



Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

1220 S. 6th Avenue • Tucson, AZ 85713

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Mark 1: 14-20



JANUARY 21, 2024 • 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

Rev. George Bodziachowski

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A Parish in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson

Message from the Pastor . . .

Dear Parishioners of Santa Cruz Parish,

I want to thank everyone who participated in your presence or your prayers in the 51st Annual March for Life Mass on Saturday morning. Monday, January 22 is the anniversary of abortion becoming legal in our country. We thank God that that decision was overturned on June 24, 2022, by the U.S. Supreme Court, returning the issue of legalizing or restricting abortion to the power and decision of the people. Although we should be thankful to God for granting us this mercy, we must also realize that the struggle in many ways is just beginning.

Speaking with a brother priest at a recent gathering of priests in our area. He shared a story about a faithful parishioner who attends Mass every Sunday at his parish and is committed to the faith, who was outside of a major retail store gathering signatures in favor of abortion, to place the issue of making it legal in Arizona on the ballot this November. The parishioner apparently greeted the father and asked him if he was willing to sign the petition! Father's response to the parishioner was, "We need to talk!"

I have long since ceased to be surprised that faithful Catholics who go to Mass every Sunday and call themselves 'good Catholics' do not make the connection that voting for candidates who support legalized abortion is against the Catholic faith. For some Catholics (speaking as an authentic Hispanic Catholic) it seems that being a member of a certain political party is the same as being Catholic. I grew up in a family where this was the case. To change the political affiliation would be the same as leaving the Catholic faith, it was not to be done. However, whereas a party's policies will change from year to year, or even day to day, the teachings of the Catholic faith do not. God is the source of all truth, all goodness and all beauty; He is eternal and His word is eternal and does not change from one generation to another. It was in the seminary when I was studying for the priesthood, that I began to question politics and contrast their changing positions with the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church.

The sin of abortion carries with it one of the most severe penalties the Church imposes: A person who procures a completed abortion incurs automatic excommunication (*latae sententiae*), (*Code of Canon Law, #1398*). To those who support abortion by counseling someone to have an abortion, to assist someone by taking them to the abortion clinic also carries the same penalty (*CCC #1329, §2*).

We need to pray for women who may be considering abortion and anyone involved, that God grant them the grace and courage they need to trust in Him. We need to pray for ourselves that we be ready and willing to help them in any way we can.

In Christ,
Fr. Velásquez

Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

Quiero agradecer a todos los que participaron con su presencia o sus oraciones en la Misa de la 51ª Marcha Anual por la Vida el sábado por la mañana. El lunes 22 de enero se cumple el aniversario de la legalización del aborto en nuestro país. Damos gracias a Dios que esa decisión fue revocada el 24 de junio de 2022, por la Corte Suprema de Estados Unidos, devolviendo el tema de legalizar o restringir el aborto al poder y la decisión al pueblo. Aunque debemos estar agradecidos a Dios por concedernos esta misericordia, también debemos darnos cuenta de que la lucha en muchos sentidos apenas comienza.

Hablé con un hermano sacerdote en una reunión reciente de sacerdotes en nuestra área. Compartió una historia sobre un fiel feligrés que asiste a misa todos los domingos en su parroquia y está comprometido con la fe, estaba afuera de una importante tienda colectando firmas a favor del aborto, para colocar el tema de legalizar en Arizona en la boleta electoral de este año en noviembre. Al parecer, el feligrés saludó al padre y le preguntó si estaba dispuesto a firmar la petición. La respuesta del padre al feligrés fue: "¡Necesitamos hablar!"

Hace mucho que dejó de sorprenderme que los fieles católicos que van a misa todos los domingos y se llaman a sí mismos "buenos católicos" no establezcan la conexión de que votar por candidatos que apoyan la legalización del aborto va en contra de la fe católica. Para algunos católicos (hablando como auténtico católico hispano) parece que ser miembro de un determinado partido político es lo mismo que ser católico. Crecí en una familia donde este era el caso. Cambiar la afiliación política sería lo mismo que abandonar la fe católica, no se podía hacer. Sin embargo, mientras que las políticas de un partido cambian de año en año, o incluso de día en día, las enseñanzas de la fe católica no cambian. Dios es la fuente de toda verdad, de toda bondad y de toda belleza; Él es eterno y Su palabra es eterna y no cambia de una generación a otra. Fue en el seminario, cuando estudiaba para el sacerdocio, que comencé a cuestionar la política y a contrastar sus posiciones cambiantes con las enseñanzas del Señor Jesucristo y Su Iglesia Católica.

El pecado del aborto conlleva una de las penas más severas que impone la Iglesia: una persona que realiza un aborto completo incurre en excomunión automática (*latae sententiae*), (*Código de Derecho Canónico, #1398*). Para aquellos que apoyan el aborto aconsejando a alguien a abortar, ayudar a alguien llevándola a la clínica de aborto también conlleva la misma pena (*CCC # 1329, §2*).

Necesitamos orar por las mujeres que estén considerando abortar y por cualquier persona involucrada, para que Dios les conceda la gracia y el coraje que necesitan para confiar en Él. Necesitamos orar por nosotros mismos para que estemos listos y dispuestos a ayudarlos en todo lo que podamos.

En Cristo,
P. Velásquez

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday

3:00 p.m. to 9:00 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
9:00 p.m. - Benediction

Enrollment Santa Cruz Catholic School is always accepting inquiries for enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year! We are proud to be part of a century-long legacy of providing a high-quality Catholic education to as many students as possible! Please contact Ms. Josie to assist you with scholarships and registration 520-624-2093. If you know anyone who is interested in enrolling their child(ren) here at Santa Cruz School, please have them contact us or visit our website: Santa Cruz Catholic School - Tucson, Arizona (santacruzschool.org)

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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.

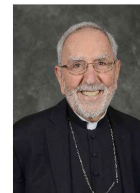
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World Day of the Sick Mass

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 13-14, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$5,800.26
On-Line Giving: \$ 225.00
Total Sunday Offertory: \$6,025.26

Weekly Expenses:

Income: \$6,025.26
* Expenses: \$6,000.25
\$25.01

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

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

The Grupo Guadalupano of Santa Cruz will be selling breakfast on Sunday, January 28, after the morning Masses at Santa Cruz Church (6:30 am, 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12:00 pm). You will be able to take food home in a "take out" opportunity, or take your food to Carmelite Hall and join family and friends in community fellowship. The proceeds of this breakfast event will go towards the continued renovation of the Chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe for all parishioners to cherish and for worship gatherings. We are finishing the installation of our stained-glass windows. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

El Grupo Guadalupano de Santa Cruz estará vendiendo desayunos el domingo 28 de enero, después de las Misas de la mañana en la Iglesia de Santa Cruz (6:30 am, 8:00 am, 10:00 am y 12:00 pm). Podrá llevarse comida a casa en una oportunidad "para llevar", o llevarla al Carmelite Hall y unirse a familiares y amigos en el compañerismo comunitario. Las ganancias de este desayuno se destinarán a la renovación continua de la Capilla de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe para que todos los feligreses la aprecien y para reuniones de adoración. Estamos terminando la instalación de nuestros vitrales. Gracias por su cooperación y generosidad.



TE INVITAMOS A VIVIR UN TALLER DE ORACION Y VIDA

Del Padre Ignacio Larra
Sesiones Semanales los
Miércoles

Hora: 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m.

Traer: Biblia, cuaderno, y
\$14.00 para material

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



TALLERES DE ORACION Y VIDA
Una Nueva Evangelización

The next Tucson Retrouvaille retreat is scheduled for March 8-10, 2024. To learn more about Retrouvaille, please visit:
<https://www.retrouvaille.org>

Marriage Help - A Retrouvaille Weekend can help couples rediscover peace, hope, and propose in their marriage. Register Now for a Retrouvaille Weekend scheduled, Friday evening, March 8 - Sunday, March 10, 2024. Visit: www.retrouvaille.org, Call or Text (520) 762-4449.

SANTA CRUZ CATHOLIC CHURCH

Elijah's Knights

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

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

Alive in Christ Share Your Charismatic Gifts

Thursday February 8 at 6:45 PM

"Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give"
- Matt 10:8



- Lively Praise & Worship
- Share your word gifts
- Pray for all your intentions
- Praise God for answered prayers
- Eucharistic Adoration and Blessing



Fr Showri Narra

Bring your family & friends!

- Attend in person at: Our Lady of La Vang Parish, at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson
- Also, on Zoom at: Meeting ID: 814 4930 0841
Passcode: 352734

View this using Zoom app on a computer / tablet / smart phone.
Or listen on a traditional phone: Dial (346) 248 7799 or (669) 900 9128 (not toll-free)
- If you have problems joining the meeting, please text Diana at: 520-981-8800.
- For Zoom training videos, and videos of past meetings, go to TucsonCCR.org

~ SAVE THE DATE ~
Santa Cruz Parish 66th Fiesta De La Familia 2024
Saturday, April 20th & Sunday April, 21st

Bereavement Group for those who are dealing with the painful loss of a loved one. Our group will meet this month on **Thursday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m.** Come find comfort and support from others who share the same experience.

El Grupo de Duelo para quienes están sufriendo la dolorosa pérdida de un ser querido. Nuestro grupo se reunirá este mes el **jueves, 25 de enero a las 6:30 p.m.** Venga a encontrar consuelo y apoyo de otras personas que compartan la misma experiencia.



Santa Cruz Parish is offering
Fish Fry Friday's
sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus. Join us
every Friday evening during the season of Lent from
5:30 pm until 8:00 pm in the Carmelite Hall.



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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 eclesialístico.
- 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 20th

8:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m. In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/
In memory of Carlos & Lily Contreras/R.I.P.

Sunday, January 21st

6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Ralph Lanik/R.I.P.

12:00 noon Santa Cruz Parishioners

6:00 p.m. Special Int./Amaro & Martinez Families

Monday, January 22nd

6:30 a.m. Special Int./Carolyn Renzy

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 23rd

6:30 a.m. Special Int./Daniel & Carolina Villascuesa

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 24th

6:30 a.m. Special Int./Joshua & Antoinette Scales

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 25th

6:30 a.m. Special Int./The Tafoya Family

8:00 a.m.

Friday, January 26th

6:30 a.m. Special Int./Estevan & Skylar Rodriguez

8:00 a.m.



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