# January 21, 2024 The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



O, Mary
Conceived
without sin,
Pray for us who
have recourse to
Thee!

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church 386 East 5th Street PO Box 2198 Benson, AZ 85602

Reverend Father Martin Atanga, Pastor Office Phone: 520-586-3394 Website: ololparish.com

Email: olol@ololparish.com

Office Hours Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

After hours emergencies only call 520-633-3996

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

Office Secretary: Peggy Leichty

Office Assistant/Finance: Jennifer Morse Office Assistant/Compliance: Liz Rutherford

Custodian: Gerald Nelson

For 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: Mark Maedge

Finance Council Chairman, Dan Garcia, Secretary, De Wilson

Assistant Secretary, Melissa Tibbitts,

Bookkeeper, Vita Baker-Luna

Parish Pastoral Council Tom Stevenson Chairman, Helen Garcia Secretary

Peggy Leichty and Ray Ruiz—Assistant DRE

• Eucharistic Ministers Marilyn Cooke

• Funerals Call Office

K of C Grand Knight
 S.K. Al Cesarz
 Marilyn Cooke

Lectors Marilyn Cooke

MusicWeddingsFilly NelsonCall Office

RCIA Marie Smith

Ushers/Compliance Rich Leichty
Sacristans Marie Smith

Parish Alive Jennifer Morse

• Renovation & Repair Dan Garcia and Kirby Wilson

• I.T. Rich Leichty and Matt Brewster

Vocations Greg Mayer and Donna Mayer

St. Joseph, the Worker Dan Garcia

**Ministry** 

#### 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.

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. OR BY APPOINTMENT (call the office)

#### 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.

#### 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 520-58-3394.



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.

# **Weekend Mass Intentions** Saturday, January 20 - Sunday January 28, 2024

## Saturday, January 20, 2024 5:00 p.m.

† Susie Guerra by the Stevensons † Frank Stevenson by the Stevensons

### Sunday, January 21, 2024 8:00 a.m. † Clark Smoky Burgess by Tom and Amy

Shaffer † Gilberto Olivarez by Manuelita

Olivarez-Farrell Debra Braatz by Kirby and De Wilson

# Saturday, January 27, 2024 5:00 p.m.

† Jefferson Zabodyn by the Leichty **Family** 

### Sunday, January 28, 2024 8:00 a.m. Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

† Jack and Daisy Moore by Patrick Moore

# The intentions of the Holy Father for the month of January 2024

For the gift of diversity in the Church— We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness

TODAY'S READINGS Sunday, January 21, 2024 (according to the Ordo)

First Reading: Jon 3:1-5, 10 The Ninevites

turned from their evil ways Responsorial Psalm: 25: 4-9 "Teach me your ways, O Lord"

in its present form is passing away. Gospel: Mk 1:14-20 Repent and Believe in the gospel

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31 The world

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of January 21, 2024

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10, Ps 89:20-22, 25-26 **Tuesday**: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19, Ps 24:7-10,

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17, Ps 89: 4-5, 27-30, Mk 4:1-20

4:35-41

Mk 3:31-35

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22, Ps 117:1-2, Mk 16:15-18 Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tm 1:1-5, Ps 96:1-3, 7-

8a, 10, Mk 4:26-34 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-71, 10-17, Ps 51:12-17, Mk

January 14, 2024 Collection Summary Parish Funds Parish Offertory \$3,263.50 Facilities Maintenance Fund \$762.50

Immaculate Conception \$10.00 Christmas Offering \$10.00 Solemnity of Mary \$20.00 Lighthouse \$5.00 Brother Box \$95.31

Funds collected to be sent out SVDP \$45.00 Black & Indian Missions \$10.30

of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Paul Kerchum Memorial Airport—The Benson Airport is being renamed the Paul Kerchum Field on **Saturday**, **January 27 at 2:00 p.m**. Paul was a dedicated member of Our Lady of Lourdes parish and this will be a grand event. All are welcome to attend!
- The Knights of Columbus Arizona State Council Annual Drawing to Support Local Charities Raffle Tickets have arrived. The Knights of Columbus will be out in front of the Church beginning Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> after Mass (and after all the Masses until May 5<sup>th</sup>) offering tickets for donations for a chance to win from 10 Prizes, beginning with first place of \$10,000. The Council designates the Parish to be the recipient of the proceeds.

The Parish has recently subscribed to FORMED.ORG This is a resource for anyone wanting to learn about their faith, to watch movies that are Catholic oriented including the Saints, religious studies, children's movies and resources, and SO MUCH MORE! We will be holding an orientation for Formed on January 29, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. in the Hall. This will be a Zoom meeting. Please let the office know if you will be attending the orientation. You can begin using Formed now by visiting *signup.Formed.org* and following the prompts. Call the office for more information.

#### **Information for Funeral Liturgy for Deacon Greg Henderson**

Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 12 Noon –1:30 p.m. - Viewing 1:30 p.m. - Rosary 2:00 p.m. - Mass

Burial to follow immediately after the Funeral Mass at Holy Hope Cemetery. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. May he rest in peace. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

CTSO TIME: Together we can save Catholic Education...and it won't cost you a dime!

Under Arizona law, taxpayers may contribute their tax liability to a parochial school. This cost you nothing and you receive a dollar-fordollar tax credit against your Arizona income tax liability. Your dollars can go to the State of Arizona or to support Catholic education through CTSO. Brochures are in the vestibule or visit ctso-tucson.org for online giving. Make your contribution by April 15, 2024 for the 2023 tax year.

## Saints and Special Observances

January 22-27, 2024
Monday—Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children
Tuesday - St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr,
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Wednesday—St Frances de Sales, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church
Thursday - The Conversion of St. Paul the
Apostle

Friday - Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops Saturday - St. Angela Merici, Virgin, Blessed Virgin Mary 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 DOT-NEWS to 84576 or go to <a href="https://news.diocesetucson.org/subscribe">https://news.diocesetucson.org/subscribe</a> Please note: the instructions at the bottom of this page for the OLOL flocknotes remain the same. The above link will connect you to the weekly Diocesan newsletter.



#### **Parish Alive**

When a need arises in our community, as parishioners, we are blessed with the responsibility to do what we can to fulfill that need. Parish Alive is an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment and love to one another, our neighbor.

#### 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.

#### 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!

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!

**OUTREACH**—Flocknotes are text messages and a way of sharing information about things that are out of the ordinary—for example, if for some reason the church was unable to open, we would send out a Flocknote. Flocknotes are also used for reminders of important things happening. They are short and to the point. To sign up for Flocknotes please call the office and leave your name and phone number. The office staff will add you to our "flock".

#### 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.



#### Mass Intentions in Father Martin's absence

Please note that during Father Martin's absence we cannot schedule Mass Intentions for the Weekday Masses. Father will be away for 5 weeks - and Mass intentions for weekdays will be scheduled for after he returns. There will be Communion Services at the regularly scheduled weekday Masses.



# 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

MARINES: Anthony Contreras, Antonio Agay, Eddie Zazueta, Jordan Sanud, Jerry Gordoa, Rolando Carrillo Jr, Gabriel Contreras, Gabe Osuna, Popeye Contreras, Rolando Carrillo II

<u>AIR FORCE</u>: Miss Alyx Lynn, Sean Lynn, Matthew Nolting, Stefan Olivas, Richard Restorff, Sabrina Moore, Annissa Daniels, Brayden Moore

COAST GUARD: Števe Macias, Justin Vivian

AIR NAT'L GUARD: Ryan Erskine

<u>NAVY</u>: Bradley Maxwell Jonathan Martell II, Eddy Sisneroz, Dylan Bernal, Steven Coauetto, Jake Thoutt, Mackenzie Kirkpatrick, Devin Vivian, Daniel Kaleb Wenrick, Tatianna Quezada, Randy Suprenant

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

# **Do Catholics Really Pray to Statues?**

No, Catholics don't worship statues or pray to them. That would be either idolatry at worst or, at best, just a silly thing to do. Catholics use statues and images as visual reminders of the people they represent.

It's similar to keeping a picture of our family in our wallet or on the wall. None of us actually treat the photo as being the actual people depicted: it's simply valuable as a reminder of them. We may touch the image fondly, or even kiss it—but that touch or kiss is for the absent person, not the image itself. We likewise use statues as reminders of God, Our Lady, and the saints when we pray. Since we are creatures of sense, physical representations help us to focus our thoughts and prayers on God or the person to whom we are praying. Images also convey for us critical aspects of the Faith. For example, an image of Our Lady and her Child illustrates for us their closeness and love. Michelangelo's magnificent *Pietá* pulls us into the sorrow of this Mother and the awful concept of the dead Son of God. Crucifixes help us to meditate in a profound way on Our Lord's terrible sufferings. Additionally, beautiful depictions of holy people and events are good for our imaginations which, in this age, are constantly besieged by ugly and sinful images. Sacred art fortifies our imaginations with holiness and beauty, providing a crucial antidote to the assaults of the world.

#### **Online Giving Now Available!**

Visit Our Lady of Lourdes Giving Page at www.osvhub.com/ololparish/giving/funds scan the QR code below, or visit ololparish.com.
View upcoming collections, set reminder notifications, make one time gifts or set up recurring offerings, view and download tax statements at any time. Safe, secure, and easy. Make offerings to all collections or use it for mass intentions, religious articles, brother box, etc. You can set up your account or simply give as a guest. If you would like assistance or have any questions regarding online giving, please contact Jennifer Morse at the parish

office.



# Religious Articles Stop in to the office to see the available religious articles for donation or purchase. Available during office hours.

#### **Website Updates**

Please visit our website for new updates that

include a message from Pope Francis, online giving, bulletins, and introducing a Parish Calendar under the Parish News tab. You may add to the Parish Calendar by emailing the office at olol@ololparish.com.

