

*March 01, 2026*  
*Second Sunday of Lent*



*Lord,  
let your  
mercy be on  
us, as we  
place our  
trust in you.*

*Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church*

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# 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**

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.

**FORMED** has been a resource in helping Catholics continue to grow in their Faith since 2016. It has also recently become essential as families spend more time at home. Whether they are involved in a sacramental preparation program, or listen to inspiring audio, read one of the wonderful ebooks offered, or enjoy quality movies with family, **FORMED** provides a unique spiritual experience in the comfort of our homes. As a reminder this gift has been given to all of us courtesy of generous parishioners who wish to share this entertaining and educational platform with us. Please enjoy it by visiting **Formed.Org** to get started.

If you requested a 2025 donation letter, they are completed and in the office.

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## Weekend/Weekday Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 28, 2026**

**5:00 p.m.**

† Margaret Rose Figueroa-Ploghouse by  
Isabel Rose & Family

**Sunday, March 1, 2026**

**8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**

† Blanca Cecelia Mora de la Hoya by  
Gabriela Mora

**Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

**6:00 p.m.**

† Mike Riesgo by Deacon Ron & Paula

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026**

**8:00 a.m.**

† Lou Scheffer by Deacon Ron & Paula

**Thursday, March 5, 2026**

**8:00 a.m.**

Michael Desmarais by Deacon Ron & Paula

**Saturday, March 7, 2026**

**5:00 p.m.**

† Richard Little by Phyllis Little &  
The Poor Souls in Purgatory by Diane  
Swendsen

**Sunday, March 8, 2026**

**8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**

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**12:30 p.m.**

† Blanca Cecelia Mora de la Hoya by  
Gabriela Mora

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

**Sunday, March 1, 2026**

**First Reading:** Gn 12:1-4a *The call of Abraham*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22 *“Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.”*

**Second Reading:** 2 Tm 1: 8b-10 *“Bear your share of hardship for the gospel.”*

**Gospel:** Mt 17:1-9 *Jesus is transfigured.*

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK of March 2, 2026**

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10 | Ps 79:8-9,11,13 | Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10,16-20 | Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23 | Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20 | Ps 31:5-6,14-16 | Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10 | Ps 1:1-4,6 | Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a | Ps 105:16-21 | Mt 21:33-43,45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15,18-20 | Ps 103:1-4,9-12 | Lk 15:1-3,11-32

## **Pope Leo XIV's Intention for March 2026**

### **For Disarmament & Peace**

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

## Upcoming Events

- The **Knights of Columbus Logan DeRosier Council** will be hosting a spaghetti & meatball dinner with wine, salad & dessert, Saturday evening on March 14, after the 5:00 PM Mass, and a pancake breakfast Sunday March 15 after the 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses in the Monsignor Rossetti Hall. All are invited to attend one or all three meals. Donations will be welcomed to go towards helping the Knights carry out projects in our parish and community.
- The **Knights of Columbus Arizona State Council 2026 Drawing** tickets to support local charities are available. There are ten chances to win, ranging from \$10,000 to \$500. Two years ago a parishioner from Our Lady of Lourdes won \$500. For a \$5 donation you can acquire a single ticket; for a \$20 donation you can receive a book of five tickets. The drawing will take place in May.
- Give the gift of time to each other this year! On the **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend (May 30-31.,2026) in Tucson, learn to prioritize the important things. Make 2026 the best year of your marriage by signing up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. For more info go to: wwme.org or call 520-661-3644. Early registration is highly recommended.
- **Parish Alive Meeting** March 15th after the 10:30 mass.

### **February 22, 2026 Collection**

#### Parish Funds

Offertory \$3,738.05  
Facilities Maintenance Fund \$175.75  
Brother Box/C&M \$221.35  
Candles \$32.50  
Ash Wednesday pm \$804.90

#### Funds to be sent out

SVDP \$25.00  
Black & Indian Missions \$1,045.91

“If we wish to serve God and love our Neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing.”  
St. Katharine Drexel

### **Saints and Special Observances this week**

**Tuesday:** St Katharine Drexel, Virgin  
**Wednesday:** St. Casimir  
**Saturday:** Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

## 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 you 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!**



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## 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, Beaumont Clark

**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, Annissa Coquette, Brayden Moore, Kaylene Flint, Ignacio Bustamante Jr., Alison M. Spalione

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

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

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

# Photos from the Mass of Ordination and Installation of Bishop James A. Misko Our Eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Tucson

