



## Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church Discalced Carmelite Friars

JULY 9, 2023 | FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus said,*

“Take my yoke upon  
you and learn from me,  
for I am meek and  
humble of heart;  
and you will find  
rest for yourselves.”

~ Matthew 11:29



### 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

Dear Santa Cruz Parish Family,

We are in unprecedented times due to the imminent shortage of priests in Arizona and across the United States. So much so that Bishop Wiesenberger stated in a June 2023 vocations seminar that lack of vocations to the Priesthood, Holy Marriage, and Religious Life (brothers, sisters, and deacons) are our #1 issue and priority. Deacon Ernie Lujan, Jessica Martinez (future Santa Cruz kindergarten teacher), and I attended this valuable seminar that was directed by Mrs. Rhonda Gruenewald. Her team collected current data on the Diocese of Tucson:

- ♦ Our Diocese consists of 380,000 Catholics.
- ♦ We have 78 parishes that were represented at the June 2023 seminar.
- ♦ There are 152 active priests.
- ♦ There are 2575 parishioners for every active priest.
- ♦ 70% of our priests first heard the call before they were 17 years old.
- ♦ 7 out of 10 priests were altar servers.
- ♦ By 2025, a significant number of our baby boomer priests will be of retirement age.
- ♦ We need 4 ordained priests a year to maintain our current parishioner-to-priest ratio.
- ♦ We need 34 or more seminarians to maintain a parishioner-to-priest ratio for future years. We currently have 1 seminarian.

It is imperative that all of us contribute to the solution of increasing vocations to the Priesthood, Holy Marriage, and Religious Life by collectively praying for an increase of vocations, encouraging family members and friends to consider a vocation, encouraging those who are considering a vocation, getting involved in different monthly vocations events and activities, such as altar serving, among other roles. We need holy marriages and families to bring forth future priests who we need for our essential seven sacraments, mentorship, and guidance. Stay tuned for upcoming vocation events that include signing up for altar serving, music ministry, lecturing, extraordinary ministry, ushering, and more!

Together in Christ,

Dr. Teresa Toro  
Santa Cruz Catholic Parish Vocations Coordinator

## Novena in Honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Saturday, July 8th to Sunday, July 16th  
(the 8:00am Spanish Mass on Sunday, July 16th  
will be at the church)

Let us pray for a beautiful transition for the Parish of Santa Cruz as the new Pastor Fr. Marcos Velasquez assumes the pastoral care of the parish along with his associate Fr. Simon Muema.

*O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel,  
fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven,  
blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate  
Virgin, assist me in this my necessity.  
Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show  
me that you are my Mother.*

*O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of  
Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from  
the bottom of my heart to succor me in this  
necessity; there are none that can withstand  
your power. O help me and show me that  
you are my Mother.*

*Our Lady, queen and beauty of Carmel, pray for  
me and obtain my requests. Sweet Mother, I  
place this cause into your hands.*

*Oh bellísima Flor del Monte Carmelo, Viña  
Fructífera, Esplendor del Cielo, Santísima  
Madre del Hijo de Dios, Virgen Inmaculada,  
ayúdame en esta mi necesidad. Estrella del mar,  
ayúdame y muéstrame aquí que eres mi Madre.*

*Oh Santa María, Madre de Dios, Reina del  
Cielo y de la Tierra, te suplico humildemente  
desde el fondo de mi corazón que me socorras en  
esta necesidad; no hay nadie que pueda resistir tu  
poder. Oh, muéstrame aquí que eres mi Madre,  
oh María, concebida sin pecado, ruega por  
nosotros que recurrimos a ti. Dulce madre, pongo  
esta causa en tus manos.*

### 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 Catholic Church**  
**Discalced Carmelite Friars**  
**1220 S. 6th Avenue**

*Shine & Show*  
**CAR SHOW**



= No Charge =

**Saturday, July 15th, 2023**

Set up—move in: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Car Show from: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Come Celebrated 104 Years with Our**  
**Discalced Carmelite Friars**

**The Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

**FOOD • BEER • DANCE • FUN**  
**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

*All Proceeds go to support Santa Cruz Church*

**\$5.00**

*Hamburger Plate*  
*with Drink*

**\$5 Cash**

*Only*  
*Event \$5*

**\$5.00**

*Hot Dog Plate*  
*With Drink*

*End the Event with Mariachi @ 8:00 pm*

**Pilgrimage to Egypt with**  
**Bishop Gerald Kicanas &**  
**Deacon Ed Sheffer**  
**April 23 to May 5, 2024**

Join in this unforgettable Pilgrimage to Egypt, led by Bishop Gerald Kicanas and Deacon Ed Sheffer from April 23 to May 5, 2024. Visit iconic historical sites, reflect on the coexistence of different spiritual traditions, and find unity in our shared faith and in our own way, we will contemplate the face of God like Moses. There is deep meaning to Egypt and why St. Joseph, the Virgin Mary, and Baby Jesus, and many prophets lived there for a period. <https://www.canterburypilgrimages.com/tour/egypt-pilgrimage-with-bishop-kicanas-deacon-ed>

Contact Canterbury Pilgrimages or contact Deacon Ed Sheffer – [edwardsheffer1@gmail.com](mailto:edwardsheffer1@gmail.com)

A Mass with Healing Prayer will be celebrated by Father Ricardo Campos in Spanish, at Santa Cruz Church, **Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm** everyone is welcome. Invite your family and friends to hear the words of Father Ricardo, who is from Mexicali.

Una Misa con Oración de Sanación se celebrará en español en la Iglesia de Santa Cruz el **lunes, 10 de julio a las 6:30 pm** por el Padre Ricardo Campos. Todos son bienvenidos. Invita a tu familia y amigos a escuchar las palabras del Padre Ricardo, quien es de Mexicali.

# Farewell

## *Cena de Despedida*

Thank  
you's

Food

**COME CELEBRATE THE 104 YEARS OF SERVICE AND FAREWELL TO OUR**  
**DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS**

**FAREWELL MASS HERE AT SANTA CRUZ CHURCH ON**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 12:00 PM.**

**BISHOP WEISENBURGER WILL PRESIDE / FR. STEPHEN WATSON WILL PREACH**  
**MUSIC BY ST. AUGUSTINE CHOIR**

**ALSO, WE WILL BE WELCOMING FR. MARCOS VELASQUEZ.**

**A GATHERING IN THE CARMELITE HALL WILL FOLLOW.**

**WE ASK FOR PARISHIONER'S PARTICIPATION**

**BY THIS BREAKDOWN OF LAST NAMES FOR THE POTLUCK:**

**• A – H •**

**SALADS, BREAD ROLLS**

**• I – P •**

**MAIN DISH**

**• Q – Z •**

**SIDE DISH**

Music

Well  
Wishes

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for more information and pricing.

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, July 8th

8:00am Ignacio & Hilda Vega & Walter Vega/R.I.P.  
5:30pm Antonia G. Bernal & Virginia B. Tellez/R.I.P.

### Sunday, July 9th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners  
8:00am Virginia Arevalo/R.I.P.  
10:00am Alicia Chapa/R.I.P.  
12:00pm Tudy Castro/R.I.P.  
6:00pm Carole Close/R.I.P.

### Monday, July 10th

Special Int./Benefactor  
8:00am Rene Montoya/R.I.P.

### Tuesday, July 11th

Special Int./Benefactor  
8:00am Virginia Arevalo/R.I.P.

### Wednesday, July 12th

Special Int./Benefactor  
8:00am Rene Montoya/R.I.P.

### Thursday, July 13th

Special Int./Benefactor  
8:00am Virginia Arevalo/R.I.P.

### Friday, July 14th

Special Int./Benefactor  
8:00am Rene Montoya/R.I.P.

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

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

**Baptisms:** Call the parish office/Llame a la oficina parroquial

**Matrimony:** Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.



### **Santa Cruz Religious Ed.**

The Religious Education Office is available for questions about our Catholic Faith. Give **Martin** a call (520) 882-9687.

Remember that there are presently no registrations until August.

La Oficina de Educación Religiosa está disponible para preguntas sobre nuestra fe católica. Llamé a **Martín** (520) 882-9687.

Recuerda que actualmente no hay inscripciones hasta agosto.



— Catholic Men —  
Support the Church and your community by joining the **Knights of Columbus** Fr. Ignacio / Bro. Angel Santa Cruz Council 14139 For more information on upcoming meetings please call the parish office 520-623-3833. [KofC.org/JoinUs](http://KofC.org/JoinUs)

### **Parish Collections**

**Sunday, July 2nd, 2023**

**Collection: \$ 9,964.05**

**Peter's Pence Collection \$ 1,459.18**

**MY SUNDAY OFFERING**

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

