



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

*March 10, 2024*

*Fourth Sunday  
of Lent*

For God so *loved*  
that He *Gave* the world,  
His only  
begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in Him  
should not perish but have  
*Everlasting*  
- John 3:16 *life.*

LAETARE SUNDAY

REJOICE!

EASTER IS NEAR

**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,

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent and is known as *Lætare* Sunday, or Rejoice Sunday, because of the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast," (*Isaiah 66:10-11*). We are at the halfway point of Lent; three weeks remain. You will notice that the liturgical color for the celebration of Mass is rose, which is a lighter shade of violet. Violet is the color of penance and the season of Lent is a season of penance. To use the color rose indicates that while we continue in the penitential season of Lent, we pause to "rejoice" because the days of salvation are drawing near. The Paschal Mystery (the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ) is the source of our salvation and therefore the source of our rejoicing. Because the Lord Jesus died and rose again, we have hope, that as we die to ourselves and to our sins, we share in the new life of grace as sons and daughters of God our Father.

Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Lent which was formerly known as Passion Sunday because the Passion of the Gospel of St. Matthew was read with the participation of the people. You will note that all the images of the saints and the Crucifix will be veiled. We cover the saints as a visual reminder that our sins brought about the suffering and the passion of the Lord. During those last two weeks of Lent we should renew and intensify our Lenten disciplines and sacrifices even if we may not have been perfectly faithful it is never too late to begin again.

The last Sunday of Lent is Palm Sunday officially known as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. It is during this Mass that we begin the observance of Holy Week by blessing palms and processing into the church imitating the crowds who welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem. The Gospel of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark will be solemnly proclaimed. Our participation in this proclamation makes us present along with past generations of Christians who have faithfully recalled and recognized our part in bringing about the death of the Lord on the holy Cross.

These next few weeks of Lent certainly offer us many opportunities to reflect and mediate on the Passion of the Lord. We should make every effort to go to confession before Holy Week so that we can more fruitfully participate in the service of the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the days that Jesus won salvation for us.

In Christ,

Fr. Velásquez

### Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia Santa Cruz,

Este domingo es el cuarto domingo de Cuaresma y se conoce como domingo de *Lætare* o domingo de regocijo, debido a la antífona de entrada: "Alegraos con Jerusalén y regocijaos por ella, todos los que la amáis; rebosad de júbilo con ella, todos los que por ella hacéis duelo. Alégrate y sáciate de su pecho consolador" (*Isaías 66:10-11*). Estamos a la mitad del camino de la Cuaresma; nomas quedan tres semanas. Notarás que el color litúrgico para la celebración de la Misa es el rosa, que es un tono más claro del violeta. El violeta es el color de la penitencia y la temporada de Cuaresma es una temporada de penitencia. Usar el color rosa indica que mientras continuamos en el tiempo penitencial de la Cuaresma, hacemos una pausa para "regocijarnos" porque los días de salvación se acercan. El Misterio Pascual (la Pasión, Muerte, y Resurrección del Señor Jesucristo) es la fuente de nuestra salvación y por tanto la fuente de nuestro regocijo. Debido a que el Señor Jesús murió y resucitó, tenemos la esperanza, de que al morir a nosotros mismos y a nuestros pecados, compartamos la nueva vida de la gracia como hijos e hijas de Dios nuestro Padre.

El próximo domingo es el Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma que antiguamente se conocía como Domingo de Pasión porque se leyó la Pasión del Evangelio de San Mateo con la participación del pueblo. Notarás que todas las imágenes de los santos y del Crucifijo estarán cubiertas. Cubrimos a los santos como un recordatorio visual de que nuestros pecados provocaron el sufrimiento y la pasión del Señor. Durante estas dos últimas semanas de Cuaresma, debemos renovar e intensificar nuestras disciplinas y sacrificios cuaresmales. Incluso si no hemos sido perfectamente fieles, nunca es demasiado tarde para empezar de nuevo.

El último domingo de Cuaresma es el Domingo de Ramos conocido oficialmente como Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor. Es durante esta Misa que comenzamos la observancia de la Semana Santa bendiciendo las palmas y entrando en procesión a la iglesia imitando a las multitudes que dieron la bienvenida a Jesús a Jerusalén. Se proclamará solemnemente el Evangelio de la Pasión de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo según San Marcos. Nuestra participación en esta proclamación nos hace presentes junto con las generaciones pasadas de cristianos que han recordado y reconocido fielmente nuestra parte en provocar la muerte del Señor en la santa Cruz.

Estas próximas semanas de Cuaresma ciertamente nos ofrecen muchas oportunidades para reflexionar y meditar sobre la Pasión del Señor. Debemos hacer todo lo posible por confesarnos antes de la Semana Santa para que podamos participar más fructíferamente en el servicio del Sagrado Triduo del Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo, y Sábado de Gloria, los días en que Jesús ganó la salvación para nosotros.

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

Bereavement Group for those who are dealing with the painful loss of a loved one. Our group will meet this month on **Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m.** Come find comfort and support from others who share the same experience.

El Grupo de Duelo para quienes están sufriendo la dolorosa pérdida de un ser querido. Nuestro grupo se reunirá este mes el **jueves, 14 de marzo a las 6:30 p.m.** Venga a encontrar consuelo y apoyo de otras personas que comparten la misma experiencia.



**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 24-25, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$5,275.26  
 Church Maintenance: \$1,316.74  
 On-Line Giving: \$ 621.23  
 Total Sunday Offertory: \$7,213.23

Weekly Expenses:

Income: \$7,213.23  
 \* Expenses: \$6,000.25  
 \$1,212.98

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

Your generous donations are greatly appreciated and are definitely needed.

Thank you and God bless!

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

Entire Diocese Goal: \$4 million  
 Parish Goal: **\$40,340**  
 Donor Participation Goal: **14%**  
 Number of Donors 16  
 Remaining Donors 70  
 Pledges to Date: \$5,615  
 Total Amount Fulfilled: \$1,590

**4% of Goal**



**Annual Catholic Appeal 2024**

Please make a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, today. Together, let us *Live the Mission with a Generous Heart!* Make your gift today at [www.cathfnd.org/donate](http://www.cathfnd.org/donate)

**Campana Católica Anual 2024**

Por favor haga una donación a la Campana Católica Anual hoy. *¡Juntos, vivamos la Misión con Corazón Generoso!* Haga su donación hoy en [www.cathfnd.org/donate](http://www.cathfnd.org/donate).

**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.

**If you are interested in helping 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.**

**Santa Cruz Parish 67th Fiesta De La Familia 2024**  
**Saturday, April 20th & Sunday April, 21st**

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

- 400-2 SECTION FOAM PLATES
- 300- PAPER PLATES
- 200-16 oz. SOLO CUPS
- 300-12 oz. FOAM CUPS
- 100- FOAM BOWLS OR BOATS FOR NACHOS
- 5 TO 6 BOXES OF FOIL SHEETS
- 3 BOXES OF EXTRA LARGE TRASH BAGS
- 5 BOXES OF PLASTIC GLOVES

**Enter the Parish Raffle!!!**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Guadalupano Group will be selling breakfast burritos, menudo, and pastries on Sunday, March 10 after the 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon Masses. The proceeds will go toward expenses for the Fiesta de la Familia where we will be selling Aguas Frescas, Nachos, and Fruit. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

El Grupo Guadalupano venderá desayuno de burritos, menudo y postres el domingo, 10 de marzo después de las Misas de 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. y 12:00 del mediodía. Las ganancias se destinarán a los gastos de la Fiesta de la Familia donde venderemos Aguas Frescas, Nachos y Frutas. Gracias por su cooperación y generosidad.



**MARCH 16 SATURDAY**

**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
- Many more Prizes and Raffles
- Early Bird Special

Proceeds will benefit the Santa Cruz Parish and the Santa Cruz Catholic outreach programs.

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12/15/83 PAJO

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

# Yard Sale

Saturday, March 16th  
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Disclaled Carmelite Shrine  
Committee of  
Santa Cruz Parish  
Main Parking Lot  
1220 S. 6th Avenue

## Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 9th  
8:00 a.m. Julia Lopez/R.I.P.  
5:30 p.m. In Honor of San Jose/  
Special Intentions for Bernal Family

Sunday, March 10th  
6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners  
8:00 a.m. Jeannie Acuña & David Norzagaray/R.I.P.  
10:00 a.m. Ralph Lanik/R.I.P.  
12:00 noon Special Int./Pueblo High School,  
Administration & Community  
6:00 p.m. Jorge Amaro/R.I.P.

Monday, March 11th  
6:30 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory,  
most in need of our prayers/R.I.P.  
8:00 a.m. Special Int./Fr. Godfrey Chandya, O.C.D.

Tuesday, March 12th  
6:30 a.m. Berta Zavala/R.I.P.  
8:00 a.m. Leo Amaro/Improved Health

Wednesday, March 13th  
6:30 a.m.  
8:00 a.m. Howard Smith/R.I.P.

Thursday, March 14th  
6:30 a.m.  
8:00 a.m. Special Intention/Ramon Contreras

Friday, March 15th  
6:30 a.m.  
8:00 a.m. Special Int./Justin Felix & Ryan Porter  
7:00 p.m. Special Intention/Rico Molina

SANTA CRUZ COMMUNITY & VOCATIONS COMMITTEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Day of the 3 Kings: Jan. 6  National Catholic Schools Week: Jan. 28	World Marriage Day : Feb. 11 World Day for Consecrated Life: Feb. 2 Ash Wednesday & Lent begins Feb. 14	Easter: March 31
<b>APRIL</b> Fr. Showri Anniversary: April 13 World Day of Prayer for Vocations: April 21 Fiesta de la Familia: April 20 & April 21	<b>MAY</b> May Crowning and flower offerings Mother's Day: May 10 & 12 Fr. Simon Anniversary: May 29	<b>JUNE</b> Fr. Velasquez Anniversary: June 3 Deacon Lujan Anniversary: June 5 Father's Day: June 16
<b>JULY</b> Feast Day of our Lady of Mt. Carmel: July 16	<b>AUGUST</b> Recruitment of vocational groups: Beginning of the school year	<b>SEPTEMBER</b> Mother Mary's Birthday: Sept. 8 Feast Day of the Holy Cross: Sept. 14 Priesthood Sunday: Sept. 29
<b>OCTOBER</b> Feast day of St. Teresa, the Little Flower: Oct. 1 Deacon Sunday: Oct. 13 Feast Day of St. Teresa of Avila: Oct. 15 World Priest Day: Oct. 27	<b>NOVEMBER</b> National Vocation Awareness Week: Nov. 3-9 World Youth Day on the Solemnity of Christ the King: Nov. 24	<b>DECEMBER</b> Feast Day of St. John of the Cross: Dec. 14 Las Posadas Christmas: Dec. 24 & 25