

December 25, 2022
The Nativity of the Lord- Christmas



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
12/26 and on
12/30 for
Diocesan
Holidays.

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. For the immediate future, 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.

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 and further information will be forthcoming.

Weekend and Weekday Masses

Saturday, 12/24

5:00 p.m.

†**Julia Recupero by Dino Palmisano**

†**Molly Reyes by Manuel Padia**

Sunday, 12/25

8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

10:30 a.m.

†**Manuel Andrade by Manuelita Farrell**

†**Madeline Reyes by Manuel & Valerie Padia**

Tuesday, 12/27

6:00 p.m.

†**Tony and Evelyn Garrobo by Family**

Wednesday, 12/28

8:00 a.m.

†**Deacon John Meere & Family by Helen Garcia**

Thursday, 12/29

8:00 a.m.

Kaczmarzyk Family by Sara & Ken Kaczmarzyk

†**Paul Padia by Manuel & Valerie Padia**

Saturday, 12/31

5:00 p.m.

Marcella Smith (birthday) by Marie Smith

Rich & Peggy Leichty Wedding Anniversary by

St. Paul VI: “We consider
Christmas as the encounter, the
great encounter, the historical
encounter, the decisive encounter,
between God and mankind.

Weekly Offering

Total: \$4,982.53

Candles: \$10.00

SVDP: \$25.00

Facilities Maintenance: \$100.00

Priest Retirement Fund: \$130.00

Brother Box/Coffee & More: \$214.00

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All the ends of the earth will
behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalm — The whole world has seen God’s
salvation (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God has spoken to us through
the Son, the very imprint of God’s being
(Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel — The Word became flesh; from his
fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18
[1-5, 9-14]).

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Readings for the Week of December 25th

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6,
8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8;
Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps
128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21



Prayer for the week of 12/25

Enjoy coloring the picture below.

Prayer at the Manger: With the Shepherds
Your Good News was sung by angels
to these lowly ones in the night.
Look on us in our lowliness.
Let us rejoice in the glad tidings of Christ,
now and forever. Amen.

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WHAT ALL THE WAITING HAS BEEN FOR

Today's readings are as familiar to most of us as the carols we sing and the commercials that overwhelm this holiday season. Often Christmas finds us tired, struggling with preparations and expectations. What we really want to feel is joy and peace. The stress of preparation, of waiting, is reflected in both Isaiah and Paul's letter to Titus. Luke tells us of the exhaustion that Mary and Joseph felt: a young pregnant wife and her husband, forced to travel just as she is about to give birth, unable even to find a room to stay in. It must have been miserable. They must have been afraid. In the midst of this exhaustion, misery, and fear, a child is born, a Son is given. The world is then filled with light and hope, joy and peace. In that moment they, and we, know what all the waiting has been for.

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!

Announcement - There is a need for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Please contact the office for more information.

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 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.

Bishop Weisenburger will visit Our Lady of Lourdes on January 1

Bishop Weisenburger 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 dinner will be held after the 10:30 Mass and all are invited to attend. The church will provide all the entrees (smoked turkeys and hams) and beverages. Please bring any 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 the office this week.

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.)

Donate your clean, unbroken, gently used items at the **East end of the building by the garage door**. Please do not drop off items at the entrance to the building. **No mattresses or TV's**

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

About a month ago, Members of our Faith in Action group reached out to determine what the current needs were of this organization. After discussion with this group it was identified that they have a current and ongoing need for **diapers and wipes. Diapers remain needed in all sizes**. We shared this need with the Parish - and the response was tremendous! On Wednesday, December 21, the Parish delivered 2,091 diapers in varied sizes and 139 packages of wipes (which equals much more than 5,560 wipes!) Deacon Rick knows his stuff!!! Faith in Action will continue to seek opportunities to pour our "faith into action" by supporting "We Care". If anyone has any ideas on how this Parish can support this organization please call the office to let us know.

December – A gift to US Catholic Sisters can make a difference in our efforts to confront the Human Trafficking pandemic. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

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 flock-note. 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 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:

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

Christmas Time

The feasts that make up Christmas Time all illuminate in their own way the fundamental mystery of the Incarnation that stands at the heart of this sacred season. Each celebration sheds its own distinct light on our conviction that, in the birth of Jesus, earth and heaven have been wedded together for the sake of our salvation. The feasts of the Holy Family, Mary the Mother of God, Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord all have their own particular histories. But they have been joined together in a single seasonal flow that invites us to trace the unfolding meanings of the Incarnation from myriad perspectives. As we follow the successive meanings of Jesus' birth, his participation in family life, the meaning of Mary's motherhood, the significance of the Magi's visit, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, we are invited to explore in deeper and deeper fashion the staggering truth that Jesus has shared completely in our human experience, has truly become one with us, fully human while remaining fully divine.

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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: The Nativity of the Lord
(Christmas)

Monday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins

Tuesday: St. John

Wednesday: The Holy Innocents

Thursday: St. Thomas Becket;

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity
of the Lord

Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and
Joseph

Saturday: St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve

Seventh Day within the Octave of the
Nativity of the Lord

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.