



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

September 14th
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 • TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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,

The celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is a liturgical celebration which honors the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is on the Cross that the Lord offers Himself, body and soul to our Heavenly Father. The Cross becomes the instrument through which we receive the mercy and forgiveness of God through shedding of the Blood of the Lord. As Jesus tells His disciples at the institution of the Eucharist, His blood "will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins". It is upon the Cross that Jesus sheds His Precious Blood and in the Eucharist that this Blood is made available to us to consume and drink. We call the Cross 'holy' because that particular wood and no other was set apart to serve as the way in which the Lord saves us. The Holy Cross is truly worthy of our veneration and respect.

This weekend we will have on display for prayer, veneration and supplication, a relic of the True Cross. As I wrote about the discovery of the True Cross by St. Helena a few weeks ago. According to Christian legend, St. Helena discovered the True Cross while visiting the Holy Land around 326 AD. St. Helena was the mother of Constantine the Great, Roman Emperor. The legend says that an elderly Jew guided St. Helena to the site of the crucifixion. After digging deep, they found three crosses, the nails used for the crucifixion, and the inscription above Jesus' head. St. Helena distinguished the True Cross by placing it on a dead young man, who was revived by the touch of the third cross.

We have a relic, a small sliver of the True Cross, which will be on display for our veneration and prayer. After Mass, the Relic of the True Cross will be displayed for your private veneration and prayers of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord.

This weekend is a special time of grace and blessing for our parish, as the Church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, la Santa Cruz.

In Christ,
Fr. Velásquez



"Yes, I am willing to spend one hour weekly with Jesus, who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament."

"Sí, estoy dispuesto a pasar una hora semanal con Jesús, quien está verdaderamente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento."

**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

Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

La celebración de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz es una celebración litúrgica que honra la Cruz de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Es en la Cruz que el Señor se ofrece a Sí mismo, en cuerpo y alma a nuestro Padre Celestial. La Cruz se convierte en el instrumento a través del cual recibimos la misericordia y el perdón de Dios mediante el derramamiento de la Sangre del Señor. Como Jesús les dice a sus discípulos en la institución de la Eucaristía, Su sangre "será derramada por vosotros y por muchos para el perdón de los pecados". Es sobre la Cruz que Jesús derrama Su Preciosa Sangre y en la Eucaristía que esta Sangre se pone a nuestra disposición para consumir y beber. Llamamos a la Cruz "santa" porque esa madera en particular y ninguna otra fue apartada para servir como el medio por el cual el Señor nos salva. La Santa Cruz es verdaderamente digna de nuestra veneración y respeto.

Este fin de semana tendremos en exhibición para oración, veneración y súplica, una reliquia de la Verdadera Cruz. Como escribí sobre el descubrimiento de la Verdadera Cruz por Santa Elena hace unas semanas. Según la leyenda cristiana, Santa Elena descubrió la Cruz Verdadera mientras visitaba Tierra Santa alrededor del año 326 AD. Santa Elena era la madre de Constantino el Grande, emperador romano. La leyenda dice que un judío anciano guió a Santa Elena hasta el lugar de la crucifixión. Después de escavar profundamente, encontraron tres cruces, los clavos utilizados para la crucifixión y la inscripción sobre la cabeza de Jesús. Santa Elena distinguió la Cruz Verdadera al colocarla sobre un joven muerto, que fue revivido por el toque de la tercera cruz.

Tenemos una reliquia, una pequeña astilla de la Cruz Verdadera, que estará en exhibición para nuestra veneración y oración. Después de la Misa, la Reliquia de la Cruz Verdadera se exhibirá para su veneración privada y oraciones de alabanza y agradecimiento al Señor.

Este fin de semana es un momento especial de gracia y bendición para nuestra parroquia, ya que la Iglesia celebra la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz.

En Cristo,
Padre Velásquez

Santa Cruz Religious Education

(520) 882-9687

Office Hours

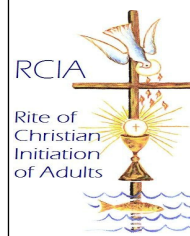
Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday

8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

R.C.I.A. Registration



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults for **Baptism/ Eucharist/ Confirmation,** RCIA classes at

Santa Cruz Parish is beginning soon. Please call for registration or questions.

Educación Religiosa

(520) 882-9687

Horas de Oficina

Lunes - Viernes

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sábado y Domingo

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Programa de formación en la Fe para Adultos

Mayores de 18 años interesados en recibir los sacramentos del Bautismo/ Primera Comunión/ Confirmación para el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos.

Sunday Collection - September 7 - 8, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$5,660.14
 On-Line Giving: \$ 183.03
 Total Sunday Offertory: \$5,843.17

Weekly Expenses:

* Expenses: \$6,000.25
 Income: \$5,843.17
 Deficit: (\$157.08)

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

Your generous donations are greatly appreciated and are definitely needed. Thank you and God bless!



Adult Faith Formation
 Symbolon Calendar

DATE	CLASS	TITLE
9/5	1	THE JOURNEY OF FAITH Trinity, Faith, & the God Who is Love
9/12	2	DIVINE REVELATION God Seeking Us & the Compass of Our Lives
9/19	3	THE BIBLE God's Love Letter to Humanity
9/26	4	THE STORY OF SALVATION Creation, Fall, & Redemption
10/3	5	WHO IS JESUS? Just a Good Man or Lord of Our Lives
10/10	6	THE PASCHAL MYSTERY The Mystery of Jesus's Death & Resurrection
10/17	7	THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE LIFE OF GRACE God's Divine Life Within Us
10/24	8	WHY DO I NEED THE CHURCH The Mystery of the Catholic Church
10/31		NO CLASS
11/7	9	MARY AND THE SAINT Our Spiritual Mother 7 The Communion of Saints
11/14	10	THE LAST THINGS What Happens After We Die?

Basket Raffle FUNDRAISER

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All proceeds benefit Santa Cruz Parish. Drawing will be held December 25th, 2024. Winner not need to be present to win.

CARMELITE MARTYRS SHRINE COMMITTEE

The Shrine Committee is preparing for its Fall Yard Sale fundraiser. If you have donations for the yard sale - please drop off them off at the parish office up until Friday, October 4. Also, for those of you who contributed baked goodies to our bake sales and to those of you who supported us during the summer, we thank you for participating in our bake sales. The committee's next bake sale will be in January, 2025. God Bless you and your families....

Also, the cleaning up and removal of items from the white building on the school athletic field has been scheduled for Saturday, October 5 beginning at 7:00 a.m. Please call the parish office 520-623-3833 to let us know if you are able to help.



Arizona Rosary Celebration

On Saturday, October 26, 2024. We will be honoring Mary under her title, *Our Lady, Queen of Peace*. At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church located at 8650 North Shannon Road, Tucson. The celebration begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 12:15 p.m. The Most Reverend Edward Weisenburger will preside.

18th Annual Fr. Bach - Bro. Angel de Santa Cruz
 Knights of Columbus Council #14139

BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Historic EL RIO Golf Course

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

6:00 A.M. - 7:00 A.M. CHECK-IN AND SOCIAL HOUR
7:30 A.M. SHOTGUN START

- \$95.00 Per Player - Four Person Scramble
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Proceeds will benefit the Santa Cruz Parish / Knights of Columbus Outreach Programs

Luis Castillo
 520-909-9536

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We are excited to announce that Santa Cruz Parish/School now has a FORMED account! This means that all parishioners can enjoy a wide variety of awesome, educational, and entertaining Catholic online content. From books and audio talks to movies and documentaries, there's something for everyone in the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church. Check it out and dive into the amazing content!

Here's what to do!

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click **Sign Up**
3. Select Find Your Parish Subscription
4. Type in Santa Cruz Catholic School (it's under the school's name)
5. Enter your name and email address and you are in!
6. Search for "Formed" in your app store to download on your device.

Catholic Schools
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Second Collection
 Next week's second collection September 21-21 will be designated to the Diocesan Catholic Schools.

Segunda colecta
 La segunda colecta de la próxima semana del 21 al 22 de septiembre estará destinada a las Escuelas Católicas Diocesanas.

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 Anointing of the Sick is available upon request for the faithful who are seriously ill, before major surgery, or advanced age. Please call the parish office (520) 623-3833 to make an appointment.

We ♥ love
having you as part of our flock



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Text - santacruzaz to 84576

HOMEBOUND EUCHARIST

If you have a family member or know of a parishioner in the Santa Cruz Church area in need of having the Eucharist brought to them regularly, please contact the Parish Office at (520) 623-3833.

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.

Bautismos: Información en Sitio Web.

Matrimonio: Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 14th

8:00 a.m. Maria Jesus Altamirano/R.I.P.
5:30 p.m. Norma Alicia Rendon/R.I.P.

Sunday, September 15th

6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners
8:00 a.m. Carmen Munguia/R.I.P.
10:00 a.m. Ramona & Felipe Granillo/R.I.P.
12:00 noon Alex Gallego/R.I.P.
6:00 p.m. Prudencia Salgado & Petra Soto/R.I.P.

Monday, September 16th

6:30 a.m. Special Intention/Familia Ramirez-Miranda
8:00 a.m. Dennis Wheatley/Happy Birthday

Tuesday, September 17th

6:30 a.m. Ingo Close/R.I.P.
8:00 a.m. George Nicolas Ortiz Yslava/R.I.P.

Wednesday, September 18th

6:30 a.m. Eleonor Sainz/R.I.P.
8:00 a.m. Iliana Galaz/Happy Birthday

Thursday, September 19th

6:30 a.m. Ingo Close/R.I.P.
8:00 a.m. Eydie Rivera/R.I.P.

Friday, September 20th

6:30 a.m. Jose Portugal/R.I.P.
8:00 a.m. Epifanio C. Valenzuela/R.I.P.



Join us for our Youth Group meeting **every Sunday** in the Carmelite Hall.

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.