

Mission Statement:

"We, the members of Santa Cruz Parish, diverse in culture and traditions, united with the Body of Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, follow Christ through faithful witness and discipleship in family and community."

"Nosotros, los miembros de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz, diversa en cultura y tradición, unidos con el Cuerpo de Cristo y guiados por el Espíritu Santo, seguimos a Cristo a través del testimonio fiel y discipulado en familia y comunidad."

Masses / Misas

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:30 p.m. - English

Sunday / Domingo

6:30 a.m. - English

8:00 a.m. - Spanish

10:00 a.m. - English

12:00 noon - English

6:00 p.m. - English

Monday - Friday

Lunes - Viernes

6:30 a.m. - English

8:00 a.m. - English

Saturday / Sábado

8:00 a.m. - English

Confessions / Confesiones

Friday / Viernes

6:00 p.m.

Saturday / Sábado

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Eucahristic Adoration

Every Friday

3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Parish Office / Oficina

Monday - Friday

Lunes - Viernes

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Pastor:

Rev. Marcos C. Velásquez

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Simon Muema, S.D.S.

In Residence:

Rev. Showri R. Narra

Deacon:

Rev. Mr. Ernesto Lujan

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

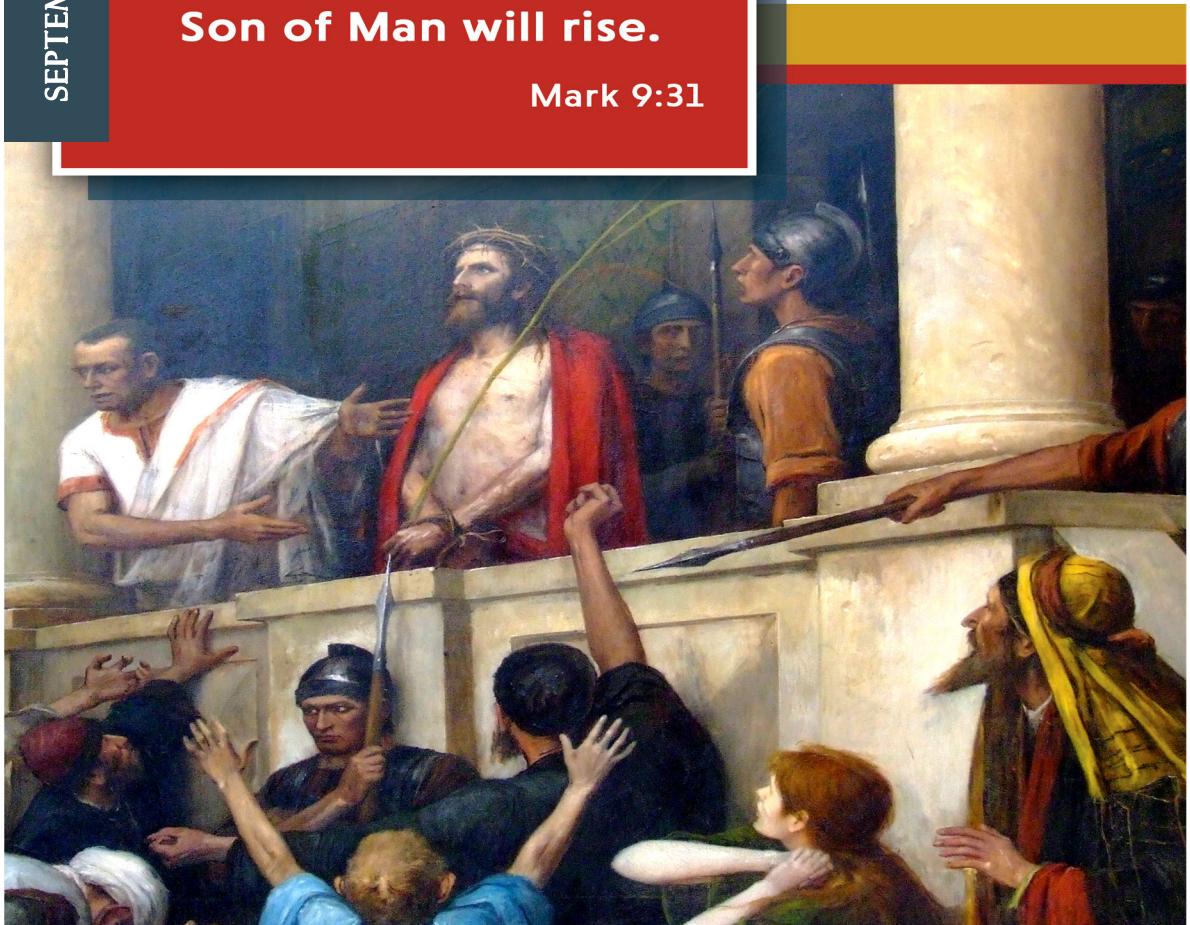


Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

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be handed over to men
and they will kill him,
and three days
after his death the
Son of Man will rise.**

Mark 9:31



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A Parish in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson

Message from the Pastor . . .

Dear Parishioners of Santa Cruz Parish,

In October, the Church in the United States observes Respect for Life Month. October is also dedicated, in the Catholic tradition, to the Holy Rosary. These two aspects of our Catholic world are areas we should take seriously especially in these days and weeks leading up to the national elections in our country. We want God to bless us and grant prosperity, peace and happiness. If we can see how these two issues, the sanctity of life and the necessity of prayer, are related and necessary, it will assure us of God's blessings to us and our country.

The Holy Father recently spoke about the upcoming elections when asked about it by reporters on his return trip from Indonesia on September 13, 2024. His response in part was:

"In political morality, in general they say that if you don't vote, it's not good, it's bad. You have to vote, and you have to choose the lesser evil . . . What is the lesser evil? That woman, or that man? I don't know. Each one, in his or her conscience, must think and do this. . . . who is in favor of abortion and another who wants to deport millions of migrants. Both are anti-life — both the one who throws out migrants and the one who kills babies — both of them are against life." (<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/259283/pope-francis-in-flight-press-conference-us-presidential-elections-harris-trump-catholic-vote>).

I think it is unfortunate that the Holy Father does not "know" which is the lesser of the two evils: abortion or immigration. Abortion is the direct killing of innocent life of the unborn child in the womb of the mother. The Pope himself calls it murder. Abortion is an intrinsic evil, which the Church has always defined as an action that is always evil no matter the motivation (intention) or circumstance. In other words, in Catholic morality, there is never a good intention or circumstance which makes abortion acceptable. The issue of immigration is altogether different.

Whereas abortion may never be condoned, immigration is a moral issue that we as Catholics may agree or disagree upon. Whether we want open borders or closed borders, whether we want to let every one in or to require a screening process to allow someone in, are all prudential judgements, which do not incur sin. However if someone comes up to you on the street, knocks on your door or needs your help and you turn away from them without any compassion, then, yes, you have committed sin (*What you did not do to the least . . . you did not do to Me*). Immigration is a national issue for us here in the United States. Mexico has different immigration laws (much more restrictive than ours), China has immigration laws, Nigeria has immigrations laws, and I am sure they all differ from one another, and yet we do not say that they are committing sin because they restrict who may enter and who may not. The issue of immigration policy is not universal nor can it be required or applied equally to all nations. There may be legitimate motivations for wanting open or closed borders.

The Holy Father is correct to remind us that we need to participate in the general elections coming up and that we need to inform ourselves of the issues before us, but more importantly, we need to allow the teaching of the Gospel of the Lord to inform our vote by exercising that vote in favor of the sanctity of life. Praying the Rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother and asking her to guide and enlighten our conscience will help us to respect the sanctity of life and be deserving of the Lord's blessings of prosperity, peace and happiness.

In Christ,
Fr. Velásquez

Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

En octubre, la Iglesia de los Estados Unidos celebra el Mes del Respeto a la Vida. Octubre también está dedicado, en la tradición católica, al Santo Rosario. Estos dos aspectos de nuestro mundo católico son áreas que debemos tomar en serio, especialmente en estos días y semanas previos a las elecciones nacionales en nuestro país. Queremos que Dios nos bendiga y nos conceda prosperidad, paz y felicidad. Si podemos ver cómo estos dos temas, la santidad de la vida y la necesidad de la oración, están relacionados y son necesarios, nos aseguraremos de que Dios nos bendiga a nosotros y a nuestro país. El Santo Padre habló recientemente sobre las próximas elecciones cuando los periodistas le preguntaron al respecto en su viaje de regreso de Indonesia el 13 de septiembre de 2024. Su respuesta en parte fue:

"En la moral política, en general, dicen que si no votas, no es bueno, es malo. Tienes que votar y tienes que elegir el mal menor... ¿Cuál es el mal menor? ¿Esa mujer o ese hombre? No lo sé. Cada uno, en su conciencia, debe pensar y hacer esto... quien está a favor del aborto y otro que quiere deportar a millones de migrantes. Ambos son antivida: tanto el que expulsa a los migrantes como el que mata a los bebés, ambos están en contra de la vida". (<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/259283/papa-francisco-en-vuelo-conferencia-de-prensa-elecciones-presidentiales-estadounidenses-harris-trump-voto-catolico>).

Creo que es lamentable que el Santo Padre no "sepa" cuál es el menor de los dos males: el aborto o la inmigración. El aborto es la muerte directa de la vida inocente del niño no nacido en el vientre de la madre. El propio Papa lo llama asesinato. El aborto es un mal intrínseco, que la Iglesia siempre ha definido como una acción que siempre es mala sin importar la motivación (intención) o las circunstancias. En otras palabras, en la moral católica, nunca hay una buena intención o circunstancia que haga aceptable el aborto. La cuestión de la inmigración es completamente diferente.

Mientras que el aborto nunca puede ser tolerado, la inmigración es una cuestión moral en la que nosotros, como católicos, podemos estar de acuerdo o no. Si queremos fronteras abiertas o cerradas, si queremos dejar entrar a todo el mundo o exigir un proceso de selección para permitir la entrada de alguien, son todos juicios prudenciales, que no incurren en pecado. Sin embargo, si alguien se acerca a ti en la calle, llama a tu puerta o necesitas tu ayuda y tú te alejas de él sin compasión, entonces, sí, has cometido pecado (*Lo que no hiciste al más pequeño . . . no me lo hiciste a Mí*). La inmigración es un asunto nacional para nosotros aquí en los Estados Unidos. México tiene diferentes leyes de inmigración (mucho más restrictivas que las nuestras), China tiene leyes de inmigración, Nigeria tiene leyes de inmigración, y estoy seguro de que todas difieren entre sí, y sin embargo no decimos que están cometiendo pecado porque restringen quién puede entrar y quién no. La cuestión de la política de inmigración no es universal ni puede exigirse o aplicarse por igual a todas las naciones. Puede haber motivaciones legítimas para querer fronteras abiertas o cerradas.

El Santo Padre tiene razón al recordarnos que necesitamos participar en las elecciones generales que se avecinan y que necesitamos informarnos de los asuntos que tenemos ante nosotros, pero más importante aún, necesitamos permitir que la enseñanza del Evangelio del Señor informe nuestro voto ejerciendo ese voto a favor de la santidad de la vida. Rezar el Rosario en honor a nuestra Santísima Madre y pedirle que guíe e ilumine nuestra conciencia nos ayudará a respetar la santidad de la vida y a ser merecedores de las bendiciones del Señor de prosperidad, paz y felicidad.

En Cristo,
P. Velásquez



"Yes, I am willing to spend one hour weekly with Jesus, who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament."

"Sí, estoy dispuesto a pasar una hora semanal con Jesús, quien está verdaderamente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento."

Eucharistic Adoration Every Friday

3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - Exposition

3:00 p.m. - Divine

Mercy Chaplet

6:00 p.m. - Confessions

6:00 p.m. - Rosario

7:00 p.m. - Rosary

8:00 p.m. - Benediction

Santa Cruz Religious Education

This year, our Church will be celebrating Catechetical Sunday on Sunday, September 22, 2024.

The theme is
"Finding Christ"

The priests and parishioners of Santa Cruz offer to God prayer and thanksgiving in grateful appreciation for the devotion to this parish that these catechist have shown through the teaching of God's holy word. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity to recognize:

**Penny Green
Rosie Flores
Karen Lee Leon
Jessica Martinez
Melba Jaramillo**



Sunday Collection - September 14 - 15, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$5,234.98
On-Line Giving: \$531.17
Total Sunday Offertory: \$5,766.15

Weekly Expenses:

***Expenses:** \$6,000.25
Income: -\$5,766.15
Deficit: (\$234.10)

***Weekly operation expenses include utilities, payroll, maintenance and insurance.**

Your generous donations are greatly appreciated and are definitely needed. Thank you and God bless!

The Santa Cruz Adult Faith Formation will be offering a Symbolon Class every Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a Catholic Bible and journal.



Adult Faith Formation Symbolon Calendar

DATE	CLASS	TITLE
9/5	1	THE JOURNEY OF FAITH Trinity, Faith, & the God Who is Love
9/12	2	DIVINE REVELATION God Seeking Us & the Compass of Our Lives
9/19	3	THE BIBLE God's Love Letter to Humanity
9/26	4	THE STORY OF SALVATION Creation, Fall, & Redemption
10/3	5	WHO IS JESUS? Just a Good Man or Lord of Our Lives
10/10	6	THE PASCHAL MYSTERY The Mystery of Jesus's Death & Resurrection
10/17	7	THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE LIFE OF GRACE God's Divine Life Within Us
10/24	8	WHY DO I NEED THE CHURCH The Mystery of the Catholic Church
10/31		NO CLASS
11/7	9	MARY AND THE SAINT Our Spiritual Mother 7 The Communion of Saints
11/14	10	THE LAST THINGS What Happens After We Die?

Join us for a Basket Raffle Fundraiser!

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All proceeds benefit Santa Cruz Parish. Drawing will be held December 25th, 2024. Winner not need to be present to win.

CARMELITE MARTYRS SHRINE COMMITTEE

The Shrine Committee is preparing for its Fall Yard Sale fundraiser. If you have donations for the yard sale - please drop off them off at the parish office up until Friday, October 4. Also, for those of you who contributed baked goodies to our bake sales and to those of you who supported us during the summer, we thank you for participating in our bake sales. The committee's next bake sale will be in January, 2025. God Bless you and your families....

Also, the cleaning up and removal of items from the white building on the school athletic field has been scheduled for Saturday, October 5 beginning at 7:00 a.m. Please call the parish office 520-623-3833 to let us know if you are able to help.



Arizona Rosary Celebration

On Saturday, October 26, 2024. We will be honoring Mary under her title, *Our Lady, Queen of Peace*. At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church located at 8650 North Shannon Road, Tucson. The celebration begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 12:15 p.m. The Most Reverend Edward Weisenburger will preside.

18th Annual Fr. Bach - Bro. Angel de Santa Cruz Knights of Columbus Council #14139

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

6:00 A.M. - 7:00 A.M. CHECK-IN AND SOCIAL HOUR

7:30 A.M. SHOTGUN START

- \$95.00 Per Player - Four Person Scramble
- Includes: Golf Fees, Cart, Range Balls and Lunch
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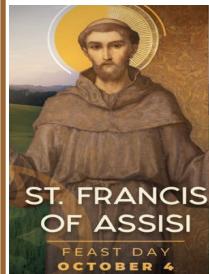
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St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day
Friday, October 4.

Bring your pets for a special blessing on Friday, October 4th in Honor of St. Francis of Assisi at 4:30 p.m. in the church court yard by the fish fountain. Fr. Velasquez will say a special prayer and bless the animals.

Barrio Santa Rita-West Ochoa Neighborhood Association Presents
5th annual

TRUNK OR TREAT

pumpkin carving contest | airplane olympics | cake walk

Saturday, October 19, 2024

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Santa Cruz Church School Field

1220 South 6th Ave

Thank you to our Sponsors:

Santa Rita Park West Ochoa Barrio Association, City of Tucson Ward 5 Council office, Tucson Police Department South Division, Casa Maria Tucson



Special Thank you to Santa Cruz Parish for the use of their grounds!

Interested in bringing a decorated trunk? Please email boointhebarrio@gmail.com to reserve your spot! Decorated cars please enter through the field from W. 23rd street by 4:30pm the day of the event. Thank you!

Support our Parish

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Grupo Guadalupano of Santa Cruz will be selling breakfast this Sunday, September 22, after the 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. morning Masses.



They will be serving:

\$8.00 - Menudo

\$10.00 - Combination Plate (chicken barbacoa, rice and beans)

\$3.00 - Burritos: chorizo with egg or papas

\$1.00 - Coffee, Soda, Pan Dulce

The proceeds of this breakfast event will go towards the continued renovation of the Chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

El Grupo Guadalupano de Santa Cruz estará vendiendo desayunos este domingo, 22 de septiembre, después de las Misa de la mañana. Acompáñenos y disfrute de compañerismo y buena comida. Gracias por su cooperación y generosidad.



Join us for our Youth Group meeting **every Sunday** in the Carmelite Hall.

Time: **7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

New Parishioners are
Always Welcome!

Register using forms available in the church.

Baptisms: Information on our Website.

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

Feligreses Nuevos

Siempre son Bienvenidos!

Regístrate usando los formularios disponibles en la iglesia.

Bautismos: Información en Sitio Web.

Matrimonio: Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 21st

8:00 a.m. Yolanda Gil/Happy Birthday

5:30 p.m. In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/
In Memory of Carlos & Lily Contreras/R.I.P.

Sunday, September 22nd

6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00 a.m. Trinidad Salcido, Olga Padilla &
Manuel Padilla/R.I.P.

10:00 a.m. Eleonor & Armando Sainz & Eva, Manuela,
& Maria Lydia Carpinteiro/R.I.P.

12:00 noon Special Intention/Pueblo High School,
Administration & Community

6:00 p.m. Michael Rene Molina/R.I.P.

Monday, September 23rd

6:30 a.m. Lucy Flores/R.I.P.

8:00 a.m. Michael Rene Molina/R.I.P.

Tuesday, September 24th

6:30 a.m. Manuel Aguirre/Happy Birthday

8:00 a.m. Merced Gutierrez/R.I.P.

Wednesday, September 25th

6:30 a.m. Ingo Close/R.I.P.

8:00 a.m. Leonardo Carrasco/R.I.P.

Thursday, September 26th

6:30 a.m. Dee Birch/R.I.P.

8:00 a.m. Enrique Miranda/R.I.P.

Friday, September 27th

6:30 a.m. Ingo Close/R.I.P.

8:00 a.m. Eydie Rivera/R.I.P.