

*August 23, 2026
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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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.**



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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.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults — OCIA classes began August 16th at 12:00 pm 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 OCIA classes. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic and would like to ask some questions about doing so or general questions regarding the Catholic faith, please stop by Coffee & More in the Parish Hall and speak to Marie Smith. She's there after every Mass and is happy to answer questions you may have.

Religious Education (CCD) 2026-2027

Welcome to the new Catechism year! Classes began Sunday August 16, and we will be accepting applications through September. Please register any youth from age 5 through high school as soon as possible so we can plan the classroom placement best suited for your children. Registration forms will be at the back of the Church and in the parish office. Students who have completed their First Eucharist will be in a classroom setting that will help them to learn more about their faith and our Church. We also have a pre-Eucharist class for students who have not attended any orientation to our Faith.

Weekend/Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 22, 2026

5:00 p.m.

† Alan Haines birthday by Marie Smith

Sunday, August 23, 2026

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

† Albert Fernandez Jr. by Mom and Dad

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

6:00 p.m.

† Antonio Talamantes by Veronica Woodward & Family

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

8:00 a.m.

Margaret Leichty's birthday by Liz Rutherford

Thursday, August 27, 2026

8:00 a.m.

† Ed and Beverly Kress

Friday, August 28, 2026

8:00 a.m.

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Saturday, August 29, 2026

5:00 p.m.

† Raymond and Lula Critz (on the memorial of their wedding anniversary) by Diane Swendsen

Sunday, August 30, 2026

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

Margaret Bryan's birthday by Marie Smith.

READINGS

Sunday, August 23, 2026

First Reading: Is 22:19-23. *God places the key of David's house on the shoulders of Eliakim.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 138:1-3,6,8.

"Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands."

Second Reading: Rom 11:33-36. *To God be glory forever.*

Gospel: Mt 16:13-20. *Peter is promised the keys to the kingdom of heaven.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of August 24, 2026

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14 | Ps 145:10-13,17-18 | Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a,14-17 | Ps 96:10-13 | Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10,16-18 | Ps 128:1-2,4-5 | Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9 | Ps 145:2-7 | Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25 | Ps 33:1-2,4-5,10-11 | Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31 | Ps 33:12-13,18-19,20-21 | Mk 6:17-29

Pope Leo XIV's Intention for August 2026 ~ For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Upcoming Events

- **Encounter the Spirit:** Join us for a prayer group centered around the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised to send us the Holy Spirit, our Helper and Guide, and this group will help us learn to pray more effectively, recognize His presence, and grow spiritually together. We will be meeting on **Sundays in the Church at 5:00 pm**. All are welcome and young adults are especially encouraged to attend. Next gatherings Aug 23 and Aug 30.
- We will shortly begin a **formation class for adults 18 and over seeking Confirmation**, and who have already been baptized and have received First Holy Communion. If interested, please provide your contact information on the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church or call the parish office no later than **Sun. Sept. 6** so that we can register everyone with the Diocese. Meeting dates and times are still to be determined. Completion of this class is required prior to Confirmation. Bishop Misko will officiate the Confirmation Mass at St. Augustine's Cathedral.

Upcoming Special Collections

August 9, 2026 Collection

Parish Funds

Offertory \$2,294.81
Brother Box/C&M \$190.30
Candles \$13.00
Facilities Maintenance Fund: \$192.00
Lighthouse \$2.06
Assumption of Mary \$174.00

Funds to be sent out

St. Vincent de Paul \$25.00
Church in Africa \$380.00

August 16, 2026 Collection

Parish Funds

Offertory \$2,054.33
Brother Box/C&M \$22.00
Fiesta \$30.00
Facilities Maintenance Fund \$563.75
Assumption of Mary \$71.30

Funds to be sent out

St. Vincent de Paul \$30.00
Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa \$354.00

September 12-13, 2026—Facilities Maintenance Fund
September 26-27, 2026—Diocesan Catholic Schools

**** Online Giving Available ****

Please visit our website ololparish.com and scroll down to online giving. You will be re-directed 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. Bartholomew, Apostle

Tuesday: St. Louis, St. Joseph
Calasanz, Priest

Thursday: St. Monica

Friday: St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor
of the Church

Saturday: 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!

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.

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.”

**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!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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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 @ 5:30 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, Greg Mayer - (420) 861-0665 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, Christopher 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, Anissa Coquette, Brayden Moore, Kaylene Flint, Ignacio Bustamante Jr., Alison M. Spalione

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Space Force: Nicole Flint - Space Force Guardian

It is that time again! We have begun the collection for the Thanksgiving Basket Project. Last year, 106 families signed up for a basket which provided meals for about 480 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 24. Registration dates and pick up times to follow in the weeks to come.

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.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic community, we have registration forms at the back of the church or you can contact the parish office for information.