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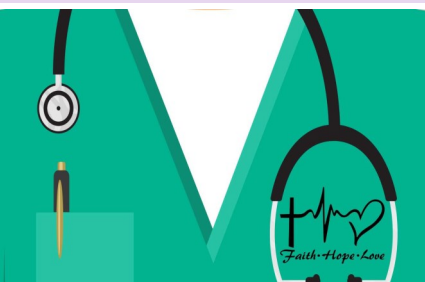


**New Parishioners are
Always Welcome!**

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!**

Regístrese usando los formularios disponibles en la iglesia.
Bautismos: Información en Sitio Web.
Matrimonio: Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.



CALLING ALL
ACTIVE

**CATHOLIC
PHYSICIANS
& HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS**

White Mass for Physicians

On St. Luke's Day: Friday, October 18 at 6pm
in Our Lady's Chapel at St. Augustine Cathedral

Join Tucson's Guild of the Catholic Medical Association
for refreshments and fellowship to follow. Mass will be celebrated
by Bishop Edward Weisenburger.

RSVP to cmattucson@outlook.com



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

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



Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church
1220 S. 6th Avenue • Tucson, AZ 85713

*Respect Life
Month*



I CAME SO THAT
THEY MIGHT HAVE
LIFE

October 2024

OCTOBER 6, 2024 • TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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A Parish in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson

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.

Euccharistic 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

Message from the Pastor . . .

Dear Parishioners of Santa Cruz Parish,

In the first reading of the Mass this Sunday, we read about the creation of the first man, the first animals and the first woman. Earlier in the book of Genesis we see how when God had created man and women in His own image, and He saw the it was, for the first time “it was very good.” All crea- tion was “good” but when God created man and woman He declares it to be “very good.” It is from these truths that the Church bases its teaching of the sacredness and dignity of all human life. In the face of the so called “transgender” movement, the Church would also refer to this passage to defend the fact that God created the genders and they are not subject to human redefinition. There are only two genders. God is the creator of all that is: the spiritual world as well as the physical world. And in creating the world He has instilled in it an order that we are free to accept to our benefit, or free to try to reject but to our ultimate detriment. Life is not just good, it is divinely willed and therefore sacred. It is only through our willful disobedience by sinning that we have lost our vision of the sa- credness and dignity of human life.

During this month, but at all times, we should stop and really reflect upon our attitudes toward the pro-life movement of our Catholic faith. It should be obvious that life is fundamental. Without the right to life being respected and protected, there can be no other rights for us to enjoy. All other issues that face us as a society are important and we should do all we can to ensure they are secured and protected but not all issues are equal. A woman’s right to choose or to her “health care” deci- sions, are not greater than God’s command to all of us: You shall not kill. While we should respect all people and especially women who might be facing this very emotional and life-changing situation. Being pro-life means being supportive of both the unborn and the born, and of the mothers, who are most in need of our support. But we must always remember that it is Jesus Christ who died for us and rose again for us and it will be by proclaiming faith in Him that the change of heart will come about.

During this month I would encourage you to pray the rosary daily for the intentions of the Pro-Life Movement in the Church. I would also encourage you to join the parish in participating in the Public Square Rosary, ‘America Needs Fatima’, on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 1:15 p.m. on the corner of 22nd Street and 6th Avenue to pray for an end to abortion in our country. Our Lady’s prayers and blessings will come upon all of us who make the sacrifice that Sunday to pray her Rosary for the sal- vation of the unborn and the world.

In Christ,

Fr. Velásquez

Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

En la primera lectura de la Misa de este domingo, leemos acerca de la creación del primer hom- bre, los primeros animales y la primera mujer. Anteriormente en el libro del Génesis vemos cómo cuando Dios creó al hombre y a la mujer a su propia imagen, y vio que era, por primera vez “era muy bueno”. Toda la creación era “buena”, pero cuando Dios creó al hombre y a la mujer, declaró que era “muy buena”. Es a partir de estas verdades que la Iglesia basa su enseñanza de la sacrali- dad y dignidad de toda vida humana. Frente al llamado movimiento “transgénero”, la Iglesia tam- bién se referiría a este pasaje para defender el hecho de que Dios creó los géneros y que estos no están sujetos a la redefinición humana. Sólo hay dos géneros. Dios es el creador de todo lo que existe: el mundo espiritual así como el mundo físico. Y al crear el mundo, Él ha inculcado en él un orden que somos libres de aceptar para nuestro beneficio, o libres de tratar de rechazar pero en nuestro detrimento final. La vida no es sólo buena, es divinamente querida y por lo tanto sagrada. Sólo a través de nuestra desobediencia voluntaria al pecar hemos perdido nuestra visión de la sa- cralidad y dignidad de la vida humana.

Durante este mes, pero en todo momento, deberíamos detenernos y reflexionar realmente sob- re nuestras actitudes hacia el movimiento pro-vida de nuestra fe católica. Debería ser obvio que la vida es fundamental. Sin el respeto y la protección del derecho a la vida, no puede haber otros derechos que podamos disfrutar. Todos los demás problemas que enfrentamos como sociedad son importantes y debemos hacer todo lo posible para garantizar su protección, pero no todos los problemas son iguales. El derecho de una mujer a elegir o a tomar decisiones sobre su “atención médica” no es mayor que el mandato de Dios para todos nosotros: No matarás. Si bien debemos respetar a todas las personas y especialmente a las mujeres que podrían estar enfrentando esta si- tuación muy emocional y que cambia la vida, ser pro-vida significa apoyar tanto a los no nacidos co- mo a los nacidos, y a las madres, que son las que más necesitan nuestro apoyo. Pero siempre debe- mos recordar que es Jesucristo quien murió por nosotros y resucitó por nosotros y será proclamando la fe en Él que se producirá el cambio de corazón.

Durante este mes, los animo a rezar el rosario diariamente por las intenciones del Movimiento Pro- Vida en la Iglesia. También los animo a unirse a la parroquia para participar en el Rosario en la Plaza Pública, ‘Estados Unidos necesita a Fátima’, el domingo 20 de octubre de 2024 a la 1:15 p. m. en la esquina de la calle 22 y la 6ta Avenida para orar por el fin del aborto en nuestro país. Las oraciones y bendiciones de Nuestra Señora vendrán sobre todos los que hagamos el sacrificio ese domingo de rezar su Rosario por la salvación de los no nacidos y del mundo.

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 Sa- cramento.”

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 (520) 882-9687

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday

8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

R.C.I.A. Registration

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults for *Baptism/Eucharist/ Confirmation*, RCIA classes at Santa Cruz Parish is beginning soon. Please call for registration or questions.

Educación Reli- giosa

(520) 882-9687

Horas de Ofici- na

Lunes - Viernes

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sábado y Domingo

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Programa de Formación en la Fe para Adultos

Mayores de 18 años intere- sados en recibir los sacra- mentos del Bautismo/ Primera Comunión/ Confirmación para el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos.



Sunday Collection - September 28 - 29, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$5,014.12

On-Line Giving: \$ 265.10

Total Sunday Offertory: \$5,279.22

Weekly Expenses:

*Expenses: \$6,000.25

Income: -\$5,279.22

Deficit: (\$721.03)

**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 & The Communion of Saints
11/14	10	THE LAST THINGS What Happens After We Die?

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February 18 - 27, 2025

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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.

2024 Rosary SIGN UP RALLY CAPTAIN

Praying the Rosary for America. Please join us! Sunday, October 20 at 1:15 p.m. on the corner of 22nd Street and 6th Avenue.

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

Best decorated trunk contest!

Wear your costume!

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:

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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!

CAUTION

RE-STRIPING OF CHURCH PARKING LOT

RENOVACIÓN DE LAS PINTURAS DEL ESTACIONAMIENTO

Attention: The main parking lot of the church we will be getting re-striped. There will be no parking in the main parking lot from Monday, October 7 through Wednes- day, October 9. The following weekend on October 12 and 13 we will have a 2nd Collection to help cover the expenses. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Atención: El estacionamiento principal de la iglesia será pintado nuevamente. No se permitirá estacionar en el estacionamiento principal desde el lunes, 7 de octubre hasta el miércoles, 9 de octubre. El siguiente fin de semana, el 12 y 13 de octubre, tendremos una segunda colecta para ayudar a cubrir los gastos. Sus donaciones son muy apreciadas.

Santa Cruz Catholic School

All Hallow's Eve School Carnival

Mark your calendar for Friday, October 25th.