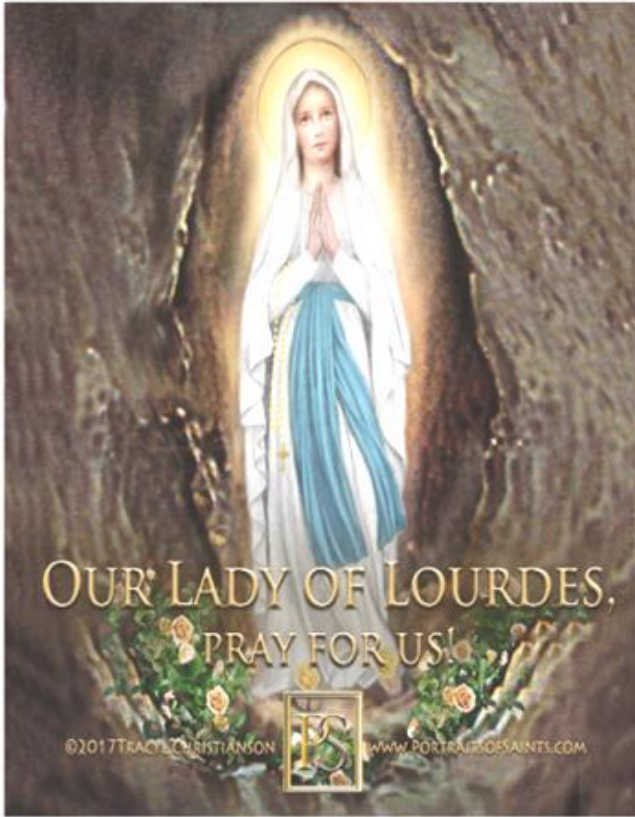


*February 5, 2023*  
*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



O MARY,  
CONCEIVED  
WITHOUT  
SIN, PRAY  
FOR US WHO  
HAVE  
RECOURSE  
TO THEE!

*Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church*

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Benson, AZ 85602

**Reverend Father Martin Atanga, Pastor**

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**After hours emergencies only call 520-633-3996**

To report abuse in the Diocese of Tucson, call **911** immediately and  
then the 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 - 4:00

Please call ahead if you wish to visit with Father

**Office Manager:** Peggy Leichty

Office Assistant: Jennifer Morse

Office Assistant: Liz Rutherford

**For Sacramental Preparation, Religious Education or to schedule a Confession,** please call the Parish Office.

## **List of Ministry Leaders**

**DRE**

Rich and Peggy Leichty

**Compliance**

Rich Leichty and Liz Rutherford

**Bereavement Support**

Mary Ann Young

**Funerals - Liturgy**

Helen Garcia

**K of C Grand Knight**

Rich Leichty

**Lectors**

Marilyn Cooke

**Music**

Filly Nelson

**Weddings – Liturgy**

Helen Garcia

**RCIA**

Marie Smith

**Ushers**

Rich Leichty

**Sacristans**

Marie Smith

**Faith in Action**

Jennifer Morse

**Renovation & Repair**

Dan Garcia and Kirby Wilson

**I.T.**

Rich Leichty

## **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 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass**

*The Mass in Spanish has been temporarily suspended until further notice.*

**CONFESSIONS**  
**SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.**  
**OR BY APPOINTMENT (call the office)**

**PLEASE NOTE: The wearing of masks for all Masses is optional. Please respect those who wish to continue to wear a Mask. Masks will remain available at the entrance of the Church. The Mass will be streamed into Classroom 2 during all weekend Masses. Masks are required when viewing the Mass in the Classroom. Those experiencing any symptoms of Covid, RSV or the flu are asked to remain at home until the symptoms are gone.**

### **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.

### **Upcoming Events**

Saturday, February 25th: There will be a World Day of the Sick Mass with Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger, J.C.L. Principal Celebrant. There will be anointing of the Sick, Blessing of Caregivers, and Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes. 2/25/23 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle 5150 N. Valley View Rd, Tucson, AZ 85718.

Sunday, February 5th - There will be a Faith in Action meeting in the Monsignor Rosettie Hall following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome!

### **CTSO NEWS** **WE HAVE GREAT NEWS!**

The Individual Tax Credit limits have increased.

The amount you can now contribute to Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) has increased. If filing as a single taxpayer you can give up to \$1,243, and a married couple filing jointly can contribute up to \$2,483. It's CTSO Time! Taxpayers contributed over \$14 million dollars to Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) last year and provided tuition scholarships for students in schools throughout the Diocese of Tucson.

## **Weekend and Weekday Masses**

**Saturday, February 4, 2023 First Saturday**  
5:00 p.m.

†Richard Little by Phyllis Little  
†Souls in Purgatory by Diane Swendsen  
†Tom Schmidt (anniversary of death) by Marie Smith

**Sunday, February 5, 2023**  
8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo  
10:30 a.m.  
†Gertrudis Olivarez by Manuelita Olivarez-Farrell  
Julie Gamez for a Blessed New Year by Manuel and Valerie Padia  
†Ricardo Arellano by Leticia Arellano

**Saturday, February 11, 2023**  
5:00 p.m.

†Angelique Emery by Sister Cherie  
†John and Agnes Pilat by Sister Alice

**Sunday, February 12, 2023**  
8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo  
10:30 a.m.  
†Deacon John Meere by SVDP St. Bernadette Council

## **Prayer for the week of 2/5/2023** God Be in My Head

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in my eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at my end, and at my departing.

—Attributed to Old Sarum Primer

## **TODAY'S READINGS -**

First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalm — One who is just is a model for the righteous (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16).

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## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK of** **February 5, 2023**

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

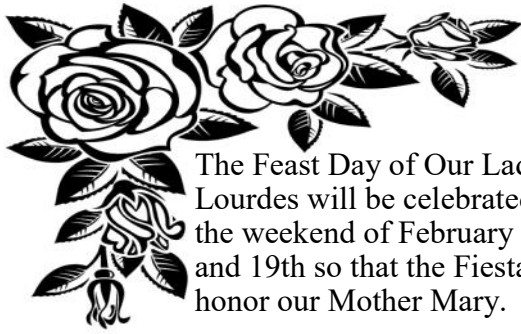
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20 22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

### **Weekly Offering**

Total: \$2,696.29  
Brother Box/Coffee & More: \$49  
SVDP: \$25.00  
Candles: \$3.00



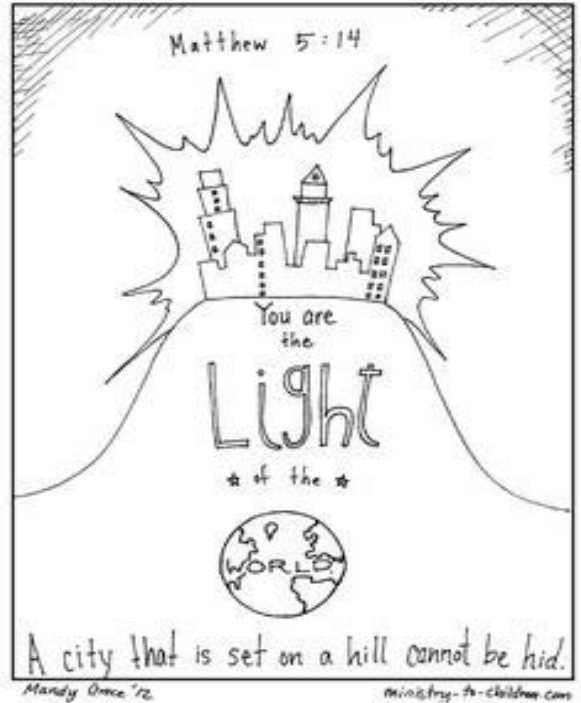
The Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrated on the weekend of February 18th and 19th so that the Fiesta will honor our Mother Mary.

## THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: “Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.” All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today’s readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people’s spiritual needs. Saint Matthew’s Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all.

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# Let your light shine!!!



## Fiesta News

Our Lady of Lourdes Fiesta will be on February 18th, 2023. Activities will include a Silent Auction, Raffles, Bake sale, vendors, a small “yard sale”, lots of good food, small games, a Rosary repair station and sale of Religious articles.

Vendor tables will be \$10.00. So far we have two outside vendors! There will be three separate raffles for the chance to win merchant gift certificates, a dinner with Father Martin, and a 50/50 cash prize. Raffle ticket sales begin this weekend. Yard sale items will be collected two weeks prior to the event, so please start setting your donations aside now. Check back weekly for updates regarding this exciting event!

## **Religious Articles**

Looking for that special gift? You may wish to know that there is a collection of religious articles in the parish office. If you are looking for a particular item, call or stop in to shop.

Also, please know that there will be a table of religious articles at the Fiesta this year. We will have some items from the shelves in the office as well as a selection that has not been seen before. We will also be providing Rosary repair that we hope will be completed that day. If your Rosary needs to be re-connected, we can do this easily. Lost beads will be able to be fixed as long as you approve of the replacement bead. Cost for the Rosary Repair will be a donation only.

We will also have new Rosaries for sale. Hope to see you there.

**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.)

## **We Care - Volunteer Opportunity**

**We Care Pregnancy Center of Benson is seeking volunteers now to train. If you are  
interested, please contact the parish office for further information.**

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.wecarebenison.com](http://www.wecarebenison.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!*

## **Do You Need Help with an Issue with the Internal Revenue Service or the Arizona Department of Revenue?**

Free help is available immediately through Catholic Community Services for eligible taxpayers who are dealing with tax issues. Whether you have received a letter from the IRS, the Arizona Department of Revenue, have an unresolved tax issue, or any other tax problem - Catholic Community Services is there to help you. Please give **Anna Burke** a call today to set up your appointment at **(520) 433-1669** or [annab@ccs-soaz.org](mailto:annab@ccs-soaz.org).

**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. 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". They are short and to the point.

**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 Msgr. 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 any member or Rich Leichty at 303-859-1846 for more information.

**Math Tutoring Program**

The Knights of Columbus provides **no cost** High School Math tutoring at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. NOTE:

**All safe environment protocols will be maintained.**

**For more information call Tony Macias at 520-221-1362**

***There is a meeting this week on Wednesday, February 8  
at 6:30 p.m. In the Hall***



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



**Please review this list and let the Office Manager know 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 Jeter-Ruiz, Matthew Nolting, Stefan Olivas, Richard Restorff, Sabrina Moore, Annissa Daniels, Brayden Moore

**COAST GUARD**: Steve Macias, Justin Vivian

**AIR NAT'L GUARD**: Ryan Erskine

Please notify Parish Office  
of any changes or additions

## OUR FASCINATING FAITH

### Candlemas (February 2)

Thanks to Pope Sergius I (687–701), on February 2 we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. On this day we also commemorate the Purification of Mary, who complied with the Jewish law (Leviticus 12:1). The law indicated that a mother should be purified forty days after giving birth to a boy child. Since the eleventh century the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of the Lord have been celebrated with the blessing of all the candles and candlesticks that are going to be used during the year. This is done with the hope that there will never be a lack of light, either material or spiritual, in the houses of the faithful. The root of the word candlemas is the Latin verb *candere* (“to shine”) and from which also come the words *candelabra* and *candlestick*. This feast of candles recalls that Christians can, like Simon and the prophetess Anna in the temple, say that they also have seen salvation: Jesus the true Light who shines in the arms of Mary (Luke 2:25–38).

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

Believe it or not, it’s once again time for the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) fund raising drive. The official kick-off will begin in about two weeks.

The ACA is the largest source of funding for the works of the Diocese of Tucson. The Appeal provides the financial resources for the ministries and charities that serve individuals and families of our parishes, schools, and communities.

Each year, the Catholic Foundation and Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, in collaboration with the parishes and missions of the Diocese, renew the Annual Catholic Appeal to raise the much-needed funding for the financial support of the Catholic charities and ministries which serve people throughout our Diocese.

The Parish ACA representative will present a short but detailed presentation next weekend that will explain how the ACA funds are spent in our Diocese.

### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Tu B’Svat (the Jewish new year of trees)  
begins at sunset

Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St.  
Josephine Bakhita; International Day of  
Prayer and Awareness against Human  
Trafficking

Friday: St. Scholastica

Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed  
Virgin Mary; World Day of the Sick

### The Brother Box

Please remember those who may need a little help at some time. The Brother Box is an excellent way to share our gifts in a small way with others, and to teach our children and grandchildren the grace of giving! The box is located in the front of the church on the left in front of the choir loft. Proceeds from the donations are used to assist folks travelling through our area and who are in need of help, as well as neighbors who may need some small assistance.