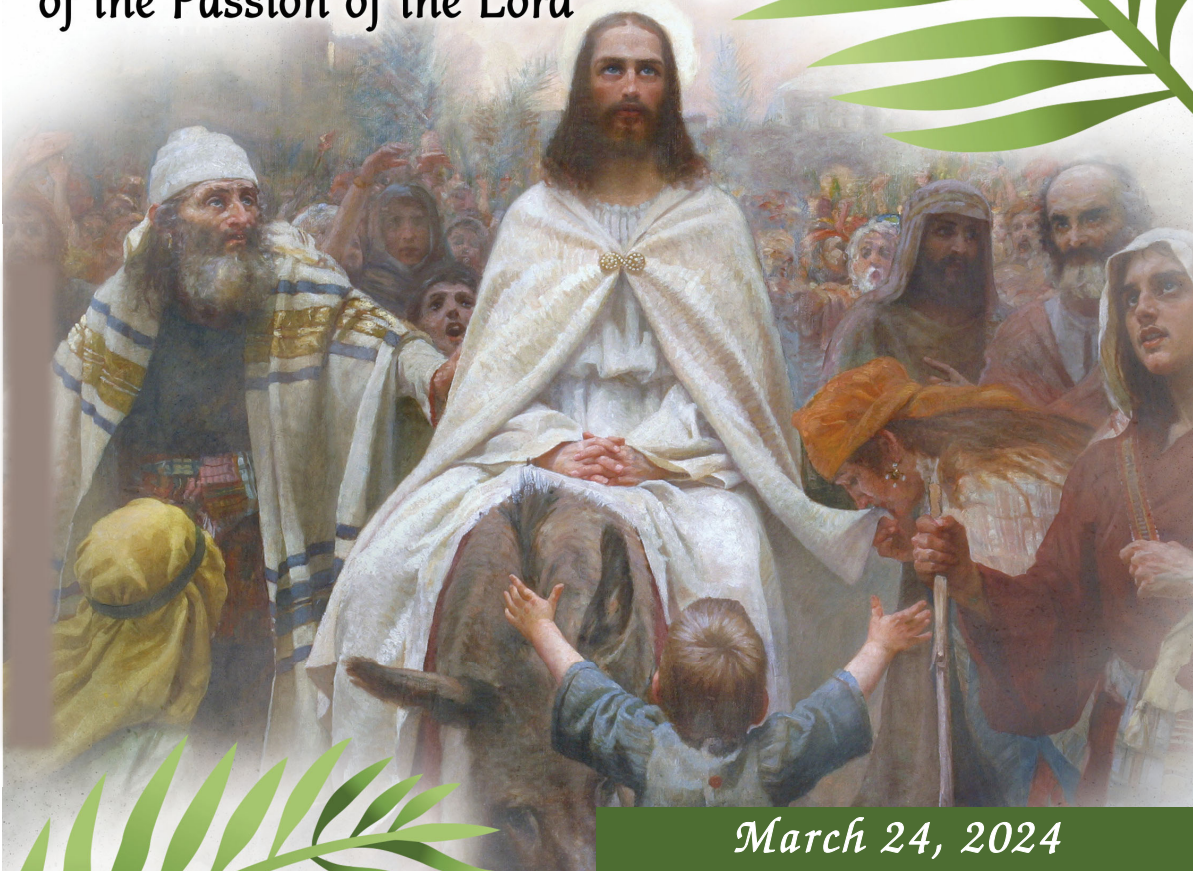




**Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church**  
1220 S. 6th Avenue • Tucson, AZ 85713

# Palm Sunday

of the Passion of the Lord



*March 24, 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,

Have you ever wondered why does Easter seem to come sooner in some years and later in other years? The reason why has to do with the seasons of the earth in relation to its revolving around the sun. The celebration of Easter occurs on the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the spring equinox. That is pretty straightforward. The spring equinox is when the axis of the earth is neither tilting toward the sun nor away from the sun. The day is equal daylight as well as equal night time. This usually occurs on March 21, the first day of spring. We then look to when the next full moon will occur. This year the next full moon will occur on Monday, March 25, which means the following Sunday we celebrate Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of the Lord. Next year in 2025 the first full moon after March 21 will be on April 13 and therefore Easter Sunday will be celebrated on April 20, 2025. The earliest possible date for Easter is March 22 and the latest possible date would be April 25. The reason we celebrate Easter in the spring is because it was in the month of Nissan (which is approximately our March/April) that God delivered the people from their slavery to Pharaoh and Egypt, and commanded that the Israelites observe the Passover for all generations.

We celebrate the new Passover when the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, dies and rises for us. In His death on the Cross, Jesus puts to death death itself. He "passes over" from death to life through the shedding of His Precious Blood. When the angel of death saw the blood of the lamb on the doorposts and lintels of the houses of the Israelites, he passed over their families and they were saved from death and the next day were set free from slavery. When God our Father sees the Precious Blood of the Lamb of God on our lips, in our souls, He washes away our sins and leads us to life everlasting with Him. Note that this life begins now, every time we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in holy communion, we are living the new life of grace, God dwelling in us, truly and substantially, and we living with the knowledge that God is with us, within us, giving us new life.

This week is Holy Week, a week dedicated to being with the Lord in His passion, death, and resurrection. It is the holiest time of the year for us, the holiest days in the liturgical calendar. Please make every effort to attend the Sacred Triduum services (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday Vigil) so that the blessings of the Lord experienced in the liturgy will become a reality for us.

In Christ,

Fr. Velásquez

## **Mensaje del Párroco . . .**

Estimados feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

¿Alguna vez te has preguntado por qué la Pascua parece llegar antes en algunos años y más tarde en otros? La razón tiene que ver con las estaciones de la tierra en relación con su rotación alrededor del sol. La celebración de la Pascua ocurre el primer domingo, después de la primera luna llena, después de el equinoccio de la primavera. Es bastante sencillo. El equinoccio de primavera es cuando el eje de la tierra no se inclina hacia el sol ni se aleja del sol. El día es igual de luz que de noche. Esto usualmente ocurre el 21 de marzo, el primer día de la primavera. Entonces luego vemos cuándo ocurrirá la próxima luna llena. Este año la próxima luna llena ocurrirá el lunes 25 de marzo, lo que significa que el domingo siguiente celebraremos el Domingo de Pascua, la Resurrección del Señor. El próximo año en 2025 la primera luna llena después del 21 de marzo será el 13 de abril y por lo tanto el Domingo de Pascua se celebrará el 20 de abril de 2025. La fecha más temprana posible para la Pascua es el 22 de marzo y la fecha más tardía posible sería el 25 de abril. La razón en que porque celebramos la Pascua en la primavera es porque fue en el mes de Nisán (que es aproximadamente nuestro marzo/abril) en que Dios liberó al pueblo de su esclavitud al Faraón y Egipto, y ordenó que los Israelitas observaran la Pascua por todas las generaciones.

Celebramos la nueva Pascua cuando el Hijo de Dios, el Señor Jesucristo, muere y resucita por nosotros. En Su muerte en la Cruz, Jesús hace morir la muerte misma. Él "pasa" de la muerte a la vida mediante el derramamiento de Su Preciosa Sangre. Cuando el ángel de la muerte vio la sangre del cordero en los postes y dinteles de las casas de los Israelitas, la muerte pasó por alto a sus familias y fueron salvados de la muerte y al día siguiente fueron liberados de la esclavitud. Cuando Dios nuestro Padre ve la Preciosa Sangre del Cordero de Dios en nuestros labios, en nuestras almas, limpia nuestros pecados y nos lleva a la vida eterna con Él. Tengan en cuenta que esta vida comienza ahora, cada vez que recibimos el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús en la santa comunión, estamos viviendo la nueva vida de la gracia, Dios habita en nosotros, verdadera y sustancialmente, y vivimos con el conocimiento de que Dios está con nosotros, dentro de nosotros, dándonos nueva vida.

Esta semana es Semana Santa, una semana dedicada a estar con el Señor en Su pasión, muerte, y resurrección. Es el tiempo más santo del año para nosotros, los días más santos del calendario litúrgico. Por favor haga todo lo posible para asistir a los servicios del Sagrado Triduo (Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo, y Vigilia del Sábado Santo) para que las bendiciones del Señor experimentadas en la liturgia se conviertan en una realidad 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

## **~ Effective Immediately ~**

Do not park across the Street at Advance Auto Store. Vehicles parked in their parking lot will be towed away. Instead, we will have the gate open for parking in the school field. Parking on the school blacktop is only for handicap.

## **~ Efectivo ~**

### **~ Inmediatamente ~**

No se estacione al cruzar de la calle en Advance Auto Store. Los vehículos estacionados en ese estacionamiento serán removidos por la grúa. En su lugar, tendremos la puerta abierta para estacionar en el campo de la escuela. Estacionamiento en el asfalto de la escuela es reservado únicamente para discapacitados.

## ***Fiesta De La Familia Nana's Cottage***

is collecting slightly used household 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.



## Sunday Collection - March 16-17, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$5,703.11  
On-Line Giving: \$ 343.75  
Total Sunday Offertory: \$6,046.86

### Weekly Expenses:

Income: \$6,046.86  
\* Expenses: \$6,000.25  
\$46.61

*\*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: **20%**  
Number of Donors 22  
Remaining Donors 64  
Pledges to Date: \$7,955  
Total Amount Fulfilled: \$3,875

**10% 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. *iJuntos, vivamos la Misión con Corazón Generoso!* Haga su donación hoy en [www.cathfnd.org/donate](http://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 Sacred Pascal Triduum

**Chrism Mass**  
Monday, March 25 at 2:00 p.m.  
St. Augustine Cathedral  
We invite all our parishioners to attend.

### 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

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. Spanish, 10:00 a.m., & 12:00 noon  
(No 6:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday)



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.

The parish office will be closed Good Friday, March 29th in observance of Easter.

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el Viernes Santo, 29 de marzo en conmemoración de la Pascua.

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

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

## Support our Parish

Are you interested in advertising your business and promoting your company with a trusted resource that parish families use every day? If you are, please contact Hada Reyes, your bulletin publisher here at Santa Cruz (520-623-3833)



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The Discalced Carmelite Shrine Committee wishes to thank all of you who donated to our backyard sale..... and a big thanks to the volunteers who helped us work the yard sale. Funds raised will go for costs related to celebrating a Mass in the Martyrs' honor, to be announced as planning and fundraising efforts get completed.



Saturday, March 23th

- 8:00 a.m. AnaLia Glenn/Happy Birthday
- 5:30 p.m. Eleonor & Armando Sainz & Eva, Manuela & Maria Lydia Carpinteiro/R.I.P.

Sunday, March 24th

- 6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners
- 8:00 a.m. Jesus Alfredo Franco/R.I.P.
- 10:00 a.m. Daniel Arriaga/R.I.P.
- 12:00 noon In Memory of Baby Aries Gonzalez/R.I.P.
- 6:00 p.m. Leo Lisbo, Sr./R.I.P.

Monday, March 25th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Intention/Señor Sanchez
- 8:00 a.m. Manuel Juvera, Jr./Improved Health

Tuesday, March 26th

- 6:30 a.m. Virginia Arevalo/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m. Veronica Ornelas Wheatley/Happy Birthday

Wednesday, March 27th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Intention/Fr. Marcos C. Velásquez
- 8:00 a.m. Josefa Niebla Perez/R.I.P.

Thursday, March 28th, Holy Thursday

- 7:30 p.m. Hector Garcia/R.I.P.

Friday, March 29th, Good Friday

\*\*\* See Holy Week Schedule

**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