



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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority.

Mark 1:22



JANUARY 28, 2024

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

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 week is National Catholic Schools Week. It is a week to celebrate and rediscover our Catholic schools and in particular our own parish Catholic school — Santa Cruz Catholic School. Our school will be celebrating all week long with special activities and events for the students and teachers. An Open House is happening this Sunday, January 28, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the school and all parishioners and visitors are invited to stop by the school and get to know our teachers and the classroom environment we provide for the education of the students. Having a catholic school is truly a reason to celebrate.

Our current student body of the school is one hundred fifty-two students, from grades kindergarten to eighth. I am told prior to COVID-19, we had a student body approaching two hundred twenty. One of my goals for the school is to increase the number of students attending the school so as to ensure the future success of the school and its mission. This is where the help of all parishioners is needed. Countless parishioners have shared with me their connection to the school. Either they themselves attended the school or their children or their grandchildren have attended the school. I am sure that all who received a Catholic education value and treasure the experience and quality of education they received. The environment to learn about the Catholic faith, as well as general education, is to be found nowhere in the public school system or public charter schools.

Only a Catholic school can provide a unique environment for learning about God and the Catholic faith, to learn about family and society, to learn about themselves and how valuable they are in the sight of God, to be challenged to be holy, to be good, to be saints. The academic standards of a Catholic school are the envy of all other public schools. What a Catholic school is able to achieve is almost impossible in the public school system when it comes to teaching about morals, the existence of God and truths that go beyond science and the things of this world. Who would not want this kind of education for their children?

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week by encouraging family and friends to consider sending their children to Santa Cruz Catholic School.

In Christ,
Fr. Velásquez

Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados feligreses de la Parroquia Santa Cruz,

Esta semana es la Semana Nacional de las Escuelas Católicas. Es una semana para celebrar y redescubrir nuestras escuelas católicas y, en particular, nuestra propia escuela católica parroquial: la Escuela Católica Santa Cruz. Nuestra escuela estará celebrando toda la semana con actividades y eventos especiales para los estudiantes y maestros. Este domingo, 28 de enero de 2024, se llevará a cabo un open house de 11:00 a. m. a 1:30 p. m. en la escuela y todos los feligreses y visitantes están invitados a pasar por la escuela y conocer a nuestros maestros y conocer el ambiente que brindamos para la educación de los estudiantes. Tener una escuela católica es verdaderamente un motivo para celebrar.

Nuestro alumnado actual de la escuela es de ciento cincuenta y dos estudiantes, desde kínder hasta octavo grado. Me dijeron que antes de COVID-19, teníamos un alumnado cercano a los doscientos veinte. Uno de mis objetivos para la escuela es aumentar el número de estudiantes que asisten a la escuela para garantizar el éxito futuro de la escuela y su misión. Aquí es donde se necesita la ayuda de todos los feligreses. Innumerables feligreses han compartido conmigo su conexión con la escuela. O ellos mismos asistieron a la escuela o sus hijos o sus nietos asistieron a la escuela. Estoy seguro de que todos los que recibieron una educación católica valoran y atesoran la experiencia y la calidad de la educación que recibieron. El entorno para aprender sobre la fe católica, así como sobre la educación general, no se encuentra en ningún lugar del sistema de escuelas públicas o de las escuelas públicas chárter.

Sólo una escuela católica puede proporcionar un entorno único para aprender sobre Dios y la fe católica, aprender sobre la familia y la sociedad, aprender sobre sí mismos y lo valiosos que son a los ojos de Dios, ser desafiados a ser buenos, ser santos. Los estándares académicos de una escuela católica son la envidia de todas las demás escuelas públicas. Lo que una escuela católica es capaz de lograr es casi imposible en el sistema de escuelas públicas cuando se trata de enseñar sobre la moral, la existencia de Dios y verdades que van más allá de la ciencia y las cosas de este mundo. ¿Quién no quisiera este tipo de educación para sus hijos?

Celebré la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas animando a familiares y amigos a considerar enviar a sus hijos a la Escuela Católica Santa Cruz.

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

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Next week's Second Collection February 3 & 4 will be designated for church our maintenance.


La segunda colecta de la próxima semana Febrero 4 será designada para el mantenimiento de la iglesia.



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.

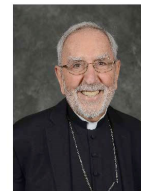
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World Day of the Sick Mass

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 20-21, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$4,508.24
 On-Line Giving: \$ 350.00
 Total Sunday Offertory: \$4,858.24

Weekly Expenses:

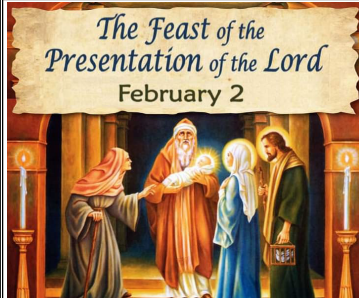
* Expenses: \$6,000.25
 Income: -\$4,858.24
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*Weekly operation expenses include utilities, payroll, maintenance and insurance.

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



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



The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
 February 2

WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD WITH A SPECIAL MASS THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND AT 6:30 P.M. THIS DAY IS ALSO KNOWN AS CANDELMAS DAY BECAUSE OF THE BLESSING OF CANDLES. BRING YOUR CANDLES OR PURCHASE THEM IN THE CHURCH TO BE BLESSED AND JOIN US FOR THE LOVELY PROCESSION WITH OUR LIGHTED CANDLES AND OUR BABY JESUS. AFTER MASS WE WILL HAVE HOT CHOCOLATE AND PASTRIES IN THE GOOD SHEPHERD ROOM.

LOS INVITAMOS A CELEBRAR LA FIESTA DE LA PRESENTACIÓN DEL SEÑOR CON UNA MISA ESPECIAL ESTE VIERNES, 2 DE FEBRERO A LAS 6:30 P.M. ESTE DÍA TAMBIÉN SE CONOCE COMO FIESTA DE LA CANDELARIA POR LA BENDICIÓN DE VELAS. TRAIGAN SUS VELAS O COMPRENLAS EN LA IGLESIA PARA SER BENDECIDAS Y ACOMPAÑENNOS EN LA PROCESIÓN CON NUESTRAS VELAS ENCENDIDAS Y NUESTRO NIÑO DIOS. DESPUÉS DE LA MISA TENDREMOS CHOCOLATE CALIENTE Y POSTRES EN EL SALÓN DEL BUEN PASTOR.



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

Wednesday, February 14th

ASH WEDNESDAY

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
Ecclesiastes 3:20

Our Ash Wednesday and Lenten schedules will be published next week.

Santa Cruz CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 29 W. 22nd Street Tucson, Arizona 85713
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Open House!

Sunday, January 28, 2024
 11:00am - 1:30 pm

Explore and Experience Santa Cruz Catholic School

- Join us for the 10:00am Mass
- Santa Cruz is a Fully Accredited Kinder through 8th grade Catholic School with exceptional academics
- Full time Licensed Register Nurse on campus
- Basketball and Volleyball available for boys and girls 4th -8th grade
- Safe gated central located campus with cameras
- Come and tour our school grounds. Find out more about Scholarship opportunities available for students of all income levels

You Are Invited

Kindergarten
ROUND-UP
 At Santa Cruz Catholic School

29 W. 22nd Street
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 Phone: 520.624.2093 Fax: 520.624.2833

Join us on...

Monday, February 19, 2024
 &
 Tuesday, February, 20, 2024

What to bring with you:

- ★ Current immunization Records
- ★ Official Copy of Birth Certificate
- ★ Official Copy of Baptismal Certificate

If you have any questions or are unable to attend please call Erica at 520.624.2093. We will be happy to provide you with a tour and information.



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.



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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This weekend, we join parishes across our Diocese in embarking on a journey of faith and service through the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, *Live the Mission with a Generous Heart*. Our Bishop humbly invites you to join parishioners across Southern

Arizona in deepening our commitment to the mission of Christ and His Church. "It is the task of every member of Christ's Church to embrace the mission and to participate in it in accord with our ability."

Make your gift today at www.cathfnd.org/donate

Este fin de semana, nos unimos a las parroquias de nuestra Diócesis para embarcarnos en un viaje de fe y servicio a través de la Campaña Católica Anual de 2024, Vive la Misión con un Corazón Generoso. Nuestro obispo lo invita humildemente a unirse a los feligreses de todo el sur de Arizona para profundizar nuestro compromiso con la misión de Cristo y Su Iglesia. "Es tarea de cada miembro de la Iglesia de Cristo adoptar la misión y participar en ella de acuerdo con nuestras capacidades".

Haz tu regalo hoy en
www.cathfnd.org/donate



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 27th

8:00 a.m. Fr. Arnold Noriega/Improved Health
5:30 p.m. Leova Jacobs Carrasco/R.I.P.

Sunday, January 28th

6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners
8:00 a.m. Grace Lohr/R.I.P.
10:00 a.m. Alicia, Joe, Joseph & Anthony Meza/R.I.P.
12:00 noon Adam Garcia/R.I.P.
6:00 p.m. Alfred Padilla/Happy Birthday

Monday, January 29th

6:30 a.m. Special Int./Daniel Gabriel Villascuesa
8:00 a.m. Fr. Arnold Noriega/Improved Health

Tuesday, January 30th

6:30 a.m. Special Int./Petra Villascuesa
8:00 a.m. Alex & Lupe Gallego/R.I.P.

Wednesday, January 31st

6:30 a.m. Special Int./Fr. Velasquez, Fr. Simon & Fr. Showri
8:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 1st

6:30 a.m. Special Int./Fr. Velasquez, Fr. Simon & Fr. Showri
8:00 a.m.

Friday, February 2nd

6:30 a.m. Special Int./Fr. Velasquez, Fr. Simon & Fr. Showri
8:00 a.m. In Honor of St. Blasé & The Holy Helpers