



Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

1220 S. 6th Avenue • Tucson, AZ 85713

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. - 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



Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations.

LUKE 24:46-47

April 14, 2024

THIRD
SUNDAY OF
EASTER

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A Parish in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson

Message from the Pastor . . .

Dear Parishioners of Santa Cruz Parish,

On Monday, the Arizona State Supreme Court upheld an anti-abortion law passed in 1864 by the then Territory of Arizona. The law states:

“A person who provides, supplies or administers to a pregnant woman, or procures such woman to take any medicine, drugs or substance, or uses or employs any instrument or other means whatever, with intent thereby to procure the miscarriage of such woman, unless it is necessary to save her life, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than two year nor more than five years,” [ARS 13-3603].

This law was incorporated into the state constitution when Arizona became a state in 1912. The federal government did not object, the other states did not protest and most importantly the people of Arizona accepted this law as just and right.

One of the objections I am hearing regarding the anti-abortion law is that it was passed in 1864 during the Civil War era. It's as if the age of a law and the passing of time, somehow means the law can no longer be applied to modern times. I can think of a set of laws that are over three thousand years and yet are still enforce among us as Christians—the Ten Commandments. The Fifth Commandment, “Thou shalt not kill,” (Ex 20:13), has not lost its force and indeed all of the Commandments retain their obligation of obedience for us in conscience. No one, no culture, no society, no system of government has the right or ability to undermine the validity and morality of the Ten Commandments. Our whole Judeo-Christian society is based on the acceptance and inviolability of these laws. The more we abandon these principles the more chaos will reign in our times.

What does a godless society look like? It is a society with no moral standards. If we believe in God, then we believe in His words and we strive to live according to His Word Made Flesh, Jesus Christ. Without this belief and faith, then all things are at the whim of society; and with no laws, society will do what it wants to do. Some signs of a godless society include: high divorce rates, youth experiencing the highest levels of depression in history, cycles of unhappiness, addiction to social media, and a level of dehumanizing others leading to a complete breakdown of society as Christians know it. I believe we are living in such a society. Our society is in chaos.

I also believe the true danger in the abortion vote that lies before us is not in outside forces of political parties and their influence, but rather in each one of us. How many of us Catholics vote in a way that supports the abortion agenda? How many of us are more faithful to a political party than we are to Jesus Christ and His way, His truth and His life? God's words are eternal and are meant to guide all peoples for all generations. I pray that when the time comes to make our voices heard that it will be voice of the Lord Jesus Christ that is proclaimed in defense of life.

In Christ,
Fr. Velásquez

Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

El lunes, la Corte Suprema del Estado de Arizona confirmó una ley antiaborto aprobada en 1864 por el entonces Territorio de Arizona. La ley establece:

“Una persona que proporciona, suministra o administra a una mujer embarazada, o consigue que dicha mujer tome cualquier medicamento, droga o sustancia, o usa o emplea cualquier instrumento o otro medio, con la intención de provocar el aborto espontáneo de dicha mujer, a menos que es necesario para salvar su vida, será castigado con prisión en el penal estatal no menor de dos años ni mayor de cinco años” [ARS 13-3603].

Esta ley se incorporó a la constitución estatal cuando Arizona se convirtió en estado en 1912. El gobierno federal no se opuso, los otros estados no protestaron y, lo más importante, el pueblo de Arizona aceptó esta ley como justa y correcta.

Una de las objeciones que escucho con respecto a la ley antiaborto es que fue aprobada en 1864 durante la época de la Guerra Civil. Es como si la era de una ley y el paso del tiempo significaran de alguna manera que la ley ya no se puede aplicar a los tiempos modernos. Puedo pensar en un grupo de leyes que tienen más de tres mil años y aún se aplican entre nosotros como cristianos: los Diez Mandamientos. El Quinto Mandamiento, “No matarás” (Ex 20,13), no ha perdido su fuerza y de hecho todos los Mandamientos conservan para nosotros su obligación de obediencia en conciencia. Nadie, ninguna cultura, ninguna sociedad, ningún sistema de gobierno tiene el derecho o la capacidad de quebrantar la validez y la moralidad de los Diez Mandamientos. Toda nuestra sociedad judeocristiana se basa en la aceptación e inviolabilidad de estas leyes. Cuanto más abandonemos estos principios, más caos reinará en nuestros tiempos.

¿Cómo es una sociedad sin dios? Es una sociedad sin normas morales. Si creemos en Dios, entonces creemos en Sus palabras y nos esforzamos por vivir según Su Verbo hecho carne, Jesucristo. Sin esta creencia y fe, entonces todo depende del capricho de la sociedad; y sin leyes, la sociedad hará lo que quiera. Algunas señales de una sociedad sin dios incluyen: altos índices de divorcio, jóvenes que experimentan los niveles más altos de depresión en la historia, ciclos de infelicidad, adicción a las redes sociales y un nivel de deshumanización de los demás que conduce a un colapso total de la sociedad tal como la conocemos los cristianos. Creo que vivimos en una sociedad así. Nuestra sociedad está sumida en el caos.

También creo que el verdadero peligro en la votación del aborto que tenemos ante nosotros no está en las fuerzas externas de los partidos políticos y su influencia, sino en cada uno de nosotros. ¿Cuántos de nosotros, los católicos, votamos de una manera que apoye la agenda del aborto? ¿Cuántos de nosotros somos más fieles a un partido político que a Jesucristo y su camino, su verdad y su vida? Las palabras de Dios son eternas y están destinadas a guiar a todos los pueblos durante todas las generaciones. Rezo para que cuando llegue el momento de hacer oír las voces, sea la voz del Señor Jesucristo la que se proclame en defensa de la vida.

En Cristo,
Padre Velásquez

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday

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

Altar Server Training

Saturday—April 27

Any boy or girl who have made their First Holy Communion are invited to serve at the Altar of God by becoming an altar server at Santa Cruz Parish. Training will take place on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church.

Parents, please support your son or daughter in allowing them to serve God as an altar server.

Todo niño o niña que haya hecho su Primera Comunión está invitado a servir en el Altar de Dios como monaguillo de la Parroquia Santa Cruz. El entrenamiento se llevará a cabo el sábado, 27 de Abril de 2024 a las 10:00 a.m. en la Iglesia.

Padres, por favor apoyen a su hijo o hija para que les permita servir a Dios como monaguillos.

Fiesta De La Familia Nana's Cottage

is collecting slightly used household items and clothing. If you would like to donate please call Yolanda Hernandez (520) 440-3615 for pick up and any questions.

Fiesta De La Familia Nana's Cottage

está aceptando artículos de casa y ropa ligeramente usados. Si desea donar, por favor llame a Yolanda Hernandez (520) 440-3615 si tiene alguna pregunta.



Sunday Collection - April 6-7, 2024

Sunday Collection:	\$7,999.02
Confirmation & Communion Masses:	\$1,339.47
On-Line Giving:	\$ 636.25
Total Sunday Offertory:	<u>\$9,974.74</u>

Weekly Expenses:

Income:	\$9,974.74
* Expenses:	<u>\$6,000.25</u>
	\$3,974.49

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

Your generous donations are greatly appreciated and are definitely needed.

Thank you and God bless!

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

Entire Diocese Goal:	\$4 million
Parish Goal:	\$40,340
Donor Participation to Goal:	23%
Number of Donors	<u>29</u>
Remaining Donors	<u>57</u>
Pledges to Date:	<u>\$9,430</u>
Total Amount Fulfilled:	<u>\$5,045</u>

13% of Goal



Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

Please make a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, today. Together, let us *Live the Mission with a Generous Heart!* Make your gift today at www.cathfnd.org/donate

Campana Católica Anual 2024

Por favor haga una donación a la Campana Católica Anual hoy. *iJuntos, vivamos la Misión con Corazón Generoso!* Haga su donación hoy en www.cathfnd.org/donate.

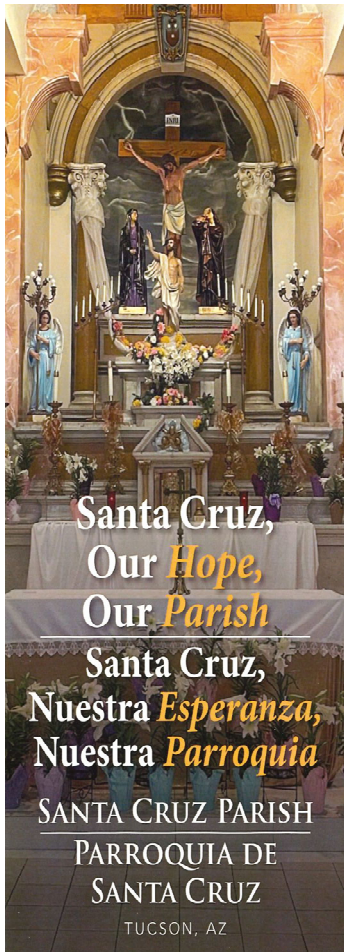
Santa Cruz, Our Hope, Our Parish" Program

This week, you should have received a brochure introducing our "Santa Cruz, Our Hope, Our Parish" Program. This weekend, April 13 and 14, is our Commitment Weekend and I invite you to participate in this important program and help us respond to God's great gift of love. I kindly request you to review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help Santa Cruz Parish by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card will be included in the brochure mailing for you to:

- mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing.
 - or bring your card to Mass next Sunday.
- The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak to a priest, please indicate so on your card and we will be in contact with you.

Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of Santa Cruz Parish!



SANTA CRUZ VOCATIONS COMMITTEE This Saturday, April 13th, is Fr. Showri's Ordination Anniversary.

FAVORITE MOVIES: Friction and scientific and All the real Stories

FAVORITE BOOKS/AUTHORS: 1. Catholic Bible by Holy Spirit 2. Interior Castle by St Teresa of Avila 3. The Confessions of St Augustine by Augustine of Hippo

FAVORITE RESTAURANTS/FOOD: South Indian restaurants, Golden Corrales, Vegan Tamales, International Buffets, and Spicy Food

FAVORITE SPORTS: Soccer ⚽ Cricket 🏏
Ping Pong 🏓

FAVORITE SONGS: 1) Jesus Remember Me, 2) Ave Maria

FAVORITE ANIMALS: Dogs & Cats, I Love all the Animals

PLACES I'VE BEEN: In USA: White House, Washing DC Museums, Niagara Falls, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Mount Rushmore, Four Corners Monument, Florida, Disney Land- LA, Hollywood, Universal Studios.

Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore, London, In India: Taj Mahal, Mother Teresa tomb, St. Thomas Tomb, Many Shrines

MY HEAVEN ON EARTH!!

MY COLLEGE JOURNEY: 5 Bachelor Degrees, 2 Master Degrees

HOW OLD I WAS WHEN CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD: In my Fourth grade, 8 years

JOURNEY TOWARDS THE PRIESTHOOD, FIRST PARISH I WAS ASSIGNED TO: I was Bishops secretary for 3 years in India. In US: I was at Cathedral for 3 and half years

FAVORITE MOTTO:

1) Never Say No to the Confession and Anointing and to the Holy Eucharist. 2) Always celebrate the Holy Eucharist as it your First Mass and as it Your Last Mass in your Life by Mother Teresa

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT BEING A PRIEST: To Celebrate Mass, I can feel the Presence of Jesus in my Hands, To Celebrate the Sacrament, I can feel the grace flowing to the Faithful from Heaven.



The Grupo Guadalupano of Santa Cruz will be selling breakfast this Sunday, April 14, after the morning Masses. You will be able to take food home in a "take out" opportunity, or take your food to Carmelite Hall and join family and friends in community fellowship. The proceeds of this breakfast event will go towards the continued renovation of the Chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe for all parishioners to cherish and for worship gatherings. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

El Grupo Guadalupano de Santa Cruz estará vendiendo desayunos este domingo, 14 de abril, después de las Misas de la mañana. Podrá llevarse comida a casa en una oportunidad "para llevar", o llevarla al Carmelite Hall y unirse a familiares y amigos en el compañerismo comunitario. Gracias por su cooperación y generosidad.

Support our Parish

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Santa Cruz Parish 67th Fiesta De La Familia 2024 Saturday, April 20th & Sunday April, 21st

Donations are welcomed. The following donations are needed for the Fiesta:

- CAN OF CHEESE FOR NACHOS
- Lettuce: the week of the Fiesta
- 3 BOXES OF EXTRA LARGE TRASH BAGS

The committee would like to say **THANK YOU** for any help. Items can be taken to the parish office.

Raffle Tickets \$5.00 each

1st Prize: \$5,000
2nd Prize: \$1,500
3rd Prize: \$500



Saturday, April 13th

- 8:00 a.m. In Honor of the Holy Spirit
- 5:30 p.m. In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/
 In Memory of Carlos & Lily Contreras/R.I.P.

Sunday, April 14th

- 6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners
- 8:00 a.m. Angie Amaro/R.I.P.
- 10:00 a.m. Ralph Lanik/R.I.P.
- 12:00 noon Ignacio & Hilda Vega & Walter Vega/R.I.P.
- 6:00 p.m. Maria Jesus Barcelo Vega/R.I.P.

Monday, April 15th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Int./Veronica Wheatley & Omelas Family
- 8:00 a.m. Special Int./James Felix & Joe Felix

Tuesday, April 16th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Int./Veronica Wheatley & Omelas Family
- 8:00 a.m. Henry Boido/R.I.P.

Wednesday, April 17th

- 6:30 a.m. Lucy Flores/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m. Henry Boido/R.I.P.

Thursday, April 18th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Int./Veronica Wheatley & Omelas Family
- 8:00 a.m. Special Int./Justin Felix & Ryan Porter

Friday, April 19th

- 6:30 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m. Special Int./Veronica Wheatley & Omelas Family

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

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

- 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.