

*June 1, 2025*  
*The Ascension of the Lord*



*As he blessed  
them he parted  
from them and  
was taken up to  
heaven.*

***Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church***

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To report abuse in the Diocese of Tucson, call **911** immediately and  
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**
- **K of C Grand Knight**
- **Lectors**
- **Music**
- **Weddings**
- **RCIA**
- **Ushers/Compliance Asst.**
- **Sacristans**
- **Parish Alive**
- **Renovation & Repair**
- **I.T.**
- **Vocations**
- **St. Joseph, the Worker Ministry**

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**S.K.** Al Cesarz

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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.**

**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**

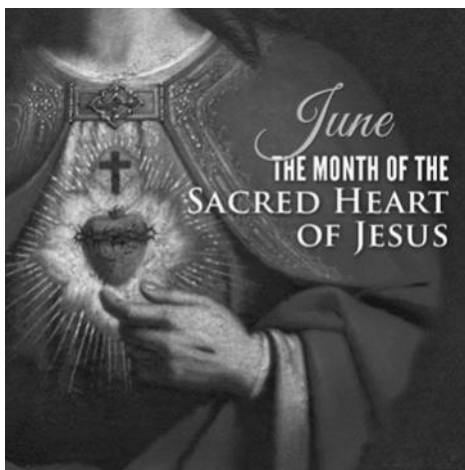
**SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.**

**OR BY APPOINTMENT (call the office)**

## **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.



O Most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessings on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Within your heart, I place my every care. In every need let me come to you with humble trust saying, Heart of Jesus, help me.  
Amen

## **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).

## **Weekend and Weekday Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, May 31, 2025**

**5:00 p.m.**

† Joey Cota by Dell Mellentine

**Sunday, June 1, 2025**

**8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**

† Joey Cota by Dell Mellentine

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025**

**6:00 p.m.**

† Raymond Smith, anniversary of death by Marie Smith

**Wednesday, June 4, 2025**

**8:00 a.m.**

† Sylvia Rothermich by McKee family

**Thursday, June 5, 2025**

**8:00 a.m.**

Brooke, Kevin and baby by Mom and Dad

**Friday, June 6, 2025**

**8:00 a.m.**

Scarlett Brewster by her family

**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

**5:00 p.m.**

† Richard Little by Phyllis Little

Poor souls in purgatory by Diane Swendsen

**Sunday, June 8, 2025**

**8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**

† Barney Farrell by Manuelita Olivarez-Farrell

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter, June 1, 2025**

**First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11. *As the Apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 47:2-3, 6-9. *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord."*

**Second Reading:** Eph 1:17-23. *Christ is the head of the church; where he is we are called to follow.*

**Gospel:** Lk 24:46-53. *As he blessed them, he was taken up to heaven.*

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK of June 2, 2025**

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3b, 4, 5ac, 6-7b; Jn 16:29-33.

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a.

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b; Jn 17:11b-19.

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26.

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19.

**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4-5, 7; Jn 21:20-25.

## **In Memoriam, Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for the month of June That the world might grow in compassion**

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

## Upcoming Events

- There will be a **Parish Alive meeting Sunday, June 1st, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Classroom #2.** There will be a discussion concerning plans for the 4th of July parade.
- We are pleased to announce that it has been agreed to have a **Spanish Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes.** Starting on **Pentecost Sunday, June 8th**, and on the second Sunday of every month thereafter, the Mass will be celebrated at **12:30 p.m.** We will celebrate with a potluck following the first 12:30 Spanish mass on June 8th. Todos son bienvenidos!
- **Charismatic Healing Mass.** Join us for lively praise and worship, and prayers for all your intentions, at a Charismatic Healing Mass. Fr. Bala will give a teaching on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and a special blessing for all the graduates of his Religious Education Level 1 students. Come at 6:45 pm on Thursday, June 12, 2025, to Our Lady of La Vang / St Frances Cabrini, 3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson. If you cannot attend in person, you can view a recording of this gathering from a link on <https://TucsonCCR.org> after June 16. Hosted by the Diocese of Tucson Renewal Committee.



### **Upcoming Second Collections:**

June 8-9 — Facilities Maintenance Fund  
June 28-29 — Holy Father (Peter's Pence)

### **May 25, 2025 Collection**

#### **Parish Funds**

Offertory \$2,454.68  
Brother Box/C&M \$66.30  
Candles \$54.25  
Lighthouse \$4  
Facilities Maintenance Fund \$120.00

#### **Funds to be sent out**

\$0.00

### **Saints and Special Observances**

**Monday:** Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs  
**Tuesday:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs  
**Thursday:** St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr  
**Friday:** St. Norbert, Bishop; First Friday of the Month

## **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](http://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!**

## **Scam Alert**

**If you are contacted by anyone claiming to be from the Diocese or Our Lady of Lourdes asking for money or gift cards, please confirm the contact's identity with the Diocese at 520-838-2500 or Our Lady of Lourdes office at 520-586-3394.**



# 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

**MARINES:** Anthony Contreras, Antonio Agay, Eddie Zazueta, Jordan Sanud, Jerry Gordo, 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, Anissa Daniels, Brayden Moore, Kaylene Flint

**COAST GUARD:** Steve Macias, Justin Vivian

**AIR NAT'L GUARD:** Ryan Erskine

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**Space Force:** Nicole Flint - Space Force Guardian



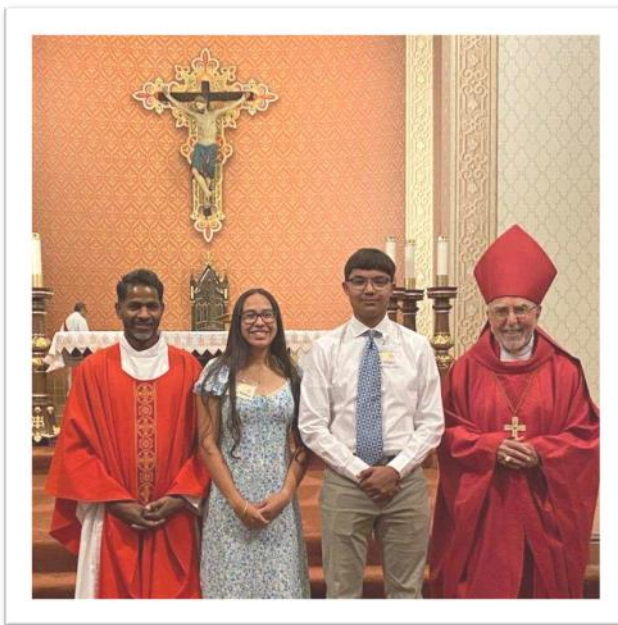


# *Congratulations*

Congratulations to Abel Osuna and Isabella Contreras on your Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit fill your heart with grace, strength, and wisdom as you continue your journey of faith.



**Abel and Isabella | 1st Holy Communion  
Our Lady of Lourdes  
May 7, 2017**



**Isabella and Abel | Confirmation  
St. Augustine Cathedral  
May 24, 2025**

The Paschal Candle is one of the joyful symbols of Eastertide. First lit at the Easter Vigil, it stands in the sanctuary for forty days, reminding us that the Resurrected Christ—the Light of the world—is among us.

This tradition extends back to the early Church. Catechumens were baptized—as they usually are to this day—at the Easter Vigil Mass. After their baptism, they held candles to illustrate the light of Christ now shining in their souls. These special candles were lit from one which represented the Resurrection, the “Paschal Candle.”

This symbolism remains the same. After the Resurrection, Our Risen Lord is with us on earth in a special way. Every time we see the Paschal Candle shining at Mass, we rejoice that the Bridegroom is among us.

The Candle’s presence in the sanctuary over forty days represents the time Our Risen Lord spent on earth with His Mother and the Apostles. When the Feast of the Ascension arrives, this special period comes to a close. The Candle is extinguished at the Ascension Mass because Our Lord has returned to His Father. He is still with us—as God, He is omnipresent, and He also remains with us in the Blessed Sacrament. But He no longer walks among us. He has gone to prepare heaven for us, and we remain to prepare ourselves for Him.

To prepare ourselves, we must come to know Our Lord better.

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