

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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WHEN THESE THINGS BEGIN TO
HAPPEN, STAND UP AND LIFT UP
YOUR HEADS, BECAUSE YOUR
REDEMPTION IS DRAWING NEAR."

- LUKE 21:28

DECEMBER 1, 2024 • FIRST 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 Season of Advent is a season given to us to prepare for the Birth of the our Lord Jesus Christ, and to prepare for His second coming at the end of time. The readings for the Mass during this season present to us persons who can serve as models for our proper preparation and reception of the Lord. There is the prophets, St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph and of course, the Blessed Virgin Mary. As Catholics, we look with special attention to the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her response to the Archangel Gabriel, "Let it be done unto me according to your word," (*Lk 1:38*), serves as the summary of what every disciple of the Lord should be. Every one of us is a child of God, and Mary's response is the perfect model for us to imitate.

In the month of December we celebrate two very important feast days in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The first is December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This feast recognizes the truth that God, through the foreseen merits of His Son Jesus Christ, preserved Mary from all stain and effect of the original sin. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception says that: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin (*CCC #491*). This year since December 8 falls on a Sunday, the observance and obligation for the Immaculate Conception will take place on Monday, December 9. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a holy day of obligation. We go to Mass on this day as if it were Sunday.

The other day in honor of Mary is December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This day commemorates the day when the Virgin Mary left her image on the cloak of St. Juan Diego in 1531 at Tepeyac in Mexico. This image is a sign of Mary's maternal love for all God's children and historically at that time for the indigenous peoples of the New World. The image defies explanation as to how it has survived in tact, how the colors were applied, the fact the in the eyes of the image can be seen reflected the persons of St. Juan Diego, Bishop Zurámaraga, and others.

Beginning tomorrow, the Santa Cruz Retreat Ministry will be conducting our Advent Parish Mission: An Advent Parish Mission: Journey with Mary and Joseph. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 2-4 at 6:30 p.m. in the church. What an excellent opportunity to prepare for the celebration of Christmas.

In Christ,
Fr. Velásquez

Mensaje del Párroco ...

Estimados Feligreses de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz,

El tiempo de Adviento es un tiempo que se nos ha dado para prepararnos para el nacimiento de nuestro Señor Jesucristo y para prepararnos para su segunda venida al final de los tiempos. Las lecturas de la misa durante este tiempo nos presentan personas que pueden servir como modelos para nuestra preparación y recepción adecuada del Señor. Están los profetas, San Juan Bautista, San José y, por supuesto, la Santísima Virgen María. Como católicos, miramos con especial atención el ejemplo de la Santísima Virgen María. Su respuesta al Arcángel Gabriel, "Hágase en mí según tu palabra" (*Lc 1,38*), sirve como resumen de lo que todo discípulo del Señor debe ser. Cada uno de nosotros es un hijo de Dios, y la respuesta de María es el modelo perfecto para que imitemos.

En el mes de diciembre celebramos dos días festivos muy importantes en honor a la Santísima Virgen María. El primero es el 8 de diciembre, la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción. Esta fiesta reconoce la verdad de que Dios, por los méritos previstos de su Hijo Jesucristo, preservó a María de toda mancha y efecto del pecado original. El dogma de la Inmaculada Concepción dice que: "La Santísima Virgen María fue, desde el primer momento de su concepción, por singular gracia y privilegio de Dios todopoderoso y en virtud de los méritos de Jesucristo, Salvador del género humano, preservada inmune de toda mancha de pecado original" (*CIC # 491*). Este año, como el 8 de diciembre cae en domingo, la observancia y obligación de la Inmaculada Concepción tendrá lugar el lunes, 9 de diciembre. La Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción es un día santo de precepto. Vamos a misa en este día como si fuera domingo.

El otro día en honor a María es el 12 de diciembre, la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Este día commemora el día en que la Virgen María dejó su imagen en el manto de San Juan Diego en 1531 en Tepeyac en México. Esta imagen es un signo del amor maternal de María por todos los hijos de Dios e históricamente en ese tiempo por los pueblos indios del Nuevo Mundo. La imagen desafía la explicación de cómo ha sobrevivido intacta, cómo se aplicaron los colores, el hecho de que en los ojos de la imagen se pueden ver reflejadas las personas de San Juan Diego, el obispo Zurámaraga y otros.

A partir de mañana, el Ministerio de Retiros de Santa Cruz llevará a cabo nuestra Misión Parroquial de Adviento: *Una Misión Parroquial de Adviento: Viaje con María y José*. Lunes, martes y miércoles, 2 al 4 de diciembre a las 6:30 p.m. en la iglesia. Qué excelente oportunidad para prepararse para la celebración de la Navidad.

En Cristo,
Padre 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

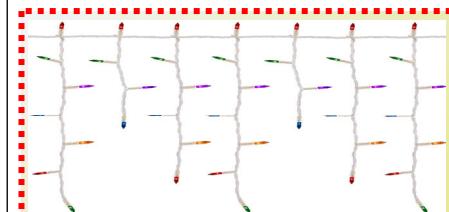


Journey with Mary and Joseph – An Advent Parish Mission

Join us for 3 nights on **December 2, 3, and 4** from **6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**, in the church, as we journey through Advent with Mary and Joseph. **Confessions will be offered each night.**

El Ministerio de Retiros de Santa Cruz te invita a una Misión de Adviento en inglés los días **2, 3, y 4 de diciembre, de 6:30 p.m. a 8:30 p.m.** en la iglesia. Acompáñanos en una jornada de Adviento con María y José. Reserva la fecha e invita a tu familia y amigos.

Habrá confesiones cada noche.



Help us brighten our church this season! We are seeking donations of outdoor multicolored icicle lights to create a festive atmosphere. Please bring your contributions to the office. Thank you for your generosity!

¡Ayúdenos a iluminar nuestra iglesia esta temporada! Estamos buscando donaciones de luces multicolor carámbano (icicle) para exteriores para crear un ambiente festivo. Traiga sus contribuciones a la oficina. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Sunday Collection - November 23 - 24, 2024

Sunday Collection:	\$5,387.72
On-Line Giving:	+\$ 265.59
Total Sunday Offertory:	<u>\$5,653.31</u>

Weekly Expenses:

*Expenses:	\$6,000.25
Income:	-\$5,653.31
	\$ 346.94

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



Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena & Mass Celebration 2024

Tuesday, December 3rd to
Thursday, December 12th

¡Join us! As we gather for prayer,
praises and reflections honoring
our Lady of Guadalupe

**Novena: December 3 to December 11
at Capilla de Guadalupe
(409 E. 31st Street) at 6:00 p.m.**

Monday, December 9 • Mass at 7:00 p.m.
after the Novena

**Wednesday, December 11 • Las Mañanitas at 11:00 p.m.
at Capilla de Guadalupe**

Procession: Thursday, December 12 at 5:00 p.m.
(Capilla de Guadalupe to Santa Cruz Parish)

Mass: 6:00 p.m.

Followed by fellowship in the Carmelite Hall Please invite family and friends to join in the novena and Holy Masses that will be celebrated in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Donations Needed

Grupo Guadalupano of Santa Cruz is asking for donations of Styrofoam bowl plates, dessert plates, utensils, coffee cups, napkins and paper towels for the feast. Please bring items to the parish office. Thank you and God bless your generosity!

Celebración a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Novena y Misa 2024

Martes, 3 de Diciembre a Jueves, 12 de Diciembre

¡Acompáñenos! Para reunirnos en oración, alabanzas y reflexiones. Honrando a nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

**Novena: Diciembre 3 a Diciembre 11 en Capilla de
Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street) a las 6:00 p.m.**

Lunes, 9 de Diciembre • Misa a las 7:00 p.m. después de la Novena

**Miércoles, 11 de Diciembre • Las Mañanitas a las 11:00
p.m. en Capilla de Guadalupe**

Procesión: Jueves, 12 de Diciembre a las 5:00 p.m.
(de Capilla de Guadalupe a la Iglesia Santa Cruz)

Misa: 6:00 p.m. en la Iglesia Santa Cruz

Seguido por un convivio en el Salón Carmelita. Invite a su familia y amigos a acompañarnos en la novena y las Santas Misas que se celebrarán en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

Se necesitan donaciones

El Grupo Guadalupano de Santa Cruz solicita donaciones de platos hondos para el menú, platos de papel, utensilios, vasos para café, servilletas y toallas de papel para la fiesta. Por favor traiga sus donaciones a la oficina parroquial. ¡Muchas gracias y que Dios bendiga su generosidad!

Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund

2nd Collection on December 7-8, 2024 will be designated to the 2024 Diocese of Tucson Priests' Retirement Fund

**Support for our
Retired Priests**

**Please give for those
who have given a
lifetime**



Knights of Columbus®

The Knights of Columbus would like to THANK all the parishioners and especially the students of Santa Cruz Catholic School and the Religious Education Confirmation students who helped with donating and volunteered preparing food boxes to the Thanksgiving Food Box Drive which was a success! The Knights were able to make boxes to help feed 32 families, totaling 180 people who were in need of help this holiday season. We the Knights are only able to serve our mission thru your help and contributions. Again, we Knights of Columbus invite and CHALLENGE the men of Santa Cruz to discern the call and become a Knight yourself so you too can help out your beloved Santa Cruz Parish.

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!

Come Join Us For...

Breakfast With Santa

**Sunday, December 8, 2024
8:00 am - 2:00 pm**



**Santa Cruz Catholic School
Carmelite Hall & Courtyard
29 W. 22nd Street
Tucson, Arizona**

Come have a hot & delicious breakfast.

Have your picture taken with Santa.

Music, Games & Crafts

Get some early Christmas shopping done.



Hope to see you there!

*Vendor Spaces
available for \$40
If interested, contact Josie
@ 624-2093 or
jnoriega@santacruzschool.org*

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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Fr. Bach – Bro. Angel de Santa Cruz
Knights of Columbus Council #14139

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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

Please pray for our new Catechumen, they will be accepted Catechumenate at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 1st.



Eugenio Fraijo
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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, December 4 at 6:15 p.m.** in the Good Shepherd Room.

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.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 30th

- 8:00 a.m. Eufemia Villa/R.I.P.
5:30 p.m. Quinita Ruiz Peterson/R.I.P.

Sunday, December 1st

- 6:30 a.m. Santa Cruz Parishioners
8:00 a.m. Jose Guadalupe, Justino & Maria de la Luz Herrera/R.I.P.
10:00 a.m. Grace Lohr/R.I.P.
12:00 noon Dee Birch/R.I.P.
6:00 p.m. Andres Galaz/Happy Birthday

Monday, December 2nd

- 6:30 a.m. Domingo Crespo/R.I.P.
8:00 a.m. Peter Espree/R.I.P.

Tuesday, December 3rd

- 6:30 a.m. Arthur Espree/R.I.P.
8:00 a.m. Special Intention/Rose Vega

Wednesday, December 4th

- 6:30 a.m. Alfredo Alonso Salvatierra/Improved Health
8:00 a.m. Josephina M. Valenzuela/R.I.P.

Thursday, December 5th

- 6:30 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory, most in need of our prayers/R.I.P.
8:00 a.m. Frank Esparza/Improved Health

Friday, December 6th

- 6:30 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory, most in need of our prayers/R.I.P.
8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory, most in need of our prayers/R.I.P.