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The Grupo Guadalupano of Santa Cruz will be selling breakfast this Sunday, May 26, after the morning Masses. The proceeds are for the remaining balance towards the stain glass windows of the Chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

El Grupo Guadalupano de Santa Cruz estará vendiendo desayunos este domingo, 26 de mayo, después de las Misas de la mañana. Lo recaudado se destinara al balance de los vitrales de la Capilla de Guadalupe. Gracias por su cooperación y generosidad.



Santa Cruz Adult Faith Formation Invites you to a "Journey through the Mass"
Thursday, June 13
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In the Music Room
Presenter: Sally Clack
Bring a bible and a journal



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

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

- Call 911 to make a report.
- If the abuse happened in Arizona, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area. If the abuse happened in any other state, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area of that state.
- 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.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Next Weekend June 1-2 we will have a second collection designated for our church maintenance.

La segunda colecta de la próxima semana Junio 1-2 será designada para el mantenimiento de la iglesia.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 25th

- 8:00 a.m. Linda Cancino/Happy Birthday
- 5:30 p.m. Dennis & Veronica Wheatley/Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, May 26th

- 6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners
- 8:00 a.m. Feligreses de la Iglesia Santa Cruz
- 10:00 a.m. Carmen Granillo/R.I.P.
- 12:00 noon Special Intention/Pueblo High School, Administration & Community
- 6:00 p.m. Andres Montaña/R.I.P.

Monday, May 27th

- 6:30 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m. In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/ In Memory of Carlos & Lily Contreras/R.I.P.

Tuesday, May 28th

- 6:30 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m. Hernan Alonso Gamez/Happy Birthday

Wednesday, May 29th

- 6:30 a.m. Lydia Muñoz/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 30th

- 6:30 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m. Ignacio & Hilda Vega & Walter Vega/R.I.P.

Friday, May 31st

- 6:30 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m. Frank Gavarrete/R.I.P.



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Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of

**THE FATHER,
AND OF THE SON,
AND OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT.**

~ MATTHEW 28:19

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. - 8:00 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

Change in Adoration - Beginning Friday, May 31, 2024

Beginning this Friday, there is be a change in the time of Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction will be given at 8:00 p.m. instead of 9:00 p.m.

A partir de este viernes habrá un cambio en el horario de la Adoración Eucarística. La Bendición se dará a las 8:00 p.m. en lugar de las 9:00 p.m.

Message from the Pastor . . .

Dear Parishioners of Santa Cruz Parish,

On Memorial Day our nation takes the day to honor all the service men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in service of their country. It was first observed for those who died in the Civil War and later was to include all who have died in war. It is marked in most dioceses by the celebration of mass at the catholic cemetery. Bishop Weisenburger will be celebrating a Memorial Day Mass at Holy Hope Cemetery on Monday, May 27, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend the Memorial Day Mass at Holy Hope Cemetery.

When we use the expression "ultimate sacrifice" we are saying that the sacrifice made was the best, greatest possible, no more can be given. Jesus says, "No greater love does one have than to lay down your life for your friends" (John 15:13). The word "sacrifice" literally means "to make holy". Those who have fallen giving their lives in service of their country and family, have made a sacrifice which is to their credit before the Lord. We do well to honor their memory and their service.

When we honor their memory we are also performing a spiritual and religious action. Jesus instructed the Apostles at the Last Supper, "Do this in memory of Me." He was of course referring the Eucharist and the offering of the Mass, but what is the Eucharist if not an offering of the Lord laying down His life for our salvation. Offering the Mass is more than just a "remembering of Jesus" or a "memorial," it is truly making present to us the one, eternal Sacrifice of the Lord. We believe that the Lord offered His life for the salvation of all. It is a blessing and consolation to know that those who die in service in some way imitate the selfless giving of Jesus on the Cross. Memorial Day is a day to honor, through our prayers, those who have died serving and protecting our families and country.

May the souls of those who have died in military service, rest in peace.

In Christ,

Fr. Velásquez

Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

En el Día de los Caídos, nuestra nación se toma el día para honrar a todos los hombres y mujeres en servicio que han hecho el máximo sacrificio al dar sus vidas al servicio de su país. Primero se observó para aquellos que murieron en la Guerra Civil y luego incluyó a todos los que murieron en la guerra. En la mayoría de las diócesis está marcado por la celebración de misa en el cementerio católico. El obispo Weisenburger celebrará una misa del Día de los Caídos en el cementerio Holy Hope el lunes 27 de mayo de 2024 a las 8:30 a. m. Todos están invitados a asistir a la misa del Día de los Caídos en el cementerio Holy Hope.

Cuando utilizamos la expresión "sacrificio supremo" estamos diciendo que el sacrificio realizado fue el mejor, el mayor posible, no se puede dar más. Jesús dice: "No hay mayor amor que el de dar la vida por los amigos" (Juan 15:13). La palabra "sacrificio" significa literalmente "santificar". Aquellos que han caído dando sus vidas al servicio de su país y su familia han hecho un sacrificio que les honra ante el Señor. Hacemos bien en honrar su memoria y su servicio.

Cuando honramos su memoria estamos realizando también una acción espiritual y religiosa. Jesús instruyó a los Apóstoles en la Última Cena: "Haced esto en memoria mía". Por supuesto, se refería a la Eucaristía y al ofrecimiento de la Misa, pero ¿qué es la Eucaristía sino una ofrenda del Señor que entrega su vida por nuestra salvación? Ofrecer la Misa es más que simplemente un "recordar a Jesús" o un "memorial", es verdaderamente hacernos presente el único y eterno Sacrificio del Señor. Creemos que el Señor ofreció Su vida por la salvación de todos. Es una bendición y un consuelo saber que quienes mueren en servicio imitan de alguna manera la entrega desinteresada de Jesús en la Cruz. El Día de los Caídos es un día para honrar a aquellos que han muerto a través de nuestras oraciones y promesa de servicio a los demás.

Que en paz descansen las almas de los que han muerto en el servicio militar.

En Cristo,

P. Velásquez

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



Join us in celebrating the Ordination Anniversaries of our three priests, Fr. Velásquez, Fr. Simon, Fr. Showri, and Deacon Mr. Ernesto Lujan on Sunday, June 9th in the Carmelite Hall after the 12:00 noon Mass. We are requesting that families with last names that begin with:

- A-L: bring water**
- M-P: bring sodas**
- Q-Z: bring your best side dish**

Thank you in advance for joining us is showing our love and appreciation to our priests and deacon who said "yes" to God's call to serve our community in such important spiritual ways."

Acompáñenos para celebrar los aniversarios de ordenación de nuestros tres sacerdotes, el Padre Velásquez, Padre Simón, Padre Showri y el Diácono Sr. Ernesto Luján el domingo, 9 de junio en el Salón Carmelita después de la Misa de las 12:00 del mediodía. Solicitamos que las familias con apellidos que comiencen con:

- A-L: traigan aguas**
- M-P: traigan sodas**
- Q-Z: traigan su mejor platillo**

Gracias de antemano por acompañarnos para mostrar nuestro amor y aprecio a nuestros sacerdotes y diácono que dijeron "sí" al llamado de Dios de servir a nuestra comunidad de maneras espirituales tan importantes.

Sunday Collection - May 18-19, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$5,640.01
 On-Line Giving: \$ 455.16
 Total Sunday Offertory: \$6,095.17

Weekly Expenses:
 Income: \$6,095.17
 *Expenses: \$6,000.25
 \$ 94.92

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

Thank for your generous and faithful support!

¡Gracias por su generoso y fiel apoyo!

"Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist"

Movie Showing in Tucson June 4th, 5th and 6th

This film explores the biblical origins of the Eucharist and shares personal stories of individuals whose lives have been transformed by the Blessed Sacrament. This exploration makes it unmistakably clear that the Eucharist is not merely a symbol, but is indeed Jesus Christ Himself — fervently desiring to quench our spiritual thirst with His boundless love.

Check local theaters for times and showings.

FUN FACTS ABOUT SANTA CRUZ PRIESTS & DEACON SPRING/SUMMER 2024

FR. SIMON MUEMA, S.D.S.

FAVORITE MOVIES - "Not into movies."

FAVORITE BOOKS/AUTHORS - "The Bible (God as the Author through the Holy Spirit He inspired those who wrote)."

FAVORITE RESTAURANTS/FOOD - "Cheddars, Texas Roadhouse and Culvers (sourdough melts is fire)."

FAVORITE SPORTS - "Foot Ball (Go Green Bay Packers), Baseball (Let's go Dodgers), College Basketball and Volleyball."

FAVORITE SONGS - "Hymns/Church songs I sang in choir all my life."

FAVORITE ANIMALS - "Not into animals but I think Giraffe are gentle."

PLACES I'VE BEEN - "Kenya, Spain, Portugal, Netherlands, California, Chicago, Wisconsin, Washington DC, Boston and Atlanta."

MY HEAVEN ON EARTH! - "I think celebrating Holy Eucharist where the Divinity meets humanity is my heaven on earth. Adoration and Benediction before the Blessed Sacrament/personal private/quiet prayer."

MY COLLEGE JOURNEY - "St. John's Kabaa Catholic Primary/Elementary School, ii) Holy Rosary Ting'ang'a High School, iii) riverside Nursing College, California, iv) Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, Wisconsin (Masters in Divinity for Priesthood Ordination)."

HOW OLD I WAS WHEN CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD - "The idea of discernment to the priesthood started when I was in 8th grade (14 yrs. old)."

JOURNEY TOWARDS THE PRIESTHOOD - "My journey towards the Priesthood is very interesting. I discovered and felt God was calling me to the Priesthood but since I was 14y/o, thought about it and talked to our priests serving our parish. I did not join priesthood after high school or college, I decided to take time, discern about it, pray about it until later after working in hospice care, I discovered God was still inviting me to 'come and see, then follow me'. I would consider my Priesthood Journey as a late vocation, went to college, for four years then worked for almost five years then joined the seminary."

FIRST PARISH I WAS ASSIGNED TO - "St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Sierra Vista."

FAVORITE MOTTO - "When life give you Lemons, make Lemonade, share and be compassionate, loving and caring to those around you. Be the change you wish to see in this world!!!"

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT BEING A PRIEST - "Being with people of all walks of life and serving them in different capacities. Sharing the Good News of our Lord Jesus and mostly learning from them."

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

Entire Diocese Goal: \$4 million

Parish Goal: **\$40,340**

Donor Participation to Goal: **49%**

Number of Donors 79

Remaining Donors 7

Pledges to Date: **\$19,641**

Total Amount Fulfilled: **\$14,802**

37% of Goal



Our parish plays a vital role in the work of the Annual Catholic Appeal. We have an opportunity to act together as a Catholic family and impact the lives of others throughout the Diocese with selfless acts of love and generosity.

Your gifts and pledges impact our community by helping provide meals to the needy, masses and communion services for residents in nursing homes, hospices, and other facilities, by supporting the diocesan programs and services that share the teachings of the Church.

Please make your sacrificial gift today. Bishop Weisenburger is counting on the support of every parish family to meet our parish goal at www.cathfnd.org/donate. The dateline is May 31st.

Campaña Católica Anual 2024

Por favor haga una donación a la Campaña Católica Anual hoy. ¡Juntos, vivamos la Misión con Corazón Generoso! Haga su donación hoy en www.cathfnd.org/donate. La fecha límite es el 31 de mayo.



Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th
Mass at 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Let us pray for those who gave their lives for our country.

Our parish office will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el lunes, 27 de mayo en observación del Día Memorial.

Corpus Christi Sunday

June 2, 2024

We will have
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
following the noon Mass until 5:30 pm
in the church.



From the Office of Vocations

Holy Hour for Vocations - June 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Please join Bishop Weisenburger and the Office of Vocations in prayer for vocations during the hour and date when Priestly Ordinations would normally take place at St. Augustine Cathedral. We are hoping to fill the Cathedral and come before the Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and implore His mercy and grace upon the men He is calling to follow Him as His priests in the Catholic Church. Please make plans to attend this Holy Hour for Vocations on Saturday, June 1, at St. Augustine Cathedral.