

*August 24, 2025*  
*Twenty-first 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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Benson, AZ 85602

**Reverend Father Martin Atanga, Pastor**

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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**
- **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.

The **Religious Education** classes for school age students started on August 17th at 9:000 a.m. We look forward to welcoming back last year's students and welcoming new students! Registration forms are in the back of the church and online. Please register all students, even those returning from last year.

**RCIA/OCIA (Rite/Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)**

RCIA classes began August 17th at 12:30pm in Classroom 2. Any other adults wishing to attend the class simply to refresh their understanding of our faith are also welcome to attend the classes. Adults who have not received Confirmation and wish to do so are encouraged to attend our RCIA classes.

**GREAT NEWS!** All tuition, books, and any additional fees for all Adult (OCIA, formerly RCIA) and Religious Education (RE) will be paid by one of our Parishioners this year. Please sign up as soon as possible!

## Weekend and Weekday Mass Intentions

**Saturday, August 23, 2025**

**5:00 p.m.**

† Family of Stanley and Eugenie Doiron  
by Nick

**Sunday, August 24, 2025**

**8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**

Steven Suhay by Stacy Suhay

**Tuesday, August 26, 2025**

**6:00 p.m.**

† Sylvia Rothermich by the McKee Family

**Wednesday, August 27, 2025**

**8:00 a.m.**

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**Thursday, August 28, 2025**

**8:00 a.m.**

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**Friday, August 29, 2025**

**8:00 a.m.**

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**Saturday, August 30, 2025**

**5:00 p.m.**

Margaret Bryan, birthday by Marie Smith

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

**8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**

† Raymond and Lula, Wedding  
Anniversary by Diane Swendsen

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

**Sunday, August 24, 2025**

**First Reading:** Is 66:18-21 *Outcasts will be gathered home by God as a precious offering in glory.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 117:1b-2 *“Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.”*

**Second Reading:** Heb 12:5-7, 11-13  
*Discipline strengthens what is weak.*

**Gospel:** Lk 13:22-30 *Jesus says: The doorway into the kingdom is narrow.*

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK of August 25, 2025**

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 | Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b | Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8 | Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 | Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13 | Ps 139:7-12b | Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8 | Ps 40:5, 7-10 | Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8 | Ps 146:5-10 | Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8 | Ps 128:1b-5 | Mt 23:1-12

## **Pope Leo XIV's Intention for August 2025 For mutual coexistence**

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

## Upcoming Events

- Religious Education/RCIA/OCIA classes started Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Please meet with Peggy Leichty and Marie Smith in the Parish Hall after Masses for more information. It's not too late to register .
- 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.
- 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!
- **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. 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](mailto:4003r@helpourmarriage.org). HelpOurMarriage.org; Español 800-966-7981. We will have brochures available soon at the church and parish office.

**\*\* Online Giving Available \*\***

### **August 17, 2025 Collection**

#### **Parish Funds**

Offertory \$2,987.69

Facilities Maintenance Fund \$131.75

Brother Box/C&M \$169.30

Candles \$11.50

Assumption of Mary \$430.30

Lighthouse \$24.00

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

St. Vincent de Paul \$11.00

Solidarity for the Church in Africa \$636.11

Please visit our website [ololparish.com](http://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**

**Monday:** St. Louis; St Joseph Calasanz

**Wednesday:** St. Monica

**Thursday:** St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Friday:** The Passion of St. John the Baptist

## **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.

## **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).

## **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!***



# 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 Coquette, Brayden Moore, Kaylene Flint, Ignacio Bustamante Jr.

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

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

# Vaya Con Dios Father Martin!

Father Martin will be traveling to Ghana for the month of September. He's leaving September 2nd and returning the first week of October. Please be sure to wish him "Bon Voyage" and keep him in your prayers. We hope he enjoys his family and friends in Ghana and returns to us fully refreshed and renewed. We'll miss you, Father Martin!



**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.