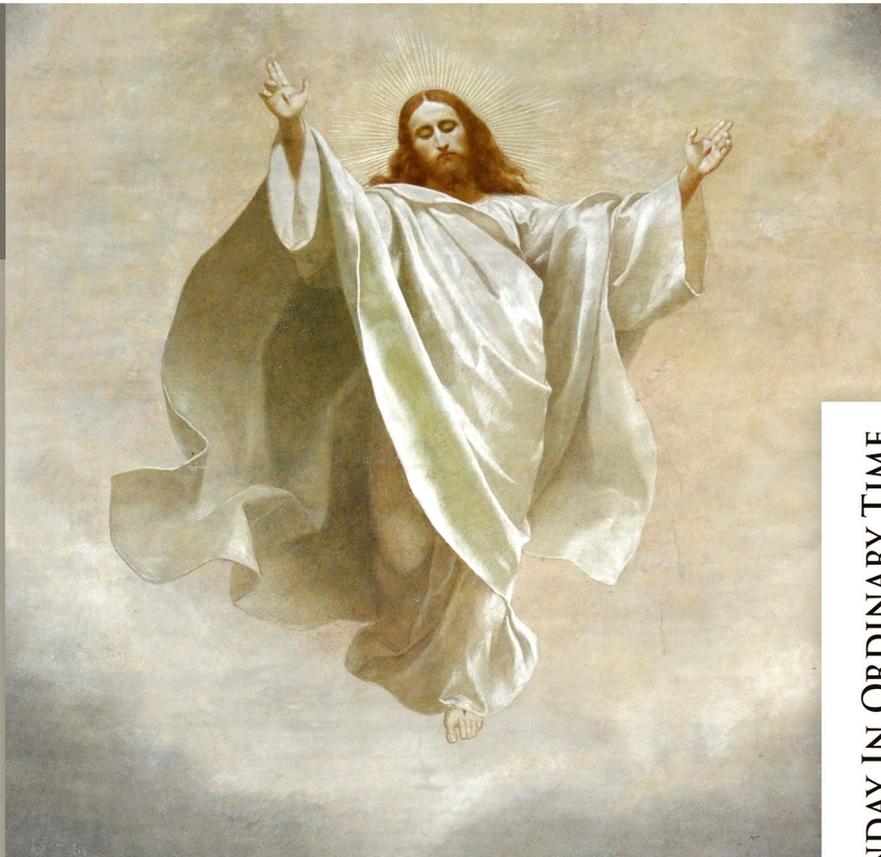




Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

1220 S. 6th Avenue • Tucson, AZ 85713

NOVEMBER
17
2024



Jesus said to his disciples,
“And then they will see
‘the Son of Man
coming in the clouds’
with great power and glory.”

MARK 13:26

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday

3:00 p.m. - 8:00 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

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A Parish in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson

Message from the Pastor . . .

Dear Parishioners of Santa Cruz Parish,

The Gospel this weekend has the Lord Jesus speaking about the 'end of the world': "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken," (Mark 13:24-25). We can sometimes become preoccupied with knowing whether we are living in the end times or what are the signs that the second coming of the Lord is imminent. There are two things we can learn from this passage of the Gospel: one, that this world will come to an end and, two, that we do not know when it will happen.

That this world will not last for ever is borne out in the science that says our sun will eventually exhaust its fuel and die, in about five billion years (so you can breathe easily). Spiritually this fact should remind us of what our faith teaches, that we are made in the image and likeness of God, and that we are made for Him. The world was created by God to reflect His glory. All things come from God and all things will return to God. Our time in this world compared to eternity is the blink of an eye. Realizing this should help us live differently than the secular culture around us. The worldly culture lives for this world, the Christian culture should live for Christ Jesus and His Kingdom. This means that our lives should reflect faith in God and obedience to His commandments, it should reflect a love of neighbor and concern for one another, especially the poor and needy, it should reflect a desire to be at peace with one another and it should reflect a repulsion of evil and sinfulness, never compromising with the enemies of goodness, morality and faith. We have a great commission from the Lord but we also have great grace and power from Him as well.

The second point of the words of the Lord are also vital for us: "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father," (Mark 13:32). I have lost track of the number of times the world was supposed to come to an end. Our preoccupation with wanting to know when the end will come or when will the tribulation take place I think reveals our not wanting to experience the trial of faith. If I knew when the end would come then I would prepare for it, if I think it will not happen in my life time then I don't need to take it so seriously, I can put off the Kingdom for another day. And yet in our particular death the end will come and we will be judged based on how we lived our lives by loving God or not, by loving our neighbor or not. Not knowing when the end will come is actually a blessing for us, since it calls us to have faith in God and gives us the opportunity every day to live and love Him and one another.

In Christ,

Fr. Velásquez

Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

El Evangelio de este fin de semana nos habla del Señor Jesús acerca del 'fin del mundo': "En aquellos días, después de aquella tribulación, el sol se oscurecerá, la luna no dará su resplandor, las estrellas caerán del cielo y las potencias de los cielos serán sacudidas" (Marcos 13:24-25). A veces podemos preocuparnos por saber si estamos viviendo en el fin de los tiempos o cuáles son las señales de que la segunda venida del Señor es inminente. Hay dos cosas que podemos aprender de este pasaje del Evangelio: una, que este mundo llegará a su fin y, dos, que no sabemos cuándo sucederá.

Que este mundo no durará para siempre está confirmado por la ciencia que dice que nuestro sol eventualmente agotará su combustible y morirá, en aproximadamente cinco mil millones de años (así que puedes respirar tranquilo). Espiritualmente, este hecho debería recordarnos lo que enseña nuestra fe, que estamos hechos a imagen y semejanza de Dios, y que estamos hechos para Él. El mundo fue creado por Dios para reflejar Su gloria. Todas las cosas provienen de Dios y Todas las cosas volverán a Dios. Nuestro tiempo en este mundo comparado con la eternidad es un abrir y cerrar de ojos. Darnos cuenta de esto debería ayudarnos a vivir de manera diferente a la cultura secular que nos rodea. La cultura mundana vive para este mundo, la cultura cristiana debería vivir para Cristo Jesús y Su Reino. Esto significa que nuestras vidas deberían reflejar fe en Dios y obediencia a Sus mandamientos, debería reflejar amor al prójimo y preocupación por los demás, especialmente por los pobres y necesitados, debería reflejar un deseo de estar en paz unos con otros y debería reflejar una repulsión del mal y la pecaminosidad, nunca comprometiéndonos con los enemigos de la bondad, la moralidad y la fe. Tenemos una gran comisión del Señor, pero también tenemos gran gracia y poder de Él.

El segundo punto de las palabras del Señor también es vital para nosotros: "Pero de que día y la hora, nadie sabe, ni los ángeles en el cielo, ni el Hijo, sino sólo el Padre" (Marcos 13:32). He perdido la cuenta de la cantidad de veces que se suponía que el mundo llegaría a su fin. Nuestra preocupación por querer saber cuándo llegará el fin o cuándo se producirá la tribulación creo que revela nuestro no querer experimentar la prueba de la fe. Si supiera cuándo llegará el fin, me prepararía para ello; si creo que no sucederá en mi vida, entonces no necesito tomármelo tan en serio, puedo posponer el Reino para otro día. Y sin embargo, en nuestra muerte particular llegará el fin y seremos juzgados en función de cómo vivimos nuestras vidas amando a Dios o no, amando a nuestro prójimo o no. No saber cuándo llegará el fin es en realidad una bendición para nosotros, ya que nos llama a tener fe en Dios y nos da la oportunidad cada día de vivir y amar a Él y a los demás.

En Cristo,

Padre 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



**Journey with
Mary and Joseph – An
Advent Parish
Mission**

Join us for 3 nights on December 2, 3, and 4 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., in the Carmelite Hall, as we journey through Advent with Mary and Joseph.

Confessions will be offered each night.

El Ministerio de Retiros de Santa Cruz te invita a una Misión de Adviento en inglés los días 2, 3, y 4 de diciembre, de 6:30 p.m. a 8:30 p.m. en el Salón Carmelita. Acompáñanos en una jornada de Adviento con María y José. Reserva la fecha e invita a tu familia y amigos.

Habrán confesiones cada noche.

Help us brighten our church this season! We are seeking donations of outdoor lights to create a festive atmosphere. Please bring your contributions to the office.
Thank you for your generosity!

¡Ayúdenos a iluminar nuestra iglesia esta temporada! Estamos buscando donaciones de luces para exteriores para crear un ambiente festivo.

Traiga sus contribuciones a la oficina. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Sunday Collection - November 9 - 10, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$5,315.13
On-Line Giving: \$1,455.64
Total Sunday Offertory: \$6,770.77

Weekly Expenses:

Income: \$6,770.77
*Expenses: -\$6,000.25
\$ 770.52

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

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are seeking volunteers for seasonal cleaning at the church, once or twice a week. Volunteers must be in compliance here at Santa Cruz. If you are interested please contact the parish office at 520-623-3833

Estamos buscando voluntarios para la limpieza de la iglesia, una o dos veces por semana. Los voluntarios deben estar en cumplimiento con las normas de Santa Cruz. Si está interesado, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 520-623-3833.



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THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 2 - 22, 2024



Donations Needed
Frozen Turkeys, Bags of Potatoes, Canned Vegetables/Fruits, Boxes of Stuffing, Pasta and Sauces, Gravy, Frozen Pies

How Can You Help!

The Knights of Columbus of Santa Cruz are preparing to pack and deliver our annual Thanksgiving food boxes to families in need. We kindly invite you and your family to participate in this charitable effort. Please consider donating food items by placing them in the designated food drive boxes located inside the church and in the patio areas. Any contributions you can make are greatly appreciated! Thank you for your generosity, and may God bless you always!

Food will be distributed to the families in need throughout the Thanksgiving season

Come Join Us For...

Breakfast With Santa

Sunday, December 8, 2024
8:00 am - 2:00 pm



Santa Cruz Catholic School
Carmelite Hall & Courtyard
29 W. 22nd Street
Tucson, Arizona

Come have a hot & delicious breakfast.

Have your picture taken with Santa.

Music, Games & Crafts

Get some early Christmas shopping done.



Vendor Spaces available for \$40

If interested, contact Josie @ 624-2093 or

jnoriega@santacruzschool.org

Hope to see you there!

All Volunteers - Compliance Renewal



We would like to draw your attention to an important matter regarding your compliance certification. It has been 3 years since we started the compliance process through CMG Connect and some of you may have received emails from CMG Connect indicating that your certification is approaching its expiration date. We would like to reassure you that CMG Connect is a legitimate platform utilized by the Diocese of Tucson for initial and renewal compliance certification.

We kindly urge you to renew your certification before its expiration date. Failure to complete the renewal on time will necessitate restarting the application process on the Diocese's website to retain your eligibility as a volunteer. We appreciate your understanding and prompt attention to this matter, as it facilitates a smoother process for all parties involved. Thank you for your continued dedication and support.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to reach out to Karen Estavillo, our Compliance Officer.

Todos los Voluntarios - Renovación de Cumplimiento

Quisiéramos llamar su atención sobre un asunto importante relacionado con su certificación de cumplimiento. Han pasado 3 años desde que iniciamos el proceso de cumplimiento a través de CMG Connect y algunos de ustedes pueden haber recibido correos electrónicos de CMG Connect indicando que su certificación se acerca a su fecha de vencimiento. Nos gustaría asegurarles que CMG Connect es una plataforma legítima utilizada por la Diócesis de Tucson para la certificación de cumplimiento inicial y de renovación.

Les pedimos a que renueven su certificación antes de su fecha de vencimiento. Si no completan la renovación a tiempo, deberán reiniciar el proceso de solicitud en el sitio web de la Diócesis para mantener su elegibilidad como voluntario. Agradecemos su comprensión y atención inmediata a este asunto, ya que facilita un proceso más fluido para todas las partes involucradas. Gracias por su continua dedicación y apoyo.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o necesita ayuda, no dude en comunicarse con Karen Estavillo, nuestra Oficial de Cumplimiento.

Support our Parish

Are you interested in advertising your business and promoting your company with a trusted resource that parish families use every day? If you are, please contact Hada Reyes, your bulletin publisher here at Santa Cruz (520-623-3833)



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 Holy Hope Catholic Cemetery in Tucson, Arizona—Section 8 North (close to office and under big tree for shade)
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- Call 911 to make a report.
- If the abuse happened in Arizona, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area. If the abuse happened in any other state, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area of that state.
- Call the diocese in which the abuse happened. If the abuse happened in the Diocese of Tucson, call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson 520-623-0344 or (1-800-234-0344 in Arizona) and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection of the Diocese of Tucson at 520-838-2513.

Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick is available upon request for the faithful who are seriously ill, before major surgery, or advanced age. Please call the parish office (520) 623-3833 to make an appointment.

Santa Cruz

Adult Faith Formation

Symbolon Part 2 / 10 Sessions

The Catholic Faith Explained
 Starting January 9, 2025, to
 March 13 2025

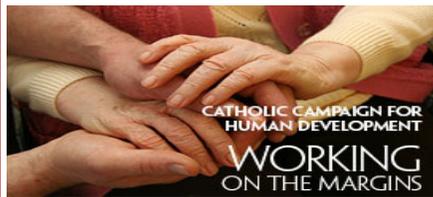
Thursdays – 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 Carmelite Hall

Topics: Sacraments; Moral Vision;
 Catholic Social Teachings
 Level One Credit

Any questions (480) 268-6909
 Bring a Catholic Bible & Journal

2nd Collection Sunday, November 17th will be designated to the 2024 Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Thank you for your generous support.

La segunda colecta del domingo, 17 de noviembre se destinará a la Campaña católica para el desarrollo humano 2024
Gracias por su generoso apoyo



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
WORKING ON THE MARGINS

Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 16th

- 8:00 a.m. Mary Machain/R.I.P.
- 5:30 p.m. In Honor of the Holy Spirit

Sunday, November 17th

- 6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners
- 8:00 a.m. Salomon Miranda/R.I.P.
- 10:00 a.m. Susana Rodriguez, Tillie Cardenas & Mario Perez/R.I.P.
- 12:00 noon Alex Cancino/Happy Birthday
- 6:00 p.m. William Powe/R.I.P.

Monday, November 18th

- 6:30 a.m. Jose Tolano/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m. Mary Machain/R.I.P.

Tuesday, November 19th

- 6:30 a.m. Jose Tolano/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m. Suzanne Sabala/Improved Health

Wednesday, November 20th

- 6:30 a.m. Jose Tolano/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m. Valois Barco & Luz Barco/R.I.P.

Thursday, November 21st

- 6:30 a.m. Claudia Proto/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m. Jose Tolano/R.I.P.

Friday, November 22nd

- 6:30 a.m. Cecilia Rodriguez/Happy Birthday
- 8:00 a.m. In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/
 In Memory of Carlos & Lily Contreras/R.I.P.



Join us for our Youth Group meeting **every Sunday** in the Carmelite Hall.
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.