



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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF

*Easter*

APRIL 28, 2024

By this is my Father glorified,  
that you bear much fruit  
and become my disciples.

John 15:8

**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

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A Parish in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson

### Message from the Pastor . . .

Dear Parishioners of Santa Cruz Parish,

What a great weekend was our *Fiesta de la Familia*! It was the first time I experienced this parish fiesta and I was very happy with the crowds who attended. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves and having a good time. The entertainment was amazing! I was very impressed with the number of bands that offered their time free of charge to perform for the people. The food was excellent. There is nothing like freshly made cheese hamburgers, flautas, Sonoran hotdogs, carne asada, pulled pork sandwiches, birria, aguas frescas with the snack bar. I want to thank all the groups and parishioners who volunteered: the Knights of Columbus, the Guadalupanos, the volunteers of Casa María, the Parents of Santa Cruz School, the Carranza Family and all the volunteer families who ran the food booths. Thanks to all the individual volunteers who helped where help was needed, as well as the parish staff, Hada Reyes and Karen Estavillo. To the security detail and the maintenance crew who worked throughout the fiesta. Above all I want to thank Becky Lujan and her team, Monica Brown, Sebastian Paz, and Bob Valencia for their dedication and time in organizing the fiesta and the months of planning that went into making these days a true success. Congratulations to Santa Cruz Parish for making the 67th annual parish *Fiesta de la Familia* a true success.

Gathering together every Sunday to worship God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit is what makes us a parish. We are Santa Cruz Parish because we choose to come to this parish and worship at this church, to baptize our children at this parish, to celebrate First Communion, Confirmations and Marriages at this parish. It is at this parish where we send our children to be educated at our school. It is here where our religious education prepares the boys and girls for their sacraments and our teens meet for fellowship and faith formation. The parish is where we learn about God and to love Him, it is also the place where we learn about one another and fulfill the call to love one another.

Aside from the principal celebration of the Sunday Mass and the parish groups gatherings, it is events like the *Fiesta de la Familia* that we have an opportunity to come together to socialize and enjoy one another's company. To renew old friendships or make new ones. I know these days can be exhausting for those who are working the fiesta, but when we see the success of bringing our parish family together, I am sure you will agree that the sacrifice is worth the effort. Next week we will be publishing a full report of the expenses and revenues for the fiesta.

In Christ,

Fr. Velásquez

### Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

¡Qué gran fin de semana fue nuestra *Fiesta de la Familia*! Fue la primera vez que asistí a esta fiesta parroquial y quedé muy contento con la multitud que asistió. Todos parecían divertirse y pasar un buen rato. ¡El entretenimiento fue increíble! Me impresionó mucho la cantidad de bandas que ofrecieron su tiempo de forma gratuita que tocaron para la gente. La comida fue excelente. No hay nada como hamburguesas con queso recién hechas, flautas, hot dogs sonorenses, carne asada, sándwiches de puerco desmenuzado, birria, aguas frescas con su snack bar. Quiero agradecer a todos los grupos y feligreses que se ofrecieron como voluntarios: los Caballeros de Colón, los Guadalupanos, los voluntarios de Casa María, los Padres de la Escuela Santa Cruz, la familia Carranza y todas las familias voluntarias que dirigieron los puestos de comida. Gracias a todos los voluntarios individuales que ayudaron donde se necesitaba ayuda, y también el personal de la parroquia, Hada Reyes y Karen Estavillo. Al equipo de seguridad y al equipo de mantenimiento que trabajaron durante toda la fiesta. Sobre todo quiero agradecer a Becky Luján y su equipo, Mónica Brown, Sebastián Paz y Bob Valencia por su dedicación y tiempo en la organización de la fiesta y los meses de planificación necesarios para que estos días fueran un verdadero éxito. Felicitaciones a la Parroquia de Santa Cruz por hacer de la 67° *Fiesta Parroquial Anual de la Familia* un verdadero éxito.

Reunirnos todos los domingos para adorar a Dios Padre a través de Su Hijo, Jesucristo en el poder del Espíritu Santo es lo que nos hace una parroquia. Somos la Parroquia Santa Cruz porque elegimos venir a esta parroquia y adorar en esta iglesia, bautizar a nuestros hijos en esta parroquia, celebrar la Primera Comunión, Confirmaciones y Matrimonios en esta parroquia. Es a esta parroquia donde enviamos a nuestros hijos para que se eduquen en nuestra escuela. Es aquí donde nuestra educación religiosa prepara a los niños y niñas para sus sacramentos y nuestros adolescentes se reúnen para tener compañerismo y formación en la fe. La parroquia es donde aprendemos sobre Dios y a amarlo, también es el lugar donde aprendemos unos de otros y cumplimos el llamado a amarnos unos a otros.

Aparte de la celebración principal de la Misa dominical y las reuniones de los grupos parroquiales, son eventos como la *Fiesta de la Familia* en los que tenemos la oportunidad de reunirnos para socializar y disfrutar de la compañía de los demás. Para renovar viejas amistades o hacer otras nuevas. Sé que estos días pueden ser agotadores para quienes trabajan en la fiesta, pero cuando veamos el éxito de reunir a nuestra familia parroquial, estoy seguro de que estarán de acuerdo en que el sacrificio vale la pena. La próxima semana publicaremos un informe completo de los gastos e ingresos de la fiesta.

En Cristo,

P 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

### **Second Collection**

This weekend our second collection will be designated to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.



# SUPPORT



*Strengthening the Church at Home*

### **Segunda Colecta**

La segunda colecta de este fin de semana será designada a las Misiones Católicas.

**HAD AN ABORTION?**

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## Sunday Collection - April 20-21, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$6,050.37  
On-Line Giving: \$ 342.30  
Total Sunday Offertory: \$6,392.67

### Weekly Expenses:

Income: \$6,392.67  
\* Expenses: \$6,000.25  
\$ 392.42

*\*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: **46%**  
Number of Donors 74  
Remaining Donors 12  
Pledges to Date: \$18,386  
Total Amount Fulfilled: \$12,490

**31% 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](http://www.cathfnd.org/donate)

## Campana Católica Anual 2024

Por favor haga una donación a la Campana Católica Anual hoy. *¡Juntos, vivamos la Misión con Corazón Generoso!* Haga su donación hoy en [www.cathfnd.org/donate](http://www.cathfnd.org/donate).

## Santa Cruz Parish 67th Fiesta De La Familia 2024

**MANY THANKS TO THE FIESTA WORKERS**  
There are so many of you to thank, all the volunteers and especially everyone who donated items for the fiesta, we really appreciate it. We will post a full report next week to tell you how much the Fiesta made for the parish. **Stay tuned.**  
Special congratulations to this year's Parish *Fiesta de la Familia* Raffle Winners!  
**\$5,000 - Angelica Ozuna**  
**\$1,500 - Griselda Duarte**  
**\$500 - Gabriel Carranza**

The Discalced Carmelite Shrine Committee  
We continue to take a look back in our history about those who served here in Santa Cruz. Listed below are the names of Friars, Discalced Carmelite Brothers who served at Santa Cruz:

- + Blessed Brother Angel Maria of St. Joseph Brinque, who made Solemn Profession of vows at Santa Cruz
- + Blessed Brother Angel of St. Joseph Fort (Martyr), who made both First Profession and Solemn Profession of vows at Santa Cruz

Blessed Bro. Angel Fort left a legacy of working with youth and building "El Centro Parroquial" under the guidance of Fr. Justino Eguileta, the first pastor.

Blessed Bro. Angel Brinque left a legacy of serving in different missions in Southern Arizona with a Spirit of humility and a deep love for God and His people nourished by his love of the Eucharist.



### Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary will continue to meet at the Capilla of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 4:00 pm on Mondays.

Santa Cruz Grupo Guadalupano meets at Capilla of Our Lady of Guadalupe every Monday at 6:00 pm and prays the Rosary



## Santa Cruz Catholic School

Please consider sending your child to Santa Cruz Catholic School! The mission of Santa Cruz Catholic School is to teach students to love God, self and others, serve as a Christian Community, and develop to their full academic potential. We accept students of all faith backgrounds.

We have scholarships available to cover nearly all of tuition costs for families of all income levels. Blessings to all in our Santa Cruz family! Please contact our office at (520) 624-2093 or email Ms. Josie Noriega at [jnoriega@santacruzschool.org](mailto:jnoriega@santacruzschool.org).

School website:

[santacruzschool.godaddysites.com](http://santacruzschool.godaddysites.com)

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES

### Mount Carmel Bereavement Group

The Our Lady of Mount Carmel Bereavement Group will hold its **May** meeting this coming **Thursday, the 2nd at 6:30pm** in the Good Shepherd room. Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one and is seeking support is welcome.

## 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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### 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.

We  love  
having you as part of our flock



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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.



#### Saturday, April 27th

- 8:00 a.m. Ana Bertha Felix/R.I.P.
- 5:30 p.m. Francisco Xavier Rodriguez/R.I.P.

#### Sunday, April 28th

- 6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners
- 8:00 a.m. Eleonor & Armando Sainz, Eva, Manuela & Maria Lydia Carpinteiro/R.I.P.
- 10:00 a.m. Dolores Bonillas Gomez/R.I.P.
- 12:00 noon Adan Garcia/R.I.P.
- 6:00 p.m. Josephina M. Valenzuela/R.I.P.

#### Monday, April 29th

- 6:30 a.m. Jean Druffner/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m. William Ornelas/Happy Birthday

#### Tuesday, April 30th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Int./All Refugees
- 8:00 a.m. Jean Druffner/R.I.P.

#### Wednesday, May 1st

- 6:30 a.m. Jean Druffner/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m. Henry Martinez/R.I.P.

#### Thursday, May 2nd

- 6:30 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m. Jean Druffner/R.I.P.

#### Friday, May 3rd

- 6:30 a.m. Jean Druffner/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving to Saint Jude

### New Parishioners are Always Welcome!

Register using forms available in the church.

**Baptisms:** Information on our Website.

**Marrimony:** 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.

**Marrimonio:** Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.