

*Sunday, March 6, 2022*  
*First Sunday of Lent*



*O Mary,  
conceived  
without  
sin, pray  
for us who  
have  
recourse to  
Thee.*

*Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church*

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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

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

### **CONFESSIONS**

SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.

OR BY APPOINTMENT

***PLEASE SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR ASH WEDNESDAY INFORMATION***

### **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.

Amen.

### **MASS/EVENT/NEWS**

- Marriage Help - A Retrouvaille Weekend can help couples rediscover hope and purpose in their marriage. Register Now for a Retrouvaille Weekend beginning Friday evening, March 25 - Sunday, March 27, 2022. Visit: [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or Call or Text (520) 222-9157.
- Today, March 6th, at the 10:30 Mass, The Rite of Sending will be held for two of our parishioners who have been preparing for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults through this past year. Casey Jackson is a catechumen and is beginning her final preparation and purification leading to her initiation. Alan Figueroa is a candidate for reception of full communion with the Catholic Church. They will receive the blessing of this community and then proceed in the afternoon to St. Augustine Cathedral in Tucson to celebrate with Bishop Edward Weisenburger the Lord's choice of them to be numbered among his elect. They will formally enter the church at the Easter Vigil at Our Lady of Lourdes.

## **Weekend and Weekday Masses**

### **Saturday March 5**

**5:00 p.m.**

†Joe Zagrosky by Bill and Marilyn Cooke

†Souls in Purgatory by Diane Swendsen

### **Sunday March 6**

Pro Populo

**Sunday**

10:30 a.m.

†Jean Pope by Diane Swendsen

† Carlos Andrade by Manuelita Farrell

### **Tuesday March 8 6:00 p.m.**

†Ally Hill by Dan and Helen Garcia

### **Wednesday March 9 8:00 a.m.**

†Armira Chavez Ballejos by SVDP

### **Thursday March 10 8:00 a.m.**

†Imelda Ramirez by Julie Gamez

### **Saturday March 12 5:00 p.m.**

†Ginny Novak by Bill and Marilyn Cooke

†Edmond and Lucille Zissa  
by Sister Alice

## **Prayer of the week**

### **First Sunday of Lent**

Grant, almighty God,  
through the yearly observances of  
holy Lent, that we may grow in un-  
derstanding of the riches hidden in  
Christ and by worthy conduct pursue  
their effects.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your  
Son, Amen

**Weekly Offering 02/27-22**

Total Collection: \$4,309

Candles \$30 Brother Box \$76.03

Black and Indian Mission \$10

SVDP \$5

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

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## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;  
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt  
6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-  
19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3,  
7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;  
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-  
14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-  
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## **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](http://diocesetucson.org)

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



**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 (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
**Changes that you will observe in the church during Lent**

**As Jesus relived the life of Israel** by fulfilling all that Israel had failed to do, the Church lives the life of Jesus in its liturgical seasons and the Mass. The Church makes changes to the Mass to reflect the liturgical season. What's different in the Mass during Lent? The most notable changes are the colors of the priest's vestments and altar linens (purple symbolizing repentance) and the absence of the Gloria and the Alleluia. The decorations on the altar reflect a more somber atmosphere that helps us to focus on this season for change.

**We are on a spiritual journey** toward the Second Coming and our eternal life in Heaven. In order to remind us of that journey, the Church, during Lent, removes the Alleluia from the Mass. Instead, we acknowledge our sins and practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving so that one day we may again have the privilege of worshipping God alongside the angels.

**The Return of the Gloria and Alleluia at Easter**

That day comes triumphantly on Holy Saturday night during the Easter Vigil when the priest or deacon chants a triple Alleluia before proclaiming the Gospel and everyone responds in turn, with a triple Alleluia.

**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.*

## FOLLOW-UP

February 21, 2022

*A letter from Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, Bishop Emeritus of Tucson:*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

I am deeply grateful for your prayers and expression of concern since my open heart surgery on January 6. It is now six weeks since the surgery and I am beginning to feel much better. I expect to begin cardio-rehab on March 1 at St. Joseph Hospital.

Over these six weeks I have been gifted by the support of so many who spoiled me and have nursed me back to health. I have been reminded of how good people are and how much people are willing to sacrifice to help someone. Dr. Robert Hooker, my surgeon, his medical staff, as well as the health care workers at Banner have been amazing. I have been so blessed.

Bishop Weisenburger has been such a great support, contacting me regularly and providing any support that was needed. We are blessed to have him as our bishop, a pastor who cares. I have been cleared to drive, to travel, and to begin again my ministry for which I am grateful. While further recovery is necessary, I am hopeful the biggest challenge is behind me. The experience of illness and vulnerability is a teaching moment. I hope it has made me more sensitive to the challenges and struggles that people face. I have come to realize more clearly that many are in need of support and care. We are all vulnerable. It is our call to accompany the many people who are suffering and in need. What a privilege is the call we have received to accompany those struggling. Please continue to remember me in your prayers as I will continue to hold you in prayer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas

Bishop Emeritus of Tucson

## Note

- **February 24, 2022** - *Pray for peace and justice for Ukraine, and especially for members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. They are in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church but their faith is illegal in Russia. — Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger"*
- Father Martin has returned from Ghana! He arrived Friday night and is resting after his journey.

### What is Metanoia?

“Metanoia” is a word that is heard a lot in the Greek Bible Translations. Here is a definition: Literally repentance or penance. The term is regularly used in the Greek New Testament, especially in the Gospels and the preaching of the Apostles. Repentance is shown by faith, baptism, confession of sins, and producing fruits worthy of penance. It means a change of heart from sin to the practice of virtue. As conversion, it is fundamental to the teaching of Christ, was the first thing demanded by Peter on Pentecost, and is considered essential to the pursuit of Christian perfection.

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.

**There is a Meeting this Wednesday  
at 6:30 p.m.n!**

**RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE!!**

Math Tutoring Program

The Knights of Columbus provides **no cost** High School Math tutoring at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The devil said to him “if you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” Jesus replied “One does not live on bread alone.”



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**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 Gordoa:

**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:



## LENT HAS BEGUN

- Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. on each Friday during Lent.
- The schedule for The Lenten Season will be printed on a white card and placed at the entrance to the church next weekend (March 12-13). It will also be posted on the website as soon as approved.

### **Saints and Special Observances**

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent;  
Girl Scouting Sunday  
Monday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity;  
Julian calendar Lent begins  
Tuesday: St. John of God  
Wednesday: St. Frances of Rome  
Friday: Abstinence

**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:**

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Religious Education  
10:30 Mass - Rite of sending for Catechumens and Candidates  
Wednesday - Adult Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
Thursday - Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Friday - RCIA 3:00 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross 5:00 p.m.