

*August 17, 2025*  
*Twentieth 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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**Reverend Father Martin Atanga, Pastor**

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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

Finance/Office Assistant: Jennifer Morse

Compliance/Office Assistant: Liz Rutherford

Custodian: Gerald Nelson

**For Mass Intentions, Sacramental Preparation, including:  
Baptism, Religious Education, Quinceañeras, Marriage  
or to schedule a Confession, please call the Parish Office.**



## List of Ministry Leaders

### Board of Directors

**President:** Fr. Martin Atanga,

**Secretary:** Helen Garcia, **Treasurer:** Al Cesarz

**Chairman:** Dan Garcia, **Secretary:** De Wilson

**Assistant Secretary:** Melissa Tibbitts

**Bookkeeper:** Vita Baker-Luna

### Finance Council

**Chairman:** Tom Stevenson **Secretary:** Helen Garcia

Peggy Leichty, **Assistant DRE:** Ray Ruiz

### Parish Pastoral Council

- **DRE**
- **Eucharistic Ministers**
- **Funerals**
- **K of C Grand Knight**
- **Lectors**
- **Music**
- **Weddings**
- **RCIA**
- **Ushers/Compliance Asst.**
- **Sacristans**
- **Parish Alive**
- **Renovation & Repair**
- **I.T.**
- **Vocations**
- **St. Joseph, the Worker Ministry**

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**S.K.** Al Cesarz

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Filly Nelson

Call Office

Marie Smith

Rich Leichty

Marie Smith

Bridget Dundon

Dan Garcia and Kirby Wilson

Rich Leichty and Matt Brewster

Greg Mayer and Donna Mayer

Dan Garcia

**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.**  
**SPANISH MASS 2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 12:30 p.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.—5:00 p.m.**  
**OR BY APPOINTMENT (call the office)**

**Anointing of the Sick is every 1st Wednesday of each month following the 8:00 am Mass.**

**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.

The **Religious Education** classes for school age students start on August 17th at 9:000 a.m. We look forward to welcoming back last year's students and welcoming new students! Registration forms are in the back of the church and online. Please register all students, even those returning from last year. **Adult Scripture Study** will begin in October – specific date to be announced soon. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

**RCIA/OCIA (Rite/Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)**

RCIA classes begin August 17th at 12:30pm in Classroom 2.

Any other adults wishing to attend the class simply to refresh their understanding of our faith are also welcome to attend the classes. Adults who have not received Confirmation and wish to do so are encouraged to attend our RCIA classes.

**GREAT NEWS!** All tuition, books, and any additional fees for all Adult (OCIA, formerly RCIA) and Religious Education (RE) will be paid by one of our Parishioners this year. Please sign up as soon as possible!

## Weekend and Weekday Mass Intentions

**Saturday, August 16, 2025**  
**5:00 p.m.**

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**Sunday, August 17, 2025**  
**8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**

In Thanksgiving, by Liz and family

**Tuesday, August 19, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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**Wednesday, August 20, 2025**  
**8:00 a.m.**

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**Thursday, August 21, 2025**  
**8:00 a.m.**

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**Friday, August 22, 2025**  
**8:00 a.m.**

†Alan Haines Birthday, by Marie Smith

**Saturday, August 23, 2025**  
**5:00 p.m.**

†Family of Stanley & Eugenie Doiron, by Nick Doiron

**Sunday, August 24, 2025**  
**8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**

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## **TODAY'S READINGS** **Sunday, August 17, 2025**

**First Reading:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 *Because he demoralized the people. Jeremiah is condemned to death.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 40:2-4, 18 *"Lord, come to my aid!"*

**Second Reading:** Heb 12:1-4 *We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, who can teach us how to struggle for glory.*

**Gospel:** Lk 12:49-53 *Jesus says: I have come to divide.*

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK of** **August 18, 2025**

**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19 | Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44 | Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a | Ps 85:9, 11-14 | Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15 | Ps 21:2-7 | Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a | Ps 40:5, 7-10 | Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 | Ps 146:5-10 | Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 | Ps 128:1b-5 | Mt 23:1-12

## **Pope Leo XIV's Intention for** **August 2025** **For mutual coexistence**

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

## Upcoming Events

- **Sunday, August 17th, Religious Education** classes begin. Teachers and students are to meet in the Parish Hall at 9:00 a.m. **RCIA classes** also begin this day at 12:30 p.m. in Classroom #2.
- **Sunday, August 17th** Parish Alive meeting after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.
- **Retrouvaille of Southern Arizona:** Retrouvaille (*retro-vi*) simply means 'rediscovery'. This program is an opportunity to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Retrouvaille is for struggling couples. The upcoming program date is September 12-14, 2025. To Register: 520-762-4449. For a confidential inquiry, please email us at [4003r@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:4003r@helpourmarriage.org). HelpOurMarriage.org; Español 800-966-7981. We will have brochures available soon at the church and parish office.
- **Atilla Adam Honti**, recently appointed organist and choirmaster of the Svenska krykan Swedish Lutheran Church in Nordanstig, Sweden will be performing the music of J.S. Bach, Cesar Frank and newer works by a number of contemporary Scandinavian composers on **Friday, August 22, 2025 at 7:00PM at St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 800 Taylor Drive in Sierra Vista**. There is no charge to attend this concert, a freewill offering will be accepted for the ongoing restoration of the largest pipe organ in Cochise County.

A **great big thank you** to all volunteers who have been cleaning Our Lady of Lourdes premises inside and outside, those who have been leading the music at our Masses and all who have gone above and beyond in our community to make it pleasant to be here. You are an inspiration to all of us here.

Thank you, thank you ... Jesus!

### **Saints and Special Observances this week**

**Monday:**

**Tuesday:** St. John Eudes, Priest

**Wednesday:** St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

**Thursday:** St. Pius X, Pope

**Friday:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Saturday:** St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

### **August 10, 2025 Collection**

#### **Parish Funds**

Offertory \$2,126.06

Facilities Maintenance Fund \$772.50

Brother Box/C&M \$73.00

Candles \$1.00

#### **Funds to be sent out**

St. Vincent de Paul \$30.00

Solidarity for the Church in Africa \$176.00

### **\*\* Online Giving Available \*\***

Please visit our website [ololparish.com](http://ololparish.com) and scroll down to online giving. You will be redirected to Our Sunday Visitor hub where you can securely make an offering, view upcoming collections, set reminders, and more. Thank you for your generosity!

## **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!

Have you signed up for Flocknotes?

Flocknotes are a fast and easy way of communicating information that you may need to know as a parishioner. Flocknotes are text messages that may be sent out by the office staff, including Father Martin, that make you aware of things such as, special mass reminders, potential mass changes, special events, meetings etc. You may also receive Flocknotes from the Diocese of Tucson that communicate special messages. To sign up for Flocknotes, please call the office and leave your name and number and the staff will add you to our Flock.

## **Mass Requests**

If you would like to request a Mass intention, you may do so online or call or visit the parish office. Jesus taught “show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses prescribed,” after he cured a leper (Mt 8:1-4).

## **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.

**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](http://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!**



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

## 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.

### 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.**

### Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, we ask You with confidence for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Your Church. Aided by the intercession of Immaculate Mary, let there be a rich harvest of vocations. Let men be enlightened and strengthened to follow Your call to serve as priests and brothers. Let seminaries overflow, and bless their formators and teachers with a wisdom not of this world. Let Your daughters feel an irresistible pull to a life on contemplation and service as sisters and nuns. Let there be a new flowering of religious orders which seek the path of holiness. Let men and women You call to marriage see the importance of this vocation, and like Tobias, see their spouses for a noble purpose. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer by Rev. Victor Perez



**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 Gordoa, 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, Anissa Coquette, Brayden Moore, Kaylene Flint, Ignacio Bustamante Jr.

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

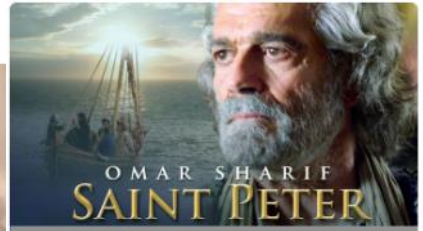
**NAVY:** Bradley Maxwell Jonathan Martell II, Eddy Sisneroz, Dylan Bernal, Jake Thoutt, Mackenzie Kirkpatrick, Devin Vivian, Daniel Kaleb Wenrick, Tatianna Quezada, Randy Suprenant

**Space Force:** Nicole Flint - Space Force Guardian

## Have you enjoyed the Catholic Streaming Service FORMED yet?

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, Our Lady of Lourdes parish has been gifted a subscription to **FORMED.ORG**. This is a **Catholic Streaming service** that gives you access to **thousands of video and audio content** on your television, phone, and computer. Thanks to the gift of a subscription, parishioners have **COMPLETE ACCESS to the entire Formed catalog**. Again this was gifted to you, and all are encouraged to enjoy this special gift. You can begin using Formed at no cost to Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners

now by visiting  
**Formed.org**



Saint Peter

Bakhita: From Slave to Saint

**It is that time again! We have begun the collection for the Thanksgiving Baskets.**

Canned vegetables:

Corn

Green Beans

Mixed vegetables/peas

**Dried Beans**

**Rice**

**Instant mashed potatoes**

Gravy mix (packets) or jars

Creamed soups (mushroom/celery/  
corn/chicken)

Stuffing- boxes and bags

Evaporated/powdered milk

Yams/sweet potatoes

Cranberry sauce/jellied or whole

berry

Pumpkin



**Last year, 107 families signed up for a basket which provided meals for about 530 people in our community. Below is the Thanksgiving Basket needs list. Items in red are the current items being collected. Items in blue indicate that we have enough of that item—if that situation should occur!**

**Please check the expiration dates on your donations as we have found a few items out-of-date. We gratefully accept donations of fresh produce during the 5 days at the end of the collection time.** Items may be donated by placing them under the side altar or you may leave them at the parish office during business hours. If you are interested in helping this project along, you may do so by participating in the Parish Alive meetings when they occur.