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**Humbly welcome the  
word that has been  
planted in you and is  
able to save your souls.**

**James 1:21b**

## Reflection for the 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

*From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within, and they defile.*

After five weeks of proclaiming the Gospel of John, chapter six, we return to the proclamation of the Gospel according to St. Mark. When we last heard St. Mark's Gospel proclaimed, Jesus was telling his disciples to come away to quiet place and rest. But the people followed them, and Jesus began to teach them. Then the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves of bread takes place, after which Jesus and the disciples return to the other side of the lake. That is when the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, and they began to question him. This leads Jesus to say what is quoted above, that it is the evil that comes out of the heart that defiles a person. Thirteen forms of evil are here noticed as proceeding from the heart.

The Greek word for heart is Kardia, pronounced kar-dee'-ah. (Remember, all the New Testament was written in Greek.) The Greek word for heart is the origin of words we are familiar with- cardiologist, cardiac, and cardiogram. The Greek word kardia can also mean- mind, character, inner self, will, intention, center. It is the same in English when we use the word heart.

It is the things that come from the heart, such as wicked thoughts and affections, words and actions that defile us, not the things we eat. As a corrupt fountain sends forth corrupt streams, so does a corrupt heart send forth corrupt reasonings, corrupt appetites and passions, and all the wicked words and actions that come from them. A spiritual understanding of the law of God, and a sense of the evil of sin, will cause a person to seek for the grace of the Holy Spirit.

With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can attain to purity of heart. This is what we should be striving for. This was the goal of those whom we venerate as saints. Not everyone can be a missionary, or teach, or preach, or heal, or raise a family. But anyone can strive for purity of heart. God looks to the heart. When Jesus praised Nathaniel he said, "Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him." This means that Nathaniel's heart was not deceitful.

The heart, then, represents our will and desire. What does our heart want? What do we intend? Surely, we do not want the things Jesus mentions-theft, murder, adultery, etc.

We should examine our hearts intentions regularly, even daily. This is called an examination of conscience. Our conscience tells us what is in our heart. We need the help of the Holy Spirit to enlighten our conscience so we can know our own heart. We don't always know what is in our heart. We need to grow in knowledge of ourselves. This is why the saints say self-knowledge is so important. We go to a cardiologist to have our heart examined. Let us go to the Holy Spirit to have our heart's intentions examined. Then, maybe, we can walk in the truth, without, guile or deceit. This is purity of heart.

Let us journey together in faith,

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



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2pm to 6pm.

DINNER • 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

El Casino Ball Room 437 E. 26th St, Tucson, AZ

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If you are interested in attending this event,  
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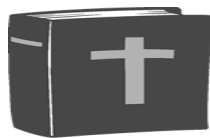


### Religious Education

#### Sunday 28 from the CCD office

The CCD office will be open after the 10:00am  
and 12noon Masses this Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> for  
information on registration.

Registration for catechism classes will continue  
until September 17. Regular classes and First Holy  
Communion and First Confession classes will  
begin on Saturday, September 18. All Classes are  
limited in number of students because of distancing  
rules. Please contact the Religious Education  
Office at 520-882-9687, for information and to set  
your appointment to register your child. Teen  
Confirmation class will begin on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and  
parents need to call the office before you register to  
get the important information about what you need  
to register your teen.



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 28th

**8:00am** Amy Armenta/Improved Health

**5:30pm** Marie Bell & Francisco Rodriguez/R.I.P.

### Sunday, August 29th

**6:30am** Santa Cruz Parishioners

**8:00am** Aurora Reyes/R.I.P.

**10:00am** Javier Barrios/R.I.P.

**12:00pm** Lily Contreras/R.I.P.

**6:00pm** Joseph Rojel Valencia/R.I.P.

In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima  
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### Parish Collection August 22nd, 2021

Collection: \$ 4,635.47

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Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger  
Diocese of Tucson (520) 838-2500

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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.

### 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

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