

*December 14, 2025*  
*Third Sunday of Advent*



*Lord,  
come and  
save us.*

***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**

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Call Office

**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**

**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.

**Advent Penitential Service**

Tuesday, December 16, 2025  
5:00 p.m.  
(Tuesday daily Mass will be at 8:00 a.m.)

**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 13, 2025**  
**5:00 p.m.**

Margaret Leichty (healing) by Liz Rutherford

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**  
**8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**

† Oscar Calderon by Rosa Matthews

**12:30 a.m.**

† Esperanza Rizzo by Regina Rizzo

**Tuesday, December 16, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m.**

† Carol Mileo by Shirley and Cliff Easton

**Saturday, December 20, 2025**  
**5:00 p.m.**

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

**Sunday, December 21, 2025**  
**8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**

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

**TODAY'S READINGS**  
**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

**First Reading:** Is 35:10-6a,10 *The desert will bloom.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 146:6-10 *"Lord, come and save us."*

**Second Reading:** Jas 5:7-10 *Be patient like a farmer waiting for spring.*

**Gospel:** Mt 11:2-11 *In prison, John received word of the coming of Christ.*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK of**  
**December 15, 2025**

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7,15-17a | Ps 25:4-5b,6,7bc,8-9 | Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2,9-13 | Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-19,23 | Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Gn 49: 2,8-10 | Ps 72:1-4b,7-8,17 | Mt 1:1-17

**Thursday:** Jer 23:5-8 | Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 | Mt 1:18-25

**Friday:** Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a | Ps 71:3-4a,5-6b,16-17 | Lk 1:5-25

**Saturday:** Is 7: 10-14 | Ps 24:1-6 | Lk 1:26-38

**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.
- Tuesday, December 16th, our **Advent Penitential Service** will be held at 5:00 p.m. Father Martin, Father Stan and Father John Paul will be present to hear confessions. **Please note, the Tuesday daily Mass will be at 8:00 a.m.**
- **Holiday Bake Sale.** Your Knights of Columbus are having a holiday bake sale just in time for Christmas. After all Masses on December 20 and 21, come by and check out our festive goodies, from cookies, cupcakes, fudge, almond roca and more! Share, take something home and pray for our success as we help the needs of our parish and the Benson community.



### Upcoming Funerals:

#### **Kelly Jo Vassar**

Rosary December 18th at 7:00 p.m.  
Funeral Mass December 19th at 11:00 a.m.

#### **Octavia Jade Gatton**

Rosary December 20th at 10:00 a.m.  
Funeral Mass December 20th at 10:30 a.m.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

### **December 7, 2025 Collection**

#### **Parish Funds**

Offertory \$3,198.36  
Facilities Maintenance Fund \$150.30  
Brother Box/C&M \$343.40  
Candles \$18.00  
Christmas Flowers \$75.30  
Light House \$10.00  
Christmas Offering \$5.00  
Solemnity of Mary \$10.00  
Immaculate Conception \$130.00

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

SVDP \$53.00  
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund \$100.00

#### **Upcoming special collection:**

Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund  
December 20-21

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

None

## **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 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

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



# Acógelos en la Posada

Los migrantes contribuyen enormemente a nuestra sociedad, y sin embargo personas como Lourdes, que realizaba un trabajo necesario para el bienestar de nuestro país y aportaba a nuestra sociedad y a la comunidad católica, no se encuentran bienvenidos ni valorados.

–Bishop Gerald Kicanas

**“¡Qué crueldad negarme la comunicación hacia mis hijos!”**

– Lourdes, 43 años, madre de 4 hijos y cabeza de familia. Detenida en Tucson y deportada a Nogales, Sonora

Lourdes es madre soltera y proveía para sus 4 hijos. Llevaba 27 años viviendo en Estados Unidos, trabajando en un supermercado en Tucson. Este año, en camino a recoger a su hijo menor de 5 años, quien tiene autismo, paró a poner gasolina cuando dos oficiales con chaleco negro la arrestaron sin motivo alguno y la llevaron a una oficina de ICE. “No me dejaron llamar a la escuela para avisar. ¡Qué crueldad negarme la comunicación hacia mis hijos!”

“Todos estos años he trabajado duro para sostener a mis hijos. Jamás cometí un delito o infracción y mis hijos son ciudadanos. Lo único que me queda es confiar en que Dios los cuide en mi ausencia”.



## Make Room in the Inn

Migrants contribute greatly to our society and yet people like Lourdes who was doing necessary work for the well being of our country and who was contributing to our society and our Catholic community find themselves unwelcomed and unappreciated.

–Bishop Gerald Kicanas

*“They denied me any chance to communicate with my children. It was so cruel!” Nogales, Sonora.*

Lourdes is a single mother and is the only provider for her four children. She had been living in the United States for 27 years, working at a grocery store in Tucson. This year, on her way to pick up her youngest son, a 5-year old with autism, she stopped to get gas when two officers in black vests arrested her for no apparent reason and took her to an ICE office. “They didn’t let me call the school to let them know what was happening. They denied me any chance to communicate with my children. It was so cruel!”

“All these years I’ve worked hard to support my kids. I have never committed a crime or even a violation, and my children are citizens. The only thing I have left is to trust that God will take care of them while I’m gone.”



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