

## 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.

## Eucahristic 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



# Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

1220 S. 6th Avenue • Tucson, AZ 85713



*"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."*

Luke 1:45

DECEMBER 22ND, 2024 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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A Parish in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson

## **Message from the Pastor ...**

Dear Parishioners of Santa Cruz Parish,

The Collect for the Mass this Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Advent should be familiar to you if you practice the devotion of the praying the *Angelus*. The *Angelus* is a prayer that goes back at least to the 11th Century and was prayed by the monks and the people to honor and reflect upon the Incarnation of the Lord. The prayers consists of three antiphons and three Hail Marys. It was originally prayed in Latin and the first scriptural verse that is quoted comes from the Gospel of St. Luke, "The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary," (cf Lk. 1:28-38). The Opening Prayer (Collect) of the Mass is also the concluding prayer of the *Angelus*:

*Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The practice developed over the centuries of the praying of the *Angelus* at morning, noon, and evening. The praying of the evening is probably the most ancient.

The history of the saints almost records the love and devotion they had to praying the *Angelus*. One of the graces we can be assured of is a growth in holiness through mediating and reflecting upon the doctrine of the "Word made flesh", the Incarnation. Every day the *Angelus* reminds us of the mercy and wonder of God's love for us in that He sent His Only Begotten Son to take on our human nature and to live among us. It calls us to imitate the response of the Virgin Mary, (May it be done unto me according to your will). It reminds us that Jesus dwelt among us and continues to live among us even now.

As we come to the end of the year and people begin to make resolutions for the coming year, perhaps a spiritual resolution we could adopt is the praying of the *Angelus*, if not three times a day, at least once day and benefit from the grace the Lord will pour forth into our hearts.

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.  
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...  
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary...  
V. And the Word was made flesh.  
R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...  
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

*Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

In Christ,  
Fr. Velásquez

## **Mensaje del Párroco ...**

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

La oración colecta para la Misa de este domingo, el cuarto domingo de Adviento, debe resultarte familiar si practicas la devoción de rezar el *Angelus*. El *Angelus* es una oración que se remonta al menos al siglo XI y que rezaban los monjes y el pueblo para honrar y reflexionar sobre la Encarnación del Señor. La oración consta de tres antífonas y tres Avemárias. Originalmente se rezaba en latín y el primer versículo bíblico que se cita proviene del Evangelio de San Lucas: "El ángel del Señor anunció a María" (cf. Lc. 1:28-38). La oración de apertura (Colecta) de la Misa es también la oración final del *Angelus*:

*Derrama, te rogamos, Señor, tu gracia en nuestros corazones, para que nosotros, a quienes se nos manifestó la Encarnación de Cristo tu Hijo por el mensaje de un ángel, seamos llevados por su Pasión y Cruz a la gloria de su Resurrección. Que contigo vive y reina en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.*

La práctica del rezo del *Angelus* por la mañana, al mediodía y por la tarde se desarrolló a lo largo de los siglos. La oración de la tarde es probablemente la más antigua.

La historia de los santos casi registra el amor y la devoción que tenían por rezar el *Angelus*. Una de las gracias de las que podemos estar seguros es un crecimiento en santidad a través de la meditación y la reflexión sobre la doctrina del "Verbo hecho carne", la Encarnación. Cada día el *Angelus* nos recuerda la misericordia y la maravilla del amor de Dios por nosotros al enviar a su Hijo Unigénito para que asumiera nuestra naturaleza humana y viviera entre nosotros. Nos llama a imitar la respuesta de la Virgen María, (hágase en mí según tu voluntad). Nos recuerda que Jesús habitó entre nosotros y continúa viviendo entre nosotros incluso ahora. Al llegar el fin del año y comenzar a hacer propósitos para el año entrante, tal vez un propósito espiritual que podríamos adoptar es rezar el *Angelus*, si no tres veces al día, al menos una vez al día y beneficiarnos de la gracia que el Señor derramará en nuestros corazones.

V. El Ángel del Señor anunció a María.  
R. Y concibió por obra del Espíritu Santo. Ave María...  
V. He aquí la esclava del Señor.  
R. Hágase en mí según tu palabra. Ave María...  
V. Y el Verbo se hizo carne.

R. Y habitó entre nosotros. Ave María...  
V. Ruega por nosotros, Santa Madre de Dios.  
R. Para que seamos dignos de alcanzar las promesas de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Oremos:

Te suplicamos, Señor, que derrames tu gracia en nuestras almas para que los que, por el anuncio del Ángel, hemos conocido la Encarnación de tu Hijo Jesucristo, por su Pasión y Cruz seamos llevados a la gloria de su Resurrección. Por el mismo Jesucristo Nuestro Señor. Amén.

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

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are seeking volunteers for seasonal cleaning at the church, once or twice a week. Volunteers must be in compliance here at Santa Cruz. If you are interested please contact the parish office at 520-623-3833

Estamos buscando voluntarios para la limpieza de la iglesia, una o dos veces por semana. Los voluntarios deben estar en cumplimiento con las normas de Santa Cruz. Si está interesado, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 520-623-3833.



## **Santa Cruz Religious Education**

~Christmas Break ~  
Last classes Saturday, Dec. 21st  
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.

Últimas clases el sábado, 21 de diciembre. Las clases comienzan nuevamente el sábado, 11 de enero.

**RICA (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 14-15, 2024**  
**Sunday Collection:** \$ 6,459.55  
**Fresh Flower Collection:** \$ 949.99  
**On-Line Giving:** +\$ 429.21  
**Total Sunday Offertory:** \$7,838.75

**Weekly Expenses:**

**Income:** \$7,838.75  
**\*Expenses:** -\$6,000.25  
**\$1,838.50**

\*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**

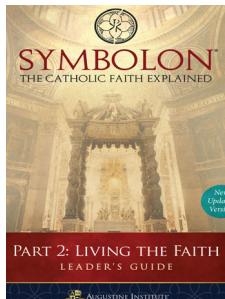
Las cartas de contribución parroquiales del 2024 se enviarán por correo a fines de enero. Para asegurarse de recibir su carta, por favor llame o visite la oficina parroquial si necesita actualizar su información. Gracias.

**Basket Raffle FUNDRAISER**

All proceeds benefit Santa Cruz Parish.  
Drawing will be held December 25th, 2024.  
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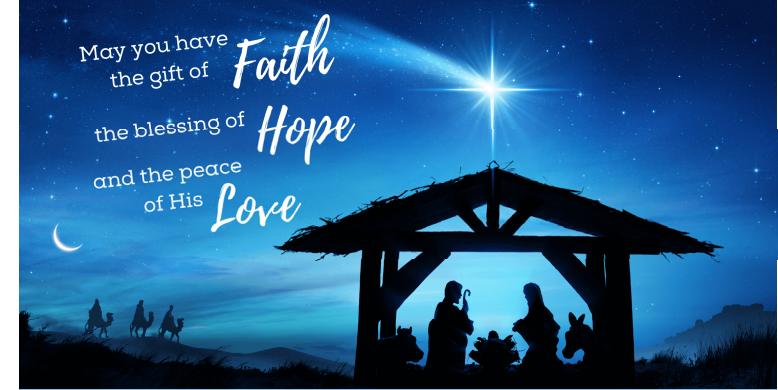
In the Carmelite Hall

**Topics: Sacraments; Moral Vision; Catholic Social Teachings**

Level One Credit

Any questions (480) 268-6909

Bring a Catholic Bible & Journal



**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.*

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### **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.

JANUARY						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

### **Dedicated Christmas Poinsettias**

We are asking for donations and contributions to help decorate the altar for Christmas. For just \$10.00 you can dedicate a **Christmas Poinsettia in memory of your loved ones**. Please come to office with your dedications. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you and God reward you!



### **Dedicadas Nochebuenas Navideñas**

Estamos pidiendo donaciones y contribuciones para ayudar a decorar el altar para Navidad. Por solo \$10.00, puede dedicar una nochebuena navideña en memoria de sus seres queridos. Por favor, venga a la oficina con sus dedicatorias. Sus generosas donaciones son muy apreciadas. ¡Gracias y que Dios lo recompense!



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### 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*



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) 248 7799 or (669) 900 9128 (not toll-free).  
- If you have problems joining the meeting, please text Diana at: 820-981-8800.  
- For Zoom training videos, and videos of past meetings, go to [TucsonCC.org](http://TucsonCC.org)

### 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.



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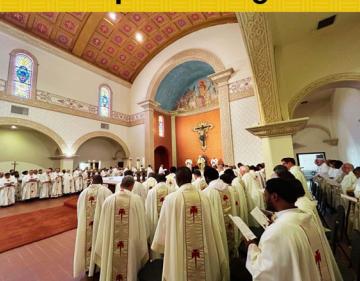
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If you have a family member or know of a  
parishioner in the Santa Cruz Church area  
in need of having the Eucharist brought to  
them regularly, please contact the Parish  
Office at (520) 623-3833.

### 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.

### Mass Intentions



**Saturday, December 21st**

- 8:00 a.m. Special Int./Members of the Altar Society
- 5:30 p.m. DeAnna Altamirano & Frank Gastelo/R.I.P.

**Sunday, December 22nd**

- 6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners
- 8:00 a.m. Angelica Gameros/Happy Birthday
- 10:00 a.m. Jesusita Angulo & Rene Flores/R.I.P.
- 12:00 noon Josephine Bonillas/R.I.P.
- 6:00 p.m. Carlos & Lily Contreras/R.I.P.

**Monday, December 23rd**

- 6:30 a.m. Jimmy Flores/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Espree/R.I.P.

**Tuesday, December 24th**

- 6:30 a.m. Dee Birch/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m. Francisca M. Quiroz/R.I.P.
- 5:30 p.m. Eydie Rivera & Beatriz & Enrique Boido/R.I.P.

**Wednesday, December 25th, The Nativity of the Lord**

- 12:00 a.m. Martha Varela/R.I.P.
- 6:30 a.m. Epifanio C. Valenzuela/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m. Ignacio & Hilda Vega & Walter Vega/R.I.P.
- 10:00 a.m. Special Int./Amaro & Martinez Families
- 12:00 p.m. Valdez, Lujan & Moreno Deceased  
Family Members/R.I.P.

**Thursday, December 26th**

- 6:30 a.m. Mike Rucker/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m. Josephina Martinez Valenzuela/R.I.P.

**Friday, December 27th**

- 6:30 a.m. Antonio Parra/R.I.P.
- 8:00 a.m. Teresa Rodriguez/R.I.P.