



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

JULY

28

2024

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Andrew said to Jesus,  
"There is a boy here who has  
five barley loaves and two fish;  
but what good are these for so many?"

John 6:8-9

**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

**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,

Santa Cruz Church was built in 1919; that is over one hundred and five years ago. The architectural style of the church is Spanish Colonial Revival and represents the only surviving example of adobe used in the construction of a public building in Arizona. The physical building of a church is not only functional in that it provides a space for the people to gather and worship God, but the very building itself serves as a witness, as a testimony to the presence of Almighty God in our world and especially in our city. Santa Cruz Church fulfills that purpose by being an enduring sign to the people of Tucson that God dwells among His people. As the current generation of Santa Cruz parishioners we have an obligation to maintain the beauty and dignity of our church.

Any one who owns their own home knows the seemingly endless maintenance issues that arise. Can you imagine what it takes to take care of a "house" that is made from "unstabalized adobe as the primary construction material . . . 120 feet in length, 55 feet in width, and 30 feet in height . . . the 90-foot-tall bell tower." And that house was built in 1919! Over the past year I have been trying to assess the present condition of the church building, the parish office, the rectory and living spaces for the priests, the Carmelite Hall and the Centro Parroquial, not to mention the school and the old convent. A number of issues have presented themselves: electrical, plumbing, roofing tiles, landscaping, painting, security, etc. The list goes on and on.

As pastor I realize that it is my responsibility to address each of these areas of concern. And as pastor I will rely upon the parish family of Santa Cruz Parish to help me in accomplishing the tasks that need to be completed. When I ask what the cost will be to make some repair or some needed updating, the response always seems to me to be some amount that would be impossible for the parish to meet. If that remains our attitude we will never be able to maintain the church building nor improve upon the conditions of its utility. Relying only upon ourselves and our own resources, it is surely impossible. But we rely upon our Lord Jesus Christ to come to our assistance, after all it is His Church and His Kingdom that we are building. We will also invoke St. Joseph, the carpenter and builder, to help us maintain this house of God: Santa Cruz Church.

I know that you are rightly proud of Santa Cruz Church and that your devotion and love to the parish is something deeply rooted in your souls and hearts. I pray that together, under the patronage of St. Joseph, we will be successful in preserving and maintaining our church so that we will continue to serve as a sign and witness that God and His Kingdom are reigning in Tucson.

In Christ,  
Fr. Velásquez

### Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

La Iglesia de Santa Cruz fue construida en 1919, es decir, hace más de ciento cinco años. El estilo arquitectónico de la iglesia es de estilo colonial español y representa el único ejemplo sobreviviente de adobe utilizado en la construcción de un edificio público en Arizona. El edificio físico de una iglesia no solo es funcional porque proporciona un espacio para que la gente se reúna y adore a Dios, sino que el edificio en sí mismo sirve como testigo, como testimonio de la presencia de Dios Todopoderoso en nuestro mundo y especialmente en nuestra ciudad. La Iglesia de Santa Cruz cumple ese propósito al ser una señal duradera para la gente de Tucson de que Dios habita entre su pueblo. Como la generación actual de feligreses de Santa Cruz, tenemos la obligación de mantener la belleza y la dignidad de nuestra iglesia.

Cualquiera que sea dueño de su propia casa sabe los problemas de mantenimiento aparentemente interminables que surgen. ¿Se imagina lo que se necesita para cuidar una "casa" que está hecha de "adobe no estabilizado como material de construcción principal . . . 120 pies de largo, 55 pies de ancho y 30 pies de alto . . . el campanario de 90 pies de altura". ¡Y esa casa fue construida en 1919! Durante el año pasado he estado tratando de evaluar la condición actual del edificio de la iglesia, la oficina parroquial, la rectoría y los espacios habitables para los sacerdotes, el Salón Carmelita y el Centro Parroquial, sin mencionar la escuela y el antiguo convento. Se han presentado varios problemas: electricidad, plomería, tejas, jardinería, pintura, seguridad, etc. La lista continúa.

Como pastor, me doy cuenta de que es mi responsabilidad abordar cada una de estas áreas de preocupación. Y como pastor, confiaré en la familia parroquial de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz para que me ayude a realizar las tareas que deben completarse. Cuando pregunto cuánto costará hacer alguna reparación o alguna actualización necesaria, la respuesta siempre me parece una cantidad que sería imposible para la parroquia cubrir. Si esa sigue siendo nuestra actitud, nunca podremos mantener el edificio de la iglesia ni mejorar las condiciones de su uso. Confiando solo en nosotros mismos y en nuestros propios recursos, seguramente es imposible. Pero confiamos en nuestro Señor Jesucristo para que venga en nuestra ayuda, después de todo, es Su Iglesia y Su Reino lo que estamos construyendo. También debemos invocar a San José, el carpintero y el constructor, para que nos ayude a mantener esta casa de Dios: la Iglesia de Santa Cruz.

Sé que están orgullosos de la Iglesia de Santa Cruz y que su devoción y amor a la parroquia es algo profundamente arraigado en sus almas y corazones. Lo que rezo es que juntos, bajo el patrocinio de San José, tengamos éxito en preservar y mantener nuestra iglesia para que podamos seguir sirviendo como señal y testimonio de que Dios y Su Reino están reinando en Tucson.

En Cristo,  
P. Velásquez



Have you moved? Do you have a new address or phone number? Updating this information helps us serve the Parish more effectively and saves on the cost of returned postage.

Please call the Parish Office at 520-623-3833 to update your information.



**The Carmelite Martyrs Shrine Committee is having a bake sale after Masses on August 3 and 4. Come by the patio and enjoy some homemade**

### Santa Cruz Religious Ed.

Registration for Catechism Classes will begin in **August**. Call the Religious Education Office (520) 882-9687, to make an appointment to register your child. Information regarding class times will be given to you when you call. Classes will begin in **September**. The Religious Education Office is open for questions about our Catholic Faith. Give **Martin** a call.

La inscripción para las clases de catecismo comenzará en **agosto**. Debe llamar a la Oficina de Catecismo (520) 882-9687, para hacer una cita para registrar a su hijo. Se le dará información sobre los horarios de clase cuando llame. Las clases comenzarán en **septiembre**. La Oficina de Educación Religiosa está disponible para preguntas sobre nuestra fe católica. **Llamé a Martín.**



### Sunday Collection - July 20-21, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$6,461.59  
On-Line Giving: \$ 671.24  
Total Sunday Offertory: \$7,132.83

### Weekly Expenses:

Income: \$7,132.83  
\* Expenses: \$6,000.25  
\$1,132.58

*\*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, Diaconate, Engaged Encounter, Secular Orders & Laity, Catechism, Youth Group, Youth Adult Group, Music Ministry, 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**

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



### Low-Income Tax-Payer Clinic (LITC)

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Wednesday, August 14 at 3:00 p.m., San Xavier del Bac Mission  
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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.

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, July 27th

8:00 a.m. Wilma Valenzuela/R.I.P.

5:30 p.m. Paul Angulo & Catalina Flores/R.I.P.

### Sunday, July 28th

6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00 a.m. Martina Hoyos/Happy Birthday

10:00 a.m. Irene Lozano/R.I.P.

12:00 noon Albert Frias/R.I.P.

6:00 p.m. Mary Bonillas Fierros/R.I.P.

### Monday, July 29th

6:30 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory,  
most in need of our prayers/R.I.P.

8:00 a.m. Special Intention/V. Machain

### Tuesday, July 30th

6:30 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory,  
most in need of our prayers/R.I.P.

8:00 a.m. Brian Rucker/Happy Birthday &  
Rosa Ceballos/Happy Birthday

### Wednesday, July 31st

6:30 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory,  
most in need of our prayers/R.I.P.

8:00 a.m. Special Intention/V. Machain

### Thursday, August 1st

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

8:00 a.m. Richard Tuccio/Happy Birthday

### Friday, August 2nd

6:30 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory,  
most in need of our prayers/R.I.P.

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



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.