

March 2, 2025
The Eighth 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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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,

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Call Office

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Marie Smith

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Rich Leichty and Matt Brewster

Greg Mayer and Donna Mayer

Dan Garcia

**ASH WEDNESDAY
THIS WEEK
MARCH 5, 2025
Mass and Ashes
distribution
8:00 a.m.
and
6:00 p.m.**

**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)**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. Some faithful take the rest of the day off work and remain home. It is generally inappropriate to dine out, to shop, or to go about in public after receiving the ashes. Feasting is highly inappropriate. Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from this observance.

It is not required that a person wear the ashes for the rest of the day, and they may be washed off after Mass. However, many people keep the ashes as a reminder until the evening.

Catholic Online

**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.

The Diocese of Tucson invites you to stay in touch with the Diocese via your phone and/or email. Every week the diocese publishes the **New Outlook**, our local newsletter with links to news, events, and so much more! To sign up, you can text DOTNEWS to 84576 or go to <https://news.diocesetucson.org/subscribe>. Presently on the Diocese website you will find important information regarding immigration, including a toolkit that describes "knowing your rights" and "understanding your options."

Weekend and Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 1, 2025

5:00 p.m.

† Richard Little by Phyllis Little

† Poor souls in purgatory by Diane Swendsen

Sunday, March 2, 2025

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

† Joey Cota by Georgie Stevenson

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

6:00 p.m.

† Paul and Gloria Kerchum and Paul Jr. by
Deacon Ron and Paula Desmarais

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m.

For conversion and salvation of many by
Rosemarie

6:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 6, 2025

8:00 a.m.

For conversion and salvation of many by
Rosemarie

Friday, March 7, 2025

8:00 a.m.

For conversion and salvation of many by
Rosemarie

Saturday, March 8, 2025

5:00 p.m.

† Rick Bienhoff by Amanda Kline

Sunday, March 9, 2025

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

† Eduardo and Aura Rizzo by Regina Rizzo

TODAY'S READINGS

Sunday, March 2, 2025

(according to the Ordo)

First Reading: Sir 27:4-7. *Praise no one before he speaks.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 92:2-3, 13-16. *"Lord, it is good to give thanks to you."*

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58. *God gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Gospel: Lk 6:39-45. *From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of March 3, 2025

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27.

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31.

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18.

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25.

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15.

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32.

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention March

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Upcoming Events

- **Parish Alive meeting** will be held Sunday, March 2 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Classroom #2.
- Pope Francis named **Bishop Edward Weisenburger** as the next Archbishop of Detroit. His **farewell Mass** in the Diocese of Tucson will be celebrated at St. Augustine Cathedral on March 2, 2025, at 2:00 pm.
- The **Knights of Columbus** will hold their yearly **Blood Drive** on Monday, March 3rd at the Monsignor Rosettie Hall from 9am-2pm. A Knight will be stationed in front of the Church before all weekend Masses to assist donors with registration. If you are a previous donor, you may also register online at www.redcrossblood.org/account-login.htm or you may also register by calling 1-800 RED CROSS. The Knights of Columbus express their sincere gratitude to all donors.
- The **Knights of Columbus 2025 Arizona State Council Annual Drawing to Support Local Charities, Raffle Tickets** have arrived. Please look for a Knight out in front of the Church with the tickets after Mass up until the 20th of April offering tickets for donations for a chance to win from 10 prizes, beginning with first place of \$10,000. Last year a Our Lady of Lourdes parishioner won \$500!



Please continue to keep Archbishop Elect Weisenburger and our Diocese in prayer through this time of transition.

Also, we pray for the health and recovery of Pope Francis as he continues to improve.

February 23, 2025 Collection

Parish Funds

Offertory \$3,039.37

Candles \$31.00

Brother Box/C&M \$156.00

Facilities Maintenance Fund \$316.00

Funds to be sent out

Diocesan Priest Retirement fund \$5

Catholic Relief Services \$10.30

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Tuesday: St. Casimir

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Friday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs;
First Friday of the Month

Saturday: St. John of God, Religious

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 from Bishop Weisenburger. 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!**

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.

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.

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.

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

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

Space Force: Nicole Flint - Space Force Guardian

One Body, One Mission: Serving In Christ 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you for your consideration in donating to the Annual Catholic Appeal. As a reminder, your generosity directly benefits our parish and many others like ours. In recent years we have been awarded grants that benefited our parish in the following ways:

- Helped beautify our church with new flooring
- Provided for us a commercial kitchen that has helped feed our parish and community
- Provided additional safety by helping us install a security system that helps protect our parishioners and provides an improved wi-fi system that supports parish functions and education

Support the vital ministries and programs that serve the people of our parishes, Catholic schools, and communities.

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is the largest source of funding for the works of the Diocese of Tucson. The Appeal provides the financial resources for the ministries and charities that serve individuals and families of our parishes, schools, and communities.

Each year, the Catholic Foundation and Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, in collaboration with the parishes and missions of the Diocese, renew the Annual Catholic Appeal to raise the much-needed funding for the financial support of the Catholic charities and ministries which serve people throughout our Diocese.

-Verbiage courtesy of the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Tucson

Let us keep the success of the Annual Catholic Appeal in our prayers.

Our Lady of Lourdes parish has been gifted another year subscription to **FORMED.ORG**. This is a **Catholic Streaming service** that gives you access to **thousands of video and audio content** on your television, phone, and computer. Again this was gifted to you, and all are encouraged to enjoy this special gift. You can begin using Formed at no cost to Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners now by visiting

Formed.org

A special thank you to those who have made this possible for our parish.