



Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

1220 S. 6th Avenue • Tucson, AZ 85713

AUGUST 11, 2024 • NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.
And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.

JOHN 6:51

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.

Eucahristic 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,

This Thursday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation for us as Catholics. A holy day of obligation is a day of special importance in God's plan of salvation for us. The holy day celebrates a particular event in our faith that God has revealed to us. A holy day of obligation is like a Sunday, in that we are called to attend Mass on that day as a way of thanking God for the mystery of His love and mercy as we contemplate a particular mystery of salvation.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates our faith that at the death of the Blessed Virgin Mary, she was taken up (assumed) body and soul into heaven, to receive immediately the fullness of the fruits of the Resurrection of her Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Paragraph 966 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church defines this dogma:

966 "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.

What does this teaching have to do with us? Why is what happened to the Blessed Virgin Mary after her death important to us? If we reflect on this part of the dogma: *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is . . . an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians*, we will see that just as the Blessed Mother is already in heaven body and soul, she becomes a sign of hope of what we all shall one day share in. When we die, our souls come immediately into the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, and are judged by the way we lived our lives as to whether we go to heaven or hell. Our bodies remain on this earth until the return of the Lord Jesus at the end of time, and then there will take place the general resurrection of all the bodies of all the men and women who have every lived. Some will rise to glory and others to eternal punishment (Mt. 25:46).

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a sure sign of hope for us of the reward God has prepared for us if we, like the Virgin Mary, seek to live our lives doing the will of God.

In Christ,
Fr. Velásquez

Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

Este jueves 15 de agosto es la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Bienaventurada Virgen María, un día de precepto para nosotros como católicos. Un día de precepto es un día de especial importancia en el plan de salvación de Dios para nosotros. El día santo celebra un evento particular en nuestra fe que Dios nos ha revelado. Un día de precepto es como un domingo, en el que estamos llamados a asistir a Misa ese día como una forma de agradecer a Dios por el misterio de Su amor y misericordia mientras contemplamos un misterio particular de salvación.

La Asunción de la Bienaventurada Virgen María celebra nuestra fe en que, al morir la Bienaventurada Virgen María, fue llevada (asunta) en cuerpo y alma al cielo, para recibir inmediatamente la plenitud de los frutos de la Resurrección de su Hijo y nuestro Señor, Jesucristo. *El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* define este dogma en el párrafo 966:

966 «Finalmente, la Virgen Inmaculada, preservada de toda mancha de pecado original, cuando terminó el curso de su vida terrenal, fue llevada en cuerpo y alma a la gloria celestial y ensalzada por el Señor como Reina sobre todas las cosas, para ser más plenamente conforme a su Hijo, Señor de señores y vencedor del pecado y de la muerte». La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen es una participación singular en la Resurrección de su Hijo y una anticipación de la resurrección de los demás cristianos:

Al dar a luz conservaste tu virginidad; en tu Dormición no abandonaste el mundo, oh Madre de Dios, sino que te uniste a la fuente de la Vida. Concebiste a Dios vivo y, por tus oraciones, librarás nuestras almas de la muerte.

¿Qué tiene que ver esta enseñanza con nosotros? ¿Por qué es importante para nosotros lo que le sucedió a la Santísima Virgen María después de su muerte? Si reflexionamos sobre esta parte del dogma: *La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen es . . . como anticipo de la resurrección de los demás cristianos*, veremos que, así como la Santísima Madre ya está en el cielo en cuerpo y alma, se convierte en un signo de esperanza de la que todos participaremos algún día. Cuando morimos, nuestras almas son llevadas inmediatamente a la presencia del Señor Jesucristo, y son juzgadas por la forma en que vivimos nuestras vidas para ver si vamos al cielo o al infierno. Nuestros cuerpos permanecen en esta tierra hasta el regreso del Señor Jesús al final de los tiempos, y entonces tendrá lugar la resurrección general de todos los cuerpos de todos los hombres y mujeres que han vivido. Algunos resucitarán a la gloria y otros al castigo eterno (Mt. 25:46).

La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María es un signo seguro de esperanza para nosotros en la recompensa que Dios tiene preparada para nosotros si nosotros, como la Virgen María, buscamos vivir nuestras vidas haciendo la voluntad de Dios.

En Cristo,
Padre Velásquez

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.

Registration for Catechism Classes has begun. Call the office to make an appointment to register your child. Information regarding class times will be given to you when you call. **Classes will begin Saturday, September 7th.**

Educación Religiosa

(520) 882-9687

Horas de Oficina

Lunes - Viernes

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

Sábado y Domingo

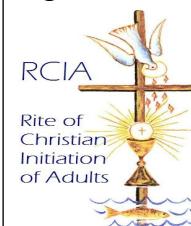
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

La inscripción para las clases de catecismo comenzó. Debe llamar a la oficina de Catecismo para hacer una cita para registrar a su hijo. Se le dará información sobre los horarios de clase cuando llame. **Las clases comenzarán el sábado, 7 de septiembre.**



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.



Programa de formación en la Fe para Adultos

Mayores de 18 años interesados

en recibir los sacramentos del Bautismo/Primera Comunión/Confirmación para el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos.

Sunday Collection - August 3-4, 2024

Sunday Collection:	\$5,753.95
Church Maintenance:	\$1,286.64
On-Line Giving:	\$458.08
Total Sunday Offertory:	<u>\$7,498.67</u>

Weekly Expenses:

Income:	\$7,498.67
*Expenses:	<u>\$6,000.25</u>
	\$1,498.42

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

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

Grupo Guadalupano of Santa Cruz will be selling breakfast this Sunday, August 11, after the 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. morning Masses. They will be serving:

\$8.00 - Menudo
\$10.00 - Combination Plate (flat enchiladas, rice and beans)
\$3.00 - Burritos: chorizo with egg or papas
\$1.00 - Coffee, Soda, Pan Dulce
\$1.00 - Raspados

The proceeds of this breakfast event will go towards the continued renovation of the Chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

El Grupo Guadalupano de Santa Cruz estará vendiendo desayunos este domingo, 11 de agosto, después de las Misa de la mañana. Gracias por su cooperación y generosidad.

*The Assumption
of The Blessed Virgin Mary*

Wednesday, August 14th

6:30 p.m. English Vigil

Thursday, August 15th

6:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m. English Mass

6:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass

It is a holy day of obligation.

La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María

Miércoles, 14 de agosto

6:30 p.m. Vigilia en inglés

Jueves, 15 de agosto

6:30 a.m. y 8:00 a.m. Misa en Inglés

6:30 p.m. Misa Bilingüe

Es un día de obligación.

Santa Cruz Parish

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Celebrate
Te invita a celebrar

MASS
CELEBRATION
SHOW & SHINE
CAR SHOW
FOOD CARTS
DANCE
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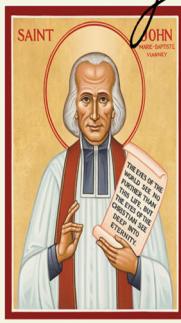
The Feast of
the Holy
Cross
*La Fiesta de la
Santa Cruz*
**Sat. Sept. 14
&
Sun. Sept. 15**



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EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

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Vianney**



March 13
April 10
May 8
June 12
July 10

August 14
September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11

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7:30 A.M. SHOTGUN START

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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.



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

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

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

We love
having you as part of our flock



Keep in touch
with us via
email & text

**Sign up for Flock Notes:
Text - santacruzaz
to 84576**

**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

Saturday, August 10th

8:00 a.m. George R. Rivera/R.I.P.

5:30 p.m. In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/
In Memory of Carlos & Lily Contreras/R.I.P.

Sunday, August 11th

6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00 a.m. Carmen Munguia/R.I.P.

10:00 a.m. Roberto Salinas/R.I.P.

12:00 noon Special Intention/Pueblo High School,
Administration & Community

6:00 p.m. Francisco Xavier Rodriguez/R.I.P.

Monday, August 12th

6:30 a.m. Special Intention/Ana Montoya

8:00 a.m. Eleonor & Armand Sainz & Eva, Manuela
& Maria Lydia Carpintero/R.I.P.

Mass at Capilla de Guadalupe

7:00 p.m. Samuel Alejandro Placeres & Alexa Martinez/R.I.P.

Tuesday, August 13th

6:30 a.m. Special Int./Estevan & Skylar Rodriguez

8:00 a.m. Special Intention/Christiano Rucker

Wednesday, August 14th

6:30 a.m. Special Intention/Brian Rucker

8:00 a.m. Gilbert Armenta/R.I.P.

Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 p.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners

Thursday, August 15th

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m. Special Intention/Joe & Melina Tafoya

8:00 a.m. Frank G. Garcia/R.I.P.

6:30 p.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners

Friday, August 16th

6:30 a.m. Special Int./Daniel & Petra Villascuesa

8:00 a.m. Special Int./Susan Felix & Salem Felix