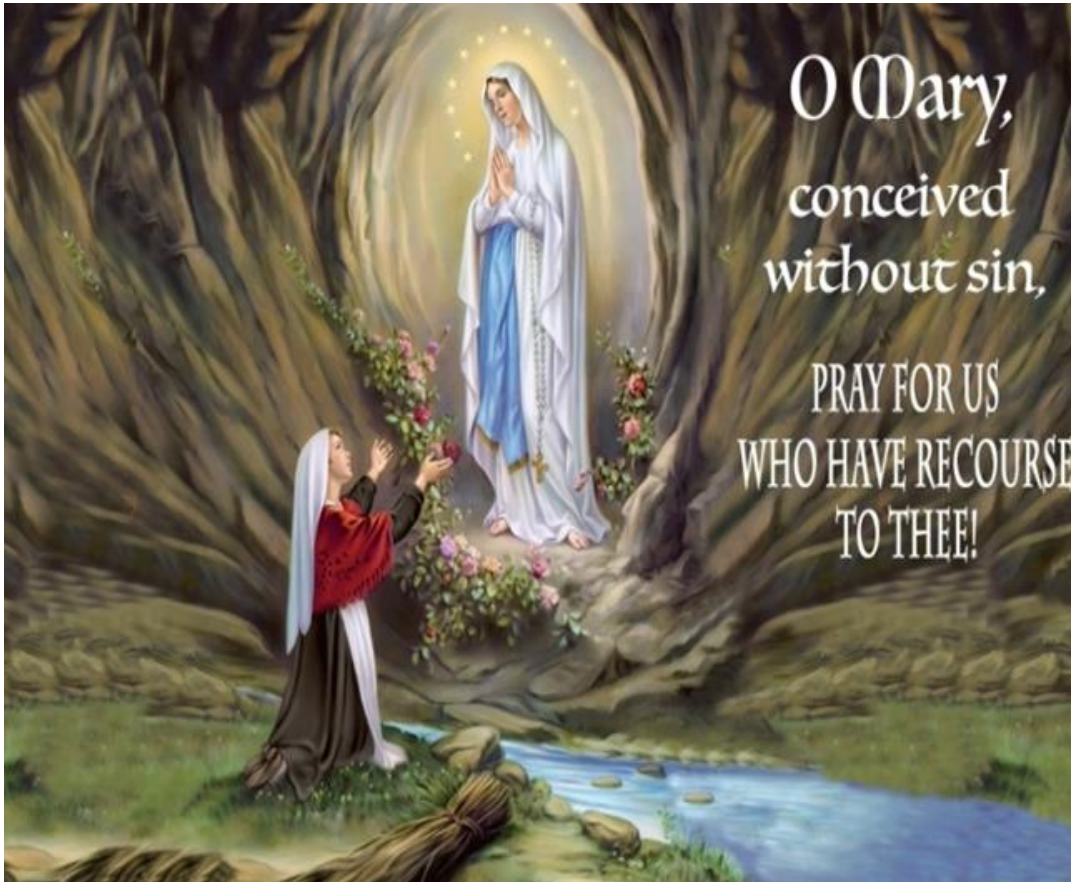


Sunday, February 20, 2022
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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Benson, AZ 85602

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Parish Information



Deacons:

Reverend Mr Rick Valencia
Reverend Mr Thomas Adams (retired)

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office—520-586-3394

Office Manager: Peggy Leichty

For Sacramental Preparation, Religious Education or to schedule a Confession, please call the Parish Office.

List of Ministry Leaders

DRE	Rich and Peggy Leichty
Compliance	Chrecentia Nduwimana
Eucharistic Ministers	Marilyn Cooke
Bereavement Support	Mary Ann Young
Funerals - Liturgies	Helen Garcia
K of C Grand Knight	Rich Leichty
Lectors	Marilyn Cooke
Music	Filly Nelson
Weddings - Liturgy	Helen Garcia
RCIA	Marie Smith
Ushers	Rich Leichty
Sacristans	Marie Smith
Faith in Action	Melissa Tibbitts

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.

FULL PROTOCOL—Masks and social distancing observed

SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Mask protocol is optional

TUESDAY 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

8:00 a.m.

ALL MASSES INSIDE

Holy Days of Obligation: Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Benediction on the first Friday of the month—after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Mass in Spanish every third Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

NO MASS in Spanish in FEBRUARY while Father is away.

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.

OR BY APPOINTMENT

An Act of Spiritual Communion

(for those unable to physically receive Communion)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

MASS/EVENT/NEWS

- In consideration of Father Martin's absence from Our Lady of Lourdes while he travels home to Ghana, the Mass schedule for the month of February and the first few days of March will be modified slightly. Saturday and Sunday Masses will be held as usual. Tuesday - Friday weekday Masses will be Communion Services only - presided over by Deacon Rick and Deacon Tom.
- Father Stan Szczapa (aka 'Father Stan') will be filling in for Father Martin during the three weekend Masses for the month of February. We are so grateful for his support during this time.
- On Sunday February 27, the group of women from Africa (including Chrecentia) who visited us a little while ago will be returning to have a small retreat here at the church. They will attend the Sunday morning 10:30 Mass and sing the praise and worship songs as they did on their first visit. After the 10:30 Mass they will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Adoration) and Benediction. This will be an experience from their homeland and all are welcome to attend. None of the prayers or songs will be in English - with the exception of the Benediction. The service will last for an hour. Call the office with any questions.

Weekend and Weekday Masses

Saturday 2/19

5:00 p.m.

†Birger Streed by Bill and Marilyn Cooke

†Sylvia Rothermich by the McKee family

Sunday 2/20

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

†Margie Zabodny by the Leichtys

†Howard and Lucy McMahon by Mary Lopshire

No weekday Masses until Father Martin returns

Saturday 2/26

5:00 p.m.

†Janette Rumsey by Bill and Marilyn Cooke

†Sylvia Rothermich by McKee Family

†Maria Scalzo by the Kaczmarzyks

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

Renee Larsen by Paula Ratkos

Prayer of the week

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things,

we may carry out in both word and deed

that which is pleasing to you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Weekly Offering of 02/13

Total Collection: \$3118

Candles \$10 SVDP \$5

Brother Box \$30 FMF \$458

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Our Lady of Lourdes Church needs a GROUNDSKEEPER

This is a part-time position responsible for maintaining the properties of the church to include the area around the church, the office and parking areas, and the rectory grounds.

Apply at diocesetucson.org

For help with the application call the Parish Office - 520-586-3394

ITS TIME FOR THE

Coming Soon

ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BAKE SALE!!

On February **26th** after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday February **27th** after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses the Knights will be holding their annual bake sale fundraiser! Please come prepared to buy some of the best baked goods in town! The sale will be outside of the church after each Mass. Let the baking begin!!

St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Bernadette Conference, Benson, AZ
(520)586-9438 Maggie Montijo, President

Thrift Store Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday-Friday and Saturdays

Closed Sundays-Mondays and Wednesdays

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift store is located at 181 Patagonia Street. (corner of 5th Street and Patagonia Street across from G & F Pizza.)

Donate your clean, unbroken, gently used items at the **East end of the building by the garage door**. Please do not drop off items at the entrance to the building. **No mattresses or TV's**

The Thrift store Volunteers Thank you for your support!

Information for you! **February** – February 8 is the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children. Situations caused by Covid-19 have pushed traffickers online and out of sight, making the exploitation of children more convenient. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501c(3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131

DID YOU KNOW??

The Difference between Dieting and Fasting.

The critical difference between fasting and dieting is **intention**.

Both involve a limited intake of food, but they are utilized and implemented differently. Dieting is purely for the sake of physical health or even personal vanity, while fasting is a spiritual exercise. What does this spiritual exercise do?

A few of the main benefits of fasting: it tames our bodily appetites, which can be sources of temptation for us; detaches us from physical comforts, which can weaken us and impede growth in virtue; and aids us in personal self-mastery, so that we can resist sin and choose the good even when it's difficult to do so. In fact, fasting isn't just helpful to prayer: *it must be joined to prayer*. It's ineffective on its own.

Fasting has physical benefits, as well, as the secular world has recently discovered. It goes to show that God takes care of *all* our needs, physical and spiritual—body and soul!

This ancient spiritual practice isn't optional. Fasting combined with prayer is a crucial part of our progress towards God. The Church actually prescribes two obligatory fast days a year: Ash Wednesday (March 2 this year) and Good Friday (April 15 this year.) In addition to these days, we should consider adding in a bit of extra fasting to our spiritual routines, according to our ability, health, and duties in life.

THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Please add your intentions to the Prayer intention book that is located on the table by the entrance to the church.

Have fun coloring the picture below!

David shows mercy to Saul as he (Saul) is the “Lord’s anointed one, and a Father to me.” 1 Samuel 24: ...11.



Note

- Father Martin sends his greetings to all. His message: “Happy St. Valentine’s Day to you and all parishioners. May the Spirit of the Lord be renewed in each and every one of us. May we be filled with His Love.”
- A note of interest from Embry Health. They are hiring and need help in Benson. The pay is \$20/hr and no medical experience is necessary. Interested people can apply at embryhealth.com

**Knights of Columbus Logan De Rosier Council #7521
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**

<http://www.ololparish.org/kofc/index.htm>

Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 p.m. in the
Msgr. Rosettie Hall.

All Knights and visiting Knights are encouraged and welcome to attend. Any practicing Catholic gentleman 18 or older wishing to join the Knights of Columbus may contact any member or Rich Leichty at 303-859-1846 for more information.

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE!!

Math Tutoring Program

The Knights of Columbus provides **no cost** High School Math tutoring at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.
All safe environment protocols will be maintained.

For more information call **Tony Macias** at 520-221-1362



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Annual Catholic Appeal
(ACA).**

The ACA is up and running with a beautiful banner hanging outside the church. If you have not already done so, please donate to the ACA.

**YOUR DONATION
DOES MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!**

You can donate securely on-line at:

www.cathfnd.org/donate

or pick up a white ACA envelope in Church.



Please review this list and let the Office Manager know any changes or additions that are needed.

Please Pray for Our Men and Women in the Military and their

Families

ARMY: Brian Curd: Chris Krug: Matthew Lawrence, Richard McMillian: Tommy Montijo: Benjamin Nolting: Richard Matthew Simpson CPT: Colby Tigges: Joseph James Simpson ENS: Quentin Tigges: Kenal Hestand: Matthew Castagno: Joseph Agay: Nicholas Pecina: Andrew Pecina: Jared Romero: Hannah Amavisca: Norman Richard Scroggins: Gordon Molina: Nicolas Amavisca

MARINES: Anthony Contreras: Philip Hinecker: Antonio Agay: Eddie Zazueta: Jordan Sanud: Jerry Gordo:

AIR FORCE: Miss Alyx Jeter-Ruiz: Matthew Nolting: Stefan Olivas: Richard Restorff: Sabrina Sturgeon:

COAST GUARD: Steve Macias:

AIR NAT'L GUARD:

NATIONAL GUARD: Spec. Michael Lehman:

NAVY: Bradley Maxwell: Jonathan Martell II: Eddy Sisneroz: Michael Young: Dylan Bernal: Steven Coaetto: Jake Thoutt: Mackenzie Kirkpatrick:

CTSO News (Catholic Tuition Support Organization)

Under Arizona law, taxpayers may contribute their tax liability to a parochial school. This essentially costs you nothing because you will receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit against your Arizona income tax liability. Your dollars can go either to the State of Arizona or to support Catholic education through CTSO. Brochures are in the vestibule or visit www.ctso-tucson.org for online giving. **Make your contribution by April 15, 2022 for the 2021 tax year.**

FLOCKNOTE:

Thanks again for signing up for Flocknotes. The news from Embry Health has been so much easier to spread within our parish using this system. Just call the office and leave your name and phone number. It's that easy!



Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Peter Damian; Presidents' Day

Tuesday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday

Wednesday: St. Polycarp

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

NOTE: Due to the Diocesan concern for safety regarding the current COVID impact on young people, the Bishop has extended a dispensation from attending Mass to families with children under 5 or with family members who are unable to be vaccinated at this time. To assure the ability to socially distance for those who wish to do so while attending Mass, there is a large screen TV set up in the middle classroom that will live stream the Mass. Communion will be brought over to the Classroom. All in the room while the Mass is being viewed must wear a mask.

The Brother Box

Please remember those who may need a little help at some time. The Brother Box is an excellent way to share our gifts in a small way with others, and to teach our children and grandchildren the grace of giving! The box is located in the front of the church on the left in front of the choir loft. Proceeds from the donations are used to assist folks travelling through our area and who are in need of help, as well as neighbors who may need some small assistance.

Happening this week:

2/20—Religious Education for children 9-10:15 a.m..

2/23 - Adult Bible Study 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

2/24 - Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m.

2/25 10:00 a.m. Funeral for Robert Blanco

2/25 - RCIA 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.