



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

March 17, 2024

*Fifth Sunday
of Lent*

WHEN I AM
LIFTED UP FROM
THE EARTH, I WILL
DRAW EVERYONE
TO MYSELF.

~JOHN 12:32



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,

We have come to the last two Sundays of Lent. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the last Sunday of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week. Holy Week is the most important week of the year in the life of the faith. It is during this week that our Lord Jesus Christ accomplishes the work for which He was sent by our heavenly Father: to suffer, die and rise again for our salvation. Holy Week needs to be different for us as Catholics, it can't just be another week out of our year.

Palm Sunday sets the tone for the week. We begin by taking up blessed palm branches and imitate the crowds that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem almost two thousand years ago. During the Mass the Passion according to St. Mark will be read, an object of meditation for us throughout the week. I remember growing up, we were not allowed to turn the TV on, nor listen to the radio or music. It was almost like a time of mourning. And that certainly made the week different from all other weeks. Embracing silence during Holy Week might be a good way to show respect for the suffering of the Lord.

The three holiest days of the year come at the end of this week: the Sacred Triduum (three days). Holy Thursday evening, Good Friday and Holy Saturday Vigil comprise the Sacred Triduum in which we celebrate the Lord instituting of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper for the first time, ordaining the Apostles as priests to carry on this institution in His memory, and the giving of the commandment that we love one another. On Good Friday no Mass is celebrated. We come together at 3:00 p.m. to celebrate the Solemn Passion of the Lord, to venerate the wood of the Holy Cross and to receive in Holy Communion the Lord Jesus Christ. We will also celebrate the Passion in Spanish at 7:30 p.m. that same day. On Holy Saturday during the day, again no Mass is celebrated as we keep vigil for the Lord's Resurrection. The Easter Vigil begins on Holy Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. At this Mass we bless the Easter Fire and light the new Paschal Candle. We keep a long vigil of readings (seven readings with their psalms), and we celebrate the baptism and the renewal of our baptismal promises. This year our parish has the particular joy and blessing of initiating a new member into the Catholic Church, Will Howell. He will be baptized, confirmed and receive Holy Communion at this Mass. For each one of us, after having prepared during the season of Lent, we come to the moment of the renewal of our Baptismal Promises. Expressing our faith in God and His Church by turning away from sin and living out our faith.

It is never too late to get spiritually prepared for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Even if during these weeks of Lent we did not do everything we had proposed, we can renew our efforts this week and Holy Week. I pray that we will come together in the practice of our Catholic Faith and be worthy of the grace and blessing of the Lord.

In Christ,
Fr. Velásquez

Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia Santa Cruz,

Hemos llegado a los dos últimos domingos de Cuaresma. El próximo domingo es el Domingo de Ramos, y el último domingo de Cuaresma y el comienzo de la Semana Santa. La Semana Santa es la semana más importante del año en la vida de la fe. Es durante esta semana que nuestro Señor Jesucristo cumple la obra para la cual fue enviado por nuestro Padre celestial: sufrir, morir, y resucitar para nuestra salvación. La Semana Santa debe ser diferente para nosotros como católicos; no puede ser simplemente una semana más de nuestro año.

El Domingo de Ramos marca el entone de la semana. Comenzamos tomando ramas de palma benditas e imitando a las multitudes que recibieron a Jesús en Jerusalén hace casi dos mil años. Durante la Misa se leerá la Pasión según San Marcos, objeto de meditación para nosotros durante toda la semana. Recuerdo que cuando era niño no nos permitían prender la televisión, ni escuchar el radio, ni escuchar música. Era casi como un tiempo de luto. Y eso ciertamente hizo que la semana fuera diferente de todas las demás. Adoptar el silencio durante la Semana Santa puede ser una buena manera de mostrar respeto por el sufrimiento del Señor.

Al final de esta semana llegan los tres días más santos del año: el Triduo Sagrado (tres días). La tarde del Jueves Santo, el Viernes Santo y la Vigilia del Sábado Santo abarcan el Sagrado Triduo en el que celebramos al Señor instituyendo por primera vez la Sagrada Eucaristía en la Última Cena, ordenando a los Apóstoles como sacerdotes para llevar a cabo esta institución en Su memoria, y la entrega del mandamiento de que nos amemos unos a otros. El Viernes Santo no se celebra Misa. Nos reunimos a las 3:00 p.m. a celebrar la Solemne Pasión del Señor, venerar el madero de la Santa Cruz y recibir en la Sagrada Comunión al Señor Jesucristo. También celebraremos la Pasión en español a las 7:30 p.m. ese mismo día. El Sábado Santo durante el día, nuevamente no se celebra Misa mientras mantenemos vigilia por la Resurrección del Señor. La Vigilia Pascual comienza el Sábado Santo por la tarde a las 7:30 p.m. En esta Misa bendecimos el Fuego Pascual y encendemos el nuevo Cirio Pascual. Mantenemos una larga vigilia de lecturas (siete lecturas con sus salmos), y celebramos el bautismo y la renovación de nuestras promesas bautismales. Este año nuestra parroquia tiene la alegría y la bendición particular de iniciar a un nuevo miembro en la Iglesia Católica, Will Howell. Will será Bautizado, Confirmado y recibirá la Sagrada Comunión en esta Misa. Para cada uno de nosotros, después de habernos preparado durante el tiempo de la Cuaresma, llegamos al momento de la renovación de nuestras Promesas Bautismales, expresando nuestra fe en Dios y Su Iglesia, alejándonos del pecado y viviendo nuestra fe.

Nunca es demasiado tarde para prepararse espiritualmente para la celebración de la Semana Santa y la Pascua. Aunque durante estas semanas de Cuaresma no hayamos hecho todo lo que nos habíamos propuesto, podemos renovar nuestros esfuerzos esta semana y la Semana Santa. Rezo para que nos unamos en la práctica de nuestra fe Católica y seamos dignos de la gracia y la bendición del Señor.

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

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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 - March 2-3, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$5,370.09
On-Line Giving: \$ 319.21
Total Sunday Offertory: \$5,689.30

Diocesan Collection:
(Catholic Relief Services: \$957.01)

Weekly Expenses:

* Expenses: \$6,000.25
Income: - \$5,689.30
Deficit: (\$810.95)

** 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 to Goal: **19%**
Number of Donors 21
Remaining Donors 65
Pledges to Date: \$7,705
Total Amount Fulfilled: \$3,625

9% 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

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.

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:

- 300- PAPER PLATES
- 100- FOAM BOWLS OR BOATS FOR NACHOS
- 3 TO 4 BOXES OF FOIL SHEETS
- 3 BOXES OF EXTRA LARGE TRASH BAGS

The committee would like to say **THANK YOU** for any help.

Items can be taken to the parish office.

Enter the Parish Raffle!!!



EASTER LILIES

We are asking for Easter lily donations and contributions to decorate the altar. We are inviting you to dedicate Easter Lilies in **memory of your loved ones**, labels will be provided in the office and in the church for your dedications. Thank you for your generosity.

Estamos pidiendo donaciones de lirio de Pascua y contribuciones para decorar el altar. Lo invitamos a dedicar Lirios de Pascua en memoria de sus seres queridos, se proporcionarán etiquetas en la oficina y en la iglesia para sus dedicatorias. Gracias por su generosidad.



Santa Cruz Church Triduum

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord - Vigil: March 23

5:30 p.m. - Saturday Vigil

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord: March 24

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. Spanish, 10:00 a.m., 12 noon, 6:00 p.m.

(Procession at the 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Masses. If you want to be part of the procession please arrive 15 minutes earlier.)

(Procesión en las Misas de 8:00 a.m. y 10:00 a.m. Si desea ser parte de la procesión por favor llegue 15 minutos antes.)

The Sacred Pascal Triduum

Holy Thursday, March 28

7:30 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

Good Friday, March 29

12noon - Stations of the Cross

1:00 p.m. - Seven Last Words (Algunas en Español)

3:00 p.m. - Lord's Passion - English

5:00 p.m. - Outside Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion In Spanish followed by Pésame

Holy Saturday, March 30

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Confessions

7:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil (Bilingual)

Easter Sunday, March 31

6:30am, 8:00am Spanish, 10:00am, 12 noon (No 6:00pm Mass)

Chrism Mass

Monday, March 25 at 2pm

St. Augustine Cathedral

We invite all our

parishioners to attend.



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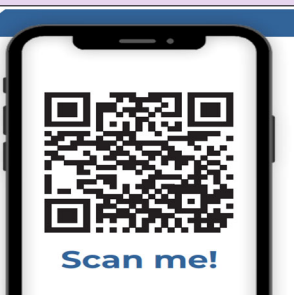
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Guadalupano Group will be selling breakfast burritos, and a variety of breakfast/lunch food will be available on Sunday, March 24 after the 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon Masses. Proceeds are for the stained-glass windows of the Capilla of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

El Grupo Guadalupano venderá desayuno de burritos, y una variedad de comida el domingo, 24 de marzo después de las Misas de 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. y 12:00 del mediodía. Lo recaudado se destinará a los continuos gastos de los vitrales de la Capilla de Guadalupe. Gracias por su cooperación y generosidad.



Saturday, March 16th

8:00 a.m. Gilberto Carranza/R.I.P.

5:30 p.m. Alberto & Isabel Dalton Urias/R.I.P.

Sunday, March 17th

6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00 a.m. Lucia Reyes/R.I.P.

10:00 a.m. Josie Anna/Happy Birthday

12:00 noon Oscar, Josie & Rosemary Rosas/R.I.P.

6:00 p.m. In Honor of the Holy Spirit

Monday, March 18th

6:30 a.m. Gabriel Chacon/R.I.P.

8:00 a.m. Carlos & Eva Lopez/R.I.P.

Tuesday, March 19th

6:30 a.m. Special Intention/V. Machain

8:00 a.m. Special Intention/Perscilla Lopez

Wednesday, March 20th

6:30 a.m. Hermana Eloisa Contreras/R.I.P.

8:00 a.m. Special Intention/Brian Rucker

Thursday, March 21st

6:30 a.m. Hermana Eloisa Contreras/R.I.P.

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

Friday, March 22nd

6:30 a.m. Hermana Eloisa Contreras/R.I.P.

8:00 a.m. In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/
In Memory of Carlos & Lily Contreras/R.I.P.

7:00 p.m. Special Intention/Ron Walcott

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
APRIL Fr. Showri Anniversary: April 13 World Day of Prayer for Vocations: April 21 Fiesta de la Familia: April 20 & April 21	MAY May Crowning and flower offerings Mother's Day: May 10 & 12 Fr. Simon Anniversary: May 29	JUNE Fr. Velasquez Anniversary: June 3 Deacon Lujan Anniversary: June 5 Father's Day: June 16
JULY Feast Day of our Lady of Mt. Carmel: July 16	AUGUST Recruitment of vocational groups: Beginning of the school year	SEPTEMBER Mother Mary's Birthday: Sept. 8 Feast Day of the Holy Cross: Sept. 14 Priesthood Sunday: Sept. 29
OCTOBER 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	NOVEMBER National Vocation Awareness Week: Nov. 3-9 World Youth Day on the Solemnity of Christ the King: Nov. 24	DECEMBER Feast Day of St. John of the Cross: Dec. 14 Las Posadas Christmas: Dec. 24 & 25