



**Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church**  
1220 S. 6th Avenue • Tucson, AZ 85713

**FIFTH SUNDAY**  
in Ordinary Time

**FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

JESUS CURED  
MANY WHO WERE  
SICK WITH  
VARIOUS DISEASES,  
AND HE DROVE OUT  
MANY DEMONS. MARK 1: 34



**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 Nuema, 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,

When I first arrived here six months ago (yes, it's been six months!) I was excited and eager to continue the good work of the Carmelite Friars, and at the same time a little apprehensive and sensitive to not disrupt the life of the parish. So I tried to take things slowly, taking my time to observe how things were done. If you ask the staff and volunteers they will tell you that a constant refrain of mine was, "How was this or that done before?" or "What did the previous pastors do?" I hope that you will also remember that in one of my letters to the parishioners, I proposed four parish committees: 1) a Census Committee, 2) a Maintenance Committee, 3) a Parish Council, and 4) an Increased Offertory Committee.

As regards the Census Committee, I want to recognize and thank long-time parishioner Richard Serrano for taking charge of this project. Richard has been responsible for gathering the information provided by the parishioners and sending out welcome letters to new parishioners. We are still considering ways to reach out to people who live in the parish but do not attend Mass at Santa Cruz Parish or perhaps do not realize this is their parish. We've hired a maintenance man who works for the school and the parish: Fermin Rivera. He has been a great help to me and the school and parish staff. With Fermin, I feel we are getting a handle on the ongoing maintenance issues of the parish. Very soon we will be initiating an Increased Offertory Program through the services of Our Sunday Visitor. The Catholic Foundation has generously offered to help with the costs of this program, which I feel is necessary to accurately and professionally assess the financial future of the parish. The only area that I feel I have not given time to develop is the Parish Council.

My vision of the Santa Cruz Parish Council would consist of about eleven or more parishioners representing the various aspects of parish and school life of this parish. I will be asking the leadership of each of the parish groups and ministries to be part of this council. Also any one who is truly interested in being part of the council but is not a member of any group is most welcome to serve. I am looking for members of the parish who want to contribute to building up the parish life in every aspect of parish life: liturgical life (Mass and sacraments), spiritual life (prayer groups, bible studies), intellectual life (catechism, adult education), and service life (charitable works, St. Vincent de Paul). Of course there are many other areas which need to be addressed and that would be one of the functions of the Parish Council, to raise the concerns and needs of the parishioners to me as pastor.

I am planning on convening the first meeting of the Parish Council on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Carmelite Hall. Please let me know if you might be interested in serving on the Parish Council.

In Christ,

Fr. Velásquez

## Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados feligreses de la Parroquia Santa Cruz,

Cuando llegué aquí por primera vez hace seis meses (¡sí, ya han pasado seis meses!) estaba emocionado y entusiasmado por continuar con el buen trabajo de los Frailes Carmelitas, y al mismo tiempo un poco aprensivo y sensible para no perturbar la vida de la parroquia. Así que traté de tomar las cosas con calma, tomándome mi tiempo para observar cómo se hacían las cosas. Si le preguntan al personal y a los voluntarios, les dirán que constantemente decía: "¿Como se hacía esto o aquello antes?" o "¿Qué hicieron los pastores anteriores?" Espero que también recuerden que en una de mis cartas a los feligreses propuse cuatro comités parroquiales: 1) un Comité del Censo, 2) un Comité de Mantenimiento, 3) un Concilio Parroquial y 4) un Comité del Aumento del Ofertorio.

En cuanto al Comité del Censo, quiero reconocer y agradecer a nuestro feligrés Richard Serrano por hacerse cargo de este proyecto. Richard ha sido responsable de recopilar la información proporcionada por los feligreses y de enviar nuestras cartas de bienvenida a los nuevos feligreses. Todavía estamos considerando formas de llegar a las personas que viven en el área de la parroquia pero que no asisten a misa en la parroquia de Santa Cruz o tal vez no se dan cuenta de que esta es su parroquia. Hemos contratado a un hombre de mantenimiento que trabaja para la escuela y la parroquia: Fermín Rivera. Ha sido de gran ayuda para mí y para el personal de la escuela y la parroquia. Con Fermín siento que estamos controlando el mantenimiento continuo de la parroquia. Muy pronto estaremos iniciando un Programa de Ofertorio Incrementado a través de los servicios de Nuestro Visitante Dominical. La Fundación Católica se ha ofrecido generosamente a ayudar con los costos de este programa para que puedan evaluar de manera precisa y profesional de el futuro financiero de la parroquia. La única área al que siento que no le he dado tiempo para desarrollar es el Concilio Parroquial.

Mi visión del Concilio Parroquial de Santa Cruz consistiría de unos once feligreses que representarían los diversos aspectos de la vida parroquial y escolar de esta parroquia. Estaré pidiendo al liderazgo de cada uno de los grupos y ministerios parroquiales que sean parte de este consejo. Además, cualquiera que esté realmente interesado en ser parte del consejo pero que no es miembro de ningún grupo es bienvenido a servir. Busco miembros de la parroquia que quieran contribuir a la construcción de la vida parroquial en todos los aspectos de la vida parroquial: vida litúrgica (Misas y sacramentos), vida espiritual (grupos de oración, estudios bíblicos), vida intelectual (catecismo, educación de adultos), y vida de servicio (obras de caridad, San Vicente de Paúl). Por supuesto, hay muchas otras áreas que deben ser dirigidas y esa sería una de las funciones del Concilio Parroquial, para que me informen a mí, como párroco de la iglesia, las inquietudes y necesidades de los feligreses.

Tengo previsto convocar la primera reunión del Concilio Parroquial el lunes, 11 de marzo de 2024 a las 7:00 p.m. en el Salón Carmelita. Por favor, avíseme si podría estar interesado en formar parte del Concilio Parroquial.

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  
6:00 p.m. - Rosario  
7:00 p.m. - Rosary  
9:00 p.m. - Benediction

## 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 at (520) 623-3833.

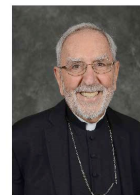
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## World Day of the Sick Mass

Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, DD  
Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Tucson



Anointing of the Sick  
Blessing of Caregivers  
Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
10:00 AM



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## Lenten Retreat for Women - February 24, 2024

Come to the day of prayer, reflection and learning as we enter the Lenten Season.

"Women Be Blessed" is being presented on **Saturday, February 24, 2024, from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 844 Sullivan St., Miami, AZ.** The presenters are Fr. Martin Bosco Ormin and Deacon Rich LeMieux. The \$20.00 donation includes Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Gift Bag & more!

For information 928-473-3568.

## Sunday Collection - January 27-28, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$4,979.48  
 On-Line Giving: \$ 370.00  
 Total Sunday Offertory: \$5,349.48

### Weekly Expenses:

\* Expenses: \$6,000.25  
 Income: -\$5,349.48  
 Deficit: (\$650.77)

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

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



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

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

The Grupo Guadalupano of Santa Cruz will be selling breakfast on Sunday, February 4, after the morning Masses at Santa Cruz Church (6:30 am, 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12:00 pm). The proceeds of this breakfast event will go towards the continued renovation of the Chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe for all parishioners to cherish and for worship gatherings. We are finishing the installation of our stained-glass windows. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.



El Grupo Guadalupano de Santa Cruz estará vendiendo desayunos el domingo 4 de febrero, después de las Misas de la mañana en la Iglesia de Santa Cruz (6:30 am, 8:00 am, 10:00 am y 12:00 pm). Las ganancias de este desayuno se destinarán a la renovación continua de la Capilla de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe para que todos los feligreses la aprecien y para reuniones de adoración. Estamos terminando la instalación de nuestros vitrales. Gracias por su cooperación y generosidad.

### From the Committee of the Blessed Discalced Carmelite Martyrs Committee-

There will be a lectern with a book for your private prayer intentions to the Blessed Discalced Carmelite Martyrs of Santa Cruz Parish starting on Ash Wednesday. We kindly request that you contact the parish office if you have had a prayer answered, as the declaration of a Blessed person as a saint requires verified miracles.

Habrà un libro para sus intenciones personales dirigidos a los Beatos Mártires Carmelitas Descalzos de la Parroquia Santa Cruz a partir del Miércoles de Ceniza. Les pedimos amablemente si han recibido una respuesta a su petición que se comuniquen con la oficina parroquial para anotar la gracia recibida y para cumplir el requisito de verificar milagros para la canonización de los Beatos.



### Celebrating 2024 Marriage Anniversaries

Bishop Edward Weisenburger will celebrate the Mass for Marriage Anniversaries for 2024 on **Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 2:30 PM at St. Augustine Cathedral.** He will be available

before the Mass to have pictures taken with each couple. More information to follow upon registration. If you have any questions, contact Ofelia James [ojames@diocesetucson.org](mailto:ojames@diocesetucson.org)

Marriage Anniversary Mass 2024



PLEASE REGISTER BY:

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://forms.office.com/r/KmvdLX6Kbi>

Wednesday,  
February 14th

Our Ash  
Wednesday  
schedule  
will be  
published  
next week.

ASH  
WEDNESDAY

Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.  
Ecclesiastes 3:20

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Join us on...

Monday, February 19, 2024  
&  
Tuesday, February 20, 2024

What to bring with you:

- ★ Current immunization Records
- ★ Official Copy of Birth Certificate
- ★ Official Copy of Baptismal Certificate

If you have any questions or are unable to attend please call Erica at 520.624.2093. We will be happy to provide you with a tour and information.

Santa Cruz Parish 67th Fiesta De La Familia 2024

Saturday, April 20th & Sunday April, 21st  
EVERYONE is invited to our fiesta meeting on  
Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Carmelite Hall



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



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Su contribución a la Campaña Católica Anual, Vivir la Misión con un Corazón Generoso, tiene un profundo impacto en las parroquias y las personas de nuestra Diócesis. Más de \$500,000 apoyan a nuestras parroquias de nativos americanos y otras comunidades con necesidades extraordinarias. Otros \$478.000 ayudan a quienes sufren de pobreza grave o crisis a través de los Servicios Comunitarios Católicos. Además, \$970,000 apoyan la formación y educación de nuestros seminaristas y sacerdotes, y \$916,000 apoyan nuestras escuelas católicas y varios ministerios de formación laica y diaconal. Estas son sólo algunas de las formas en que su apoyo y generosidad enriquecen nuestra Diócesis. Haz tu regalo hoy en [www.cathfnd.org/donate](http://www.cathfnd.org/donate)





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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 3rd

8:00 a.m. Fernando Piña, Jr./Happy Birthday  
5:30 p.m. Jose G. & Irene F. Bernal/R.I.P.

### Sunday, February 4th

6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners  
8:00 a.m. Martha Flores/Happy Birthday  
10:00 a.m. Adolfo Martinez/R.I.P.  
12:00 noon Casimiro & Josephine Bonillas & Deceased Daughters/R.I.P.  
6:00 p.m. Hermana Irene Fernandez/R.I.P.

### Monday, February 5th

6:30 a.m. Hermana Irene Fernandez/R.I.P.  
8:00 a.m. Juan Arenas/R.I.P.

### Tuesday, February 6th

6:30 a.m. Hermana Irene Fernandez/R.I.P.  
8:00 a.m. Annie & Jimmy, Sr. Vidal/R.I.P.

### Wednesday, February 7th

6:30 a.m. Hermana Maria Eugenia Sanchez/R.I.P.  
8:00 a.m. Juan Arenas/R.I.P.

### Thursday, February 8th

6:30 a.m. Hermana Maria Eugenia Sanchez/R.I.P.  
8:00 a.m. Steven Rene Gonzalez/Happy Birthday

### Friday, February 9th

6:30 a.m. Hermana Maria Eugenia Sanchez/R.I.P.  
8:00 a.m. In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/  
In Memory of Carlos & Lily Contreras/R.I.P.