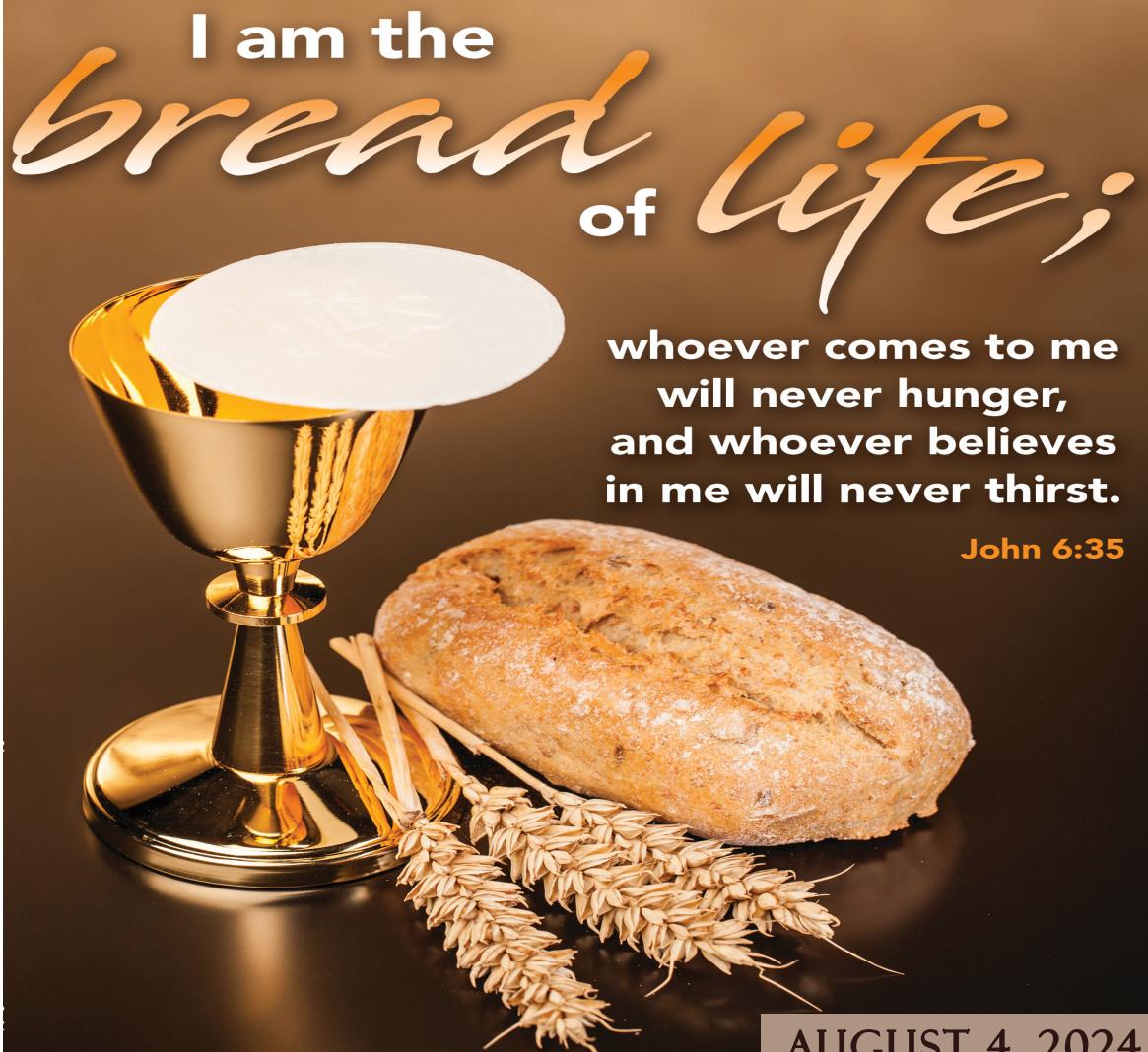




## Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

1220 S. 6th Avenue • Tucson, AZ 85713



AUGUST 4, 2024

EIGHTEENTH 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.

### 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,

The second reading from this Sunday's Mass is from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians, Chapter 4, verse 17, and then verses 20 through 24. I often am curious to see what was omitted from the reading. If we go to the letter we find that this is what was omitted:

*18 darkened in understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance, because of their hardness of heart,*

*19 they have become callous and have handed themselves over to licentiousness for the practice of every kind of impurity to excess.*

The reading then picks up with verse 20, "That is not how you learned Christ." I must confess that I do not know the principle that is followed when certain editing is done when presenting the particular scripture passage. I know in some instances details are omitted so as to focus the passage on a particular topic, or drive home a certain point. I think what is omitted is very important to reflect upon.

Darkened understanding refers to the lack of the light of faith in our minds and our understanding of reality. In matters of the truths of faith as well as in matter of morality (mortal truths) faith is a light that dispels the darkness of error. The pagan world did not know the light of faith, they only knew the light of human wisdom, which can only provide a very limited understanding of the true, the good and the beautiful. The 'hardness of heart' refers to the death that comes to the human soul that does not know the love and faith God gives to men and women. Unable to recognize where true love and faith lies, they became callous. A callous person is a person or action which is very cruel and shows no concern for other people or their feelings. Having no concern for others, they seek to their own happiness, 'licentiousness' or 'free license' to participate in every 'impurity to excess' which refers to all kinds of illicit sexual activity and perversion. That was the pagan world, but it seems to me to be a very accurate description of our world today.

St. Paul advises the Ephesians, as he would advise us today: *You must no longer live as the Gentiles . . . You should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds.* To 'be renewed in the spirit of your minds' means to study the word of God, to study the teachings of the Church, to mediate upon the truths of our faith and then to live and to love according to what we learned in Jesus Christ.

In Christ,  
Fr. Velásquez

## ***Mensaje del Párroco . . .***

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

La segunda lectura de la Misa de este domingo es de la carta de San Pablo a los Efesios, capítulo 4, versículo 17, y luego los versículos 20 al 24. A menudo siento curiosidad por ver qué se omitió en la lectura. Si vamos a la letra, encontramos que esto es lo que se omitió:

*18 oscurecidos en el entendimiento, ajenos de la vida de Dios por su ignorancia, por la dureza de su corazón,*

*19 se han vuelto insensibles y se han entregado al libertinaje, practicando con exceso toda clase de impureza.*

La lectura continúa con el versículo 20: "Así no aprendieron a Cristo". Debo confesar que no sé el principio que se sigue cuando se hace cierta edición al presentar el pasaje bíblico en particular. Sé que en algunos casos se omiten detalles para centrar el pasaje en un tema en particular o enfatizar un punto determinado. Creo que es muy importante reflexionar sobre lo que se omite.

El entendimiento oscurecido se refiere a la falta de la luz de la fe en nuestras mentes y en nuestra comprensión de la realidad. En materia de verdades de fe, así como en materia de moralidad (verdades mortales), la fe es una luz que disipa la oscuridad del error. El mundo pagano no conocía la luz de la fe, sólo conocía la luz de la sabiduría humana, que sólo puede proporcionar una comprensión muy limitada de lo verdadero, lo bueno y lo bello. La "dureza de corazón" se refiere a la muerte que llega al alma humana que no conoce el amor y la fe que Dios da a los hombres y mujeres. Incapaces de reconocer dónde residen el verdadero amor y la verdadera fe, se volvieron insensibles. Una persona insensible es una persona o acción que es muy cruel y no muestra preocupación por otras personas o sus sentimientos. Al no tener preocupación por los demás, buscan su propia felicidad, "libertinaje" o "licencia libre" para participar en toda "impureza hasta el exceso" que se refiere a todo tipo de actividad sexual ilícita y perversión. Ese era el mundo pagano, pero me parece una descripción muy precisa de nuestro mundo actual.

San Pablo aconseja a los efesios, como nos aconsejaría a nosotros hoy: *Ya no deben vivir como los gentiles... Deben despojarse del hombre viejo de su antigua manera de vivir, corrompido por los deseos engañosos, y renovarse en el espíritu de su mente.* "Renovarse en el espíritu de su mente" significa estudiar la palabra de Dios, estudiar las enseñanzas de la Iglesia, meditar sobre las verdades de nuestra fe y luego vivir y amar de acuerdo con lo que aprendimos en Jesucristo.

En Cristo,  
P. Velásquez



Have you moved?  
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Please call the Parish Office at 520-623-3833 to update your information.

## **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 am - 3:00 pm**

**Sábado y Domingo**

**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, 7 de septiembre.**



**RELIGIOUS  
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### Sunday Collection - July 27-28, 2024

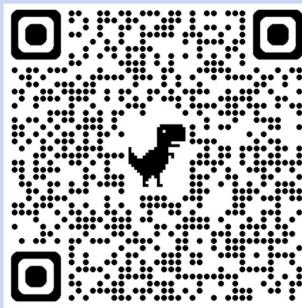
Sunday Collection:	\$5,084.75
On-Line Giving:	\$501.54
Total Sunday Offertory:	<u>\$5,586.29</u>

### Weekly Expenses:

*Expenses:	\$6,000.25
Income:	- \$5,586.29
Deficit:	(\$ 463.96)

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

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



### Vocations Committee

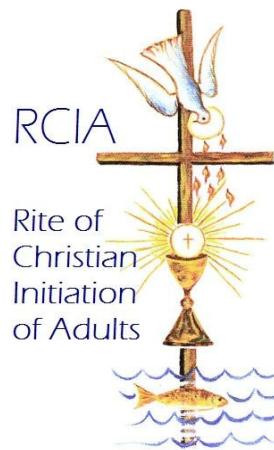
Exciting news from the Santa Cruz Vocations Committee: It is our collective responsibility to contribute to and encourage the increase of vocations in priesthood, religious life, and consecrated marriage in our parish and around the world. For this reason, we will be having a **Recruitment Fair after the August 3rd and 4th Masses** for the following important interests and roles: Priesthood, Deaconate, Engaged Encounter, Secular Orders & Laity, Catechism, Youth Group, Youth Adult Group, Music Ministry, Sacristan, Altar Serving, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers, Legion of Mary, Guadalupanos, and Knights of Columbus.

Please consider getting involved in your beloved Santa Cruz Parish and attend the fair to sign up for one of these interests and roles. We look forward to seeing you!

### 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**



RCIA  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Mayores de 18 años interesados en recibir los sacramentos del Bautismo/Primera Comunión/Confirmación para el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos.

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CELEBRATION  
SHOW & SHINE  
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FOOD CARTS  
DANCE  
BREAKFAST

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*La Fiesta de la Santa Cruz*

**Sat. Sept. 14 &  
Sun. Sept. 15**

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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!**

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



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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  
FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, August 3rd**

8:00 a.m. Michael Rene Molina/R.I.P.

5:30 p.m. Joanne Askew/Improved Health

**Sunday, August 4th**

6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners

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

10:00 a.m. Angie Amaro/R.I.P.

12:00 noon In Honor of the Holy Spirit/Advocate for Us

6:00 p.m. Ignacio 'Kito' Carbajal &  
Marissa Carbajal/R.I.P.

**Monday, August 5th**

6:30 a.m. Special Intention/For All Holy Priests

8:00 a.m. Julie Cota/Improved Health

**Tuesday, August 6th**

6:30 a.m. Cynthia Allen/Improved Health

8:00 a.m. Special Intention/James Felix & Joe Felix

**Wednesday, August 7th**

6:30 a.m. Special Intention/For All Holy Priests

8:00 a.m. Persilla Lopez/Improved Health

**Thursday, August 8th**

6:30 a.m. Alicia Chapa/R.I.P.

8:00 a.m. Elda Salcido/R.I.P.

**Friday, August 9th**

6:30 a.m. Mike Rucker/Improved Health

8:00 a.m. Ramona Gonzales/Happy Birthday