

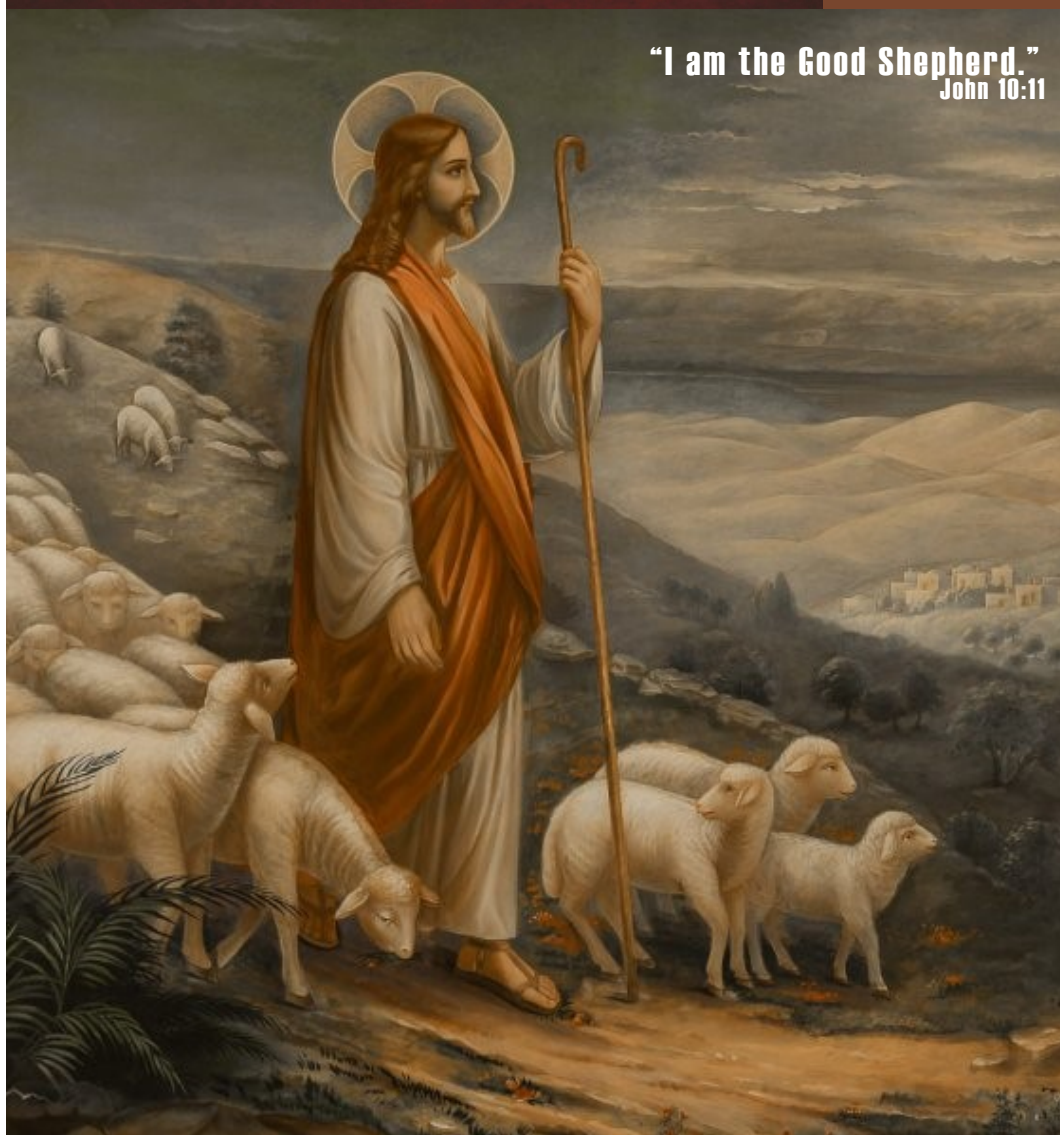


Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

Discalced Carmelite Friars

Fourth Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

April 30
2023



Sunday Masses

5:30pm Saturday Vigil

Sunday

6:30 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm

6:00 pm

8:00 am Spanish
 at Capilla de Guadalupe
 (409 E. 31st Street)

Monday - Saturday

8:00 am

Confessions Saturday

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
 8:30am - 3:00pm



Pastor
 Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.

Associate Pastors
 Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.
 Rev. Julius Ntalo, O.C.D.

Deacon
 Rev. Ernesto Lujan

Facebook
 Stephen Watson

Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out... The sheep follow him because they recognize his voice. Jn. 10:3, 4.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is called Good Shepherd Sunday because the Gospel Proclamation is from chapter 10 of the Gospel of St. John wherein Jesus says of himself, "I am the good shepherd." For this reason, this Sunday has been designated "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." This is now the sixtieth time that we are celebrating the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations," established by Saint Pope Paul VI in 1964, during the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. Although every Christian has a vocation, this day of prayer is focused on vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.

At the beginning of last week, Fr. Julius and I attend the annual convocation of the priests of Diocese of Tucson. The speaker, Rhonda Gruenewald, a married woman and a convert to Catholicism, spoke to us about her ministry of promoting vocations. She is the founder of **Vocation Ministry**. She and her husband got involved in this ministry when a young priest at her parish ask for help in promoting vocations. Though unfamiliar with the world of vocations, she and her husband were impressed with the priest's enthusiasm for this ministry so they said, yes, they would assist. They did their homework and were able to create their own path for a parish-based vocation ministry team. The main idea was to cultivate a "culture of vocation" so that the thought of being a priest didn't seem so strange and otherworldly to the young. There are a lot of "influencers" in the life of the young. Think of how many apps they have on their phones. As our diocesan vocation director, Fr. Alan, says, "We don't have a vocation crisis. We have a listening crisis." We must learn how to create a "culture of vocation" so that it is easier to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. I was inspired and excited by what Rhonda shared.

Bishop Weisenburger is serious about his duty to promote vocations. The Code of Canon Law governing the Catholic Church enjoins all Catholics to take this duty seriously. *The duty of fostering vocations rests with the entire Christian community so that the needs of the sacred ministry in the universal Church are provided for sufficiently... Diocesan bishops... are to encourage and support endeavors to foster vocations, especially by means of projects established for that purpose.* Can. 233 §1. For this reason, Bishop Weisenburger has invited Rhonda to bring **Vocation Ministry** to the Diocese of Tucson.

Although a "culture of vocation" is important, God will not be thwarted if He seeks you. *The Hound of Heaven* is a famous poem with this theme. 'All things betray thee, who betrayest Me.' ... 'Ah, fondest, blindest, weakest, I am He Whom thou seekest!' St. Augustine describes this in his Confessions: *You were always there inside me and I was running around outside. I was looking for you out there, and confused as I was, I threw myself upon those beautiful things that you had made. You were always in me, but I was not always in you. Created things kept me apart from you even though they themselves could only exist in you.*

God is seeking you more than you are seeking Him. Next week I will tell you my own vocation story.

"Let us be quite frank: the ability to cultivate vocations to the priesthood and the religious life is a sure sign of the health of a local Church. There is no room for complacency in this regard. God continues to call young people; it is up to all of us to encourage a generous and free response to that call," Pope Benedict addressing the Bishops of the U.S. in April of 2008.

~Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.

HOMEBOUND EUCHARIST

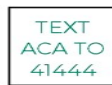
If you have a family member or know of a parishioner in the Santa Cruz Church area in need of having the Eucharist brought to them regularly, please contact the Parish Office (520) 623-3833.

Blessing of Homes During Eastertime

The Easter season is a traditional time for the blessing of homes. If you would like to have your family and your home blessed during the Easter season and you are a member of Santa Cruz Parish, please call the church office to set up a date for your home to be blessed.



WAYS TO GIVE



On behalf of the parishioners of Santa Cruz, I would like to give special thanks to **Gredla Bustamante**, our church custodian, for the many years of service to Santa Cruz Parish. She has been very generous and dedicated. **Gredla** started working here in 2014. Gredla, we appreciate the work that you have done over the past 9 years. We wish you the very best in your future endeavors. May God bless you abundantly, **Gredla!**

En nombre de los feligreses de Santa Cruz, quisiera agradecer especialmente a **Gredla Bustamante**, nuestra custodio de la iglesia, por los años de servicio a la Parroquia de Santa Cruz. Ha sido muy generosa y dedicada. **Gredla** comenzó a trabajar aquí en el 2014. **Gredla**, apreciamos el trabajo que has realizado durante los últimos 9 años. Le deseamos lo mejor en sus futuros emprendimientos. ¡Que Dios te bendiga abundantemente, **Gredla!**

**10am
Sunday Mass
Live Stream**



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 at 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.

COME HELP

**CASA MARIA CELEBRATE
THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF THE
CATHOLIC WORKER MOVEMENT
AND 40 YEARS OF CASA MARIA
IN TUCSON!**



**MONDAY, MAY 1ST AT EL CASINO BALLROOM
437 E. 26TH ST. TIME 6 TO 7:30 PM**

We want to honor all the volunteers and donors and churches and diners who have made possible the existence of a constant prophetic Catholic Worker presence in Tucson.

We also plan to unveil a campaign to rid the City of South Tucson of their worst slumlord and beg funds to buy his two properties and other hotels that provide housing for families and poor people that eat at the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen.

IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND, PLEASE SEND A CHECK TO:

Casa Maria, 401 E. 26th St., Tucson Az. 85713

FOOD
BIRRIA, CALABACITAS,
RICE, AND BEANS

MUSIC BY
MARIACHI
LAS AGUILITAS



Every three years the Discalced Carmelite Province of California-Arizona holds a meeting called a chapter. (All the provinces of the order have their chapter meetings this year between January and June.) Our chapter takes place at El Carmelo Retreat House from May 16-May 26. There will be a recess over the weekend of May 20-21, which is the weekend of the Parish Fiesta de Familia. I plan to return for the weekend fiesta.



It is possible that the Chapter will discuss the decision to hand over the pastoral care of Santa Cruz Parish to the Bishop of Tucson. The agenda of the chapter is prepared by the provincial council. Once the meeting begins, it is its prerogative of the chapter to make changes to the agenda.

An important business of the chapter is to elect the provincial and four councilors. I invite you to pray that the provincial chapter meeting will revitalize our province and be a blessing for the people of God.



**Santa Cruz
Catholic School**

Please consider sending your child to Santa Cruz Catholic School! The mission of Santa Cruz Catholic School is to teach students to love God, self and others, serve as a Christian Community, and develop to their full academic potential. We accept students of all faith backgrounds. We have scholarships available to cover nearly all of tuition costs for families of all income levels. Easter blessings to all in our Santa Cruz family! Please contact our office at (520) 624-2093 or email our Scholarship Director, Ms. Irma Wood, at iwood@santacruzschool.org. School website: santacruzschool.godaddysites.com

Alive in Christ

Charismatic Pentecostal Mass

Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Jesus told the Apostles: "...for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." - Acts 1:5



Joyfully praise & worship
our Risen Lord

Pray for all your
intentions



Fr Bala Kommathoti

Prepare to receive a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit!

Invite your family & friends!

- Attend in person at:
St. Frances Cabrini, 3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson
- Join on Zoom, 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: 520-981-8800.
- For Zoom training videos, and videos of past meetings, go to TucsonCCR.org

We love
having you as part of our flock



Keep in touch
with us via
email & text

Sign up for Flock Notes:
Text - santacruzaz to 84576



**Deja que Jesús calme la
tormenta en tu matrimonio.**

Mateo 8:23

El grupo de matrimonios de Santa
Mónica te invita a su próximo

Retiro de matrimonios

este 09, 10 Y 11 DE JUNIO 2023



LUGAR:

Iglesia Santa
Mónica 212 w
Medina Rd. Tucson
Az 85756

HORARIO:

Viernes: 6 pm - 10 pm
Sábado: 8 am - 10 pm
Domingo: 8 am - 5 pm

Donación:
\$50 por pareja

INFORMACIÓN

Matrimonio Espinoza: (520) 304-5057



Santa Cruz Parish 66th Fiesta De La Familia 2023

Saturday, May 20th & Sunday, May 21st!
DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

PAPER PLATES • 16OZ SOLO CUPS • 12OZ FOAM CUPS •
FOAM BOWLS OR BOATS FOR NACHOS • BOXES OF
FOIL SHEETS • BOXES OF EXTRA LARGE TRASH BAGS •
BOXES OF PLASTIC GLOVES • HAND SOAP

The committee would like to say thank you for
your help. Items can be taken to church office.

Fiesta De La Familia 2023
sábado 20 de mayo y el domingo 21 de mayo!
DONACIONES SON BIENVENIDAS

Enter the Parish Fiesta Raffle!

SANTA CRUZ PARISH 66th ANNUAL FIESTA
Celebrating our 104th year!
MAY 20th & 21st, 2023
* T 1PM TO 11PM • SUN 1PM TO 8:30PM
1st Prize \$2,000 • 2nd Prize \$1,000
3rd Prize \$500
* DRAWING ON SUNDAY, MAY 21ST, 2023
\$2.00 DONATION (NOT NECESSARY TO ENTER DRAWING)
WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

¡Entra en la fiesta parroquial de la rifa!



Fiesta De La Familia Nana's Cottage

is collecting slightly used household items and
clothing. If you would like to donate please call
Yolanda Hernandez (520) 440-3615 for pick up
and any questions.

Fiesta De La Familia
Nana's Cottage está
aceptando artículos de
casa y ropa ligeramente
usados. Si desea donar,
por favor llame a
Yolanda Hernandez
(520) 440-3615 si tiene
alguna pregunta.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 29th

8:00am Evangeline Lopez/R.I.P.
5:30pm Dr. William Ornelas/Happy Birthday

Sunday, April 30th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners
8:00am Lydia Manganaan Cosio/R.I.P.
10:00am Helen Trevino/R.I.P.
12:00pm Adan Garcia/R.I.P.
6:00pm Omar Alex Huerta & Ivonne Leon/R.I.P.

Monday, May 1st

John Rowling/R.I.P.
8:00am Special Int./Benefactor - J.G.

Tuesday, May 2nd

Ray Montanez/R.I.P.
8:00am Special Int./Benefactor - J.G.

Wednesday, May 3rd

Joanne Hawkins/R.I.P.
8:00am Special Int./Benefactor - J.G.

Thursday, May 4th

Debi Herman/R.I.P.
8:00am In Thanksgiving to Saint Jude

Friday, May 5th

Special Int./Benefactor - J.G.
8:00am John F. Shea/R.I.P.

The **Tucson Catholic Physicians Guild** is
meeting to renew and rebuild its organization.
We need the voices of Catholic Physicians
actively practicing in the medical community.
Our first gathering will take place Thursday,
May 4, at 5:30pm at Trattoria Pina, 5541 N. Swan
Rd, near Sunrise Blvd. To RSVP, call or email
Dr. Cynthia Miley at doctormiley@gmail.com
Or call (520) 245-6757.

Parish Collections

Sunday, April 23rd, 2023
Collection: \$ 5,048.95

MY SUNDAY OFFERING

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

