

August 2, 2026
Eighteenth 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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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.

During the month of August, Father Martin will be in Wilcox at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church celebrating their weekend Masses while their pastor, Father Celestial, is on vacation. Father Martin will be here at Our Lady of Lourdes during the weekdays. Father Stan will be celebrating our weekend Masses for the month. Thank you, Father Stan!

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults — 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.

It's time for Religious Education 2026-2027 to start up!

Welcome to the planning part of beginning our upcoming Catechism year! The first meeting/class of this year will be on Sunday, August 9 at 9:15 in the Hall. At least one parent is requested to attend with their student. We will have the proposed calendar to distribute at that time. Please register any youth from age 5 – 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, in the office, and at the meeting. 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 have a pre-Eucharist class for students who have not attended any orientation to our Faith.

Weekend/Weekday Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 1, 2026

5:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, August 2, 2026

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

† Albert Fernandez, Jr. by Dan and Melissa Tibbitts

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

6:00 p.m.

† Ed and Beverly Kress

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

8:00 a.m.

Jennifer Rodriguez by Rosemarie

Thursday, August 6, 2026

8:00 a.m.

† Ed and Beverly Kress

Friday, August 7, 2026

8:00 a.m.

† Ed and Beverly Kress

Saturday, August 8, 2026

5:00 p.m.

† Lois Dierschka by Sister Alice

Sunday, August 9, 2026

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

† Morgan Salas Jr. and † Roman Salas
by Albert and Delia Fernandez

12:30 p.m.

† Virginia Valdez Nelson by Regina Rizzo

READINGS

Sunday, August 2, 2026

First Reading: Is 55:1-3 *Come to the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:8-9,15-18

"The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs."

Second Reading: Rom 8:35,37-39 *Nothing can separate us from God's love.*

Gospel: Mt 14:13-21 *The people ate and were satisfied*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of August 3, 2026

Monday: Jer 28:1-17 | Ps 119:29,43,79-80,95,102 | Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 | Ps 102:16-23,29 | Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7 | (Ps) Jer 31:10-12h,13 | Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10,13-14 | Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9 | Pt 1:16-19 | Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1,3;3:1-3,6-7 | (Ps) Dt 32:35c-36h,39abcd,41 | Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4 | Ps 9:8-13 | Mt 17:14-20

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 new 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 2, Aug 9, Aug 16, Aug 23 and Aug 30..
- **Charismatic Healing Mass!** *“Great crowds came to Him...and He cured them.”* – Matt 15:30. Come for lively praise and worship, prayers for all your intentions, and special prayers for healing. Fr. Binu Rathappillil, parochial vicar of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, will preside at the joyful celebration of a **Charismatic Mass at 6:30 pm on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at St Margaret Mary Alacoque, 801 N. Grande., Tucson.** Hosted by the Diocese of Tucson Renewal Committee.

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 for registration or you can contact the parish office for information.

**** Online Giving Available ****

Upcoming Special Collections

August 9, 2026—Facilities Maintenance Fund
August 16, 2026—Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

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.

July 26, 2026 Collection

Parish Funds

Offertory \$2,530.35
Online Giving \$868.55
Brother Box/C&M \$132.00
Candles \$17.00
Lighthouse \$2.51
Facilities Maintenance Fund: \$120.00
Mother's Day \$3.00

Funds to be sent out

St. Vincent de Paul \$27.00

Saints and Special Observances this week

Tuesday: St. John Vianney, Priest

Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday: St. Sixtus II & Companions,
Martyrs & St. Cajetan, Priest

Saturday: St. Dominic, Priest

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, 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, 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! July is when we begin 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.