

*January 04, 2026  
The Epiphany of the Lord*



*May he rule  
from sea to sea,  
and from the  
River to the  
ends of the  
earth.*

*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

### Finance Council

### 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**

**President:** Fr. Martin Atanga,

**Secretary:** Helen Garcia, **Treasurer:** Al Cesarz

**Chairman:** Dan Garcia, **Secretary:** De Wilson

**Assistant Secretary:** Melissa Tibbitts

**Bookkeeper:** Vita Baker-Luna

**Chairman:** Tom Stevenson **Secretary:** Helen Garcia

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**S.K.** Al Cesarz

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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**

**CONFESIONS**

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.



**Welcome Bishop-Elect James Misko**

“I give God thanks for calling me and for walking with me. And I always say to him, and I did this morning when I woke up, ‘Lord, I am yours. Do with me as you will.’”

-Bishop Elect James Misko

(Dec, 30th press conference)

With great joy we welcome to our community Bishop-Elect Misko and look forward to his shepherdship. His ordination and installation are scheduled for Friday, February 20, 2026. You can visit the Diocese of Tucson website to learn more about our new Bishop.

## Weekend and Weekday Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, January 3, 2026**

**5:00 p.m.**

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

### **Sunday, January 4, 2026**

**8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**

† Kelly Jo Vassar

### **Thursday, January 8, 2026**

**8:00 a.m.**

†Luke Rutherford by Mom, Dad, & Sarah

### **Friday, January 9, 2026**

**8:00 a.m.**

†Sonia Garcia (birthday) by Family & Friends

### **Saturday, January 10, 2025**

**5:00 p.m.**

John Smith (birthday) by Marie Smith

### **Sunday, January 11, 2025**

**8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**

† Josefa Andrade by Manuelita Olivarez  
Farrell



## **TODAY'S READINGS**

**Sunday, January 04, 2026**

**First Reading:** Is 60:1-6 *The glory of the Lord shines on all people.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 “*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*”

**Second Reading:** Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 *The Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.*

**Gospel:** Mt 2:1-12 *The magi come with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK of January 05, 2026**

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6 | Ps 2:7b-8,10-12a | Mt 4:12-17,23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10 | Ps 72:1-4,7-8 | Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18 | Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13 | Jn 1:1-18

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4 | Ps 72:1-2,14,15bc,17 | Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15,19-20 | Lk 5:12-16

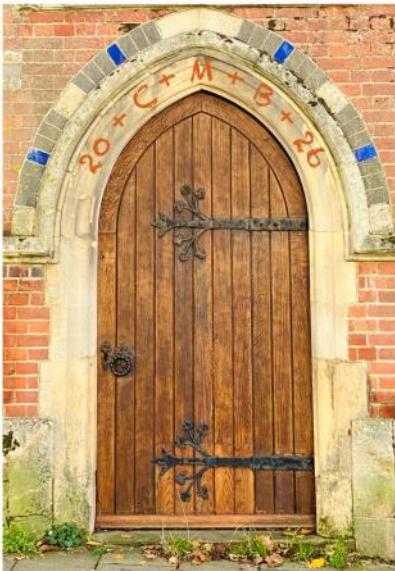
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21 | Ps 149:1-6a,9b | Jn 3:22-30

## **Pope Leo XIV's Intention for January 2026 For Prayer with the Word of God**

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

## Upcoming Events

- Envelopes are in! You may pick them up in the parish hall after masses over the next few weekends. Please initial that you have picked them up.
- If you need a 2025 donation letter, please contact the parish office.



## Blessing of Homes & Chalk

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, the culmination of the Christmas season. Chalk can be customarily blessed on the Epiphany by a priest using the *Rituale Romanum* in which it becomes a sacramental, intended for the blessing of homes. Whether said by a priest or the father of the family, he should mark the year and the initials of the three Magi (Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthasar) on the lintel of the main door using the blessed chalk. The initials C, M, and B also stand for Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ bless this house).

~Cross Catholic Outreach

Thank you to all who attended our first semester of That Man Is You! It was a huge success with great fellowship and personal growth. We are currently on our winter break. Sessions will begin again on January 23rd at 6am, coffee and bagels will be available at each session. Please join us as we continue our journey to become Men After God's Own Heart, That Man Is You!

### December 28, 2025 Collection

#### Parish Funds

Offertory \$2,400.05

Facilities Maintenance Fund \$25.00

Brother Box/C&M \$115.32

Candles \$41.10

Christmas Flowers \$50.00

Christmas Offering \$3,262.91

Solemnity of Mary \$30.00

Immaculate Conception \$10.00

All Saints Day \$10.00

#### Funds to be sent out

SVDP \$11.00

Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund \$40.00

**Upcoming special collection:**  
Facilities Maintenance Fund  
January 10-11, 2026

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

**Monday:** St. John Neumann

**Tuesday:** St. Andre Bessette

**Wednesday:** St. Raymond of Peñafort

## **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!**

## **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.

## 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 Rosett 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

**MARINES:** Anthony Contreras, Antonio Agay, Eddie Zazueta, Jordan Sanud, Jerry Gordoa, 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 Coauette, Brayden Moore, Kaylene Flint, Ignacio Bustamante Jr., Alison M. Spalione

**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

## USCCB Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen."

The leader greets those present in the following words:

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.

Blessed be God forever.

R/. Blessed be God forever.

*In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:*

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

*One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9:*

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."

*The intercessions are then said:*

**Leader:** The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

*After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.*

*The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:*

Lord God of heaven and earth,  
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation  
by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house

and all who inhabit it.

Fill them (us) with the light of Christ,  
that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

*The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:*

May Christ Jesus dwell with us,  
keep us from all harm,  
and make us one in mind and heart,  
now and forever.

R/. Amen.

*It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "We Three Kings."*