the mission in Kenya and Uganda as a missionary and of promoting our own missionary efforts here in the United States. Now in my later years I am happy to write about them in book form, “African Memories”, hopefully soon to be published.

The Church is “missionary” by its very nature and is based on the final command of Jesus in the last words of Matthew’s Gospel, **“Go therefore, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them .... teaching them ....and know that I am with you all days until the end of time”**. We are reminded of this commissioning at the end of each Mass when the priest dismisses us with the words “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord”.

We have many great missionary saints in the Church like John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues in our own land, Francis Xavier in India and the far East. As well, we have St Therese of Lisieux, a Carmelite contemplative nun, who has been appointed Patroness of the Missions with the great Francis Xavier. Her short life is well known and even though she was an enclosed contemplative, who died of T.B. at the age of 24, she was truly a great missionary.

We might also look at another great contemplative, St Teresa of Avila, who can also be classified as a great missionary in her response to God’s call in her life. As a little girl of approx. 8 years, she longed for heaven and convinced her brother to run away from home to preach the Gospel to the Moors, who would no doubt kill the 2 of them and they would get to heaven fast! They set out but were soon caught by their uncle and brought back home safely.

In the Augustinian high school, Teresa made friends with the nuns there but felt they were too strict for her vocation and decided to join the Carmelites, even against her father’s wishes. In the Carmelite monastery she enjoyed the community, the prayers and the relaxed social contacts she could maintain. But she also shared with her friends the possibility of a more dedicated interior way of life in a new setting. This was realized in the foundation of St Joseph’s monastery in Avila where they lived the reformed Carmelite life generously. There, she was very happy until a Franciscan missionary from Mexico spoke to the community about the needs of the people and the Church in his mission. Teresa was deeply moved and begged the Lord to show her how she could help. He told her “Wait a little, my daughter, and you will see great things”. These “great things” were to extend the reform of the Discalced Carmelite way of life to many other places in Spain and to help in the establishment of the Order among the Friars with the help of St John of the Cross.

She was delighted when the Discalced Carmelite men took on the mission to the Congo in Africa and fully supported it. In all these achievements, Teresa met with opposition, great difficulties but she also had great faith, courage and trust in God’s mercy. She was always open to God’s invitations to new things in her life.

### **How open am I to follow the call of Jesus**

**“Go, make disciples of all nations ....”,**  
in my own family, in my own sphere of influence, in poor people longing for the truth of the Gospel and a better way of life here at home in our own country and in foreign lands ... “Lord, what do you want me to do”?

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



## Safe Environment Program



### **Santa Cruz Compliance Announcement**

Ministry Leaders and all Ministry Volunteers!  
The Diocese of Tucson is rolling out the CMG—NEW 3-in-1 Safe Environment Program and is requiring **ALL ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS**, who are currently cleared and in good standing with the current safe environment program, register and complete the CMG mandatory training, required forms and background check (as applicable) no later than **October 30, 2021**.

The link to the Diocese of Tucson Safe Environment site is <https://tucson.cmgconnect.org>

¡Líderes y todos los Voluntarios de Ministerios!  
La Diócesis de Tucson está implementando un nuevo Programa de Ambiente Seguro CMG 3-en-1 y requiere que **TODOS los Voluntarios activos**, que estén actualmente autorizados y en regla con el programa actual de ambiente seguro, se registren y completen la capacitación de CMG, los formularios requeridos y los antecedentes. Verifique (según corresponda) a más tardar el **30 de octubre de 2021**.

El enlace al sitio de Ambiente Seguro de la Diócesis de Tucson es <https://tucson.cmgconnect.org>

Compliance Office 623-3833

### **HOLY HOUR**

Please join us for a Holy Hour in Honor of Saint Joseph with Evening Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the church.



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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

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

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

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, October 23rd**

**8:00am** In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/  
Int. Nieves Ortiz & Family

**5:30pm** Juan R. Lopez/R.I.P.

### **Sunday, October 24th**

**6:30am** Santa Cruz Parishioners

**8:00am** Jacob Vegas/R.I.P.

**10:00am** Frank Javier Valenzuela/Improved Health

**12:00pm** Angelina Evangelina Lowe/R.I.P.

**6:00pm** Valencia & Lopez Deceased  
Family Members/R.I.P.

Valencia & Lopez Deceased Family Members/R.I.P.  
George Chacon/Improved Health

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Lionel Wells/R.I.P.

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Reuben Islas/R.I.P.

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Amy Richards/Happy Birthday

Lily Contreras/R.I.P.  
Lionel Wells/R.I.P.

3rd Domingo de cada Mes

Capilla de Guadalupe

8:00 am

Misa Carmelitana

Celebrante Padre Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D.



Parish Collection October 17th, 2021

Collection: \$ 5,670.08

*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.

\*Please note that the 12 noon Mass is following full COVID protocols:  
social distancing, masks required and distancing in pews

**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)

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

**Baptisms:** Call the parish office for more information / 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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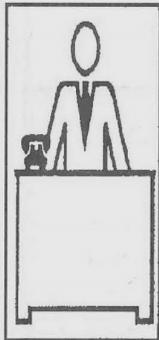
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