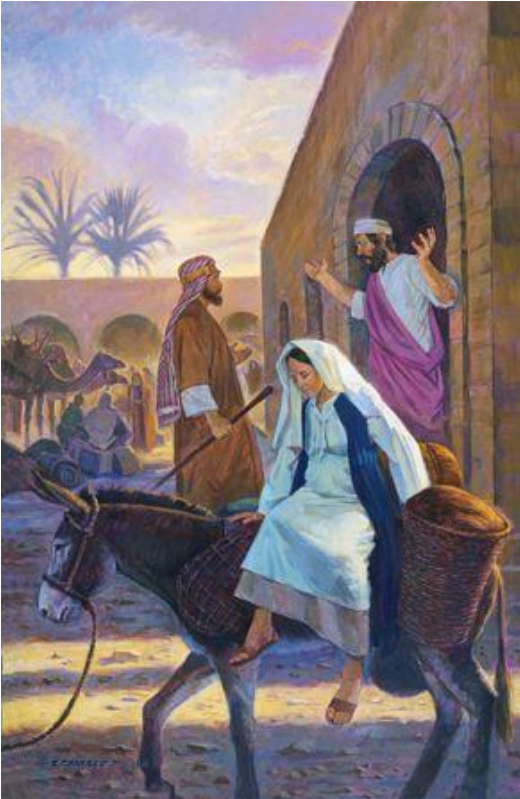


*December 21, 2025*  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*



*Let the  
Lord enter;  
he is King  
of glory.*

*Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church*

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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.



**Christmas Eve Masses**  
Wednesday, December 24, 2025  
Family Mass 5:00 p.m.  
Children's Concert at 4:45 p.m.

**Christmas Day**  
Thursday, December 25, 2025  
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God**  
Vigil Mass Wednesday, December 31, 2025 6:00 p.m.  
Solemnity Mass Thursday, January 1, 2026 10:00 a.m.



**Weekend and Weekday Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 20, 2025**

**5:00 p.m.**

Charlotte Phillips (3rd birthday) by  
Grandma & Grandpa Tibbitts

**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

**8:00 a.m.**

† Gloria Kerchum (anniversary of death)  
by Deacon Ron & Paula Desmarais

**10:30 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**Tuesday, December 23, 2025**

**6:00 p.m.**

† Paul Kerchum (anniversary of death) by  
Deacon Ron & Paula Desmarais

**Saturday, December 27, 2025**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 28, 2025**

**8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**

† Wain R. Kaczmarzyk by Ken & Sarah  
Kaczmarzyk

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

**First Reading:** Is 7:10-14 *The virgin shall be with child.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 24:1-6 *"Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory."*

**Second Reading:** Rom 1:1-7 *Jesus is the son of David and the Son of God.*

**Gospel:** Mt 1:18-24 *Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife.*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK of  
December 22, 2025**

**Monday:** Sm 1:24-28 | (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8d |  
Lk 1:46-56

**Tuesday:** Mal 3:1-4,23-24 | Ps 25:4-5b,8-  
10,14 | Lk 1:57-66

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 | Ps  
89:2-5,27,29 | Lk 1:67-79

**Thursday:** Is 52:7-10 | Ps 98:1-6 | Heb 1:1-  
6, Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Friday:** Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 | Ps 31:33cd-  
4,6,8ab,16bc-17 | Mt 10:17-22

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4 | Ps 97: 1-2,5-6,11-12  
| Jn 20:1a,2-8

**Pope Leo XIV's Intention for  
December 2025**

**For Christians in Areas of Conflict**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas  
of war or conflict, especially in the Middle  
East, might be seeds of peace,  
reconciliation and hope.

## Upcoming Events

- In the spirit of giving, this Advent we will be collecting diapers for children and adults. Diapers of all sizes are needed for We Care Pregnancy Center. Adult disposable briefs will be donated to the Disabled American Veterans organization here in Benson. Please leave your donations at the parish office or at the side altar. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this project.
- On Saturday Dec. 27 and Sunday Dec. 28 masses, we will be celebrating the Consecration of the Holy Family. Prayer cards will be distributed by the Knights of Columbus prior to each Mass so parishioners can participate.
- Parish office closures December 24-26 and December 31-January 2
- 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.



### *Holiday Bake Sale*

Your Knights of Columbus are having a holiday bake sale after all Masses on December 20 and 21. Stop by to drop off a treat or take one home to share. Your “free will” offering will be used for parish and community activities throughout 2026. Merry Christmas to all!

### **December 14, 2025 Collection**

#### **Parish Funds**

Offertory \$3,097.05  
Facilities Maintenance Fund \$1,226.75  
Brother Box/C&M \$1,250.00  
Candles \$39.00  
Christmas Flowers \$20  
Christmas Offering \$500  
Immaculate Conception \$20.30

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

SVDP \$11.00  
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund \$685.30

#### **This week's special collection:**

Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund

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

**Tuesday:** St. John of Kanty

**Thursday:** The Nativity of the Lord  
(Christmas)

**Friday:** St. Stephen the First Martyr

**Saturday:** St. John the Apostle &  
Evangelist

## **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.

## **The Brother Box/Coffee and More**

There are those in our community and parish 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

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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 @ 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, 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, Annis Coquette, 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



## *Jubilee Year of Hope Drawing to a Close*

The church is preparing to close the Holy Doors that welcomed millions of pilgrims this year who sought mercy, renewal, and a plenary indulgence. Opened by Pope Francis on December 24, 2024, this historic Holy Year will officially conclude on January 6, 2026, when Pope Leo XIV closes the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica. The doors will remain sealed until their next opening in 2033, during the Extraordinary Holy Year of the Redemption. ~courtesy @ncregister

Pilgrim sites are established all over the world and there are five in the Diocese of Tucson. St. Augustine Cathedral, San Xavier del Bac Mission, Sacred Heart (Nogales), St. Andrew the Apostle (Sierra Vista), Immaculate Conception (Yuma). There is still time to make a pilgrimage to any of these sites. Visit <https://diocesetucson.org/jubilee-of-hope> for more details.

## *A Gift for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish*

Another year of Formed has been gifted to the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes by gracious parishioners who wish to share this platform with us. If you haven't done so, please take some time and explore this wonderful gift. A special thank you to those who have made access to the entire catalog of Formed possible for us!

**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. Please enjoy it by visiting **Formed.Org** to get started.