

July 27, 2025
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*O, Mary
Conceived
without sin,
Pray for us who
have recourse to
Thee!*

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

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- **St. Joseph, the Worker Ministry**

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Marie Smith

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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)

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.

Pope Leo XIV's Intention for July 2025

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

The **Religious Education** programs are preparing to begin classes. The starting date for school age students is August 17. We look forward to welcoming back last year's students and welcoming new students! Registration forms are in the back of the church and will be online soon. Please register all students, even those returning from last year. When completed the forms can be returned to the Parish Office or given to the Ushers before or after Mass. The **RCIA/OCIA** program is also starting up. Please call the Parish Office for more information. **Adult Scripture Study** will begin in October – specific date to be announced soon

Let's keep in prayer all the students, teachers and staff who returned to school this past week here in Benson and all those returning to classes in the coming weeks. We pray for their safety and for blessings in their coming school year.



Weekend and Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 26, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Healing for Filly and Gerry Nelson

Sunday, July 27, 2025

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

For all grandparents and the elderly of our Benson community by a parishioner

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

6:00 p.m.

† Beverly Kress by Marie Smith

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

8:00 a.m.

Irene Otts' birthday by Marie Smith

Thursday, July 31, 2025

8:00 a.m.

Friday, August 1, 2025

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 2, 2025

5:00 p.m.

† Richard Little by Phyllis Little
Poor souls in purgatory by Diane Swendsen

Sunday, August 3, 2025

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

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, July 27, 2025

First Reading: Gn 18:1-10a. *Abraham bargained with God for the safety of the innocent.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:2-5. *"Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me."*

Second Reading: Col 1:24-28. *God nailed our sins to the cross of Christ.*

Gospel: Lk 10:38-42. *Jesus teaches us to pray and reminds us to persevere in prayer.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of July 28, 2025

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; (Ps) Ex 15:1b-6; Mt 12:38-42.

Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4a or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18.

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9.

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17.

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1b-6; Mt 20:20-28.

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30.

In Memoriam, Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for the month of July For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Upcoming Events

- **Our Lady of Lourdes Anointing of the Sick** is every 1st Wednesday of each month following the 8:00 am Mass.
- **Retrouvaille of Southern Arizona:** Retrouvaille (*retro-vi*) simply means 'rediscovery'. This program is an opportunity to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Retrouvaille is for struggling couples. Every marriage deserves the opportunity to survive, be healed and thrive as a covenant of life and love. Retrouvaille is a live-in weekend and post-weekend program for married couples, with an emphasis on communication between husband and wife. A series of in-depth presentations are given by a married couple and a priest, focusing on a specific area of a marriage relationship. You will be encouraged to put the past behind you and begin 'rediscovering' one another again. The upcoming program date is September 12-14, 2025. To Register: 520-762-4449. For a confidential inquiry, please email us at 4003r@helpourmarriage.org. HelpOurMarriage.org; Español 800-966-7981. We will have brochures available soon at the church and parish office.

Upcoming second collections:

August 9-10, 2025
Facilities Maintenance Fund

August 16-17, 2025
Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

July 20, 2025 Collection

Parish Funds

Offertory \$2,267.00
Online Giving \$1,052.35
Facilities Maintenance Fund \$35.00
Brother Box/C&M \$107.25
Candles \$15.00

Funds to be sent out

St. Vincent de Paul \$17.00
Archdiocese to Military \$305.55

**** 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.

Saints and Special Observances this week

Tuesday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Wednesday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Friday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest; Blessed Virgin Mary

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!***



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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

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 Coquette, Brayden Moore, Kaylene Flint

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

Diocese of Tucson

Prayer in Preparation for the Appointment of Our Eighth Bishop

Loving and gracious God, bless the Diocese of Tucson with a new shepherd who will be a loving father, a wise teacher, and a holy guide, who will lead us closer to you and inspire us to be missionary disciples intent on healing a broken and divided world. May the Holy Spirit guide our Holy Father to send us a good shepherd who truly cares for each of us and is attentive to the needs of all in our community. Lord in your love for us, give us a shepherd who will lead us in being Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope and hands of justice in our day and in our time. Throughout our 120 years, Lord, you have abundantly cared for our Diocese with bishops who have nurtured and strengthened us in the faith. May our eighth bishop continue the work of his predecessors and model for us what it means to be one who serves. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

It is that time again! July is when we begin the collection for the Thanksgiving Basket Project. 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!

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



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. Baskets will be given out on Tuesday, November 25. Registration dates and pick up times to follow in the weeks to come.