



Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

Discalced Carmelite Friars

Pentecost

SUNDAY

MAY 28, 2023



Jesus breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are
forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

John 20:22-23



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.

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Reflection for Pentecost Sunday, May 28th, 2023 Receive the Holy Spirit

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles. As mentioned last week, Jesus ascends onto heaven, but first he promises to send the Spirit to the apostles to teach them all things.

What does it mean to send his Spirit? We'll start with a somewhat superficial, shallow image and build from there. Consider a football team. Suppose the coach is very emotional and high-strung. The players will become very excited and animated like him as they engage in play. Or consider the opposite, a coach who is very cold, deliberate, and calculating. His players will approach the game in a very methodical, calculating, and serious style. The coach remains on the sidelines; he does not play the game. But the players reflect his spirit, his character. He has imparted his spirit onto them.

When God sends his Spirit, he imparts a part of his being onto us. But it is far more than a coach influencing his team's behavior. To understand this, we need to review who is the Holy Spirit. One God and three Persons. The Persons are defined by their relationship with each other. The Father loves the Son. The Son loves the Father. The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son.

When God sends the Spirit, he is allowing us to enter into the love between the Father and the Son. And in allowing us to enter into this love, he is sharing his life with us. Consider creation. God creates by his mere word. He says, "Let there be light" and there is light. He says, "Let there be life in the oceans" and the seas are teeming with all sorts of creatures. He says, "Let there be life on land" and so it happens. But when it comes to creating us humans, he takes a different approach. He takes clay and molds it into a still-lifeless form. Then he breathes onto it and Adam is now alive. The word "Spirit" comes from a word that means "breath". Through this breath he imparts life onto us. We see God the Son doing the same thing with his apostles in the Gospel. He breathes onto them to empower them to forgive sins.

And what happens when God shares his life and love with us, when he breathes onto us? Look at the effect on his apostles after they receive the Spirit at Pentecost.

Ever since Jesus' baptism, the church has been in formation. The apostles listen to Jesus' preaching, they witness his miracles, and they live with him. This formation culminates in what is called the Pascal Mystery, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord. Think of the church as the clay being molded as Adam was. But in a certain sense, the church is not alive yet, it is not animated. The apostles sometimes stumble with Jesus' teaching and fail to fully grasp his message. They abandon Jesus when the soldiers come to arrest him. And now they are afraid. They enclose themselves in a room praying but fearful to go out amongst the crowds, to proclaim the Good News and fulfill their mission.

And now the Spirit comes, and the change is dramatic. The Spirit imparts his gifts upon them: wisdom, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, understanding, piety, and fear of the Lord. And the apostles go out boldly now, unafraid to preach and proclaim the Gospel. They convert thousands to the Way of the Lord. Many will come to believe in Jesus and be saved by the apostles' powerful witness.

Now emboldened and fully animated by the Spirit, the apostles begin to display the effects of his presence, his life. Now we see in them what are called the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The Church is truly alive and vibrant.

Pentecost is considered the day of the birth of the Church. May we celebrate it joyfully as we do any birthday occasion. But this is a time for more than rejoicing. May we be thankful for the presence of the Spirit in our own individual lives. May we commit anew to fully live the life the Spirit has imparted upon us.

~Rico Chapa

We invite you to
attend a Memorial
Day Mass on
Monday, May
29th at 10 am.



(There will be **NO** 8:00am Mass on this day.)

We will be remembering all the service men and women who served this country. Our parish office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

Te invitamos a que nos acompañen a una Misa el Día Memorial el lunes, 29 de mayo a las 10 de la mañana.

(**NO** habrá Misa de 8:00 am en este día.)

Recordaremos a todos los hombres y mujeres de servicio que han servido a este país. La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada el lunes, 29 de mayo en observación del Día Memorial.

This Friday, June 2nd is the first Friday of the month. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30am to 12noon.

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santacruzchurchtucson.com

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Please sign us for Flock Notes to be informed of parish events

Flock Notes text [santacruzaz](https://www.santacruzaz.com) to 84576

or go online to

santacruzchurch.flocknote.com

10am
Sunday Mass
Live Stream



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.

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.

Santa Cruz Parish ¡Fiesta!

MANY THANKS TO THE FIESTA WORKERS

There are so many of you to thank, all the volunteers and all who donated items. I especially want to thank Becky Lujan who chaired the Fiesta. We love you all. It may be a week or two before we can tell you how much the Fiesta made for the parish. **Stay tuned.**

Special congratulations to this year's
Parish Fiesta Raffle Winners!

Sabina Perez \$2,000

Jacqueline Paez \$1,000

David Valenzuela \$500

Czarina Salazar \$40 Gift Certificate - Little Mexico

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Enrollment & Renewal Inscripción y Renovación de Programa de Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (EBT Food Stamps) Enrollment or Renewal is available through Catholic Community Services at the Pio Decimo Center, located at 848 S. 7th Ave by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please call Libia at (520) 416-4759 or email libiak@ccs-pio.org.

Citas para Inscripción o Renovación de Programa de Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria (Estampillas de Comida) están disponibles a través de Catholic Community Services en el Centro Pio Decimo, ubicado en 848 S. 7th Ave. Para programar una cita, llame a Libia al (520) 416-4759 o envíe un correo electrónico a libiak@ccs-pio.org.



Alive in Christ

Be Bold in the Spirit

Thursday June 8, 2023 at 6:30 PM

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control."
- 2 Timothy 1:7



- ❖ Lively Praise & Worship
- ❖ Praise reports and prayers for all your intentions
- ❖ Inspired teaching by Gloria Roberts
- ❖ **Your Option** – Prayer for a deeper outpouring of the Holy Spirit's gifts in your life!



Gloria Roberts

Bring your family & friends!

- Attend in person at: Our Lady of La Vang Parish, at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson
- Also, 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: 520-981-8800.
- For Zoom training videos, and videos of past meetings, go to TucsonCCR.org

"Be Bold in the Holy Spirit. Gloria Roberts will challenge us to boldly live and share our faith. Joyfully praise and worship our risen Lord, pray for all your intentions, and – if you wish – receive individual prayer for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life. Join us at 6:30 pm on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at Our Lady of La Vang/St. Frances Cabrini, 3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson. If you cannot attend in person, join on Zoom, meeting ID: **814 4930 0841** Pass code: **352734** (For help, text 520-981-8800). Send prayer requests, or see Zoom instructions, at <https://TucsonCCR.org>. Hosted by the Diocese of Tucson Renewal Committee."

FLAME OF LOVE CONFERENCE

- * HOLY MASS * ADORATION * FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY *
- * CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY * EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION *
- * BLESSING WITH ST. CHARBEL OIL *

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

(Starting with Holy Mass at 8:00 am)



PRESENTED BY:
FR. ROBERT BARCELOS, OCD

The event is free but a love offering will be collected.

Lunch will not be provided, please contact Carolina if you need a map of nearby restaurants



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Dear Santa Cruz Parishioners,

As you may know, Santa Cruz Church is currently participating in the Annual Catholic Appeal, ***WE ARE THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH***. I am writing to let you know that the Appeal still needs our help.

Our portion of the overall goal is \$40,340. To date, \$11,223 has been collected, which leaves \$29,117 more to go.

At the parish level, we have many opportunities to benefit from the resources that are made possible by the Annual Catholic Appeal. For example, did you know that most diocesan offices exist to directly serve the parishes and Catholic schools of our Diocese? And, that the ACA funds such things as educating our Priests and Deacons, certification of our lay ministers, capital and emergency funding, and centralized administrative services such as human resources and financial management. The Appeal also helps to fund various Catholic programs and social agencies that serve the needs of our communities. Therefore, it is most important that we do our part to support the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Again, please prayerfully consider a gift to this year's Appeal at whatever level you are able to do so. With your support, we can be united as one Church in the Body of Christ. We ***are the mission of the Church***.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 27th

8:00am Evangeline Lopez/R.I.P.

5:30pm Eydie Rivera/R.I.P.

Sunday, May 28th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Paul Ernest Figueroa/R.I.P.

10:00am Carmen Granillo & Richard Granillo/R.I.P.

12:00pm Julie Aragon, Yolanda Sellers & Connie Lopez/R.I.P.

6:00pm Joanne Hawkins/R.I.P.

Monday, May 29th

Special Int./Benefactor - J.G.

10:00am Señor Carlos Zepeda Jaramillo/
Improved Health

Tuesday, May 30th

Special Int./Benefactor - J.G.

8:00am Evangeline Lopez/R.I.P.

Wednesday, May 31st

Paul Ernest Figueroa/R.I.P.

8:00am Sylvia & Hector Loya/R.I.P.

Thursday, June 1st

Paul Ernest Figueroa/R.I.P.

8:00am Gabriel Chacon, Jr./R.I.P.

Friday, June 2nd

Special Int./Benefactor - J.G.

8:00am Ramiro "Rammy" Reyes Loza/R.I.P.

Win a Coronado Beach Resort Stay while supporting Rachel's Vineyard Ministry of Southern Arizona. Online Raffle runs until May 31, 2023 \$20 Per Ticket or 6 for \$100 // <https://go.rallyup.com/online-raffle-rachelsvineyardministry> or text the word 'Resort' to (855) 202-2100 to access the direct link to the Raffle.

Parish Collections

Sunday, May 21st, 2023

Collection: \$ 4,458.47

2nd Collection: \$ 966.87

MY SUNDAY OFFERING

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



SECOND COLLECTION FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Next Weekend June 3-4 we will have a second collection designated for church maintenance.

La segunda colecta de la próxima semana Junio 3-4 será designada para el mantenimiento de la iglesia.

