

January 1, 2023
Mary, the Holy Mother of God



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

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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

The Office
will be
closed on
12/30 for the
New Year
Holiday.

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

Sunday, January 1, 2023, **Bishop** Edward J. Weisenburger will be celebrating the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God at our 10:30 a.m. Mass. He will also bless our newly renovated spaces. There will be a potluck dinner afterwards. 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. Brochures are in your bulletin this week.

Weekend and Weekday Masses

Saturday, 12/31

5:00 p.m.

**Marcella Smith-Birthday by Marie Smith
Rich & Peggy Leichty Wedding Anniversary by
The Leichty Family**

Sunday, 1/1

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

**†Paul Kerchum, †Gloria Kerchum and †Paul
Kerchum II by Deacon Ron & Paula**

Saturday, 1/7

5:00 p.m.

**†Richard Little by Phyllis Little
†Souls in Purgatory by Diane Swendsen**

Sunday, 1/8

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

†Luke Rutherford by Dad, Mom & Sarah

10:30 a.m.

†Julia Recupero by Dino Palmisano

Tuesday, 1/10

6:00 p.m.

John Smith (BD) by Marie Smith

Saturday, 1/14

5:00 p.m.

**†Deacon John Meere by Gloria and Frank
Acuña**

Sunday, 1/15

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30

**†Carlos Salazar by Manuel and Valerie Padia
†Edgar Kress by Beverly Kress
†Josefe Andrade by Manuelita Olivares-Farrell**

Weekly Offering

Total: \$3805.20

Candles: \$20.20

Brother Box/Coffee & More: \$68.00

Christmas Offering: \$767.00

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalm — May God be merciful and bless us (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK 1/1/2023

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;

Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



Prayer for the week of 1/1/2023

Prayer at the Manger: With Mary and Joseph May we follow the faithful, loving witness of Mary and Joseph as we seek to bring Jesus, your Word, into the world.

May we always follow his Gospel, now and forever. Amen.

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Enjoy coloring the picture below of Mary, the Mother of Jesus



BLESSINGS

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing.

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2023 Collection Envelopes

The 2023 Collection envelopes have arrived and been sorted according to your envelope number. They are on a table in the Hall. The numbers have not changed. If you have not had envelopes in the past please talk to one of the Office Staff and they will get you connected with your very own box of envelopes!

Fiesta News

The Fiesta Committee would like you to know that they are currently gathering Fiesta T-Shirt orders. In order to get a cost for the shirts, they first need a quantity. There is a sign-up sheet on a clipboard at the back of the Church. The last day to order shirts is next Sunday, January 8.

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.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BISHOP'S VISIT

As discussed earlier, Bishop Weisenburger will visit Our Lady of Lourdes on January 1 for the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Bishop Weisenburger (and Bishop Kicanis!!) will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church to celebrate the 10:30 a.m. Mass and to bless our two completed Construction Projects - the commercial kitchen and the new flooring and upholstery projects.

A potluck luncheon will be held after the 10:30 Mass and all are invited to attend. For those attending the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass or the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, please consider returning to join us and celebrate the completion of these projects. The church will provide all the entrees (smoked turkeys and hams) and beverages. Please bring any casserole, side dish, dessert or salad that you wish to share with others. Oven space for heating food may be limited. If you are concerned about this please call Peggy at 303-905-6906.

St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Bernadette Conference, Benson, AZ

(520) 586-9438 Maggie Montijo, President

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. This organization does not promote abortion or provide referrals to abortion clinics. This is their website wecarebenson.com

OUTREACH - To sign up for flocknote please call the office and leave your name and phone number. The Office Manager will add you to our "flock". Flocknotes are text msgs 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.

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.

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. Also, we will continue to have available face masks and hand sanitizer inside the Church.



**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:

NATIONAL GUARD: Spec. Michael Lehman

NAVY: Bradley Maxwell, Jonathan Martell II, Eddy Sisneroz, Michael Young, Dylan Ber- nal, Steven Co-
aucto, Jake Thoutt, Mackenzie Kirkpatrick, Devin Vivian, Daniel Kaleb Wenrick

Please notify office
manager of any changes

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Resolve to Spread God's Mercy and Peace

Imagine: two New Year's celebrations in little over a month! In late November, Advent began the new liturgical year, and today the secular New Year 2023 begins. In today's Gospel, everyone who heard it was amazed by the story the shepherds told of the angels' message regarding the child. Mary herself continued to reflect on all these things in her heart. With religious persecutions raging, international and domestic conflicts seething, our family and friends suffering various difficulties, and COVID not yet entirely in the rear-view mirror, not to mention our own personal problems, how much our world needs Jesus as another New Year veiled in mystery begins! As we pray for God's mercy to enfold our world and embrace each of us in 2023, let our New Year's resolution be to live for others, as Mary did, a channel of God's mercy and an instrument of Christ's peace.

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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.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God;

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the

Lord; World Day of Prayer for Peace;

New Year's Day

Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory
Nazianzen

Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday: St. John Neumann

Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday

Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;

First Saturday; Julian Calendar Christmas

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.