



Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

1220 S. 6th Avenue • Tucson, AZ 85713

**Unless you eat the flesh
of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you do not have life within you.**

— John 6:53



AUGUST 18, 2024 • TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

Eucahrstic 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,

Last week began another school year for Santa Cruz Parish Catholic School. We welcome the new principal Mrs. Roxanne Teran, who comes to our school after being principal of Sacred Heart School in Nogales for four years. Most of the teachers have returned and we have an enrollment of about one hundred forty-seven students with plenty of room for more students in each grade. There has never been a more opportune time to consider sending your children to Santa Cruz Parish Catholic School. Current Arizona tax laws allow for your school tax dollars to be directed to the school of your choice. Go to www.azed.gov/esa/ to find out more information on the Empowerment Scholarship Account, the state program that covers multiple education expenses such as private school tuition, curricula, educational supplies, tutoring and more. If you're worried about the public school secular woke agenda being taught to your children and would like more of a traditional, solid education, you should consider our school as a holy and healthy alternative.

In four weeks, on September 7, the parish Religious Education program will begin. All grades of religious education will be offered, especially preparation for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation next spring. Registrations are being taken by calling the Religious Education office at 520-882-9687 and speaking with the Director of Religious Education, Martin Doe.

I cannot express how important it is to continue to send your child to religious education classes. If they stop studying the Catholic Faith after they make their First Holy Communion, they effectively have a second grade level understanding of the faith. If you stopped sending your child to school after they completed the second grade, how far would you expect then to get in life? Not very far indeed. In fact, the state would bring charges of child neglect: *If a parent or guardian doesn't take the necessary steps to ensure their child's education, they may receive a citation. If convicted, the parent could face a fine and/or jail time, which is considered a Class 3 misdemeanor.* How is it possible that the state takes more seriously the secular education of your child than you do for their religious education?

How fortunate we are here at Santa Cruz Parish in that there are two very good options to help you in your duty as the first teachers of your child in the ways of faith: Our parish school and our parish religious education program. To know God, to love God, and to serve God is the goal of all religious education. I pray you take advantage of the programs we have in place to help you educate your children in the ways of faith.

In Christ,
Fr. Velásquez

Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

La semana pasada comenzó otro año escolar para la Escuela Católica de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz. Damos la bienvenida a la nueva directora, la Sra. Roxanne Terán, quien llega a nuestra escuela después de haber sido directora de la Escuela del Sagrado Corazón en Nogales durante cuatro años. La mayoría de los maestros han regresado y tenemos una matrícula de aproximadamente ciento cuarenta y siete estudiantes con mucho espacio para más estudiantes en cada grado. Nunca ha habido un momento más oportuno para considerar enviar a sus hijos a la Escuela Católica de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz. Las leyes fiscales actuales de Arizona permiten que el dinero de sus impuestos escolares se destine a la escuela de su elección. Visite www.azed.gov/esa/ para obtener más información sobre la Cuenta de Becas de Empoderamiento, el programa estatal que cubre múltiples gastos educativos, como la matrícula de la escuela privada, los planes de estudio, los materiales educativos, la tutoría y más. Si le preocupa la agenda secular de la escuela pública que se les enseña a sus hijos y le gustaría una educación más tradicional y sólida, debe considerar nuestra escuela como una alternativa santa y saludable.

En cuatro semanas, el 7 de septiembre, comenzará el programa de Educación Religiosa de la parroquia. Se ofrecerán todos los grados de educación religiosa, especialmente la preparación para los sacramentos de la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación la próxima primavera. Las inscripciones se están aceptando llamando a la oficina de Educación Religiosa al 520-882-9687 y hablando con el Director de Educación Religiosa, Martin Doe.

No puedo expresar lo importante que es seguir enviando a su hijo a clases de educación religiosa. Si dejan de estudiar la fe católica después de hacer su Primera Comunión, efectivamente tienen un nivel de comprensión de la fe de segundo grado. Si deja de enviar a su hijo a la escuela después de que haya completado el segundo grado, ¿qué tan lejos espera que llegue en la vida? No muy lejos, de hecho. De hecho, el estado presentaría cargos por negligencia infantil: *si un padre o tutor no toma las medidas necesarias para garantizar la educación de su hijo, puede recibir una citación. Si es condenado, el padre podría enfrentar una multa y/o tiempo en prisión, lo que se considera un delito menor de Clase 3.* ¿Cómo es posible que el estado se tome más en serio la educación secular de su hijo que usted su educación religiosa?

Qué afortunados somos aquí en la Parroquia de Santa Cruz, ya que contamos con dos excelentes opciones para ayudarlos en su deber como primeros maestros de sus hijos en los caminos de la fe: nuestra escuela parroquial y nuestro programa de educación religiosa parroquial. Conocer a Dios, amar a Dios y servir a Dios es el objetivo de toda educación religiosa. Les ruego que aprovechen los programas que tenemos para ayudarlos a educar a sus hijos en los caminos de la fe.

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

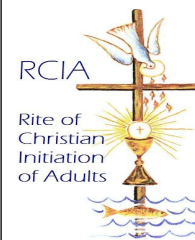
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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 10-11, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$5,828.38
On-Line Giving: \$ 298.58
Total Sunday Offertory: \$6,126.96

Diocesan Collection:
(Solidarity Fund Church in Africa: \$861.48)

Weekly Expenses:

Income: \$6,126.96
* Expenses: \$6,000.25
\$ 126.71

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

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

Santa Cruz Parish

1220 S. 6th Avenue

Invites you to
Celebrate
Te invita a celebrar

Sat. Sept. 14

MASS

CELEBRATION

SHOW & SHINE

CAR SHOW

FOOD CARTS

PIÑATAS FOR

THE KIDS

MUSIC & DANCE

Sun. Sept. 15

BREAKFAST

AFTER THE

MORNING MASSES

**The Feast of
the Holy
Cross**

*La Fiesta de la
Santa Cruz*

Sat. Sept. 14

&

Sun. Sept. 15



**Santa Cruz
Catholic School**

Santa Cruz Parish welcomes back all of our school
staff, new and existing teachers, students, and their
families. May God bless our new school year!

There is still time! Please consider sending your
child to Santa Cruz Catholic School! We have
scholarships available to cover nearly all of tuition
costs for families of all income levels. Please contact
our office at (520) 624-2093 or email Ms. Josie
Noriega at jnoriega@santacruzschool.org.

School website: santacruzschool.org

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

6:00 A.M. - 7:00 A.M. CHECK-IN AND SOCIAL HOUR
7:30 A.M. SHOTGUN START

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Location: Santa Cruz Catholic Church, Tucson
Sunday, August 18, 2024 & Sunday, September 15, 2024
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Are you seeking a closer relationship with Jesus and a deeper
prayer life? Do you have a devotion to Our Blessed Mother and an
interest in the teachings of the Carmelite Saints? On August 18,
and September 15, the Santa Cruz Community of Secular Discalced
Carmelites welcomes visitors to attend our meetings and find out
about our way of life in order to discern whether God is calling you
to be part of the Carmelite religious order as a lay person.
For more information, contact the OCDS Council President
via e-mail at j5m2j@icloud.com.



Rachel's Vineyard (Tucson) - If the
emotional and spiritual wounds of a past
abortion took faith, love and joy from
your life, sign up now for a co-ed
Rachel's Vineyard retreat in Tucson,
September 13-15, 2024. Call/Text 520-743-6777 or
Visit: www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org

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email: toulakat60@gmail.com or barcelo54@aol.com



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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.



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!**

Regístrese 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

Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 17th

8:00 a.m. Antonio Garcia & Francisco Islas/R.I.P.

5:30 p.m. Jianna Cancino/Happy Birthday

Sunday, August 18th

6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners

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

10:00 a.m. Michelle Carrizosa/R.I.P.

12:00 noon Jose Angel Ornelas Toro/Happy Birthday

6:00 p.m. Francisco Xavier Rodriguez & Deceased Family Members of the Rodriguez & Bell Families/R.I.P.

Monday, August 19th

6:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/

In Memory of the Carlos & Lily Contreras/R.I.P.

Tuesday, August 20th

6:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. Jesus Matias Cantos Machado/R.I.P.

Wednesday, August 21st

6:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. Annie & Jimmy Vidal/R.I.P.

Thursday, August 22nd

6:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. Special Intention/Yolanda Quiroz

Friday, August 23rd

6:30 a.m. Altigracia Monreal/R.I.P.

8:00 a.m. George Nicolas Ortiz Yslava/R.I.P.