



Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

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DECEMBER
29
2024



FEAST OF
THE
HOLY
FAMILY
OF
JESUS,
MARY,
&
JOSEPH

The Holy Family

OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

*After three days Jesus' parents found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and asking them questions.*

Luke 2:46

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. - 8:00 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

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,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The days between Christmas and New Year's Day is known as the Octave of Christmas, an eight day celebration of the holy Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Traditionally the Christmas season came to an end on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, January 6, but now the season is extended to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, usually the Sunday after the Epiphany. Liturgically, the Octave of Christmas is filled with great and important feast days. St. Stephen, the first martyr is celebrated on December 26th, going from commemorating the birth of Christ into this world to the birth of St. Stephen into heaven, the next world. St. John the Evangelist is celebrated on the 28th of December, the Apostle who proclaims the Word made flesh and dwelt among us. On the 29th of December the Holy Innocents are honored, the boys two years of age and younger, who were martyred in Bethlehem by King Herod searching for the Child. This Sunday we are rejoicing in the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, whom we should all invoke upon our own families for their prayers and intercession. All these liturgies end with the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God on New Year's Day. What a beautifully spiritual way to the end the year and at the same time begin the new year.

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis opened and passed through the Holy Doors at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. By doing so, he officially began the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. The Holy Door will remain open until next year January 6, 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The Vatican News website reports:

The Holy Door is deemed 'Holy' since it calls all those who enter through it to walk in holiness of life. The origin of the custom goes back to Pope Martin V who, for the Extraordinary Jubilee of 1423, opened a Holy Door to enter the Lateran Basilica. In St. Peter's, it was first used for the Jubilee of 1450. Its location, the rear wall of the chapel dedicated by Pope John VII to the Mother of God, corresponds to a place where it is found today. Pope Alexander VI, in 1500, endowed this symbol of the opening of the Jubilee with a ritual that remained virtually unchanged over the centuries . . .

Perhaps there may not be many of us who can travel to Rome to walk through the Holy Door, but we can all strive to walk in holiness of life every day of this coming year. The call to renew our understanding of Hope, of what is hope, of where or in whom we should place our hope, of how hope is a virtue that can sustain us through the darkest and most troubling of times; hope does not disappoint (*Rom 5:5*).

In Christ,

Fr. Velásquez

Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

¡Feliz Navidad y Feliz Año Nuevo! Los días entre Navidad y Año Nuevo se conocen como la Octava de Navidad, una celebración de ocho días del santo nacimiento de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Tradicionalmente, la temporada navideña terminaba en la Solemnidad de la Epifanía, el 6 de enero, pero ahora la temporada se extiende a la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor, generalmente el domingo después de la Epifanía. Litúrgicamente, la Octava de Navidad está llena de grandes e importantes días festivos. San Esteban, el primer mártir, se celebra el 26 de diciembre, pasando de conmemorar el nacimiento de Cristo en este mundo al nacimiento de San Esteban en el cielo, el mundo venidero. San Juan Evangelista se celebra el 28 de diciembre, el Apóstol que proclama la Palabra hecha carne y habitó entre nosotros. El 29 de diciembre se honra a los Santos Inocentes, los niños de dos años y menores, que fueron martirizados en Belén por el Rey Herodes en busca del Niño. Este domingo nos regocijamos en la Sagrada Familia, Jesús, María y José, a quienes todos debemos invocar sobre nuestras propias familias para sus oraciones e intercesión. Todas estas liturgias terminan con la Solemnidad de María, la Madre de Dios, el día de Año Nuevo. Qué manera tan hermosa y espiritual de terminar el año y al mismo tiempo comenzar el nuevo año.

En la víspera de Navidad, el Papa Francisco abrió y atravesó las Puertas Santas de la Basílica de San Pedro en el Vaticano. Al hacerlo, comenzó oficialmente el Año Jubilar de la Esperanza 2025. La Puerta Santa permanecerá abierta hasta el próximo año, el 6 de enero de 2026, la Solemnidad de la Epifanía. El sitio web Vatican News informa:

La Puerta Santa se considera 'Santa' ya que llama a todos los que entran por ella a caminar en santidad de vida. El origen de la costumbre se remonta al Papa Martín V, quien, para el Jubileo Extraordinario de 1423, abrió una Puerta Santa para ingresar a la Basílica de Letrán. En San Pedro, se utilizó por primera vez para el Jubileo de 1450. Su ubicación, la pared posterior de la capilla dedicada por el Papa Juan VII a la Madre de Dios, corresponde a un lugar donde se encuentra hoy. El Papa Alejandro VI, en 1500, dotó a este símbolo de la apertura del Jubileo de un ritual que permaneció prácticamente inalterado a lo largo de los siglos . . .

Tal vez no seamos muchos los que podamos viajar a Roma para atravesar la Puerta Santa, pero todos podemos esforzarnos por caminar en santidad de vida todos los días de este año que comienza. El llamado a renovar nuestra comprensión de la Esperanza, de lo que es la esperanza, de dónde o en quién debemos depositar nuestra esperanza, de cómo la esperanza es una virtud que puede sostenernos en los tiempos más oscuros y problemáticos; la esperanza no defrauda (*Rom 5:5*).

En Cristo,

P. Velásquez



"Yes, I am willing to spend one hour weekly with Jesus, who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament."

"Sí, estoy dispuesto a pasar una hora semanal con Jesús, quien está verdaderamente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento."

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday

3:00 p.m. to 8:00 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

8:00 p.m. - Benediction

Christmas Blessings to All

Thank you!

Thank you to all the parishioners and volunteers who helped with donating Christmas lights for the church, who helped in decorating the church for the Christmas Masses, to the choirs who provided beautiful music to enhance the liturgies, to the ministers of the Mass (readers, communion ministers, altar servers, ushers) and to all who attended Mass offering to our Lord a worthy sacrifice of praise.

Bendiciones navideñas para todos - ¡Gracias!

Gracias a todos los feligreses y voluntarios que ayudaron a donar luces navideñas para la iglesia, que ayudaron a decorar la iglesia para las misas de Navidad, a los coros que tocaron hermosa música para mejorar las liturgias, a los ministros de la misa (lectores, ministros de comunión, monaguillos, acomodadores) y a todos los que asistieron a la misa ofrecieron a nuestro Señor un digno sacrificio de alabanza.

Santa Cruz Religious Education

~Christmas Break~

Classes begin again
Saturday, January 11th.

RCIA (adults) Last class Tuesday, December 17th. Classes will begin again Tuesday, January 7th.

May the DIVINE INFANT bless all OUR FAMILIES during this HOLY SEASON. MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR! from Martin Doe and the Religious Education Teachers.

Las clases comienzan nuevamente el sábado, 11 de enero.

RICIA (adultos) Última clase el martes, 17 de diciembre. Las clases comienzan nuevamente el martes, 7 de enero.

Que el DIVINO NIÑO bendiga a todas NUESTRAS FAMILIAS durante esta TEMPORADA SANTA. ¡FELIZ NAVIDAD y FELIZ AÑO NUEVO! de parte de Martín Doe y los maestros de la educación religiosa.

Sunday Collection - December 21-22, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$6,391.16
On-Line Giving: +\$ 873.95
Total Sunday Offertory: \$7,265.11

Weekly Expenses:

Income: \$7,265.11
*Expenses: -\$6,000.25
\$1,264.86

***Weekly operation expenses include utilities, payroll, maintenance and insurance.**
Your generous donations are greatly appreciated and are definitely needed. Thank you and God bless!

Parish Contribution Letters

The parish contribution letters for 2024 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.



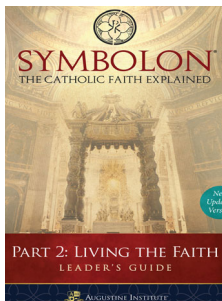
Cartas de Contribución Parroquiales

Las cartas de contribución parroquiales del 2024 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.



Santa Cruz Saint Vincent De Paul Society

Devoted to providing help on a direct person to person basis, find help in need of food, clothing, shelter, health care, or other assistance. Join our group! Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 8 at 6:15 p.m.** in the Good Shepherd Room.



Santa Cruz Adult Faith Formation Symbolon Part 2 10 Sessions

The Catholic Faith Explained
Starting January 9, 2025,
to March 13 2025

Thursdays – 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
In the Carmelite Hall

Topics: Sacraments; Moral Vision; Catholic Social Teachings
Level One Credit

Any questions (480) 268-6909
Bring a Catholic Bible & Journal

52nd Annual March for Life

Saturday, January 18, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Location:
St. Augustine Cathedral,
Tucson, Arizona



This peaceful demonstration draws attention to the reality of abortion: that over 63 million children have been killed in the United States since Roe v. Wade in 1973. While **Roe v. Wade was overturned in June 2022**, prayers and peaceful demonstration are still needed to encourage positive change at the State level.

We begin in prayer at 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Augustine Cathedral with Bishop Edward Weisenburger. Then we will march from the Cathedral to Holy Hope Cemetery for the Rose Ceremony.

The walking route is about 4 miles and will take about 1.5 hours. Though 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.



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios, Diciembre 31

6:30 p.m. English Vigil

New Year's Day Mass Schedule

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Misas de Año Nuevo, Enero 1

6:30 a.m. English

10:00 a.m. English

12:00 noon Español

The parish office will be closed Tuesday, December 31st
and Wednesday, January 1st.

*La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el martes 31 y el
miércoles 1 de enero en observación de la Navidad.*

CALENDARS

The 2025 Catholic Calendars have arrived.
Please pick one up after Mass.

Han llegado los calendarios católicos del
año 2025. Por favor, recoja uno después
de la misa.





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For more information

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Diocese of Tucson - Alive in Christ

Praise & Worship for the New Year!

Thursday January 9, 2025 at 6:45 PM

**"So, whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things
have passed away; behold, new things have come."
-2 Cor 5:17**



✦ Lively Praise & Worship

✦ Praise reports & prayers
for all your intentions

✦ Sharing the word gifts of
the Holy Spirit

✦ Eucharistic Adoration

Invite your family & friends!

• **Attend in person at: Our Lady of La Vang Parish
St. Frances Cabrini Church, 3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson**

• **Join 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) 246 7799 or (669) 900 9128 (not toll-free)
If you have problems joining the meeting, please text Diane at: 520-981-6800.
For Zoom training videos, and videos of past meetings, go to tucsonCCR.org

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR
CHURCH MAINTENANCE**

**Next Weekend January
4-5 we will have a second
collection designated for
church maintenance.**

**La segunda colecta de la
próxima semana enero 4-5
será designada para el
mantenimiento de la
iglesia.**



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 28th

8:00 a.m. Mary Schaffer/Improved Health

5:30 p.m. Enrique & Beatriz Boido/R.I.P.

Sunday, December 29th

6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00 a.m. Eduardo Pimentel/R.I.P.

10:00 a.m. Ramon Leon & Juan Amaro/R.I.P.

12:00 noon Pat Salinas/Improved Health

6:00 p.m. George R. Rivera/R.I.P.

Monday, December 30th

6:30 a.m. Martha Escarza/Improved Health

8:00 a.m. Enrique & Beatriz Boido/R.I.P.

Tuesday, December 31st

**6:30 a.m. Special Intention/Rose Vega, Chris Vega
& Loraine Vega**

8:00 a.m. Eduardo Pimentel/R.I.P.

6:30 p.m. Victor Salazar/Improved Health

Wednesday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

6:30 a.m. Ariza Gracia/Improved Health

10:00 a.m. Eduardo Pimentel/R.I.P.

12:00 p.m. Eydie Rivera/R.I.P.

Thursday, January 2nd

6:30 a.m. Emilio Cornejo/Happy Birthday

8:00 a.m. Ben Sabala/Improved Health

Friday, January 3rd

6:30 a.m. Special Intention/Montoya Family

8:00 a.m. Eduardo Pimentel/R.I.P.

Jubilee

ITALY PILGRIMAGE

February 18 - 27, 2025

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Chris Kimminau
YOUR CHAPLAIN**

**Deacon
Al Gallardo
YOUR CHAPLAIN**

**Bishop
Gerald Kicanas
YOUR CHAPLAIN**

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