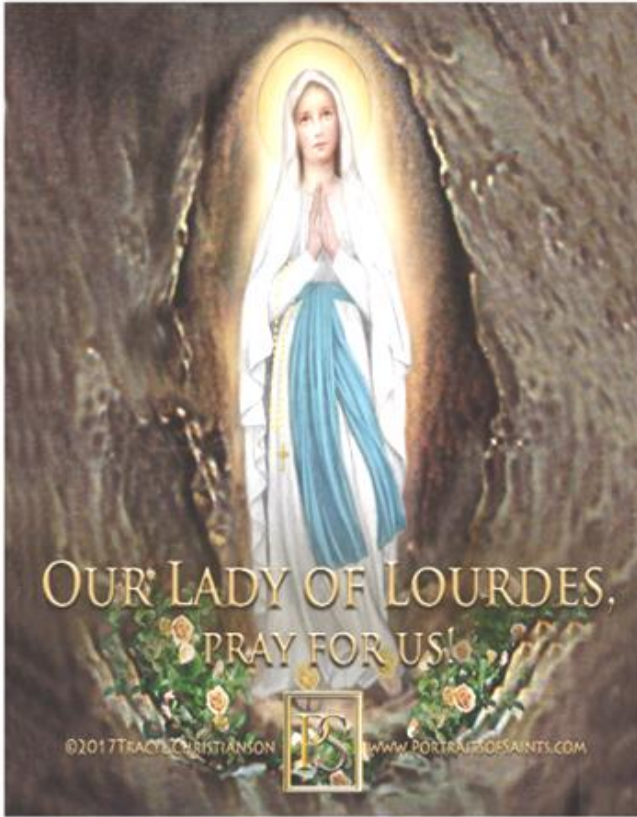


January 29, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Phone: 520-586-3394 Website: ololparish.com

Email: olol@ololparish.com

(Please note our email address has changed)

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 Leichy

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 Leichy
Compliance	Rich Leichy and Liz Rutherford
Bereavement Support	Mary Ann Young
Funerals - Liturgy	Helen Garcia
K of C Grand Knight	Rich Leichy
Lectors	Marilyn Cooke
Music	Filly Nelson
Weddings - Liturgy	Helen Garcia
RCIA	Marie Smith
Ushers	Rich Leichy
Sacristans	Marie Smith
Faith in Action	Jennifer Morse
Renovation & Repair	Dan Garcia and Kirby Wilson
I.T.	Rich Leichy

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

There will be a meeting of the Fiesta Committee on Wednesday, February 1. at 6:00 p.m. Please bring all gift certificates and donated items for Raffles to this meeting so we can have the posters made that advertise our donors.

Friday, Feb. 3, 2023 - Feast Day of St. Blaise, Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 pm followed by the Blessing of the Throats. Also, there will be a blessing of the candles if you have any candles that you would like to have blessed, please bring them to this Mass.

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, January 28, 2023

5:00 p.m.

†Grazia Palmisano by Dino Palmisano

Sunday, January 29, 2023

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

†José Lopez by Manuel and Valerie Padia
Cheryl McFarron (healing) by Tom and Sherri
Knutson

Friday, February 3, 2023 Feast of St. Blaise

6:00 p.m.

Blessing of the Throats

Blessing of the Candles

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

Prayer for the week of 1/29/2023

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 - 01/29/2023

First Reading — You humble of the land,
seek justice and humility, and the Lord
will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3;
3:12-13).

Psalm — The Lord blesses the humble and
gives them the heavenly kingdom (Psalm
146).

Second Reading — God chose the weak of
the world, those who count for nothing, so
that whoever boasts should boast in the
Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

Gospel — Jesus taught from the mountain:
Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1
-12a) .

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of January 29, 2023

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-
20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32;
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2,
13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-
18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk
6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6;
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
Mt 5:13-16

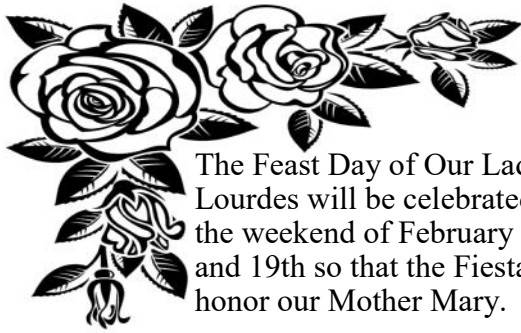
Weekly Offering

Total: \$2,844.62

Brother Box/Coffee & More: \$ 138.50

SVDP: \$45.00

Candles: \$9.00



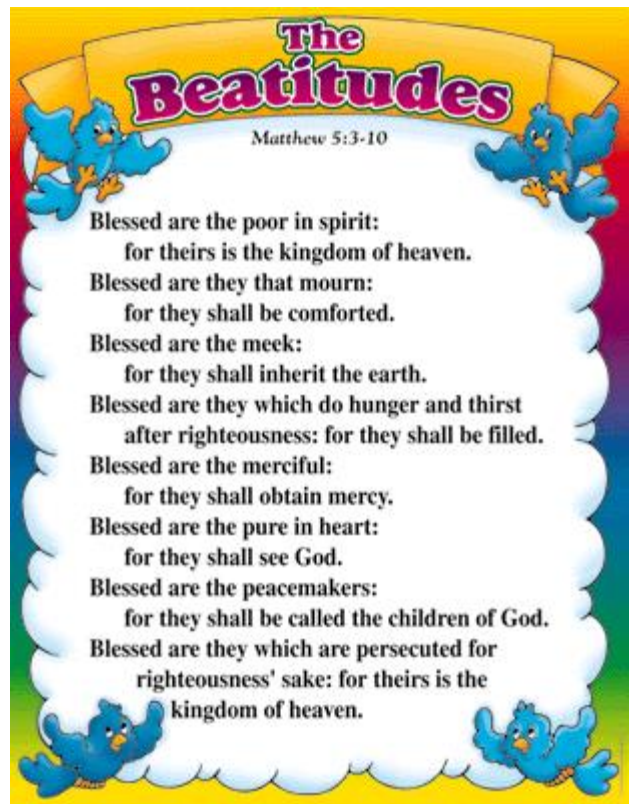
The Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrated on the weekend of February 18th and 19th so that the Fiesta will honor our Mother Mary.

A Marriage Blessing: Bishop Weisenburger invites you to a special Mass celebrating Marriage Anniversaries for couples that have received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and are celebrating the following Anniversaries:

1st-5th-10th-25th-50th-60th or longer
Wedding Anniversary in 2023

Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

St. Augustine Cathedral, 192 S. Stone Ave., Tucson



THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation.

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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. 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.

Public Health Information

According to the Cochise County Health Department, Covid remains active in Benson. With the addition of RSV and the annual flu it remains critical for all of us to take care of our brothers and sisters by doing all within our power to maintain a healthy environment within our church. This includes staying home when you have symptoms of any virus such as coughing, sneezing, fever, congestion, headache or a combination of any of these symptoms. Also, we will continue to have face masks and hand sanitizer available inside the Church.

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

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. *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.

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

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST, SIR KNIGHT PAUL KERCHUM
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO YOUR FAMILY, OUR PARISH,
OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR COUNTRY!**



**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 Gordoia, 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

NATIONAL GUARD: Spec. Michael Lehman

Please notify Parish Office
of any changes or additions

From Father Martin in Ghana:

“Already a week gone! Just to let you know that I arrived in Ghana safely. I pray that there's joy, celebration and good health for All in the Parish. I am doing well and enjoying as much as possible all the blessings of family and friends. The weather is hot most part of the day. The best times are the dawns and early mornings. It's the hamattan season so there is lots of dust in the air. Just a bit of what's like in Ghana now. Love and blessings to everyone.”

Definition of “The Hamattan”: a season in West Africa that occurs between the end of November and the middle of March. It is characterized by the dry and dust northeasterly trade wind, of the same name, which blows from the Sahara over West Africa into the Gulf of Guinea



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 in a couple of weeks that will explain how the ACA funds are spent in our Diocese.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary

Time; Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday: St. John Bosco

Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord;

World Day for Consecrated Life;

Groundhog Day

Friday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar;

First Friday; Blessing of throats

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First

Saturday

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.