

September 14, 2025
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



*We adore you, O
Christ, and we
bless you,
because by your
holy Cross you
have redeemed
the world.*

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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then the Diocesan Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection
at **520-838-2513**

Parish Information

Deacons:

Reverend Mr. Rick Valencia

Reverend Mr. Tom Adams (retired)

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

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Please call ahead if you wish to visit with Father Martin

Finance/Office Assistant: Jennifer Morse

Compliance/Office Assistant: Liz Rutherford

Custodian: Gerald Nelson

**For Mass Intentions, Sacramental Preparation, including:
Baptism, Religious Education, Quinceañeras, Marriage
or to schedule a Confession,** please call the Parish Office.



List of Ministry Leaders

Board of Directors

President: Fr. Martin Atanga,

Secretary: Helen Garcia, **Treasurer:** Al Cesarz

Chairman: Dan Garcia, **Secretary:** De Wilson

Assistant Secretary: Melissa Tibbitts

Bookkeeper: Vita Baker-Luna

Finance Council

Chairman: Tom Stevenson **Secretary:** Helen Garcia

Peggy Leichty, **Assistant DRE:** Ray Ruiz

Parish Pastoral Council

- **DRE**
- **Eucharistic Ministers**
- **Funerals**
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- **Lectors**
- **Music**
- **Weddings**
- **RCIA**
- **Ushers/Compliance Asst.**
- **Sacristans**
- **Parish Alive**
- **Renovation & Repair**
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- **Vocations**
- **St. Joseph, the Worker Ministry**

Kirby and De Wilson

Call Office

S.K. Al Cesarz

Kirby and De Wilson

Filly Nelson

Call Office

Marie Smith

Rich Leichty

Marie Smith

Bridget Dundon

Dan Garcia and Kirby Wilson

Rich Leichty and Matt Brewster

Greg Mayer and Donna Mayer

Dan Garcia

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
TUESDAY 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY 8:00 a.m.
SPANISH MASS 2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 12:30 p.m.
Holy Days of Obligation: Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Benediction every Friday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
OR BY APPOINTMENT (call the office)

Anointing of the Sick is every 1st Wednesday of each month following the 8:00 am Mass.

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.

A Message from Father Martín:
My regards and blessings to all parishioners and visitors. I am doing well and miss each one of you. Blessings, Fr. Martin.

While Father Martin is away, we will be blessed with Father Stan Szczapa's presence. Father Stan will be celebrating our regular weekend Masses (including Reconciliation on Saturdays before the 5:00 p.m. Mass) and the Spanish Mass on September 14th. During the week, he will celebrate Mass on Wednesday and Friday mornings. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, there will be a Communion Service only.

The **Religious Education** We are still accepting registrations for the Religious Education programs offered at Our Lady of Lourdes. Please call the Parish Office for a registration form.

Weekend and Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 13, 2025

5:00 p.m.

† Marilyn Smith, anniversary of death, by Marie Smith

Sunday, September 14, 2025

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

Kelley Vassar by David Estrella

12:30 p.m. Spanish

Saturday, September 20, 2025

5:00 p.m.

† Manuel and Tony Guerra by the Stevenson Family

Mass Requests

If you would like to request a Mass intention, you may do so online or call or visit the parish office. Jesus taught “show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses prescribed,” after he cured a leper (Mt 8:1-4).

TODAY’S READINGS

Sunday, September 14, 2025

First Reading: Nm 21:4b-9 *Moses fashions a saraph and mounts it on a pole.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 78 “*Do not forget the works of the Lord!*”

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11 *Jesus emptied himself for our salvation.*

Gospel: Jn 3:13-17 *God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of September 15, 2025

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8 | Ps 28:2, 7-9, 11-13 | Lk 2: 33-35

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13 | Ps 101:1b-3b, 5-6 | Lk 7: 11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16 | Ps 111:1-6 | Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16 | Ps 111:7-10 | Lk 7: 36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12 | Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 | Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16 | Ps 100:1b-5 | Lk 8:4-15

Pope Leo XIV’s Intention for September 2025 For Our Relationship with All Creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Upcoming Events

- Calling all MEN! **That Man Is You** is coming to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. TMIY is a free men's leadership development program designed to help us become men after God's own heart. Combining scientific evidence with the teachings of the Catholic Church and wisdom of the Saints, we will be discovering the scriptural traits of manhood, how Jesus perfectly exemplified the role of man, and the wonderful renewal God has planned for men, their families, and society. Please join us beginning on **September 5th** at 6:00 a.m. in the Hall for a weekly men's group as we discover and become the men that God has called us to be, **That Man Is You!** Please contact Richard Leichty or Cameron Olsen for more information and how to sign up.
- There will be a **Parish Alive** meeting on **Sunday, September 21st** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.
- Our newest study, *Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church* will begin classes on **October 8th and 9th**. Please pick up a flyer at the back of the church for more details. Workbook materials are available directly through Ascension Press. We look forward to seeing you in October!

Saints and Special Observances this week

Monday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday: Sts Cornelius and Cyprian

Wednesday: St Robert Bellarmine & St. Hildegard of Bingen

Friday: St Januarius

Saturday: Sts Andrew Kim Tae-Gon & Paul Chong Ha-Sang

September 7, 2025 Collection

Parish Funds

Offertory \$2,957.11

Facilities Maintenance Fund \$60.30

Brother Box/C&M \$168.00

Candles \$24.00

Lighthouse \$5.00

Ascension \$10.00

Thanksgiving \$55.02

Funds to be sent out

St. Vincent de Paul \$54.00

Diocesan Catholic Schools \$50.00

**** Online Giving Available ****

Please visit our website ololparish.com and scroll down to online giving. You will be redirected to Our Sunday Visitor hub where you can securely make an offering, view upcoming collections, set reminders, and more. Thank you for your generosity to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Lighthouse

Adult and Family Religious reading resources are available in the back of the church (on the right hand far side as you exit) for small donations. They explore anything from one topic to an entire review of a relevant subject. Please have a look every once in a while to see if there is a topic that interests you or if new materials have been added, as this happens frequently!

Have you signed up for Flocknotes?

Flocknotes are a fast and easy way of communicating information that you may need to know as a parishioner. Flocknotes are text messages that may be sent out by the office staff, including Father Martin, that make you aware of things such as, special mass reminders, potential mass changes, special events, meetings etc. You may also receive Flocknotes from the Diocese of Tucson that communicate special messages. To sign up for Flocknotes, please call the office and leave your name and number and the staff will add you to our Flock.

The Brother Box/Coffee and More

There are those in our community who sometimes need a little help. The Brother Box/Coffee and More funds have been very helpful in supporting our Parish to help meet this need. The box is located in the front of the church on the left in front of the choir loft. The biggest needs recently are for people who have emergency medical appointments and do not have the money to buy gas to get there, and for travelers or others who are hungry and need some assistance. We are grateful for your support.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Bernadette
Conference, Benson, AZ**

(520) 586-9438 Maggie Montijo, President

Case Management Phone number is 520-686-1489 (for assistance) Please leave a message!

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.)

The Thrift Store Volunteers thank you for your support!

We Care Pregnancy Center

We Care Pregnancy Center of Benson Arizona is a free pregnancy resource center. They offer compassionate, confidential resources to those who are in a crisis pregnancy situation. They also are a resource for families in our community providing support with diapers, clothing, formula, parenting classes etc. This organization is strictly pro-life and does not promote abortion or provide referrals to abortion clinics. For more information please visit their website www.wecarebenson.com. ***If you would like to donate items to "We Care", you may leave them at the church and the office staff will deliver them. Or - you can deliver them yourself!***



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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 Monsignor 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 the membership drive director, S. K. Dan Garcia - 520-444-1339 for more information.

Saint Joseph, the Worker Ministry

Just as St. Joseph took care of Mary and Jesus and worked throughout his life to provide for them, we begin a new Ministry in honor of St. Joseph, the Worker. Members will dedicate their work to St. Joseph while maintaining the grounds surrounding the Church property. Please consider if you feel called to help out on a scheduled basis with the grounds maintenance and/or with projects that need to be completed around the Parish properties. **Touch base with Dan Garcia (520) 444-1339.**

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, we ask You with confidence for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Your Church. Aided by the intercession of Immaculate Mary, let there be a rich harvest of vocations. Let men be enlightened and strengthened to follow Your call to serve as priests and brothers. Let seminaries overflow, and bless their formators and teachers with a wisdom not of this world. Let Your daughters feel an irresistible pull to a life on contemplation and service as sisters and nuns. Let there be a new flowering of religious orders which seek the path of holiness. Let men and women You call to marriage see the importance of this vocation, and like Tobias, see their spouses for a noble purpose. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer by Rev. Victor Perez



Please review this list and let the Office Staff know of 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, Faith Daniels, Koryn Naquin

MARINES: Anthony Contreras, Antonio Agay, Eddie Zazueta, Jordan Sanud, Jerry Gordoa, Rolando Carrillo Jr, Gabriel Contreras, Gabe Osuna, Popeye Contreras, Rolando Carrillo II

AIR FORCE: Miss Alyx Lynn, Sean Lynn, Matthew Nolting, Stefan Olivas, Richard Restorff, Sabrina Moore, Annis Coquette, Brayden Moore, Kaylene Flint, Ignacio Bustamante Jr.

COAST GUARD: Steve Macias, Justin Vivian

AIR NAT'L GUARD: Ryan Erskine

NAVY: Bradley Maxwell Jonathan Martell II, Eddy Sisneroz, Dylan Bernal, Jake Thoutt, Mackenzie Kirkpatrick, Devin Vivian, Daniel Kaleb Wenrick, Tatianna Quezada, Randy Suprenant

Space Force: Nicole Flint - Space Force Guardian

Let's Pray the rosary, Arizona!

AZ Rosary Celebration

Saturday, October 18, 2025

10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

8650 N Shannon Road, Tucson AZ 85742



Most Reverend Gerald Kicanas, D.D.

Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Tucson, Presiding

Arizona Rosary Celebration is a state-wide event with gatherings in multiple cities. Join thousands of Catholics across the state to pray and give public witness to the faith. Bring your family, invite your friends. This year's celebration will be the 250th anniversary of this event and we will be honoring our Blessed Mother under her title Our Lady of Guadalupe.

It is that time again! We have begun the collection for the Thanksgiving Baskets.

Canned vegetables:

Corn

Green Beans

Mixed vegetables/peas

Dried Beans

Rice

Instant mashed potatoes

Gravy mix (packets) or jars

Creamed soups (mushroom/celery/
corn/chicken)

Stuffing- boxes and bags

Evaporated/powdered milk

Yams/sweet potatoes

Cranberry sauce/jellied or whole

berry

Pumpkin



Last year, 107 families signed up for a basket which provided meals for about 530 people in our community. Below is the Thanksgiving Basket needs list. Items in red are the current items being collected. Items in blue indicate that we have enough of that item—if that situation should occur!

Please check the expiration dates on your donations as we have found a few items out-of-date. We gratefully accept donations of fresh produce during the 5 days at the end of the collection time. Items may be donated by placing them under the side altar or you may leave them at the parish office during business hours. If you are interested in helping this project along, you may do so by participating in the Parish Alive meetings when they occur.