



SANTA CRUZ ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS



*“Our Lord does not
look so much at the
greatness of our
actions, or even at
their difficulty, as
at the love with
which we do them.”*

ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

*St. Teresa of the Child Jesus or
the Little Flower*

Feast Day October 1st



September 27th, 2020 • 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAREWELL MESSAGE

I, Fr. Godfrey Leega Chandya of the Cross, in my farewell message, would like to thank the Discalced Carmelite Community members of Santa Cruz and the Parishioners of Santa Cruz Catholic Church in the words of St. Paul to the Philippians; Dear brothers, sisters, friends, young people, 'I thank my God, each time I think of you and when I pray, I pray with gladness' These are the words of St. Paul.

It was on March 21, 2016 when I arrived in Los Angeles, U.S.A., spent a day in Alhambra and two nights at the Retreat House in Redlands. Then on March 24, 2016, Fr. Stephen Watson who was by then the Provincial Superior of the Discalced Carmelites of California – Arizona Province, drove me down to Tucson, Arizona. It was Holy Thursday. This was my first assignment ever since I got to U.S.A. When I arrived at Santa Cruz Catholic Church, I stated the following; 'I hope I can be the priest that the Lord wants me to be. I want to love and serve God's people in Jesus and as Jesus in this new environment characterized by cultural, social economic, spiritual, racial and ethnic diversities. I want to accept the gift of my baptismal graces and help parishioners allow the graces to take deeper roots in their lives as well'. Where I made an effort to accomplish to some extent the above mission, I am grateful to God for the graces He granted me. Where I failed to accomplish the above mission fully, I apologize for my failures. It is truly an honor, a privilege and I am truly joyful for having spent four and a half years of Carmelite life and priestly ministry in this community and parish. I am truly edified and have grown through the diverse experiences I have had both in the community and the parish. The few challenges could become the stepping stones for me to serve better at the new place of my assignment.

Whatever I have truly experienced can't be reproduced or reinvented elsewhere, for the community and the parish remains unique and special. I am glad to have experienced that uniqueness and specialty. As I look back on the four and a half years spent here in the community and the parish, I would like to share my gratitude and insight. Most of all, I would like to offer my gratitude to the Superior and Pastor of Santa Cruz Community and Parish, Fr. Stephen Watson, the Community members, the Parishioners and Santa Cruz Catholic School, for whatever you have done for me. God bless and keep you safe. You have been there in every thought, activity and prayer that I raised up to God. You have witnessed to Christ. You have been part of my ministry and community life. Thank you for everything that you have done for me. I would like to see and hear you do more and more as great people doing great works for God and his children. Please, where I have failed to learn from you, I ask for pardon from you. I would like to thank God for the four and a half years spent with you in the community and at Santa Cruz Catholic Church.

Farewells are not easy and as Catholics and Carmelites we understand fully well that this type of farewell to the Community and the Parishioners whom I have served for four and a half years is common and is needed in the Church. In fact, farewells have an even deeper meaning for us as Carmelites and Catholics. Farewells can be dramatic but our faith tells us that they are never permanent. In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Paul bids farewell, and says 'If only I may accomplish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord, which is to testify to the Gospel of the grace of God'.

There is something very wonderful about being involved with the community members and the parishioners, living the life of Carmel and coming to the faith as seen in the different activities and ministries of the Community and the Parish. Both the Community and the Parish accepted me in a way I could never have anticipated. Getting to know the Community, the places, the people and their culture etc. has been just what I needed. I am a better Carmelite and a priest because of them.

Last but not the least, I am not only sent on a mission by the Provincial Superior, to my new assignment. I am sent by you also. You are also part of this mission. What I have experienced, whatever inspired and unfolded in through the Community and the Parish will inspire and help me to open to a greater world and God.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Yours in Carmel and Christ.

~ **Fr. Godfrey Leega Chandya of the Cross, O.C.D.**

We invite you to unite with us in praying the Novena Prayer for all your special intentions.

Oh, little Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face, who, during your short life on earth, became a mirror of whole-hearted abandonment to God, remember your promise to intercede for us on earth. Shower down your roses upon all who invoke you, and obtain for us from God the graces we hope for from His Infinite Goodness. Amen.

Special Mass under the ramada on Thursday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Jose Luis will celebrate.

Santa Cruz Catholic Church Weekend 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, 5:00 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, 5:00 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, 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual) Masses at the school ramada.

Mass Intentions

Brother James Lindsay, O.C.D./Solemn Profession
Eydie Rivera & Enrique Boido/R.I.P.

Santa Cruz Parishioners

Brother Joseph Mary Tran, O.C.D./

Ordination Anniversary

Ramona & Phil Granillo/R.I.P.

Mike Grimes & Family/Improved Health

Sr. Trinidad Orona, O.C.D./Entered Anniversary

Brother Joseph Mary Tran, O.C.D./

Ordination Anniversary

Ramona Cota/R.I.P.

Ignacio & Hilda Vega & Walter Vega/R.I.P.

Beatriz Gamez/Happy Birthday

Brother Joseph Mary Tran, O.C.D./Solemn Profession
Carl Mani/R.I.P.

Melissa Santamaria/R.I.P.

Carl Mani/R.I.P.

Hada Reyes/Happy Birthday

Sabina Valenzuela/Happy Birthday

Parish Collection September 20th, 2020

Collections: \$ 3,681.61

Thank you and God bless your generosity!

¡Gracias y que Dios bendiga su generosidad!

Second Collection

**THIS week's second collection
Sunday, September 27th will
be designated to the
Diocesan Catholic Schools**



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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.
Associate Pastor: Rev. Godfrey Leega Chandya, 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 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.

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