



## Mission Statement:

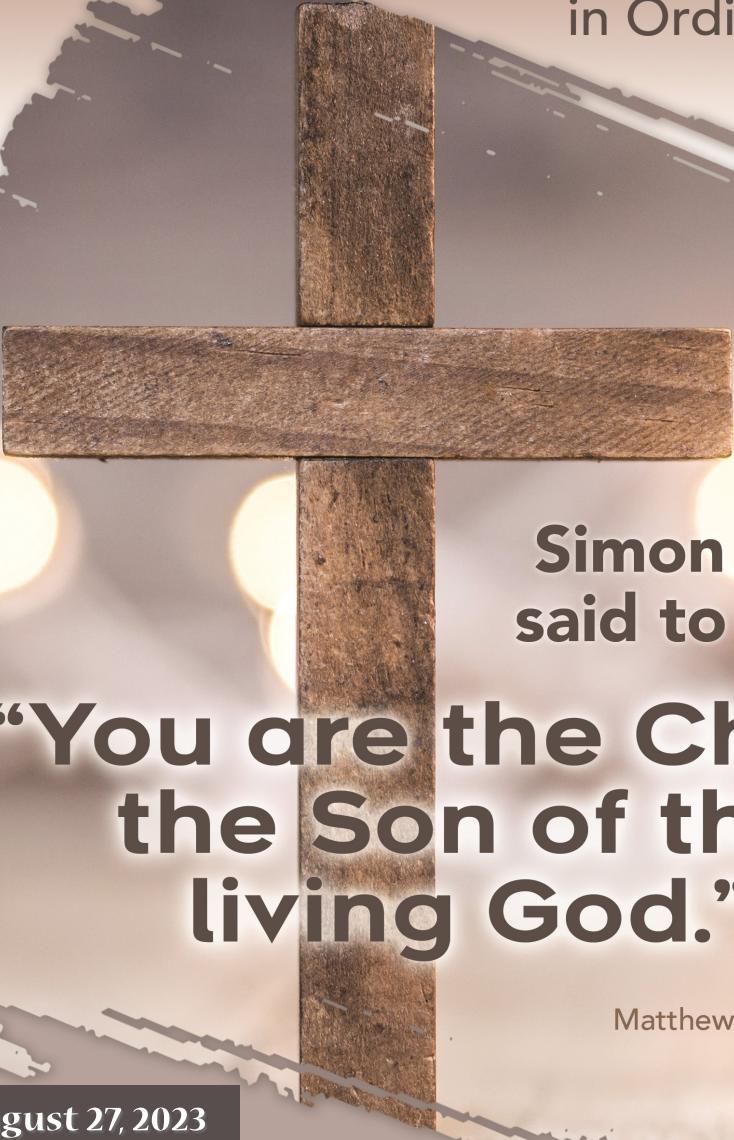
"We, the members of Santa Cruz Parish, diverse in culture and traditions, united with the Body of Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, follow Christ through faithful witness and discipleship in family and community."

"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."

## Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

1220 S. 6th Avenue • Tucson, AZ 85713

### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Simon Peter said to Jesus,**

**“You are the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.”**

Matthew 16:16

August 27, 2023

### Masses / Misas

**Saturday Vigil**  
Sábado Vigilia

5:30 p.m. - English

**Sunday / Domingo**

6:30 a.m. - English

8:00 a.m. - Español

10:00 a.m. - English  
*(Also on Facebook Live-Stream)*

12:00 noon - English

6:00 p.m. - English

**Monday - Saturday**

Lunes - Sábado

8:00 a.m. - English

**Confessions / Confeciones**

**Saturday / Sábado**

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 pm

**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.

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ernesto Lujan

## **Message from the Pastor . . .**

Dear Parishioners of Santa Cruz Parish,

These are a few areas of concern and need I have observed in the parish:

**1. A Census Committee.** I am told that we have not conducted a parish census in many, many years. What does a census count do? It would go through the neighborhoods of our parish and reach out to Catholics living there with an invitation from the parish and information about the parish. We would be able to get a rough count of how many Catholics are living within the parish boundaries. We would be able to invite them to participate in the life of the Church by baptizing any children that may not be baptized, by offering First Communion and Confirmation preparation for the children in the family, by preparing couples who may not be married in the Church, blessing those marriages, by inviting them to share the fullness of God's love for them by being an active member of His family in our parish. Aside from parishioners who are already registered, the census would help us identify "new" parishioners who perhaps do not realize they belong to our parish. This project will involve much planning and commitment. I hope and pray that many of you will be willing to help the Census Committee.

**2. A Maintenance Committee.** I was told that up until about ten years ago the parish had what was called a Maintenance Committee, which was a group of about five or six men, who volunteered their time and talent to help maintain the parish and the chapels. I am not aware of whether you know it or not, but the parish nor the school currently has employed a full-time maintenance man. As a result when ever minor or major repairs need to take place we need to look for a volunteer or hire an outside contractor to do the job. I envision this committee helping me to assess the physical needs of the parish both here and at the Guadalupe Chapel; help to make sure we are up to code in all areas in the parish (electrical, health, safety, etc.) Help to complete the La Cocina Project initiated by Fr. David Guzman, which would bring the kitchen in Carmelite Hall up to date so that it can be used by the parish groups for fundraising and other activities.

**3. A Parish Council.** I am hoping to establish some sort of parish council that would serve as sounding board for me when it comes to meeting the needs of the parish. Being new to the parish, I believe a council of this sort would help me quickly to identify where our energies may best be served. The meetings would take place every other month (six times a year) and I would want a representative from each of the parish groups and ministries (Guadalupanos, Knights of Columbus, Liturgical ministry, School, Religious Education), i.e., any functioning parish group. But I would not limit the Parish Council to only parish groups, anyone who is interested and wants to contribute positively to the good of the parish is welcome to be a part of the Parish Council.

**4. Increased Offertory Committee.** In a few weeks we will be publishing a report on the parish finances (income and expenses) for the past year (2022-2023) and a report on the proposed budget for the current year (2023-2024). After reviewing these two reports you will see that our parish finances need to be addressed and a strategy needs to be devised and implemented as soon as possible. If you have any experience in targeted fundraising for non-profits, in financial planning, in business operations and efficiency, etc., you might consider coming forward to help on this committee.

These are just a few areas that I have been thinking about or have been brought to my attention. If there is something else you think I should be made aware of please feel free to contact the office to set up an appointment to talk about your concerns. We are planning a ministry fair on the weekend of September 23-24, at which time sign-up lists for these and other committees and groups will be available. Or please call the office if you are willing to serve the Lord and your parish in this way. God bless you.

In Christ,  
Fr. Velásquez

## **Mensaje del Párroco . . .**

Estimados feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

Estas son algunas áreas de preocupación y necesidad que he observado en la parroquia:

**1. Un Comité del Censo.** Me dicen que aquí no hemos realizado un censo parroquial desde hace muchos, muchos años. ¿Qué hace un recuento censal? Recorrería los vecindarios de nuestra parroquia y llegaría a los católicos que viven aquí con una invitación de la parroquia e información sobre la parroquia. Podríamos obtener un recuento aproximado de cuántos católicos viven dentro de los límites de la parroquia. Podríamos invitarlos a participar en la vida de la Iglesia bautizando a los niños que no sean bautizados, ofreciendo preparación para la Primera Comunión y Confirmación a los niños de la familia, preparando a las parejas que no estén casadas por la Iglesia, bendiciendo esos matrimonios, invitándolos a compartir la plenitud del amor de Dios por ellos siendo un miembro activo de Su familia en nuestra parroquia. Aparte de los feligreses que ya están registrados, el censo nos ayudaría a identificar "nuevos" feligreses que quizás no se dan cuenta de que pertenecen a nuestra parroquia. Este proyecto implicará mucha planificación y compromiso. Espero y pido para que muchos de ustedes estén dispuestos a ayudar al Comité del Censo.

**2. Un Comité de Mantenimiento.** Me dijeron que hace unos diez años que la parroquia tenía lo que se llamaba un Comité de Mantenimiento, que era un grupo de unos cinco o seis hombres, que ofrecían su tiempo y talento como voluntarios para ayudar a mantener la parroquia y las capillas. No sé si lo saben, pero la parroquia ni la escuela actualmente han contratado a un hombre de mantenimiento de tiempo completo. Como resultado, cuando es necesario realizar reparaciones menores o mayores, debemos buscar un voluntario o contratar a un contratista externo para que haga el trabajo. Me imagino que este comité me ayudará a evaluar las necesidades físicas de la parroquia tanto aquí como en la Capilla Guadalupe; ayude a asegurarnos de que cumplimos con los códigos en todas las áreas de la parroquia (electricidad, salud, seguridad, etc.). Ayude a completar el Proyecto La Cocina iniciado por el Padre David Guzmán, que actualizaría la cocina del Salón Carmelita para que pueda ser utilizada por los grupos parroquiales para la recaudación de fondos y otras actividades.

**3. Un Concilio Parroquial.** Espero establecer algún tipo de concilio parroquial que me sirva de respaldo cuando se trata de satisfacer las necesidades de la parroquia. Siendo nuevo en la parroquia, creo que un concilio de este tipo me ayudaría a identificar rápidamente dónde podemos aprovechar mejor nuestras energías. Las reuniones se llevarían a cabo cada dos meses (seis veces al año) y me gustaría tener un representante de cada uno de los grupos y ministerios parroquiales (Guadalupanos, Caballeros de Colón, ministerio litúrgico, escuela, educación religiosa), es decir, cualquier grupo parroquial en funcionamiento. Pero no limitaría el Concilio Parroquial solo a grupos parroquiales, cualquiera que esté interesado y quiera contribuir positivamente al bien de la parroquia es bienvenido a ser parte del Concilio Parroquial.

**4. Aumento del Comité de Ofertorio.** En unas semanas publicaremos un informe sobre las finanzas parroquiales (ingresos y gastos) del año pasado (2022-2023) y un informe sobre la propuesta de presupuesto para el año actual (2023-2024). Despues de revisar estos dos informes, verá que es necesario dirigir y poner en estrategia las finanzas de nuestra parroquia y que se debe diseñar e implementar una estrategia lo antes posible. Si tiene alguna experiencia en recaudación de fondos específica para organizaciones sin fines de lucro, en planificación financiera, en operaciones comerciales y eficiencia, etc., podría considerar presentarse para ayudar en este comité.

Estas son sólo algunas áreas sobre las que he estado pensando o que me han llamado la atención. Si hay algo más que cree que debería informarme, no dude en comunicarse con la oficina para hacer una cita y hablar sobre sus inquietudes. Estamos planeando una feria ministerial el fin de semana del 23 y 24 de septiembre, momento en el cual estarán disponibles las listas de inscripción para estos y otros comités y grupos. O llame a la oficina si está dispuesto a servir al Señor y a su parroquia de esta manera. Dios los bendiga.

En Cristo,  
Padre Velásquez



**DIOCESE OF TUCSON**  
*National Eucharistic Revival*

**DAY of PRAYER & REFLECTION**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM

Mass followed by luncheon, presentation, and Benediction

St. Augustine Cathedral  
Bishop Kicanas Pastoral Center  
192 S. Stone Ave #2, Tucson, AZ 85701

**Explore the Mass and the Eucharist**

Father Frank DeSiano, C.S.P.

How does the Word of God, which we proclaim at Mass, invite us to conversion?

How does it prepare us for the Eucharistic Prayer?

How does the Eucharistic Prayer unite us to Jesus

and bring us into his eternal prayer of praise to the Father in the Holy Spirit?

How does the Mass empower us, as missionary disciples, to go forth in service to the World?

Join us in this Spirit-filled exploration of the Mass done in the context of prayer and reflection.

Over the three-part experience, our understanding of the power of the Mass

to call us to conversion and make us disciples will grow and deepen.

Prayer and Eucharistic devotions will underline the themes of the day.



Father Frank DeSiano, CSP, was ordained a Paulist Priest in 1972. He earned a Doctor of Ministry of degree from Boston University with the theme of "Parish-based Evangelization." He has served twice as pastor of urban parishes, been elected President of the Paulist Fathers, and has been President of Paulist Evangelization Ministries since 2009. He has written many books and articles. His latest book is about developing a spirituality of the Kingdom of God.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION:** Please registration online at

<https://www.diocesetucson.org/eucharistic-revival>

Contact the Diocese of Tucson Office of Formation if you have any questions.

Ofelia James, 520-838-2545 or e-mail [ojames@diocesetucson.org](mailto:ojames@diocesetucson.org)

**THERE IS NO ADMISSION FEE**

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**Arizona Rosary  
Celebration**

"Save the Date" for the Arizona Rosary Celebration.

Saturday, October 14, 2023, will be honoring Mary under her title, *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*.

St. Augustine Cathedral  
192 South Stone Ave.  
10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**Presiding:**

Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger.

The guest speaker for this year's event will be Sister Mary Clare Mancini, O.C.D., of the Carmelite Sisters of the Most

Sacred Heart of Los Angeles. Celebrate our 13<sup>th</sup> year in the Diocese of Tucson and the 48<sup>th</sup> year of Arizona's Rosary Celebration tradition. [www.AzRosary.net](http://www.AzRosary.net). For more information, contact Dave Chohon at [1945dwc@gmail.com](mailto:1945dwc@gmail.com) or 520-539-5528.



**Sunday Collection**

**Sunday, August 20, 2023**

**Collection: \$5,627.58**

**MY SUNDAY OFFERING**

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



**Candle Price Increase Notice**

Dear Parishioners, please note that there will be a small increase in the price of our candles to reflect increased costs due to inflation. The new price starting September 1, 2023 will be **\$5.00**.



**Save the Date**

A ministry fair on the weekend of September 23-24 More information to come in the following weeks.

**Santa Cruz Religious Education**

**(520) 882-9687 • Office Hours:**

**Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm**

**Saturday: 8:30 am to 2:00 pm**

Registrations for Catechism Classes have 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 9th.**

**Educación Religiosa**

**(520) 882-9687 • Horas de Oficina:**

**Lunes - Viernes 8:30 am - 3:00 pm**

**Sábado: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm**

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, 9 de septiembre.**



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#### 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 (520) 623-3833.

#### 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.



#### 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. For registration or questions please call 520-882-9687.

#### 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.

#### New Parishioners are Always Welcome!

Register using forms available in the church.

**Baptisms:** Information on our Church Website.

**Matrimony:** Please call at least six months in advance.

#### Felices Nuevos Siempre son Bienvenidos!

Regístrate usando los formularios disponibles en la iglesia.

**Bautismos:** Información en nuestro Sitio Web.

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

#### 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 at 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, August 26th

- 8:00 a.m. Special Int./Chris & Sabrina Garay  
5:30 p.m. Robert Tellez/R.I.P.

#### Sunday, August 27th

- 6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners  
8:00 a.m. Manuel Armenta/R.I.P.  
10:00 a.m. Ramon Leon/R.I.P.  
12:00 noon Mary Ann Bravo/R.I.P.  
6:00 p.m. Socorro Medina/R.I.P.

#### Monday, August 28th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Int./Antoinette & Joshua Scales & Family  
8:00 a.m. Beatrice & Jose Bustamante/R.I.P.

#### Tuesday, August 29th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Int./Antoinette & Joshua Scales & Family  
8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

#### Wednesday, August 30th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Int./Antoinette & Joshua Scales & Family  
8:00 a.m. Eydie Rivera & Beatriz & Enrique Boido/R.I.P.

#### Thursday, August 31st

- 6:30 a.m. Special Int./Joe & Melina Tafoya & Family  
8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

#### Friday, September 1st

- 6:30 a.m. Special Int./Joe & Melina Tafoya & Family  
8:00 a.m. Aurora Reyes Few/R.I.P.