



Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church
Discalced Carmelite Friars

Happy Father's Day!



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
JUNE 18, 2023

¡Feliz Día del Padre!



Sunday Masses

5:30pm Saturday Vigil

Sunday

6:30 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm

6:00 pm

8:00 am Spanish
at Capilla de Guadalupe
(409 E. 31st Street)

Monday - Saturday

8:00 am

Confessions

Saturday

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30am - 3:00pm



Pastor

Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.

Associate Pastors

Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

Rev. Julius Ntalo, O.C.D.

Deacon

Rev. Ernesto Lujan

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Stephen Watson

I will be a Father to Him (2 Samuel 7:14)

I was rather pleased when I was asked to write the reflection for today, Father's Day. That is because I am a father, but not only that, I am the father of a Father. By that, I am not talking about being a grandfather, but rather that my son is a priest.

Today we ask, "What are the qualities of a good father?" I started thinking about my own father and his impact on my life. My father was a good man. But he was often absent for long periods. He believed in the traditional role of a father as the sole breadwinner. He worked extremely hard to provide for us, but he was not home very much. Yes, he provided for my material needs but often he could not provide for my emotional needs.

Since then, society's idea of fatherhood has changed significantly, it is no longer limited to just being the breadwinner. But what is our role then? Are we to be tender and nurturing? Are we to be strict disciplinarians? Are we to be the solid rocks of dependability? Or are we to be less concerned about raising a family and more concerned about our own lives, our own personal growth and fulfillment? There are so many different opinions on what fatherhood really should be.

The question really isn't "What is our role as a father?" but rather "What God intend when he gave us this special vocation?" To understand this, it is helpful to turn to scripture. There are many references to fatherhood in the bible, many images we can draw from. There is one passage, in particular, that we shall explore. This passage is about the role of husband and wife, but it can easily extend to the role of a father and his children. The passage is from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 5. This is the famous passage that is so often misunderstood as promoting male dominance. Here is just the beginning: "Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord."

It seems to suggest the role of the man is to dominate his wife as well as his children. But that is not what Paul is talking about. Read the passage carefully and see how often he refers to husband and wife and then how often he refers to Christ and his church. The two pairs are marvelously intertwined.

St. Paul is saying that if you want to understand the relationship between Christ and his church, look at the relationship between a man and his family. Conversely, if you want to understand the relationship between a man and his family, study the relationship between Christ and his church. St. Paul proposes that the man is the Christ figure in a family and the wife and children are the church figure. Given that, what did Jesus do for his church? He climbed the cross, spread out his hands, and he "died" for her. The church was born from the blood that flowed from his side. He sacrificed himself for her.

What then is the role of man within a family? What does he have to do? Not that he has to dominate his family but rather he has to "die" sacrificially for them. That is true fatherhood. A man must surrender his needs, his wants, his desires and focus on the needs of his wife and children, and for that matter, all people that he encounters in his life. Fatherhood is a sacrificial giving of self to others, starting with a man's wife and children.

In light of this revelation, I think again about my father. Perhaps he didn't understand completely what my needs were, but he lovingly sacrificed himself completely for what he thought was my good. He truly was the Christ figure in our family, and I truly appreciate what he did for me. He was a good man and a good father.

I return to my statement "I am the father of a Father". Priests are true fathers also. Their family is the entire congregation. I know the many sacrifices my son makes, and all priest as well, in seeing to our spiritual needs as well as to our emotional and even material needs. So, this Sunday, as you wish someone a happy Father's Day, remember also to thank a priest and let him know how much you appreciate the fatherlike sacrifices he makes for us.

~ *Rico Chapa*



**Blessings to all our Dads!
Today on Father's Day,
may St. Joseph intercede for
you and help you all to be
true men of God.**

**¡Bendiciones! A nuestros Padres
en este Día de los Padres.
Que San Jose interceda por
ustedes y que les ayude ser
verdaderos hombres de Dios.**



**Legion
of Mary**

**The Legion
of Mary
continues to
meet at**

**Capilla of Our Lady of Guadalupe at
4:00 pm on Mondays.**

**Santa Cruz Grupo
Guadalupeano meets at
Capilla of Our Lady of
Guadalupe every
Monday at 6:00 pm to
pray the Rosary and for
spiritual talks.**



**10am
Sunday Mass
Live Stream**



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 at 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.

Father Robert Barcelos, OCD, will be giving a Spanish presentation on the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on **Monday, June 26th, at 6:30 pm at the Capilla of Our Lady of Guadalupe.**

Our Blessed Mother appeared to a Budapest woman named Elizabeth Kindelmann, a lay Carmelite, from which we receive the message of the Flame of Love. The Flame of Love is within the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This Flame of Love will be our spiritual refuge and protection. We need the prayer of the Flame of Love during these times. Our sanctification comes through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Through Father Robert's presentation, we will learn about the Flame of Love of the Blessed Virgen Mary. The Flame of Love is Jesus himself who flows from the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mary wants to pour out her Son's Flame of Love into every heart. All are invited. The event is free with a love offering for books that will be provided on the Flame of Love. There will be refreshments provided after the presentation.

Padre Robert Barcelos, OCD, dará una presentación en español sobre la Llama de Amor del Inmaculado Corazón de María el **lunes, 26 de junio a las 6:30 pm en la Capilla de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.**

Nuestra Santísima Madre se apareció a una mujer de Budapest llamada Elizabeth Kindelmann, una laica carmelita, de la cual recibimos el mensaje de la Llama de Amor. La Llama de Amor está dentro del Inmaculado Corazón de María. Esta Llama de Amor será nuestro refugio y protección espiritual. Necesitamos la oración de la Llama de Amor en estos tiempos. Nuestra santificación viene por el poder del Espíritu Santo.

A través de la presentación del Padre Robert, aprenderemos sobre la Llama de Amor de la Santísima Virgen María. La Llama de Amor es el mismo Jesús que brota del Inmaculado Corazón de María. María quiere derramar la Llama de Amor de su Hijo en cada corazón.

Todos están invitados. El evento es gratuito con una ofrenda de amor para los libros que se proporcionarán sobre la Llama de Amor. Habrá refrescos después de la presentación.



Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to report that Santa Cruz Parish has been blessed by being awarded the 2023 Catholic Foundation Grant Award in the amount of \$5,000.00. The grant was submitted to purchase fire proof cabinets for our Sacramental records.

We will proudly be displaying the 2023 Grant Recipient banner for all of Tucson to see in honor of this blessing.

Please, make time in your day to pray for all those who took part in the decisions to grant Santa Cruz this wonderful gift!



Happy Father's Day! Why not give your husband the gift of a lifetime by spending a special weekend away with each other. Learn how to have a great marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on July 8-9, 2023 in Tucson or October 21-22, 2023 in Phoenix. Apply at: <https://www.marizona.com>



FLAME OF LOVE CONFERENCE

*** HOLY MASS * ADORATION * FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY ***
*** CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY * EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION ***
*** BLESSING WITH ST. CHARBEL OIL ***

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

(Starting with Holy Mass at 8:00 am)



PRESENTED BY:
FR. ROBERT BARCELOS, OCD

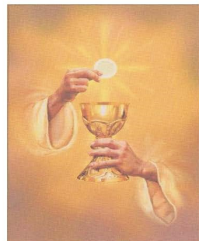
The event is free but a love offering will be collected.

Lunch will not be provided, please contact Carolina if you need a map of nearby restaurants



Santa Cruz Catholic Church, 1220 S. 6th Avenue, Tucson, Az 85713

For information call: Carolina Villascusa at 520-639-2415



Eucharist: The Fullness of Charity and of Life

Convocation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in Home Bound, Nursing Home, Hospital and Prison Ministry

Saturday, July 22, 2023
9:00 am – 5:00 pm Lunch included
Bishop Kicanas Pastoral Center
192 S. Stone Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85701

Keynote Speaker:
Fr. Martin J. Barnum
Professor Emeritus, Mundelein Seminary

Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger
Bishop of Tucson

Fee: \$10.00 per person to offset costs
Make check payable to CCS-St Jagan Ministry

Seats are limited. RSVP to
Patsy Klein, Coordinator, St. Jagan Ministry with Elders
patsyk@ccs-soaz.org
(520) 392-4999

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Santa Cruz Religious Ed.

The Religious Education Office is available for questions about our Catholic Faith. Give us a call **Martin (520) 882-9687**.

Remember that there are presently no registrations until August.

La Oficina de Educación Religiosa está disponible para preguntas sobre nuestra fe católica. Llamé a **Martín (520) 882-9687**.

Recuerda que actualmente no hay inscripciones hasta agosto.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 17th

8:00am Evangeline Lopez/R.I.P.
5:30pm In Honor of San Antonio/Int. Deceased Family Members of the Bernal, Mendibles & Burrue-Tellez Families/R.I.P.

Sunday, June 18th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners
8:00am In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel/Int. Grupo Carmelita
10:00am Daniel Amaro/R.I.P.
12:00pm Special Int./To All our Fathers & Godfathers
6:00pm In Thanksgiving to Saint Jude

Monday, June 19th

Holy Souls in Purgatory, specially those who have no one to pray for them/R.I.P.

8:00am Special Int./James Felix

Tuesday, June 20th

Special Int./Benefactor
8:00am Virginia Arevalo/R.I.P.

Wednesday, June 21st

Special Int./Benefactor
8:00am Elvira Solis/Happy Birthday

Thursday, June 22nd

Special Int./Benefactor
8:00am Evangeline Lopez/R.I.P.

Friday, June 23rd

Special Int./Benefactor
8:00am In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/Int. Nieves Ortiz & Family

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COMPLETED
ENVELOPE

Parish Collections

Sunday, June 4th, 2023
Collection: \$ 4,757.36

MY SUNDAY OFFERING

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

