



Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

1220 S. 6th Avenue • Tucson, AZ 85713

THE NATIVITY OF THE
Blessed Virgin Mary
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH



SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 • TWENTY-THIRD 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,

I would like to recognize and publicly thank a man who has been a faithful servant of the Lord and in particular of our parish: Mr. Ricardo "Rico" Chapa. Rico has been volunteering as the Sacristan for Santa Cruz Parish for over twenty years and has made the decision to retire from this position in the parish. On behalf of all the Carmelite priests who served before me, and on behalf of all the parishioners of Santa Cruz who have experienced the smooth flowing of the Mass thanks to Rico's preparation, I want to thank him and bless him for his selfless and dedicated service. Aside from volunteering as sacristan, Rico has been involved in many other aspects of parish life.

He was responsible for training and forming the Eucharistic ministers and the readers at Mass, as well as the scheduling for these Masses. He was involved in adult religious education working in conjunction of the Religious Education department of the parish. Currently he gathers those who are experiencing grief and loss through the Bereavement Group, offering counseling and group support for those needing it. I am sure there are many other areas where he has volunteered in the parish which I might be unaware of but in the short time I have known Rico I can say that he is an excellent example of what it means to serve the Lord with your whole heart, all your mind, and all your soul, and to love your neighbor.

A few weeks ago our parish held a recruitment ministry fair at which we had representatives from the various parish groups available with information on the activities of their group. I want to thank all who organized the event (Dr. Teresa Toro and the Vocations Committee) as well as all of those who stopped by the tables and for those who signed up for more information. We will be soon following up with all who showed an interest in becoming more active in the life of the parish and therefore more active in your own faith.

I pray every day to the Lord Jesus asking Him to show me what I need to do for the people of our parish. How to provide the leadership that lead others to know Him better, to love Him more and more and to serve Him in our love and service to one another. Although the responsibilities expected of the priests are many, and given by the Lord to us, we can never accomplished the mission alone. We rely upon the Lord Himself, of course, and we have to rely upon the participation and help of the parishioners, the parish family. Recognizing the service of our brother Rico Chapa, is one way I want to encourage others to step forward and serve. I pray your love of the Lord and your faith in Him will move you to consider serving Santa Cruz Parish.

In Christ,
Fr. Velásquez

Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

Me gustaría reconocer y agradecer públicamente a un hombre que ha sido un fiel sirviente del Señor y, en particular de nuestra parroquia: el Sr. Ricardo "Rico" Chapa. Rico ha sido voluntario como el sacristán de la parroquia de Santa Cruz durante más de veinte años y ha tomado la decisión de retirarse de este puesto en la parroquia. En nombre de todos los sacerdotes carmelitas que sirvieron antes que yo, y en nombre de todos los feligreses de Santa Cruz que han experimentado el flujo suave de la misa gracias a la preparación de Rico, quiero agradecerle y bendecirlo por su servicio desinteresado y dedicado. Además de ser voluntario como sacristán, Rico ha estado involucrado en muchos otros aspectos de la vida parroquial.

Fue responsable de entrenar y formar los ministros eucarísticos y los lectores de la misa, así como de la programación de estas misas. Estuvo involucrado en la educación religiosa para adultos trabajando junto al departamento de educación religiosa de la parroquia. Actualmente reúne a aquellos que experimentan dolor y pérdida a través del grupo de duelo, ofreciendo asesoramiento y apoyo grupal para quienes lo necesitan. Estoy seguro de que hay muchas otras áreas en las que se ha ofrecido como voluntario en la parroquia que podría desconocer, pero en el corto tiempo que he conocido a Rico, puedo decir que es un excelente ejemplo de lo que significa servir al Señor con todo su corazón, toda su mente y toda su alma, y amar a su prójimo.

Hace unas semanas, nuestra parroquia celebró una feria del Ministerio de Reclutamiento en la que teníamos representantes de los diversos grupos parroquiales disponibles con información sobre las actividades de su grupo. Quiero agradecer a todos los que organizaron el evento (Dr. Teresa Toro y el Comité de Vocaciones), así como a todos los que se detuvieron en las mesas y para aquellos que se inscribieron para obtener más información. Pronto seguiremos con todos los que mostraron interés en volverse más activos en la vida de la parroquia y, por lo tanto, más activo en su propia fe.

Ruego todos los días al Señor Jesús pidiéndole que me muestre lo que necesito hacer por la gente de nuestra parroquia. Cómo proporcionar el liderazgo que lleva a otros a conocerlo mejor, a amarlo cada vez más y servirle en nuestro amor y servicio unos a otros. Aunque las responsabilidades esperadas de los sacerdotes son muchas, y dadas por el Señor a nosotros, nunca podemos cumplir la misión solos. Confiamos en el Señor mismo, por supuesto, y tenemos que confiar en la participación y la ayuda de los feligreses, la familia parroquial. Reconocer el servicio de nuestro hermano Rico Chapa, es una forma en que quiero alentar a otros a dar un paso adelante y servir. Rezo que tu amor por el Señor y tu fe en él te mueva a considerar servir a la parroquia de 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.

The **LAST DAY** for Catechism Classes registration will be Saturday, September 14th. Call the office to make an appointment to register your child. Information regarding class times will be given to you when you call. **Classes have begun on Saturday, September 7th.**

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.

El **ULTIMO DÍA** para la inscripción a las clases de catecismo será el sábado, 14 de septiembre. Llame a la oficina para hacer una cita para inscribir a su hijo. Se le proporcionará información sobre los horarios de las clases cuando llame. **Las clases comenzado el sábado, 7 de septiembre.**



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.



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 - August 31-September 1, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$5,029.80
 Church Maintenance: \$1,473.15
 On-Line Giving: \$ 438.18
 Total Sunday Offertory: \$6,941.13

Weekly Expenses:

Income: \$6,941.13
 * Expenses: \$6,000.25
 \$ 940.88

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

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

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Proceeds will benefit the Santa Cruz Parish / Knights of Columbus Outreach Programs

 **Adult Faith Formation Symbolon Calendar**
 September 5, 2024 to November 10, 2024

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
11/10	10	THE LAST THINGS What Happens After We Die?

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.

Santa Cruz Parish

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Invites you to celebrate our Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 2nd Annual Show n Shine Car Show

Saturday, September 14th, 2024

5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Church Main Parking

With Bishop Edward Weisenburger presiding the 5:30 p.m. Mass. (church)

Set up 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All Trucks, Cars, Bikes of all kinds are welcomed (no fee)

Food Trucks • Piñata • Live Music • Dance • Beer & Sodas



Vendors are welcomed, please call Becky Lujan (520) 256-9438 for further information.

 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.



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.

Grupo Guadalupano de Santa Cruz will be selling breakfast this Sunday, September 8, after the 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and 10:00 a.m., and 12 noon Masses. The proceeds of this breakfast event will go towards the continued renovation 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, 8 de septiembre, después de las Misas de la mañana. Gracias por su cooperación y generosidad.

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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Holy Hope Catholic Cemetery in Tucson, Arizona—Section 8 North (close to office and under big tree for shade)
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Location: Santa Cruz Catholic Church
Sunday, September 15, 2024
12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.

Are you seeking a closer relationship with Jesus and a deeper prayer life? Do you have a devotion to Our Blessed Mother and an interest in the teachings of the Carmelite Saints? On September 15, the Santa Cruz Community of Secular Discalced Carmelites welcomes visitors to attend our meetings and find out about our way of life in order to discern whether God is calling you to be part of the Carmelite religious order as a lay person. For more information, contact the OCDS Council President via e-mail at j5m2j@icloud.com.

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.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 7th
8:00 a.m. Gloria Egurrola/R.I.P.
5:30 p.m. Trinidad G. Burruel & Robert B. Tellez/R.I.P.

Sunday, September 8th
6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners
8:00 a.m. Carmen Munguia/R.I.P.
10:00 a.m. Lourdes Leon/Happy Birthday
12:00 noon Esperanza Padilla/R.I.P.
6:00 p.m. Special Int./Jose Maria Quiroz, Jr.

Monday, September 9th
6:30 a.m. Shirley Johnson/R.I.P.
8:00 a.m. Eydie Rivera/R.I.P.
Mass at Capilla de Guadalupe
7:00 p.m. Rosaura Aguilar Quintana/R.I.P.

Tuesday, September 10th
6:30 a.m. Barbara Physician/Happy Birthday
8:00 a.m. Special Intention/Susan Felix & Salem Felix

Wednesday, September 11th
6:30 a.m. Gerardo Allen & Maria & Erick Allen/R.I.P.
8:00 a.m. Deacon Richard Ornelas/R.I.P.

Thursday, September 12th
6:30 a.m. Enrique & Carmen Juarez/R.I.P.
8:00 a.m. Bud & Rose Rucker/Wedding Anniversary

Friday, September 13th
6:30 a.m. En Honor a las Benditas Animas del Santo Purgatorio/D.E.P.
8:00 a.m. Raul & Hada Reyes/Wedding Anniversary