

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

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5, 2025



*They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11

Message from the Pastor . . .

Dear Parishioners of Santa Cruz Parish,

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Traditionally this feast was celebrated on January 6 and was also known as "Three Kings Day", referring to the Magi who come to adore the Lord on this day. Epiphany is a Greek word which means manifestation or revelation. On Christmas Day it is only the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph who are aware of the manifestation of the Birth of the Lord. Hours later, the shepherds receive the heavenly revelation, the tidings of great joy, that the Savior has been born in Bethlehem. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of the Birth of the Lord Jesus Christ to all the nations, represented by the Magi who come from the East to adore the Lord. We should see ourselves in the Magi, who were not part of the Chosen People, who did not have the special privilege of receiving the commandments of God, who were in living in darkness under the shadow of death. Epiphany is our Christmas!

The gifts that the Magi bring to the Christ Child, had a practical and spiritual meaning: gold is a symbol of Christ's kingship on earth, frankincense is a symbol of Christ being God, and myrrh (an embalming oil) as a symbol of the sacrifice of Christ's death on the Cross. This gift giving is where we can trace the origin of giving of gifts to one another on Christmas Day. We know how much thought and time we go through when we want to express to some one how much we love them, how important they are to us, what they mean in our lives, by getting the best gift we can to express our love. It should amaze us to think how much love and mercy God shows us by giving His only begotten Son as a gift of salvation.

Every time you give a gift to someone you really care about, you want them to appreciate and use the gift. So with the Lord, since He loves us with an infinite love and cares for us more than we care for ourselves, He wants not only to receive the gift of His Son, but to appreciate who Jesus is, and to 'use' His way, His truth and His life. Epiphany reminds us of the heritage of the nations seeking the Lord, finding Him, and proclaiming Him to the world. Epiphany gives us an opportunity to adore the Lord, to offer Him from the gifts we have received, both material and spiritual, the gift of our lives.

In Christ,
Fr. Velásquez

Mensaje del Párroco . . .

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

Hoy es la Solemnidad de la Epifanía. Tradicionalmente esta fiesta se celebraba el 6 de enero y también era conocida como "Día de los Reyes Magos", en referencia a los Reyes Magos que vienen a adorar al Señor en este día. Epifanía es una palabra griega que significa manifestación o revelación. El día de Navidad son solamente la Santísima Madre y San José quienes tienen conocimiento de la manifestación del Nacimiento del Señor. Horas después, los pastores reciben la revelación celestial, la noticia de gran alegría, de que el Salvador ha nacido en Belén. La Epifanía celebra la manifestación del Nacimiento del Señor Jesucristo a todas las naciones, representadas por los Reyes Magos que vienen de Oriente a adorar al Señor. Debemos vernos en los Reyes Magos, quienes no formaban parte del Pueblo Elegido, quienes no tuvieron el privilegio especial de recibir los mandamientos de Dios, quienes vivían en tinieblas bajo la sombra de la muerte. ¡La Epifanía es nuestra Navidad!

Los regalos que los Reyes Magos le traen al Niño Jesús tienen un significado práctico y espiritual: el oro es un símbolo de la realeza de Cristo en la tierra, el incienso es un símbolo de que Cristo es Dios, y la mirra (un aceite para embalsamar) es un símbolo del sacrificio de la muerte de Cristo en la cruz. En este acto de dar regalos podemos rastrear el origen de la costumbre de darse regalos unos a otros el día de Navidad. Sabemos cuánto tiempo y pensamiento dedicamos cuando queremos expresarle a alguien cuánto lo amamos, lo importante que es para nosotros, lo que significa en nuestras vidas, obteniendo el mejor regalo que podamos para expresar nuestro amor. Debería sorprendernos pensar cuánto amor y misericordia nos muestra Dios al darnos a Su Hijo Unigénito como regalo de salvación.

Cada vez que le das un regalo a alguien que realmente te importa, quieres que lo aprecie y lo use. Así también el Señor, que nos ama con un amor infinito y se preocupa por nosotros más de lo que nosotros nos preocupamos por nosotros mismos, no sólo quiere recibir el don de su Hijo, sino valorar quién es Jesús y "usar" su camino, su verdad y su vida. La Epifanía nos recuerda la herencia de las naciones que buscan al Señor, lo encuentran y lo proclaman al mundo. La Epifanía nos da la oportunidad de adorar al Señor, de ofrecerle, de los dones que hemos recibido, tanto materiales como espirituales, el don de nuestras vidas.

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

December 17, 2024

**Christmas at
the Cathedral**

February 11, 2025

**William Wolfram
piano**

Carlos Zapién, Tenor

Tucson Boys Chorus

Julian Ackerley, Director

January 21, 2025

**The Beauty
of Love**



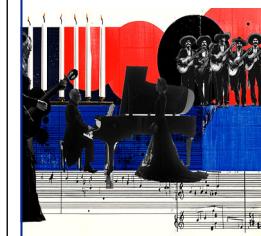
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Santa Cruz Religious Education

~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 28-29, 2024

Sunday Collection:	\$ 5,056.20
On-Line Giving:	\$ 1,061.38
Christmas Masses:	+\$ 6,560.10
Total Sunday Offertory:	<u>\$12,677.68</u>

Weekly Expenses:

Income:	\$12,677.68
*Expenses:	-\$ 6,000.25
	\$ 6,677.43

*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.



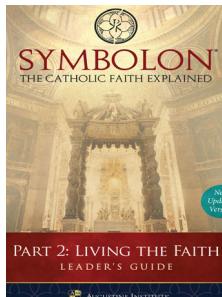
Cartas de Contribución Parroquiales

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

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE



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

La segunda colecta de esta semana Enero 4-5 será designada para el mantenimiento de la iglesia.

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) 248 7799 or (669) 900 9128 (not toll-free)
-If you have problems joining the meeting, please text Diana at: 620-981-8800.
-For Zoom training videos, and videos of past meetings, go to [TucsonCCR.org](#)**

52nd Annual March for Life

**Saturday, January 18, 2025
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

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 9am 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.

Sábado, Enero 18, 2025 a las 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Acompáñenos en esta manifestación pacífica. Comenzaremos con una oración en la misa de las 9 a. m. en la Catedral de San Agustín con el obispo Edward Weisenburger. Luego marcharemos desde la Catedral hasta el Cementerio Holy Hope para la Ceremonia de la Rosa.

La ruta a pie es de aproximadamente 4 millas y durará aproximadamente 1 hora y media. Use zapatillas deportivas, traiga agua y vístase abrigado.



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Register using forms available in the
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Infant Baptisms: Information on our
Website.

Matrimony: Please call at least six
months in advance.

Feligreses Nuevos Siempre son Bienvenidos!

Regístrate usando los formularios
disponibles en la iglesia.

Bautismos para Bebes: Información
en el Sitio Web.

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

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.



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- 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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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 4th

- 8:00 a.m. Special Intention/Baby Christiano Rucker
5:30 p.m. Eduardo Pimentel/R.I.P.

Sunday, January 5th

- 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 Maria Garcia/R.I.P.
6:00 p.m. Ignacio & Hilda Vega & Walter Vega/R.I.P.

Monday, January 6th

- 6:30 a.m. Eduardo Pimentel/R.I.P.
8:00 a.m. Charlena Cornejo/Happy Birthday

Tuesday, January 7th

- 6:30 a.m. In Honor of the Souls in Purgatory,
most in need of our prayers/R.I.P.
8:00 a.m. Eduardo Pimentel/R.I.P.

Wednesday, January 8th

- 6:30 a.m. Eduardo Pimentel/R.I.P.
8:00 a.m. Epifanio & Josephina Valenzuela/R.I.P.

Thursday, January 9th

- 6:30 a.m. In Honor of the Souls in Purgatory,
most in need of our prayers/R.I.P.
8:00 a.m. Fr. Narciso Santesmases, O.C.D./R.I.P.

Friday, January 10th

- 6:30 a.m. In Honor of the Souls in Purgatory,
most in need of our prayers/R.I.P.
8:00 a.m. Eduardo Pimentel/R.I.P.