



# Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

1220 S. 6th Avenue • Tucson, AZ 85713

April 7, 2024 | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERY SUNDAY)

JESUS CAME AND STOOD  
IN THEIR MIDST AND SAID TO THEM,  
“ P E A C E  
B E W I T H Y O U . ”  
~ John 20:19



## 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,

"Peace be with you!" This is the greeting of the Lord Jesus to His disciples, who were fearful, overcome with grief and in sheer disbelief at seeing the risen Lord. Jesus wants to reassure His disciples that He is offering them His forgiveness and His mercy. His Divine Mercy. If we stop to think a moment on the actions of the Apostles on the night of the Last Supper we should realize how necessary it was for the Lord to make known to them His love and mercy for them.

When the Lord foretold that one of them would betray Him, they all swore that they would do no such thing, even Judas Iscariot, the betrayer, denies his actions. St. Peter we all know swears that he would never deny the Lord, even if it meant going to death for Him. A few hours later he is swearing that he does not know the man. When Jesus is being arrested, all the Apostles desert Him. At the trial before Pilate, they are no where to be found leading the crowd to ask for the release of the Lord instead of Barabbas. Only St. John is at the Cross with the Blessed Mother and the other women. None of them remain to claim the body of Jesus, not wanting to be identified as His followers. It is only the women who go to the tomb on the third day and find it empty. And even when they give witness to the Resurrection of the Lord, they refuse to believe. Is it any wonder that when they see the Lord alive and standing before them, they would be filled with shame, guilt, remorse and despair, instead of joy and gladness?

"Peace be with you!" This Sunday is known as Divine Mercy Sunday because it is on this day and in this Gospel where Jesus officially institutes the Sacrament of Penance (Confession/Reconciliation). When the Lord breathes on each of the Apostles and says to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven them, whose sins you retain are retained," (John 20:22-23), He is giving them the power and the authority to forgive sins in His name. When we confess our sins, we are actually hearing the same message from the Lord: "Peace be with you!" Peace comes to us when we are reconciled with one another, when we forgive one another.

Peace comes to us from God because Jesus has reconciled us to the Father through His death and resurrection and given the Holy Spirit to the bishops and priests of the Catholic Church, so that the people might continue to experience the divine mercy of God.

In Christ,

Fr. Velásquez

## Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

"¡La paz sea con ustedes!" Este es el saludo del Señor Jesús a sus discípulos, quienes estaban temerosos, afligidos por el dolor y por pura incredulidad al ver al Señor resucitado. Jesús quiere asegurar a sus discípulos que les ofrece su perdón y su misericordia. Su Divina Misericordia. Si nos detenemos a pensar un momento en las acciones de los Apóstoles la noche de la Última Cena, nos daremos cuenta de cuán necesario fue que el Señor les hiciera conocer su amor y misericordia para con ellos.

Cuando el Señor predijo que uno de ellos lo traicionaría, todos juraron que no harían tal cosa, incluso Judas Iscariote, el traidor, niega sus acciones. San Pedro que todos conocemos jura que nunca negaría al Señor, incluso si eso significara morir por Él. Unas horas más tarde jura que no conoce al hombre. Cuando arrestan a Jesús, todos los Apóstoles lo abandonan. En el juicio ante Pilato, no se les encuentran en la multitud para pedir la liberación del Señor en lugar de Barrabás. Sólo San Juan está en la Cruz con la Santísima Virgen y las demás mujeres. Ninguno de ellos se quedan para reclamar el cuerpo de Jesús, ya que no quieren ser identificados como sus seguidores. Son sólo las mujeres las que van al sepulcro al tercer día y lo encuentran vacío. E incluso cuando dan testimonio de la resurrección del Señor, se niegan a creer. ¿Es de extrañar, que cuando miran al Señor vivo y de pie ante de ellos, se llenen de vergüenza, culpa, remordimiento y desesperación, en lugar de gozo y alegría?

"¡La paz sea con ustedes!" Este domingo se conoce como Domingo de la Divina Misericordia porque es en este día y en este Evangelio donde Jesús instituye oficialmente el Sacramento de la Penitencia (Confesión/Reconciliación). Cuando el Señor sopla sobre cada uno de los Apóstoles y les dice: "Recibid el Espíritu Santo. A quienes perdonéis los pecados, les serán perdonados, a quienes retengáis los pecados, les serán retenidos" (Juan 20:22-23), Él les está dando el poder y la autoridad para perdonar pecados en Su nombre. Cuando confesamos nuestros pecados, en realidad estamos escuchando el mismo mensaje del Señor: "¡Paz a ustedes!" La paz nos llega cuando nos reconciliamos unos con otros, cuando nos perdonamos unos a otros.

La paz nos viene de Dios porque Jesús nos ha reconciliado con el Padre a través de su muerte y resurrección y ha dado el Espíritu Santo a los obispos y sacerdotes de la Iglesia católica, para que el pueblo siga experimentando la divina misericordia de Dios.

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

## **New 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 house hold 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.



## Parish Collections

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024:	\$ 722.23
Good Friday, March 29, 2024:	\$ 325.00
Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024:	\$1,328.04
Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024:	\$6,968.21
PayPal:	\$1,471.66
Total Collections:	<u>\$10,815.14</u>

### Weekly Expenses:

Income:	\$10,815.14
* Expenses:	\$ 6,000.25
	\$ 4,814.89

*\*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 29

Remaining Donors 57

Pledges to Date: \$9,430

Total Amount Fulfilled: \$4,895

**12% 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. *iJuntos, 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 Saturday, April 20th & Sunday April, 21st

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

- 2-3 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

Our Lady of Mount Carmel bereavement Group meets every month. This group is for people who have suffered the loss of a loved one and are seeking support. We meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Good Shepherd room. Come find comfort and support from others who share the same experience.

El Grupo de duelo de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo se reúne todos los meses. Este grupo es para personas que han sufrido la pérdida de un ser querido y buscan apoyo. Nos reunimos a las 6:30 p.m. en el Cuarto del Buen Pastor. Venga a encontrar consuelo y apoyo de otras personas que comparten la misma experiencia.



The Grupo Guadalupano of Santa Cruz will be selling breakfast on 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. We are finishing the installation of our stained-glass windows. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

El Grupo Guadalupano de Santa Cruz estará vendiendo desayunos el 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. Las ganancias de este desayuno se destinarán a la renovación continua de la Capilla de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe para que todos los feligreses la aprecien y para reuniones de adoración. Estamos terminando la instalación de nuestros vitrales. Gracias por su cooperación y generosidad.

# Thank You!

The Disalced Carmelite Shrine Committee wishes to thank all of you who donated to our yard sale.... and a big thanks to the volunteers who helped us work the yard sale. Funds raised will go for costs related to celebrating a Mass in the Martyrs' honor, to be announced as planning and fundraising efforts get completed.

HAD AN ABORTION?  
IN SPITE OF YOUR PAST...  
YOU CAN EXPERIENCE  
GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

MAY 10-12, 2024

RACHELSVINEYARDTUCSON.ORG  
(520) 743-6777

**We are in need of Money Counter Volunteers. If you are interested, please call the parish office (520) 623-3833 for more information.**

**If you are interested in helping with our Homebound Program. Please call the parish office (520) 623-3833.**

## 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)



Grave plots for sale...  
in prime location facing Prince Road  
Holy Hope Catholic Cemetery in  
Tucson, Arizona—Section 8 North  
(close to office and under  
big tree for shade)  
Row 7, Graves 8, 9, 11  
Individual Price: \$3,800 ea.  
Price for all three: \$11,250  
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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.

### 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.



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

### HOMEBOUND EUCHARIST

If you have a family member or know of a parishioner in the Santa Cruz Church area in need of having the Eucharist brought to them regularly, please contact the Parish Office at (520) 623-3833.

### 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 6th

- 8:00 a.m. Special Int./Joshua & Antoinette Scales
- 5:30 p.m. Andy Cancino/Happy Birthday

### Sunday, April 7th

- 6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners
- 8:00 a.m. Special Int./Steven & Skylar Rodriguez
- 10:00 a.m. Juan R. Amaro/Happy Birthday
- 12:00 noon Special Int./Pueblo High School, Administration & Community
- 6:00 p.m. Alex Auerta & Yvonne Leon/R.I.P.

### Monday, April 8th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Int./Congressman Raul Grijalva
- 8:00 a.m. Special Intention/Hermana Virginia

### Tuesday, April 9th

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

### Wednesday, April 10th

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

### Thursday, April 11th

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

### Friday, April 12th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Int./Veronica Wheatley & Omelas Family
- 8:00 a.m. Julia Lopez & Sussy Arreola/R.I.P.