

January 7, 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord



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

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

Office Secretary: Peggy Leichty

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For 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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- **Sacristans**

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- **Parish Alive**

Dan Garcia and Kirby Wilson

- **Renovation & Repair**

Rich Leichty and Matt Brewster

- **I.T.**

Greg Mayer and Donna Mayer

- **Vocations**

Dan Garcia

- **St. Joseph, the Worker 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.

Weekly Collection Envelopes

The Collection Envelopes are in the Hall this weekend. After this please pick up envelopes in the Parish Office on weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Please call the office if you have any questions.



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 and Weekday Mass Intentions
Saturday Jan. 6– Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024
Saturday January 6, 2024
5:00

†Richard Little by Phyllis Little
†Angel and Ermina Romero by
Amelia Coon

Sunday, January 7, 2024
8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

† Rebecca Deanes and Florence Barnes
By Amelia Coon (their sister)
† Luke Rutherford by Mom, Dad and Sara

Wednesday, January 10, 2024
8:00 a.m.

John Smith (birthday) by Marie Smith

Thursday, January 11, 2024
8:00 a.m.

Dcn Ron and Paula Desmarais (wedding anniversary) by Dcn Ron and Paula

Saturday, January 13, 2024
5:00 p.m.

† Clark “Smokey” Burgess by Thomas and Amelia Shaffer
† Tom Stutz by Eileen and Family

Sunday, January 14, 2024
8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

† Josefa Andrade by Manuelita Olivarez-Farrell

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 of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

TODAY’S READINGS
Sunday, January 7, 2024
(according to the Ordo)

First Reading: Is 60: 1-6 The glory of the Lord shine upon you

Responsorial Psalm: 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 We saw his star at its rising and have come to do homage.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of January 7, 2024

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7, Ps 29: 1a,2,3ac-4,3b,9b-10, Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20, Ps 1Sm2:1,4-8, Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1Sm 3:1-10, 19-20, Ps 40:2-5,7-10 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11, Ps 44:10-11,14-15, 25-26, Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a, Ps 89:16-19Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19,10:1a, Ps 21:2-7, Mk 2:13-17

Parish Funds December 30-31,2023 and January 1, 2024

Total Parish Offertory \$4,163.64

Includes:

Brother Box/Coffee and More \$69.00

FMF \$111.80

Christmas Offering: \$1.00

Solemnity of Mary \$426.05

Upcoming Events

Charismatic Mass for the New Year – “*Whenever you begin any good work you should first of all make a most pressing appeal to Christ our Lord to bring it to perfection.*” – *St Benedict*. Joyfully praise God, pray for all your intentions, celebrate Mass. Join us at 6:45 pm (just after the 6 pm Vietnamese mass) on **Thursday, January 11, 2024**, at Our Lady of La Vang / St Frances Cabrini, 3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson. If you cannot attend in person, join on Zoom, meeting ID: **814 4930 0841 Pass code: 352734** (For help, text 520-981-8800). Send prayer requests, or see Zoom instructions, at <https://TucsonCCR.org>. Hosted by the Diocese of Tucson Renewal Committee.

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, 2727 W. Tangerine Road, Oro Valley, AZ 85742

Save the Date: North American Lourdes Volunteers will present a *VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE* to Lourdes, France, at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, **Saturday, January 13th** at 10:00 AM. During this guided 2-hour Lourdes experience, you will immerse yourself in the Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette. You will have the opportunity to touch the Grotto Rock and to experience the healing grace of Lourdes Water. As part of this spiritual experience to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette, you will receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray a candlelight rosary. A Plenary Indulgence is granted to the faithful who attend a *Virtual Pilgrimage* with Lourdes Volunteers, under the usual conditions. Come and experience the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Invite your family, children, and friends. Our Lady extends her invitation to all. The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a pilgrimage journey without the travel! Admission is free; donations are welcome. For information contact St. Mark Parish at (520) 469-7835.

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 the Our Lady of Lourdes parish and this will be a grand event. All are welcome to attend!

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. More information to follow. You can begin using Formed now by visiting signup.Formed.org and following the prompts. Call the office for more information.

CTSO TIME: Get Credit Now for a Good Deed and make Your 2023 Tax Credit Contribution by April 15th.

Catholic education combines a quality curriculum that nurtures faith development, provides strong academics, high expectations, and promotes respect for one another. Take advantage of the tax credit and receive a dollar for dollar tax credit. If filing as a single taxpayer you can give up to \$1,306, and a married couple filing jointly can contribute up to \$2,609. Visit www.ctso-tucson.org for online giving.

Saints and Special Observances

January 8-13, 2024

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, 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 DOTNEWS to 84576 or go to <https://news.diocesetucson.org/subscribe>

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.

The Knights of Columbus will be having their monthly business meeting this coming Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Monsignor Rosettie Hall. All Knights and visiting Knights are encouraged to attend.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

COMING Really SOON—MARK YOUR CALENDARS! New study from the Continuing Education Ministry: **“The Case For Jesus – The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ”**

Can we trust the Gospels? Do we really know who wrote them? Do the Gospels communicate truth – or are they fabricated fables? Who is Jesus? Who did Jesus claim to be? Join **Dr. Brant Pitre** of the Augustine Institute as he draws evidence from both early Christian and non-Christian writings attesting to the authenticity, authorship, and dating of the Gospels, and as he gives an in-depth look at the Gospel accounts of Jesus’s Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the proclamation of Christ’s divinity.

Classes will begin Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., January 17th and Thursday, at 6:00 p.m. January 18th, 2024 and end on March 20th and 21st. Registration forms are in the back of the church at all Masses this week.



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 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, Annissa Daniels, Brayden Moore

COAST GUARD: Steve Macias, Justin Vivian

AIR NAT'L GUARD: Ryan Erskine

NAVY: 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

What can Epiphany teach us?

Christmas is not over yet! In fact, one of the most glorious feasts of Christmas-tide is right around the corner. The Epiphany is one of the Church's major and spectacular feasts. It occurs on January 6th, the final day of the 12 days of Christmas. This is the day the Church commemorates the Magi arriving to give homage to the newborn King of Kings with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. However, as we celebrate the Magi's arrival, we are not merely celebrating a past event. Rather, we are celebrating a current reality: the coming of all the Gentile nations, those not initially a part of Our Lord's chosen people, into the Kingdom of God. On the Epiphany, we are celebrating God's invitation to us to come worship at the feet of Our Lord. That is why the Epiphany is such a glorious feast and worth celebrating each year!

From our Eastern brothers and sisters, we can learn much about celebrating the Epiphany. For the Eastern Church, Epiphany is the celebration of not one, not two, but three 'epiphanies,' or revelations of Christ: the arrival of the Magi with their kingly gifts, the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, and Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. These three biblical events are theophanies, or visible manifestations of Who Jesus really is—God Incarnate.

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.

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.

