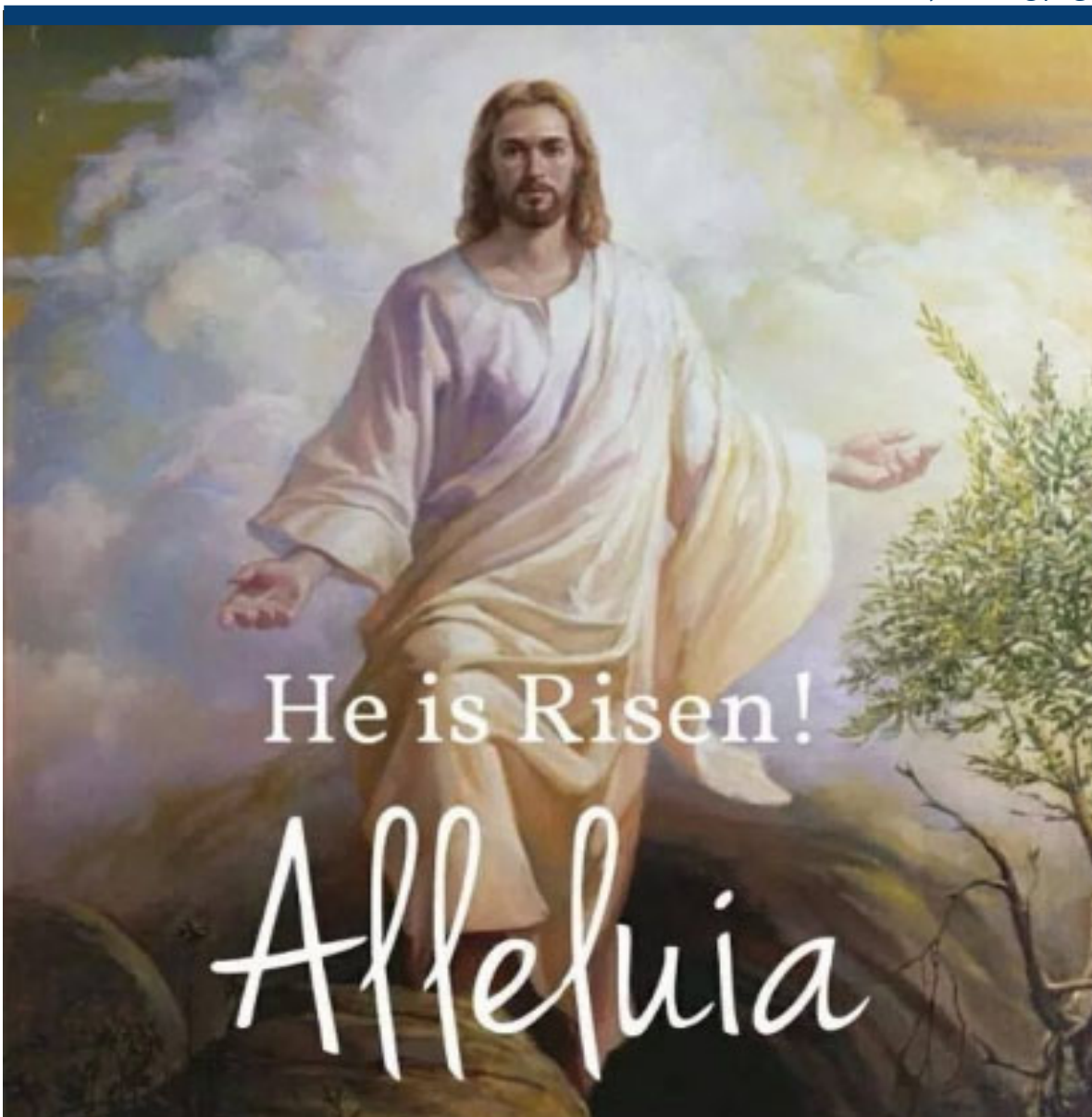




# Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

1220 S. 6th Avenue • Tucson, AZ 85713



*Faster Sunday the Resurrection of the Lord, March 31, 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,

Happy Easter! On this Easter Sunday, we are called to be filled with joy and happiness at the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death. On that Easter Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene and the other women are going to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus because they expect His body to be there. As they enter the tomb they see a man dressed in a white robe who says to them: "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen . . . (Mark 16:6). "He has risen!" This is the source of true joy and happiness, that Jesus Christ died and rose again. That we have been called to live a new life, by dying to sin and rising as new born sons and daughters of God. We receive this gift of salvation at our baptism.

This is the day when we have the opportunity to renew our Baptismal Promises, to renew the covenant that God has made with us. He is our God and we are His people, and even more magnificent, He is our Father and we are His children. Our baptismal promises are basically two: reject sin and profess faith in God. Lent was a time of repentance and a time of penance. A forty day period to acknowledge that we are sinners in need of forgiveness, mercy and salvation. Easter is a fifty day season to rejoice and celebrate the love and mercy of God in the resurrection of His only begotten Son. Our promise to live as true sons and daughters of God may not always be easy but if we try to live imitating the life of Christ and the saints, then we can be assured of a joy and happiness this world, sin, and the devil will not be able to take away from us.

Whenever someone is asked to take a vow, it is always formulated in the form of a question: "Do you take this . . . Do you solemnly swear . . . Do you promise respect and obedience." And our response is always the same, "I do." The successful fidelity to that promise depends very much on our preparation to make the commitment and promise. When we renew our baptismal promises we are renewing our personal commitment to God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. A marriage entered into with faith and trust in God and one another, leads to a life of joy and overall happiness. When a person is called to serve our country and an oath is taken and lived faithfully leads to a life of meaning and purpose. Taking vows to the religious life, when taken in full freedom leads to a life of joy. May your "I do" to the Lord fill you with joy and happiness. Happy Easter!

In Christ,

Fr. Velásquez

## Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

¡Felices Pascuas! En este Domingo de Pascua, estamos llamados a llenarnos de gozo y felicidad por la victoria de nuestro Señor Jesucristo sobre el pecado y la muerte. Esa mañana del Domingo de Pascua, María Magdalena y las otras mujeres van a la tumba para ungir el cuerpo de Jesús porque esperan que Su cuerpo esté allí. Al entrar al sepulcro ven a un hombre vestido con una túnica blanca que les dice: "No se asusten; ustedes buscan a Jesús el Nazareno, el que fue crucificado. Ha resucitado . . . (Marcos 16:6). "¡Ha resucitado!" Esta es la fuente del verdadero gozo y felicidad, que Jesucristo murió y resucitó. Que hemos sido llamados a vivir una vida nueva, muriendo al pecado y resucitando como hijos e hijas de Dios recién nacidos. Recibimos este regalo de salvación en nuestro bautismo.

Este es el día en que tenemos la oportunidad de renovar nuestras Promesas Bautismales, de renovar el pacto que Dios ha hecho con nosotros. Él es nuestro Dios y nosotros somos Su pueblo, y aún más maravilloso, Él es nuestro Padre y nosotros somos Sus hijos. Nuestras promesas bautismales son básicamente dos: rechazar el pecado y profesar la fe en Dios. La Cuaresma fue un tiempo de arrepentimiento y un tiempo de penitencia. Un período de cuarenta días para reconocer que somos pecadores en necesidad del perdón, misericordia y salvación. La Pascua es una temporada de cincuenta días para regocijarnos y celebrar el amor y la misericordia de Dios en la resurrección de Su Hijo unigénito. Nuestra promesa de vivir como verdaderos hijos e hijas de Dios puede no siempre ser fácil, pero si tratamos de vivir imitando la vida de Cristo y los santos, entonces podemos estar seguros de un gozo y felicidad que este mundo, el pecado y el diablo no tendrán poder de quitarnos.

Cada vez que a alguien se le pide que haga un voto, siempre esta formulado en forma de pregunta: "¿Haces esto?" . . . ¿Lo juras solemnemente? . . . ¿Prometes respeto y obediencia? Y nuestra respuesta es siempre la misma: "Sí, acepto". La fidelidad exitosa a esa promesa depende en gran medida de nuestra preparación para asumir el compromiso y la promesa. Cuando renovamos nuestras promesas bautismales, estamos renovando nuestro compromiso personal con Dios: Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo. Un matrimonio contraído con fe y confianza en Dios y en los demás conduce a una vida de alegría y felicidad general. Cuando una persona es llamada a servir a nuestro país y hace un juramento y lo vive fielmente, lleva a una vida con significado y propósito. Hacer votos a la vida religiosa, cuando se hacen en plena libertad, conduce a una vida de alegría. Que tu "Sí, acepto" al Señor te llene de alegría y felicidad. ¡Felices Pascuas!

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

## ~ Effective Immediately ~

Please 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 ~

Por favor de no estacionarse 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 house hold 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 23-24, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$5,869.90  
On-Line Giving: \$ 284.02  
Total Sunday Offertory: \$6,153.92

### Weekly Expenses:

Income: \$6,153.92  
\* Expenses: \$6,000.25  
\$153.67

*\*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: **23%**  
Number of Donors 29  
Remaining Donors 57  
Pledges to Date: \$9,430  
Total Amount Fulfilled: \$4,895

**12% 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

Enter the Parish Raffle!!!



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



Your Knights of Columbus would like to THANK everyone who helped support our Lenten Fish Fry!! We were able to bring many parishioners, school and CCD students and families together and enjoy good food and fellowship! We also would like to thank the winner of our 50/50 raffle Francisco and Dianne Borquez who generally donated their prize of \$290 back to the church. Viva Jesus! Also, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who made our "Santa Cruz Parish/School Benefit Golf Tournament" a major success! We couldn't have asked for better weather, or a better group of golfers, donors, sponsors and volunteers to help bring this event to life.

Dear Parishioners of Santa Cruz Parish,

I have great news to share with you regarding our parish school. We have hired a new principal! I would like to introduce Mrs. Roxanne Terán as the new principal for Santa Cruz Parish School. Mrs. Terán is from Nogales and is currently the principal of Sacred Heart Parish School. She will begin here at Santa Cruz School on July 1, 2024. Mrs. Terán had been a public school teacher in the Nogales Unified School District for over twenty-five years and has been a principal for four years. I worked with Mrs. Terán during my time at Sacred Heart in Nogales and feel very fortunate that she will be our new school principal.

Catholic education has proven to be of benefit to the students who attend Catholic school and in turn has benefitted our society and community. My vision for Santa Cruz Parish School is that it continues to be a positive benefit for the students and the community by knowing God, loving God and serving Him.

We welcome and congratulate Mrs. Roxanne Terán to Santa Cruz Parish and School. In Christ, Fr. Velásquez



Santa Cruz  
Catholic School



Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia Santa Cruz,

Tengo una gran noticia que compartir ustedes al respecto de nuestra escuela parroquial. ¡Hemos contratado una nueva directora! Me gustaría presentarles a la Sra. Roxanne Terán como la nueva directora de la Escuela Parroquial de Santa Cruz. La Sra. Terán es de Nogales y actualmente es la directora de la Escuela Parroquial Sagrado Corazón. Comenzará aquí en la Escuela Santa Cruz el 1 de julio de este año. La Sra. Terán ha sido maestra pública en el Distrito Escolar Unificado de Nogales durante más de veinticinco años y ha sido directora durante cuatro años. Trabajé con la Sra. Terán durante mi tiempo en la Parroquia Sagrado Corazón en Nogales y me siento muy afortunado de que ella sea nuestra nueva directora de la escuela.

La educación católica ha demostrado ser beneficiosa para los estudiantes que asisten a escuelas católicas y, a su vez, ha beneficiado a nuestra sociedad y comunidad. Mi visión para la Escuela Parroquial de Santa Cruz es que continúe siendo un beneficio positivo para los estudiantes y la comunidad al conocer a Dios, amarlo y servirle.

Demos la bienvenida y felicitamos a la Sra. Roxanne Terán a la Parroquia y Escuela Santa Cruz. En Cristo, Padre Velásquez

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### 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.

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- Call the diocese in which the abuse happened. If the abuse happened in the Diocese of Tucson, call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson 520-623-0344 or (1-800-234-0344 in Arizona) and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection of the Diocese of Tucson at 520-838-2513.



#### Saturday, March 30th, Holy Saturday

7:30 p.m. Roy & Nellie Mariscal & Sylvia Lopez/R.I.P.

#### Sunday, March 31st, Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00 a.m. Special Int./Amaro & Martinez Families

10:00 a.m. Amelia Mena/R.I.P.

12:00 noon Ignacio & Hilda Vega & Walter Vega/R.I.P.

#### Monday, April 1st

6:30 a.m. Special Int./Maria Rodriguez & Family

8:00 a.m. Special Intention/Fr. Marcos C. Velásquez

#### Tuesday, April 2nd

6:30 a.m. Special Int./John & Hilda Cabrera & Family

8:00 a.m. Evangeline Lopez/R.I.P.

#### Wednesday, April 3rd

6:30 a.m. Special Intention/Daniel Villascuesa

8:00 a.m. Susie Lemmond/R.I.P.

#### Thursday, April 4th

6:30 a.m. Special Intention/Petra Villascuesa

8:00 a.m. Special Int./Michael & Dani Nicholls & Family

#### Friday, April 5th

6:30 a.m. In Memory of Baby Evangeline Cancino/R.I.P.

8:00 a.m. Special Intention/Joe Jeff Tafoya