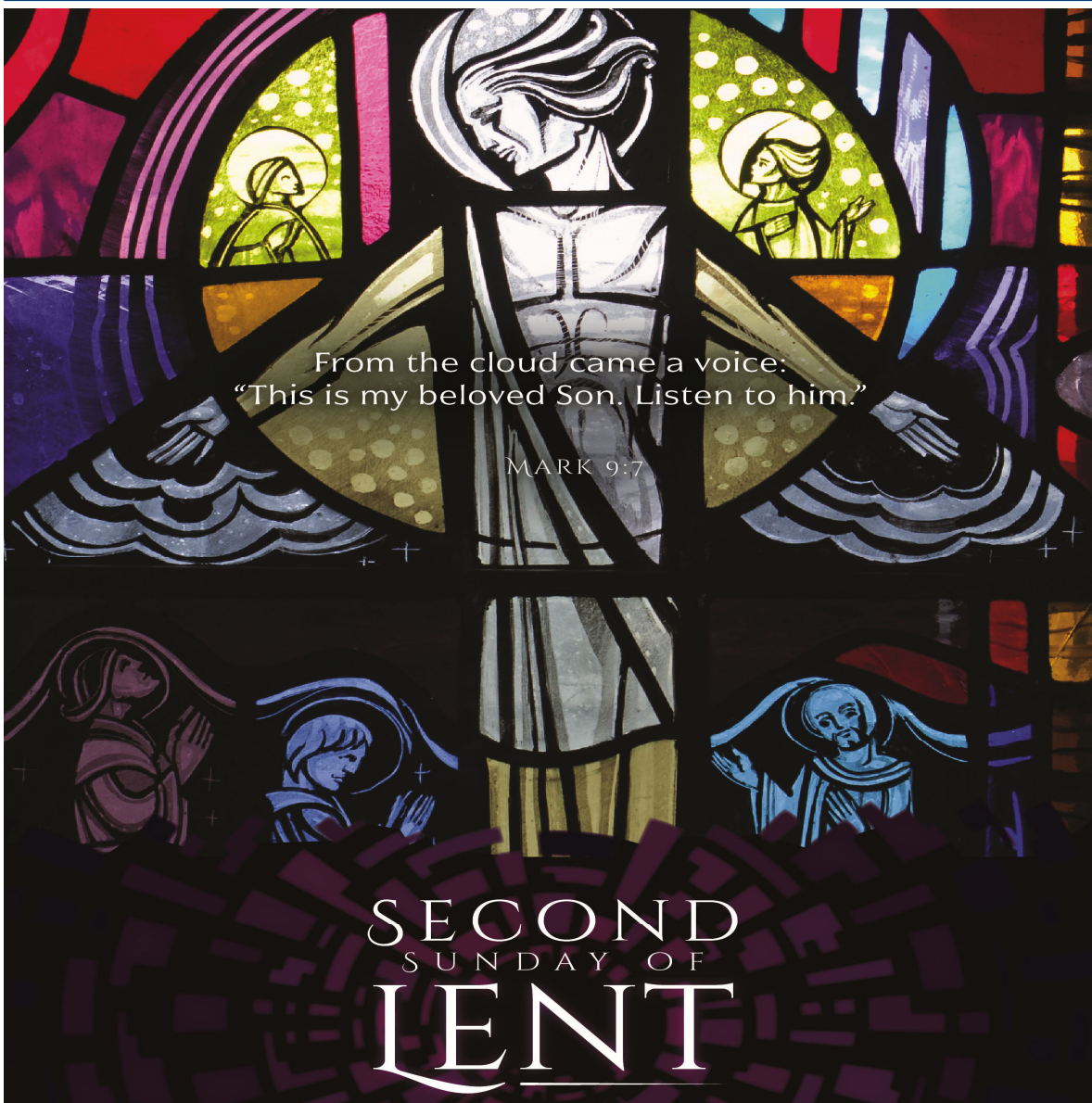




Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

1220 S. 6th Avenue • Tucson, AZ 85713



From the cloud came a voice:
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

MARK 9:7

SECOND
SUNDAY OF
LENT

February 25, 2024

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

Rev. George Bodziachowski

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 Sunday in the Gospel we heard the first public words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel," (Mark 1:15). Believing in the gospel or the good news, that the kingdom of God is at hand, is the fulfillment of the promises that God made to His people since the Fall of Adam and Eve. The good news is that God is not only going to pardon the offense of the original sin but He is going to repair the infinite distance that it created between us and God. Through the shedding of Jesus' blood on the cross, God offers us the forgiveness of sin and through His Resurrection, God offers us the promise of eternal life. This is indeed the gospel, the good news!

However, there is one word in the proclamation of the Lord that I think we tend to overlook, and that word is "Repent!" What does it mean to repent? When Jesus calls to the people to repentance it must have been that He assumed they were not living according to the word of God. Just as Jesus called that first generation of believers to repentance, He continues to call our generation as well. To repent means to change, to realize we are on the wrong path and we need to redirect our lives to get on the path that leads to God. We need to go to confession to show our repentance and determination to change our lives and follow the Lord faithfully.

Going to confession at least once a year is the minimum for us as Catholics. However, if we are aware of having committed a mortal sin, we need to go to confession as soon as possible to be forgiven through the Sacrament of Penance (reconciliation) before we continue receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion. A mortal sin is different from a venial sin, in that three conditions must be present when we commit a mortal sin: 1) grave matter, 2) full knowledge, and 3) deliberate consent.

Grave matter refers to the seriousness of the sin. The Ten Commandments are a sure guide as to whether the matter of our sin is grave or not. Full knowledge means we must know that what I am about to do is against the command of God. If I was not aware that the sin falls under the Commandment of the Lord, or if I had serious doubt, then the sin, although still a sin, is not mortal. Deliberate consent means that I had time to deliberate, to think, to consider other options, and nevertheless I still committed the action, I gave my consent, my agreement to the action. No one forced me and I was not acting out of fear. We don't accidentally commit mortal sin. I have to deliberately consent to the mortal sin.

Lent is the time of fulfillment, it is a time of repentance, it is a time to go to confession. Every Friday at 6:00 p.m. and every Saturday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. the priests of the parish are available for confession in the church. Please take these weeks before Easter to make a good and worthy confession so as to be ready to rejoice in the good news, the Gospel of salvation!

In Christ,

Fr. Velásquez

Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia Santa Cruz,

El domingo pasado en el Evangelio escuchamos las primeras palabras públicas de nuestro Señor Jesucristo: "El tiempo se ha cumplido, y el reino de Dios se ha acercado; arrepíentense y crean en el evangelio" (Marcos 1:15). Creer en el evangelio o las buenas nuevas, que el reino de Dios está cerca, es el cumplimiento de las promesas que Dios hizo a Su pueblo desde la Caída de Adán y Eva. La buena noticia es que Dios no sólo va a perdonar la ofensa del pecado original sino que también va a reparar la distancia infinita creada entre nosotros y Dios. A través del derramamiento de la sangre de Jesús en la cruz, Dios nos ofrece el perdón del pecado y a través de Su Resurrección, Dios nos ofrece la promesa de vida eterna. ¡Este es en verdad el evangelio, las buenas nuevas!

Sin embargo, hay una palabra en la proclamación del Señor que creo que tendemos a pasar por alto, y esa palabra es "¡Arrepentir!" ¿Qué significa arrepentirse? Cuando Jesús llama al pueblo al arrepentimiento debe haber sido que asumió que no estaban viviendo según la palabra de Dios. Así como Jesús llamó a esa primera generación de creyentes al arrepentimiento, Él continúa llamándonos a nosotros también. Arrepentirse significa cambiar, darnos cuenta de que estamos en el camino equivocado y que necesitamos reorientar nuestra vida para tomar el camino que conduce a Dios. Necesitamos confesarnos para mostrar nuestro arrepentimiento y determinación de cambiar nuestras vidas y seguir fielmente al Señor.

Confesarse al menos una vez al año es lo mínimo para nosotros como católicos. Sin embargo, si somos conscientes de haber cometido un pecado mortal, debemos confesarnos lo antes posible para ser perdonados a través del Sacramento de la Penitencia (reconciliación) antes de continuar recibiendo el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús en la Sagrada Comunión. Un pecado mortal se diferencia de un pecado venial en que deben estar presentes tres condiciones cuando cometemos un pecado mortal: 1) asunto grave, 2) pleno conocimiento y 3) consentimiento deliberado.

Asunto grave se refiere a la gravedad del pecado. Los Diez Mandamientos son una guía segura sobre si el asunto de nuestro pecado es grave o no. Conocimiento pleno significa que debemos saber que lo que estoy a punto de hacer va en contra del mandato de Dios. Si no era consciente de que el pecado cae bajo el Mandamiento del Señor, o si tenía serias dudas, entonces el pecado, aunque sigue siendo pecado, no es mortal. Consentimiento deliberado significa que tuve tiempo para deliberar, pensar, considerar otras opciones y, sin embargo, cometí la acción, di mi consentimiento, mi acuerdo con la acción. Nadie me obligó y no estaba actuando por miedo. No cometemos pecado mortales accidentalmente. Debo consentir deliberadamente en el pecado mortal.

La Cuaresma es tiempo de cumplimiento, es tiempo de arrepentimiento, es tiempo de confesarse. Todos los viernes a las 6:00 p.m. y todos los sábados de 3:30 p.m. a 5:00 p.m. los sacerdotes de la parroquia están disponibles para confesar en la iglesia. ¡Por favor, aprovecha estas semanas antes de Pascua para hacer una confesión buena y digna para estar listo para regocijarse en la buena nueva, el Evangelio de la salvación!

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

9:00 p.m. - Benediction

New Santa Cruz Parish Council Meeting

March 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

A parish council is formed in each parish as a means of communication between the parishioners and the pastoral leadership of the parish. Advisory in nature, the parish council will serve in assisting the pastor in planning for the stability and growth of the parish by attending to the spiritual and moral needs of the people.

All the leaders of the parish groups are asked to attend this meeting. Also any one who is interested in serving as a representative of the parishioners is also asked to attend.



Santa Cruz Parish is offering Fish Fry Friday's sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Join us every Friday evening during Lent from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Carmelite Hall.



Stations of the Cross

You are invited to join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

Followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Vía Crucis

Los invitamos a que nos acompañen al vía crucis todos los viernes durante la cuaresma a las 6:30 p.m. Seguido por misa a las 7:00 p.m.



Sunday Collection - February 12-18, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$5,102.99
 Ash Wednesday: \$2,155.75
 On-Line Giving: \$ 225.00
 Total Sunday Offertory: \$7,483.74

Diocesan Collection:
 (Black & Indian Collection: \$1,260.23)

Weekly Expenses:

Income: \$7,483.74
 * Expenses: \$6,000.25
 \$1,483.49

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

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

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 "WITH ZEAL HAVE I BEEN ZEALOUS FOR THE LORD GOD OF HOSTS"
 KINGS 19:10

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

News from the Carmelite Shrine Committee—

The Disalced Carmelite Shrine Committee will be holding a yard sale here at Santa Cruz on Saturday, March 16. If you have items you wish to donate to the yard sale, you may drop them off at the parish office. If you would like for us to pick up your donations, please leave a message at (520) 882-8775 to arrange the pickup. Thank you!

Santa Cruz Religious Education

(520) 882-9687 • Office Hours: Monday - Saturday 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

Congratulations to our new Catechumen Elect, Will Howell, IV. Will was admitted into the Order of the Elect last Sunday, February 18th at the 12 noon Mass and was presented to Bishop Weisenburger later that day. Will is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist on the Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30th and will begin the Rites of the Scrutinies the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent at the 12 noon Mass. The Scrutinies are prayers of minor exorcisms the Church performs over the newly Elect to strengthen him against the assaults of evil as he nears the night of his initiation into the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. Please keep Will in your prayers and your Lenten sacrifices and if you attend the noon Mass on Sunday, don't hesitate to give him a word of encouragement.



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

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

Historic EL RIO Golf Course

MARCH 16 SATURDAY

Santa Cruz Parish 67th Fiesta De La Familia 2024
 Saturday, April 20th & Sunday April, 21st
 Next Fiesta Meeting on Thursday, March 7 • 6:30 p.m. in the Hall

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

- 400-3 SECTION FOAM PLATES
- 300- PAPER PLATES
- 500-16 oz. SOLO CUPS
- 300-12 oz. FOAM CUPS
- 200- FOAM BOWLS OR BOATS FOR NACHOS
- 2 BOXES OF FORKS
- 5 TO 6 BOXES OF FOIL SHEETS
- 4 BOXES OF EXTRA LARGE TRASH BAGS
- 5 BOXES OF PLASTIC GLOVES
- 10 SMALL INDIVIDUAL HAND SOAP

Enter the Parish Raffle!!!

The committee would like to say **THANK YOU** for any help. Items can be taken to the parish office.

Raffle tickets have been mailed out, please be on the lookout. If you didn't get yours, please call the office or stop by.

SANTA CRUZ PARISH 67th ANNUAL FIESTA
 Celebrating our 105th year!
 APRIL 20th & 21st, 2024
 SAT 1PM TO 11PM • SUN 1PM TO 8:30PM
 1st Prize \$5,000 • 2nd Prize \$1,500
 3rd Prize \$500
 DRAWING ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2024
 \$5.00 DONATION (NOT NECESSARY TO ENTER DRAWING)
 WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

NAME _____
 PHONE _____

Santa Cruz Catholic Parish—Santa Cruz Catholic School
BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

6:30 A.M. - 7:30 A.M. CHECK-IN AND SOCIAL HOUR
 8:00 A.M. SHOTGUN START

- \$90.00 Per Player - Four Person Scramble
- Includes: Golf Fees, Cart, Range Balls and Lunch
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places
- Longest Drive Contest for Ladies and Men
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Proceeds will benefit the Santa Cruz Parish and the Santa Cruz School outreach programs.

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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.



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, February 24th

- 8:00 a.m. Jesus C. Cruz/R.I.P.
- 5:30 p.m. Inginio Jose Martinez/R.I.P.

Sunday, February 25th

- 6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners
- 8:00 a.m. Francisca Aguilar/Happy Birthday
- 10:00 a.m. Jorge Amaro/R.I.P.
- 12:00 noon Rosemary M. Valenzuela/Happy Birthday
- 6:00 p.m. Xavier Rodriguez & Deceased Family Members of the Rodriguez & Bell Families/R.I.P.

Monday, February 26th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Intention/Cynthia Allen
- 8:00 a.m. Lisa Bustamante/R.I.P.

Tuesday, February 27th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Intention/Jet Vigil
- 8:00 a.m. Damian Huggins/R.I.P.

Wednesday, February 28th

- 6:30 a.m. Stella Rosas/Improved Health
- 8:00 a.m. Michelle Carrizosa/R.I.P.

Thursday, February 29th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Intention/Justin Felix & Ryan Porter
- 8:00 a.m. Kelly Jimenez/R.I.P.

Friday, March 1st

- 6:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony & St. Jude
- 8:00 a.m. Kelly Jimenez/R.I.P.
- 7:00 p.m. In Honor of Santa Lucia

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
Entire Diocese Goal: \$4 million
Parish Goal: **\$40,340**
Donor Participation Goal:
Donors 13
Pledges to Date: \$4,880
Total Amount Fulfilled: \$855

2% of Goal