



## Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

### Discalced Carmelite Friars



### 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

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April 9  
2023

# Easter

## SUNDAY

HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD,  
AND HE IS GOING  
BEFORE YOU TO GALILEE.

Matthew 28:7

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## Easter Sunday April 9th Reflection

Dear Friends in Christ,

I would like to begin with a story about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ:

One brisk morning in Lent, a pastor was making his way across the playground of the parish school. All the while he would stop and ask some of the children about the importance of Easter. One child excitedly explained that Easter was the celebration of coloring eggs and eating all the chocolate we were not allowed to eat during lent. Another child quickly explained that Easter was a time when the Easter Bunny would go down the chimney bringing baskets filled with presents and candy for good children and coal for bad children. The pastor was growing weary that the children did not quite grasp the true meaning of Easter. Finally, the pastor asked one last student why Easter was so important. The boy said confidently: "Easter is a time when Christians celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. He suffered a lot of pain, his friends ran away from him and then died on the Cross while his Mother cried at the foot of the Cross. Then, Jesus was placed in the tomb until he rose from the dead!" The teary-eyed-pastor was elated with joy to find at least one student who knew the importance of Easter. The boy continued: "But Father, is it true that if Jesus saw his shadow when He came out of the tomb winter will go on for six more weeks?"

It's just a story but, nevertheless, it begs the question whether or not we really understand the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. I think that we can all agree that in our culture we can see how these external devotions to the Easter bunny, colorful eggs, and Jellybeans often cast its own "shadow" on the real reason why we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Easter is a word that simply means: To the East or facing the Sunrise. This was the posture of those who stood facing the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on Good Friday 2000 years ago. That's right, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. John and many other onlookers faced east when our Lord died on the cross. For two millennium facing the crucifix was an important posture for the priest while celebrating Mass. In fact many priests still face a crucifix on the altar during the celebration of the Mass.

Facing the cross is a hard discipline for us Christians. "God so loves the world that He would give us His only Son for the Salvation of the world" (John 3:16). The crucifix can also remind us death must come to all and that as disciples of Jesus Christ we must take up our own crosses and follow the Lord. Facing the crucifix is a serious action for the Mass as well as a powerful meditation on the importance to suffer well and to die well with the hope of living forever in the Resurrection of our Savior. Facing the crucifix also recalls the humility of Christ who forgave his enemies before He commended His spirit back to the Father (Luke 23:46).

The Eucharist is the true presence of Jesus in His glorious Resurrection. Just as GOD would humble Himself to become man, and Jesus would humble Himself to the Crucifixion, so the Lord continues to humble Himself in the appearance of bread and wine in the Holy Eucharist! Incredible! Yet, how do we respond to the Eucharist? Face the Crucifix! Be humble! Be ready to carry your own cross! Be patient! And most important: Be forgiving! In other words, GO TO MASS!

Brothers and Sisters, don't be afraid to face your Crosses! Jesus is always with us in the Holy Eucharist to help us through this dark valley and into the verdant pastures (Psalm 23). We can gain a lot of strength by facing the crucifix of our Savior. We need to be reminded of His courage! Likewise, Jesus will help us be courageous in caring our own crosses especially when we bring our cross to Mass, to the Eucharist. Then we can offer to God our suffering in the True Presence of the Lord in Holy Communion. The Eucharist will give us divine strength to accept and carry our own crosses. Yes, the Last Supper is the first Mass and the crucifixion and the Eucharist are intimately intertwined to show us the Resurrection of the Lord. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is not without the cross. So our cross cannot be without the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. If you want to experience the Resurrection then come to Mass and be in Holy Communion with the Lord. Then you will have eternal life (John 6:54).

***Resurrexit Sicut Dixit!~ Fr. Philip of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 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.

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. This duty especially binds Christian families, educators, and, in a special way, priests, particularly pastors. Diocesan bishops, who most especially are to be concerned for promoting vocations, are to teach the people entrusted to them of the importance of the sacred ministry and of the need for ministers in the Church and are to encourage and support endeavors to foster vocations, especially by means of projects established for that purpose.

*Code of Canon Law 233*

## ALIVE IN CHRIST EASTER JOY CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

**"Rejoice, He Is Risen!"** Express your Easter joy in praise, worship, and song. Share the Holy Spirit's word gifts and sing together the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Join us at 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at St Frances Cabrini, 3201 E. Presidio Road. For more information (520) 981-8800.

## 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.

We  love  
having you as part of our flock



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with us via  
email & text

Sign up for Flock Notes:  
Text - santacruzaz to 84576

### Santa Cruz Parish 65th Fiesta De La Familia 2023

Fiesta De La Familia 2023  
Saturday, May 20th & Sunday, May 21st!  
DONATION ARE WELCOME

SECTION FOAM PLATES • PAPER PLATES • 16OZ  
SOLO CUPS • 12OZ FOAM CUPS • FOAM BOWLS OR  
BOATS FOR NACHOS • ROLLS OF PAPER TOWELS •  
BOX OF FORKS • 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

### Fiesta De La Familia Nana's Cottage

is collecting slightly used house hold 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.



### Divine Mercy Sunday



Sunday, April 16th  
Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament beginning after  
the noon Mass until  
3:00pm. At 3:00pm the  
chaplet of Divine Mercy  
will be chanted.  
Priests will be  
available for confessions.

Visit our Website: [santacruzchurchtucson.com](http://santacruzchurchtucson.com)

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Santa Cruz  
Catholic School

Enrollment  
2023-2024

Santa Cruz Catholic School is now accepting enrollment for the  
2022-2023 school year! We are so proud to be part of a  
century-long legacy of providing a high-quality Catholic education to  
as many students as possible! Registration for current families is  
open. Please contact the school office to assist you with  
scholarships and registration. If you know anyone who is interested  
in enrolling their child(ren) here at Santa Cruz, please have them  
contact the school office or visit our website. Remember anyone  
who refers a student/family that registers will have all volunteer  
fees waived for the coming school year!!!

**Santa Cruz Catholic School - Catholic School - Tucson, Arizona**  
([santacruzschool.org](http://santacruzschool.org))



Legion  
of Mary

The Legion  
of Mary will  
continue to  
meet at the

Capilla of Our Lady of Guada-  
lupe at 4:00 pm on Mondays.

### Parish Collection

April 2nd, 2023

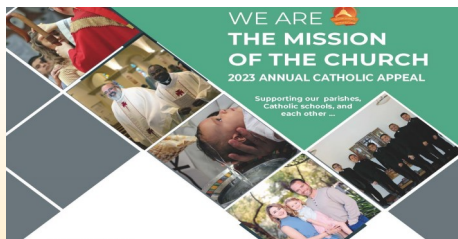
Reg. Collection: \$ 6,336.73

Church Maintenance:

\$ 1,872.80

Thanking You for Your  
Service to Our Parish





*Blessed are those who are poor ... meek ... hungry ... merciful. Matthew 5:1-12*

The word beatitude literally means “happiness” or “blessedness”. What is the significance of Jesus’ beatitudes, and why are they so central to his teaching? The beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness that God has placed in every heart. Jesus’ beatitudes also confront us with important choices concerning the life we pursue here on earth and the use we make of the gifts that God has entrusted to us. Blessed Are You who support the good work of the Annual Catholic Appeal, bringing hope and healing to people in need. We *are the Mission of the Church!* Thank you to those who have already made their gift to the ACA!

**Make your gift today at [www.cathfnd.org/donate](http://www.cathfnd.org/donate)**

#### WAYS TO GIVE



TEXT  
ACA TO  
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RETURN  
COMPLETED  
ENVELOPE

# Thank You!

The Knight of Columbus of Santa Cruz would like to give a big **THANKYOU** to all our parish community for coming out and supporting the Lenten Fish Fry.

A big congratulations to our raffle winners:

Big Screen TV - Raul Gonzalez

Jewelry - Bettina Galaz

Purses - Rory Kirker

Cooler Speaker - Luis Durazo



### **New Parishioners: Always welcome!**

Please register by using our registration forms available in the church.

**Baptisms:** 2nd Sunday of the month - English  
4 Domingo del mes - Español

*Call the Parish office/Llame a la oficina parroquial*

**Matrimony:** *Call at least six months in advance.  
con seis meses de anticipación.*

# Mass Intentions

## Holy Saturday, April 8th

7:30pm Teresita Crespo/R.I.P.

## Easter Sunday, April 9th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Edwin Jonathan Gutierrez/R.I.P.

10:00am Juan R. Amaro & Josie Anna/R.I.P.

12:00pm Ignacio & Hilda Vega & Walter Vega/R.I.P.

## Monday, April 10th

Special Int./Benefactor - J.G.

8:00am Special Int./Antoinette &  
Joshua Scales & Family

## Tuesday, April 11th

John F. Shea/R.I.P.

8:00am Special Int./Petra Villascuesa

## Wednesday, April 12th

Special Int./Benefactor - J.G.

8:00am Susie Arreola & Julia A. Lopez/R.I.P.

## Thursday, April 13th

Special Int./Petra Villascuesa

8:00am In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima/  
Int. Souls of infants, victims of abortion/R.I.P.

## Friday, April 14th

Special Int./Benefactor - J.G.

8:00am Maria Jesus Barcelo/R.I.P.

## **Santa Cruz Religious Ed.**

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 8th.

**RCIA**

*David Lowell*

First Holy Communions:

**Penny Green** class will receive First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 15th at the 5:30pm Mass.

**Rosie** class will receive First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 16th at the 10:00am Mass.

Our Confirmation candidates will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, May 5th here at Santa Cruz Church.

***May they all be blessed with the gifts of The Holy Spirit.***