



Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

1220 S. 6th Avenue • Tucson, AZ 85713

“BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.”

JOHN 1: 35-42



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.

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,

This Saturday, January 20, 2024, our Diocese will be observing the *51st Annual March for Life Mass and March* at St. Augustine Cathedral, with Mass beginning at 9:00 a.m. celebrated by Bishop Weisenburger and concelebrated with other priests of the Diocese. I hope you will be able to make time this Saturday to join us to pray for an end to abortion in our world and to give thanks to God for the precious gift that life is, and to ask for His wisdom as to how we confront this evil in our day.

On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court decided in *Roe v. Wade* that abortion is protected by the Constitution, effectively striking down all abortion restrictions in all fifty states. In the decision of *Roe v. Wade* the Court established abortion as a constitutional right, ruling that a woman's choice to have an abortion outweighs the state's duty and concern for the protection and preservation of all human life, born and unborn. On June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. At the heart of the *Dobbs* decision, the Supreme Court is acknowledging that the earlier justices had erred in removing the regulation of abortion from the states. In other words, they are saying that the decision to allow or restrict abortion belongs to the people of each of the states. Declaring in fact that abortion is not a Constitutional guaranteed right nor is to be regulated by the Federal government but is left for the people to decide. And this is where we are called to express our faith in God and trust in His will for our world.

The Federal government, our state government and even many city governments are adopting an "all hands on deck" effort to legalize abortion. We are going to see countless ads and hear heart-wrenching testimonies as to why abortion is a good thing. If you are a disciple of Jesus Christ, the Lord of life, then be prepared for the attacks and the accusations of being hateful, racist, anti-women's rights, backward and ignorant. The forces of abortion will not rest because the devil does not rest in his efforts to undo the Kingdom of God here on earth.

How do we respond? We need to pray to the Holy Spirit for the gift of courage and fortitude that we may be able to stand firm against the powers of darkness. We need to trust in God, not in our own strength, and be united in promoting the sanctity, the dignity and the beauty of life. Please join us this Saturday, January 20th at the Cathedral as we pray and stand for the unborn as sons and daughters of God our Father that we are.

In Christ,
Fr. Velásquez

Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

Este sábado, 20 de enero de 2024, nuestra Diócesis observará el 51º aniversario *Misa de la Marcha Anual por la Vida y la Marcha* en la Catedral de San Agustín, con la Misa comenzando a las 9:00 a. m. celebrada por el Obispo Weisenburger y concelebrada con otros sacerdotes de la Diócesis. Espero que puedan tomar un tiempo este sábado para unirse a nosotros para orar por el fin del aborto en nuestro mundo y dar gracias a Dios por el precioso regalo que es la vida, y pedir su sabiduría sobre cómo afrontar el mal en estos tiempos.

El 22 de enero de 1973, la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos decidió en *Roe v Wade* que el aborto está protegido por la Constitución, derribando efectivamente todas las restricciones al aborto en los cincuenta estados. La decisión de *Roe v Wade* estableció el aborto como un derecho constitucional, y dictaminó que la elección de una mujer de abortar pesa más que el deber y la preocupación del Estado por la protección y preservación de toda vida humana, nacida y no nacida. El 24 de junio de 2022, la Corte Suprema anuló *Roe v Wade* en *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. En el centro de la decisión *Dobbs*, la Corte Suprema reconoce que los jueces anteriores se habían equivocado al eliminar la regulación del aborto en los estados. En otras palabras, están diciendo que la decisión de permitir o restringir el aborto pertenece a la gente de cada uno de los estados. Declarar de hecho que el aborto no es un derecho garantizado constitucionalmente ni debe ser regulado por el gobierno federal sino que se deja que el pueblo decida. Y aquí es donde estamos llamados a expresar nuestra fe en Dios y confiar en Su voluntad para nuestro mundo.

El gobierno federal, nuestro gobierno estatal e incluso muchos gobiernos municipales están adoptando un esfuerzo de "manos a la obra" para legalizar el aborto. Veremos innumerables anuncios y escucharemos testimonios desgarradores sobre por qué el aborto es algo bueno. Si eres discípulo de Jesucristo, el Señor de vida, entonces prepárate para los ataques y las acusaciones de ser odioso, racista, contrario a los derechos de las mujeres, atrasado e ignorante. Las fuerzas del aborto no descansarán porque el diablo no descansa en sus esfuerzos por deshacer el Reino de Dios aquí en la tierra.

¿Cómo respondemos? Necesitamos orar al Espíritu Santo por el don del coraje y la fortaleza para que podamos mantenernos firmes contra los poderes de las tinieblas. Necesitamos confiar en Dios y no en nuestras propias fuerzas pero también debemos estar unidos en la promoción de la santidad, la dignidad y la belleza de la vida. Únanse a nosotros este sábado, 20 de enero en la Catedral mientras oramos y defendemos a los no nacidos como hijos e hijas de Dios nuestro Padre que somos.

En Cristo,
P. Velásquez

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday

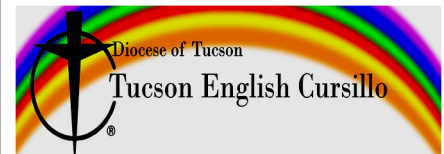
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- 3:00 p.m. - Exposition
- 3:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 6:00 p.m. - Confessions
- 6:00 p.m. - Rosario
- 7:00 p.m. - Rosary
- 9:00 p.m. - Benediction

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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.



- * Do you wish to sponsor a candidate?
- * Do you know what your Sponsor role is?
- * Sponsor meetings are **mandatory**.

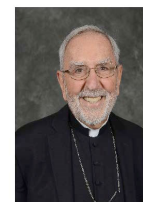
Please join us for the next Sponsor Meeting:
Saturday, January 20, 2024 @ 10:00AM
St. Christopher Catholic Church, Marana AZ
Ultreya immediately following

Pot Luck - please bring a dish to share!

De Colores!

World Day of the Sick Mass

Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, DD
Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Tucson



Anointing of the Sick
Blessing of Caregivers
Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday, February 10th, 2024
10:00 AM

St. Thomas the Apostle
5150 N. Valley View Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85718



Sunday Collection - January 6-7, 2024

Sunday Collection:	\$4,758.46
Church Maintenance Collection	\$1,346.47
On-Line Giving:	\$ 135.00
Total Sunday Offertory:	<u>\$6,239.93</u>

Weekly Expenses:

Income:	\$6,239.93
* Expenses:	<u>\$6,000.25</u>
	\$239.68

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

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



SANTA CRUZ CATHOLIC CHURCH

Elijah's Knights

"WITH ZEAL HAVE I BEEN ZEALOUS FOR THE LORD GOD OF HOSTS"
KINGS 19:10

Our next Youth Group meeting is
Sunday, January 14, 2024 in the Carmelite Hall.
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Parish Contribution Letters

The parish contribution letters for 2023 will be mailed out by the end of January. To make sure you receive your letter, please stop by the parish office or call if you need to update your information. Thank you.



Cartas de Contribución Parroquiales

Las cartas de contribución parroquiales del 2023 se enviarán por correo a fines de enero. Para asegurarse de recibir su carta, por favor llame o visite la oficina parroquial si necesita actualizar su información. Gracias.

TE INVITAMOS A VIVIR UN TALLER DE ORACION Y VIDA

Del Padre Ignacio Larra
Quince Sesiones Semanales
Empiezan el:

miércoles, 17 de Enero
Hora: 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m.
Traer: Biblia, cuaderno, y
\$14.00 para material



TALLERES DE ORACION Y VIDA

Una Nueva Evangelización

En la Parroquia de Santa Cruz en el Salón de Música
Contacto con la Guía: Martha Flores (520) 704-5047.
Cupo Limitado

The parish office will be closed this Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada este lunes, 15 de enero en observación del Día de Martin Luther King, Jr.

51st Annual March for Life Saturday, January 20 St. Augustine Cathedral Mass at 9:00 a.m.

March to Holy Hope Cemetery: After Mass

Make plans to join the Diocese and Bishop Weisenburger on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the "Tucson March for Life" Mass and Procession. This is an opportunity to witness and support the Pro-Life movement on behalf of unborn babies and their mothers.

The four-mile walk to Holy Hope Cemetery will take about an hour and a half. Although we will follow paved streets, there are numerous curbs, uneven sidewalks, and other obstacles that you will need to watch for. Please wear tennis shoes, bring water, and dress in warm layers.

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena 9 Days for Life, **Tuesday, January 16 to Wednesday, January 24**. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

Haga planes para unirse a la Diócesis y al Obispo Weisenburger el sábado, 20 de enero, a las 9:00 a.m. para la Misa y Procesión "Marcha por la Vida de Tucson". Esta es una oportunidad para presenciar y apoyar el movimiento Pro-Vida en nombre de los bebés no nacidos y sus madres.

La caminata de cuatro millas hasta el cementerio Holy Hope durará aproximadamente una hora y media. Aunque seguiremos calles pavimentadas, hay numerosos bordillos, aceras irregulares y otros obstáculos a los que deberá prestar atención. Por favor use zapatos tenis, traiga agua y vístase bien abrigados.

Únete a miles de católicos de todo el país rezando la novena anual nacional de Respetemos la Vida llamada 9 Días por la Vida: **martes 16 de enero a miércoles 24 de enero**. Recibe intenciones diarias, reflexiones breves y más por correo electrónico o mensaje de texto. ¡Inscríbete en 9daysforlife.com!

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)



Grave plots for sale...
in prime location facing Prince Road
Holy Hope Catholic Cemetery in
Tucson, Arizona—Section 8 North
(close to office and under
big tree for shade)
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QUINCEAÑERA MASS AT SANTA CRUZ CHURCH

Quinceañeras can be a very special time for a young woman to grow closer to God and to deepen her faith. It is necessary that the young woman be prepared for this important moment in her life.

- Due to the high number of requests for Quinceañera Masses, only girls who are actively registered parishioners, supporting and attending Mass at Santa Cruz every week are eligible.
- The Quinceañera **must** have received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** (or be actively preparing for Confirmation).
- As part of her formation, the Quinceañera will begin attending **Santa Cruz Youth Group** which meets every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in the Carmelite Hall.
- The young lady and her parents will be provided with one **Quinceañera class**.
- The young lady and her court will be provided with one **Quinceañera rehearsal**.
- **A \$600.00 donation is required in full to reserve the church 6 months before the desired date.** Only when the donation is given will the date be reserved on the church calendar.
- The family is responsible for providing **music** for the Mass. Music must be approved by priest beforehand.

MISA DE QUINCEAÑERA EN LA PARROQUIA DE SANTA CRUZ

La misa de Quinceañera puede ser muy especial para que una joven se acerque más a Dios y profundice su fe. Es necesario que la joven se prepare para este momento importante de su vida.

- Misas de Quinceañera solo pueden realizarse para las jóvenes católicas practicantes en la Parroquia de Santa Cruz (la joven y su familia son registrados apoyando y asistiendo a misa cada semana son elegibles).
- La Quinceañera debe haber recibido el **Sacramento de la Confirmación** (o estar preparando activamente para la Confirmación).
- Como parte de su formación, la Quinceañera comenzará a asistir al **Grupo Juvenil de Santa Cruz** el cual se reúne todos los domingos a las 7:00 p.m. en el Salón Carmelita.
- La joven y sus padres recibirán una **clase de Quinceañera**.
- La joven y su corte contarán con un **ensayo**.
- **Se requiere una donación total de \$600.00 para reservar la iglesia 6 meses antes de la fecha deseada.** Sólo cuando el donativo sea dado se reservará la fecha en el calendario eclesiástico.
- La familia es responsable de proporcionar la **música** para la Misa. La música debe ser aprobada por el sacerdote de antemano.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 13th

- 8:00 a.m. Hector Carlos Valenzuela/Happy Birthday
- 5:30 p.m. Teresa Toro/Happy Birthday

Sunday, January 14th

- 6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners
- 8:00 a.m. Edwin Jonathan Gutierrez/R.I.P.
- 10:00 a.m. Frank Ahumada & Rudy Ortiz/R.I.P.
- 12:00 noon Special Int./Pueblo High School, Administration & Community
- 6:00 p.m. Lupe G. & Frank Gallego/R.I.P.

Monday, January 15th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Int./Dani Marie & Michael Nicholls
- 8:00 a.m. In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, January 16th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Int./Dani Marie & Michael Nicholls
- 8:00 a.m. In Honor of Saint Joseph

Wednesday, January 17th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Int./Douglas & Danette Nicholls
- 8:00 a.m. Special Intentions-Machain

Thursday, January 18th

- 6:30 a.m. Delfina Landeros/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m. In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, January 19th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Int./Gregorio & Frances Garcia
- 8:00 a.m. Marco Antonio Ayon/R.I.P.



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