



Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

1220 S. 6th Avenue • Tucson, AZ 85713



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6, 2023

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said,
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.” - Mt 17:5

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 al 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
Sábado Vigilia

5:30 pm - English

Sunday / Domingo

6:30 am - English

8:00 am - Español

10:00 am - English

(Also on Facebook Live-Stream)

12:00 pm - English

6:00 pm - English

Monday - Saturday

Lunes - Sábado

8:00 am - English

Confessions / Confeciones

Saturday / Sábado

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Parish Office / Oficina

Monday - Friday

Lunes - Viernes

8:30am - 4:30pm



Pastor

Rev. Marcos Velasquez

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Simon Muema, S.D.S.

Deacon

Rev. Ernesto Lujan

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A Parish in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson

August 3, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Grace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

After spending two nights at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands, I arrived at my new community at St. Therese Parish, Alhambra, last evening. We prayed Evening Prayer and then had a "gaudeamus" which is Latin for "let us rejoice." Fr. Peter Mary, OCD, the new pastor, arrived on August 1, so it was a welcoming for the two of us.

I want to thank you for a beautiful sendoff last Sunday. Yes, it was bitter-sweet, but your love made it more sweet than bitter. I want to apologize if I seemed detached and without emotion. I really did share your sentiments and emotions but, honestly, I was too numb to show mine. I felt like I was dreaming. I still do. I was surprised to wake up in a different bed this morning and for a moment I was confused. Sadness is starting to surface. I know I have been suppressing and ignoring how I have been feeling these last few weeks, even months.

I especially want to thank those who put on the farewell reception. I believe most of the organizing fell on Hada Reyes, our parish secretary. Many of you volunteered your time to set up and decorate the hall and outdoors. Truly, it was beautiful. The food was great, so thanks to all who contributed. I was just so pleased and grateful for everything last Sunday. I also thank you for your cards, your sweet and encouraging words, and your generous gifts. I am sorry that I was not able to pay attention to everyone, and everything going on. I wish I could replay the day.

I will be busy this month. The first two weekends of August I will be making mission appeals for our Uganda mission. Then on August 15 I travel to Uganda with Fr. Philip Sullivan. I will stay there until the end of August. It will be September before I start to really settle into my new assignment. Fr. Julius arrived at his new assignment at St. Cecilia Parish in Stanwood, Washington. Fr. David is at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands.

I pray for all of you. Be good, be true, and love the Blessed Virgin as much as you are able. No one can love the Blessed Virgin without loving her Son. Support your parish and your parish priests. You can thank Bishop Weisenburger for giving you two holy priests. I'll say goodbye for now. Let us journey together in faith. Love and prayers.

~ Fr. Steve

3 de agosto de 2023

Estimados feligreses y amigos,

Gracia y gozo en el Espíritu Santo.

Después de pasar dos noches en la Casa de Retiros El Carmelo en Redlands, anoche llegué a mi nueva comunidad en la Parroquia St. Therese, Alhambra. Rezamos la oración de la tarde y luego tuvimos un "Gaudeamus", que en latín significa "regocijémonos". El Padre Peter Mary, OCD, es el nuevo pastor, llegó el 1 de agosto, así que fue una bienvenida para los dos.

Quiero agradecerles por una hermosa despedida el domingo pasado. Sí, fue agri dulce, pero su amor lo hizo más dulce que amargo. Quiero disculparme si parecí distante y sin emoción. Realmente estaba compartiendo sus sentimientos y emociones pero, sinceramente, estaba demasiado sensible para mostrar los míos. Sentí que estaba soñando. Todavía pienso que es un sueño. Me sorprendió despertarme en una cama diferente esta mañana y por un momento me sentí confundido. Mi tristeza empieza a emerger. He estado reprimiendo e ignorando cómo me he estado sintiendo estas últimas semanas, incluso meses.

En especial quiero agradecer a quienes organizaron nuestra recepción de despedida. Creo que la mayor parte de la organización fue organizada por Hada Reyes, nuestra secretaria parroquial. Muchos de ustedes ofrecieron su tiempo para preparar y decorar el salón y el exterior. De verdad, todo fue hermoso. La comida fue excelente, así que gracias a todos los que contribuyeron. Estaba tan contento y agradecido todo ese domingo pasado. También les agradezco sus tarjetas, sus alentadoras palabras y sus generosos regalos. Lamento no haber podido prestar atención a todos y todo lo que estaba pasando. Quisiera revivir de vuelta ese día.

Estaré ocupado este mes. Los dos primeros fines de semana de agosto estaré haciendo apelaciones misioneras para nuestra misión en Uganda. Luego el 15 de agosto viajo a Uganda con el Padre Philip Sullivan. Me quedaré allí hasta finales de agosto. Será en septiembre antes de que realmente empiece a adaptarme a mi nueva asignación. El Padre Julius llegó a su nueva asignación en la Parroquia de St. Cecilia en Stanwood, Washington. El Padre David está en La Casa de Retiros El Carmelo en Redlands.

Rezo por todos ustedes. Sean buenos, sean fieles y amen a la Santísima Virgen tanto como puedan. Nadie puede amar a la Santísima Virgen sin amar a su Hijo. Apoyen a su parroquia y a sus párrocos. Agradézcan al Obispo Weisenburger por darles dos sacerdotes santos. Me despediré por ahora. Caminemos juntos en la fe. Amor y oraciones.

~ Padre Steve

Alive in Christ

Charismatic Renewal Day

Thursday August 10, 2022 at 6:30 PM

"Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."

- 1 Cor 12:31



- ❖ Lively Praise & Worship
- ❖ Share your word gifts
- ❖ Learn more about discernment
- ❖ Eucharistic Adoration and Blessing



Fr. Bala Kommathoti

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

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

Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick is available upon request for the faithful who are seriously ill, before major surgery, or advanced age. Please call the parish office (520) 623-3833 to make an appointment.

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.

MINISTRIES

- ♦ Knights of Columbus of Santa Cruz meet the first and third Monday, of every month at 6:30 pm in the Good Shepherd Room. Grand Knight, Andy Cancino.
- ♦ Orden Seglar de los Carmelita Descalzos de Santa Cruz, 'La Sagrada Familia' se reúnen el primer sábado, de cada mes. Alicia Nuñez.
- ♦ Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites of Santa Cruz meet every third Sunday, of every month at 9:30 am at Santa Cruz School. Martha Valukas.
- ♦ El Grupo Guadalupano de Santa Cruz se reúne todos los lunes a las 6:00 pm en la Capilla de Guadalupe. Martha Flores.
- ♦ Legion of Mary of Santa Cruz meet every Monday at 4:00 pm in the Capilla de Guadalupe. Martha Flores.
- ♦ Our Lady of Mount Carmel Bereavement Group meet the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Good Shepherd Room. Rico Chapa.
- ♦ Lector - Lectores
- ♦ Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist - Ministros Extraordinarios de la Eucaristía
- ♦ Altar Servers - Monaguillos
- ♦ Ushers - Ministros de Hospitalidad

Discalced Carmelite Secular Order

Are you seeking a closer relationship with Jesus and a deeper prayer life? Do you have a devotion to Our Blessed Mother and an interest in the teachings of the Carmelite Saints?

During the months of July, August and September the Santa Cruz Community of Secular Discalced Carmelites welcomes visitors to attend our meetings and find out about our way of life in order to discern whether God is calling you to be part of the Carmelite religious order as a lay person. For more information, visit our website <http://ocds.info> and contact the OCDS Council President via e-mail at: j5m2j@icloud.com



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Si quieres crecer en tu vida espiritual y enriquecer tu vida de oración, los Talleres de Oración y Vida (TOV) son para ti. Los TOV se ofrecerán en español en la Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street) empezando el miércoles, 16 de agosto hasta el sábado, 9 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm hasta las 8:30 pm. Son 15 talleres. El último taller será en la Escuela del Inmaculado Corazón de María (410 E. Magee Road). Terminaremos con un día en silencio, e intimidad, en el Desierto para estar más cerca con el Señor. El costo es mínimo, nada más para el material. Hablen a Martha Flores al 520-704-5047 para más información, y registración.

PLEASE NOTE...

Offices will be closed on
Tuesday, August 15th for the
Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 5th

8:00am Alfred Padilla/R.I.P.

5:30pm Marissa & Ignacio "Kito" Carbajal/R.I.P.

Sunday, August 6th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Amado Grijalva/R.I.P.

10:00am Angie Amaro/R.I.P.

12:00pm Special Int./Pueblo High School,
Administration & Community

6:00pm LaRhonda Goatson/R.I.P.

Monday, August 7th

8:00am Amado Grijalva/R.I.P.

Tuesday, August 8th

8:00am Alicia Chapa/R.I.P.

Wednesday, August 9th

8:00am Ramona Gonzales/Happy Birthday

Thursday, August 10th

8:00am Amado Grijalva/R.I.P.

Friday, August 11th

8:00am Ralf Lanik/R.I.P.

New Parishioners are Always welcome!
Register using forms available in the church.

Baptisms:

Information on our Church Website.

Matrimony:

Please call at least six months in advance.

¡Feligreses Nuevos Siempre son Bienvenidos!

Regístrese usando los formularios
disponibles en la iglesia.

Bautismos:

Información en nuestro Sitio Web.

Matrimonio:

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de
anticipación.

Parish Collections

Sunday, July 31st, 2023
Collection: \$ 5,763.30

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



Santa Cruz Religious Education

(520) 882-9687 • Office Hours:

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

Saturday: 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

Registration for Catechism Classes has
begun. Call the office to make an
appointment to register your child.
Information regarding class times will be
given to you when you call. **Classes will
begin Saturday, September 9th.**

Educación Religiosa

(520) 882-9687 • Horas de Oficina:

Lunes - Viernes 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Sábado: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

La inscripción para las clases de
catecismo comenzó. Debe llamar a la
oficina de Catecismo para hacer una cita
para registrar a su hijo. Se le dará
información sobre los horarios de clase
cuando llame. **Las clases comenzarán
el sábado, 9 de septiembre.**

