

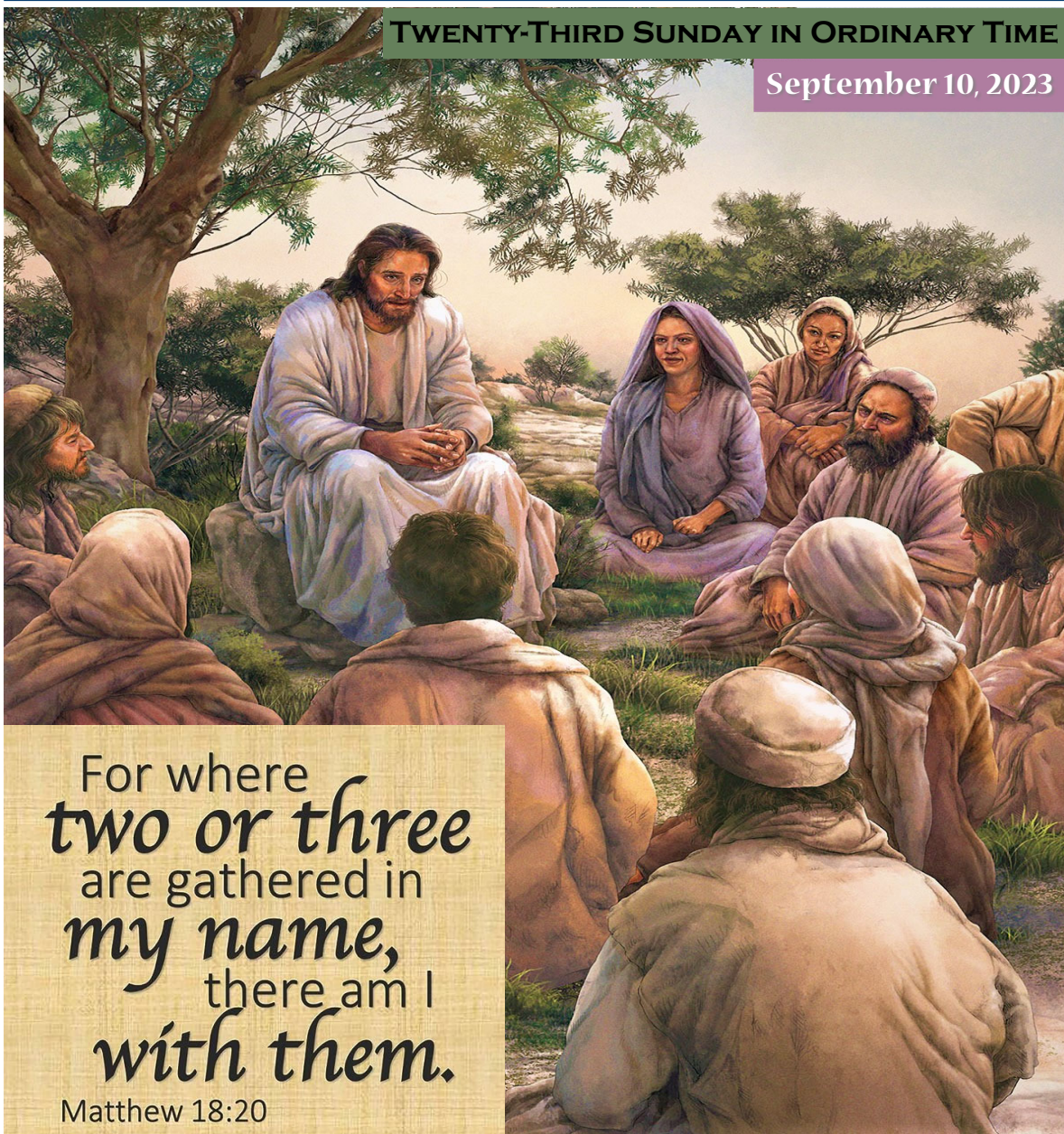


Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

1220 S. 6th Avenue • Tucson, AZ 85713

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 10, 2023



For where
two or three
are gathered in
my name,
there am I
with them.

Matthew 18:20

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
Sábado Vigilia

5:30 p.m. - English

Sunday / Domingo

6:30 a.m. - English

8:00 a.m. - Español

10:00 a.m. - English

12:00 noon - English

6:00 p.m. - English

Monday - Saturday
Lunes - Sábado

6:30 a.m. - English

8:00 a.m. - English

Confessions /
Confesiones

Saturday / Sábado

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 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,

Two weeks ago, I proposed several actions items for our parish, areas which I feel we need to address as quickly as possible. I proposed a parish census committee, a maintenance committee, the formation of a parish council and an increased offertory committee. I mentioned that we would be publishing a financial report on last year's budget.

Below is the Parish Budget for July 2022 to June 2023. What we are presenting is a side-by-side comparison of what actually came in (Actuals) with the proposed budget (2022 Budget). The third column of the report is the Difference between the two columns (Actuals vs. proposed Budget). In the Income Section numbers in the parenthesis indicate a shortfall. For example, we budgeted to receive \$300,000 in the Sunday Collections. What actually was collected was \$298,430.58 which left a difference (shortfall) of \$1,569.42. While this is not bad, you will notice that there are other Income items that fell drastically short, i.e., the Fiesta de la Familia was projected to bring in \$30,000, but it actually only brought in \$22,440.97. Fiesta Expenses were projected to be \$15,000 but were actually \$21,148.38. If you subtract the actual expenses from the actual income, you will see that we made \$1,292.59 when we had projected to make a profit of \$15,000. This loss along with other increased expenses for last year adds up to a deficit (shortfall) of \$58,386.06!

SANTA CRUZ PARISH				
2022 BUDGET VS ACTUALS				
Income		Actuals	2022 Budget	Difference
	Collections	298,430.58	300,000.00	(1,569.42)
	Unrestricted Contributions	8,728.00	12,000.00	(3,272.00)
	Stole Fees	26,251.00	31,000.00	(4,749.00)
	Grants	29,000.00	10,000.00	19,000.00
	Fiesta de la Familia Income	22,440.97	30,000.00	(7,559.03)
	Candles	19,392.00	18,000.00	1,392.00
	Other Revenue	3,415.41	3,400.00	15.41
	Total Revenue	407,657.96	404,400.00	3,257.96
Expenses				
	Employee Comp/Benefits	144,179.80	141,939.08	2,240.72
	Employer Payroll Taxes	18,731.69	18,965.10	(233.41)
	Admin	30,987.63	25,400.00	5,587.63
	Residency Expenses	8,634.27	8,200.00	434.27
	Property Insurance	31,535.52	25,540.00	5,995.52
	Utilities	34,478.93	29,000.00	5,478.93
	Facilities	26,804.40	36,300.00	(9,495.60)
	Fiesta de la Familia	21,148.38	15,000.00	6,148.38
	Other Program Expense	1,285.00	3,500.00	(2,215.00)
	Church Supplies	35,738.30	22,450.00	13,288.30
	Diocesan Assessments	106,390.28	71,976.00	34,414.28
	Total Expenses	459,914.20	398,270.18	61,644.02
	Net Loss	(52,256.24)	6,129.82	(58,386.06)

paréntesis indican un déficit. Por ejemplo, presupuestamos recibir \$300,000 en las Colectas Dominicales. Lo que realmente se recaudó fue de \$298,430.58 lo que dejó una diferencia (déficit) de \$1,569.42. Si bien esto no es malo, notarás que hay otras partidas de ingresos que se quedaron drásticamente cortas, es decir, se proyectó que la Fiesta de la Familia generaría \$30,000, pero en realidad solo generó \$22,440.97. Se proyectó que los gastos de la fiesta serían de \$15,000, pero en realidad fueron \$21,148.38. Si restas los gastos reales de los ingresos reales verás que ganamos \$1,292.59 cuando habíamos proyectado obtener una ganancia de \$15,000. ¡Esta pérdida, junto con otros gastos aumentados del año pasado, suma un déficit (déficit) de \$58,386.06!

Si bien esto es muy alarmante y coloca a la parroquia en una situación financiera muy grave que debe abordarse de inmediato, ya que el presupuesto aprobado para este año (2023-2024) se basa en cifras de gastos similares sin un aumento previsible en los ingresos de la parroquia. Publico este Informe Financiero para brindar la mayor cantidad de información y transparencia sobre el estado actual de la parroquia, de modo que cualquier cambio que se deba realizar, se haga por necesidad para estabilizar la situación financiera de la parroquia. Por favor oren por mí para que el Señor guíe e informe cualquier decisión difícil que deba tomarse.

En Cristo,

P. Velásquez

While this is most alarming, and places the parish in a very serious financial situation which must be addressed immediately, since the approved budget for this year (2023-2024) is based on similar expense numbers with no foreseeable increase in the income to the parish. I publish this Financial Report so as to give as much information and transparency about the actual state of the parish, so that whatever changes that have to made, are done out of necessity to stabilize the financial situation of the parish. Please pray for me that the Lord guide and inform any difficult decisions which must be made.

In Christ,

Fr. Velásquez

Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

Hace dos semanas propuse varias acciones para nuestra parroquia, áreas que creo que debemos abordar lo más rápido posible. Propuse un comité parroquial para el censo, un comité de mantenimiento, la formación de un consejo parroquial y un comité de ofertorio aumentado. Mencioné que publicaríamos un informe financiero sobre el presupuesto del año pasado.

A continuación se muestra el presupuesto parroquial para julio de 2022 a junio de 2023. Lo que presentamos es una comparación lado a lado de lo que realmente llegó (valores reales) con el presupuesto propuesto (presupuesto de 2022). La tercera columna del informe es la diferencia entre las dos columnas (valores reales versus presupuesto propuesto). En la Sección de Ingresos, los números entre

Sunday Collection
September 2-3, 2023
Collection: \$5,265.42
Church Maintenance: \$957.37

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



Parking Lot Re-Striped

Thank you - Knights of Columbus!

Thank you to the Fr. Bach-Bro. Angel de Santa Cruz Knights of Columbus Council #14139 of our parish who took the leadership and assumed the costs for the restriping of the parish parking lot. It looks great! Of course we ask everyone to please respect the parking spaces when parking and to follow the arrows for the correct flow of traffic in and out of the parking lot. Thank you brother Knights!

Estacionamiento re-rayado **¡Gracias - Caballeros de Colón!**

Gracias al P. Bach-Hermano. Ángel de Santa Cruz Consejo de Caballeros de Colón #14139 de nuestra parroquia quien tomó el liderazgo y asumió los costos para la renovación de las líneas del estacionamiento parroquial. ¡Se ve genial! Por supuesto, pedimos a todos que respeten los espacios de estacionamiento al estacionar y que sigan las flechas para el correcto flujo de tráfico dentro y fuera del estacionamiento. ¡Gracias hermanos Caballeros!

Vocations Committee

Exciting news from the Santa Cruz Vocations Committee: It is our collective responsibility to contribute to and encourage the increase of vocations in priesthood, religious life, and consecrated marriage in our parish and around the world. For this reason, we will be having a **Recruitment Fair after the September 23rd and 24th** Masses for the following important interests and roles: Priesthood, Diaconate, Engaged Encounter, Secular Orders & Laity, Catechism, Youth Group, Youth Adult Group, Music Ministry, Altar Serving, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers, Legion of Mary, Guadalupanos, and Knights of Columbus.

Please consider getting involved in your beloved Santa Cruz Parish and attend the fair to sign up for one of these interests and roles. We look forward to seeing you!

17TH ANNUAL
 FR. BACH—BRO. ANGEL DE SANTA CRUZ
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #14139

BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

OCTOBER 21

SATURDAY | 2023

SEWAILO GOLF CLUB

Casino Del Sol Resort | 5655 W. Valencia Rd.

8:00AM SHOTGUN START 6:30AM CHECK-IN

- \$125/per player • Four Person Scramble
- Includes: Golf fees, cart, range balls and lunch
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place
- Longest Drive Contest for Ladies and Men
- Closest to the Pin Contest for Ladies and Men
- *EARLY BIRD SPECIAL***
- Many more prizes and raffles!

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS MUCH NEEDED ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING UPGRADES WITHIN OUR CARMELITE HALL / OTHER IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS RENOVATION OF THE PARISH BATHROOMS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY FROM THE SANTA CRUZ / KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #14139

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Thursday, September 14th
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Mass at 6:30 p.m.

jueves, 14 de septiembre
Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz
Misa a las 6:30 p.m.

Support our Parish

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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.

Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick is available upon request for the faithful who are seriously ill, before major surgery, or advanced age. Please call the parish office (520) 623-3833 to make an appointment.

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. For registration or questions please call 520-882-9687.

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.

New Parishioners are Always Welcome!

Register using forms available in the church.

Baptisms: Information on our Church 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 nuestro Sitio Web.

Matrimonio: Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

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 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.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Saturday, September 9th

- 8:00 a.m. Ramona Granillo Smitherman & Felipe Granillo/R.I.P.
5:30 p.m. Dickie Padilla & Bobby Romero/R.I.P.

Sunday, September 10th

- 6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners
8:00 a.m. Michelle Carrizosa & Javier Barrios/R.I.P.
10:00 a.m. Lourdes Leon/Happy Birthday
12:00 noon Linda Marcela Westlind/R.I.P.
6:00 p.m. Eva Lopez/R.I.P.

Monday, September 11th

- 6:30 a.m. Cruz Cañez/Improved Health
8:00 a.m. Deacon Richard Ornelas/R.I.P.

Tuesday, September 12th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Int./Estevan & Skylar Rodriguez & Family
8:00 a.m. Rose & Bud Rucker/Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, September 13th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Int./Petra Villascuesa
8:00 a.m. Raul & Hada Reyes/Wedding Anniversary

Thursday, September 14th

- 6:30 a.m. Barbie Eckert/Happy Birthday
8:00 a.m. Ralph Lanik/R.I.P.
6:30 p.m. Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross

Friday, September 15th

- 6:30 a.m. Special Int./Petra Villascuesa
8:00 a.m. In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/
In Memory of Carlos & Lily Contreras/R.I.P.