

*December 28, 2025*

*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*



*Let the peace of  
Christ control  
your hearts; Let  
the word of  
Christ dwell in  
you richly.*

*Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church*

386 East 5th Street PO Box 2198

Benson, AZ 85602

**Reverend Father Martin Atanga, Pastor**

**Office Phone: 520-586-3394 Website: [ololparish.com](http://ololparish.com)**

**Email: [olol@ololparish.com](mailto:olol@ololparish.com)**

**Office Hours Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**After hours pastoral emergencies only call (520) 633-3996**

To report abuse in the Diocese of Tucson, call **911** immediately and  
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**

Kirby and De Wilson

Call Office

**S.K.** Al Cesarz

Kirby and De Wilson

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.



**Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God**

Vigil Mass Wednesday, December 31, 2025 6:00 p.m.  
Solemnity Mass Thursday, January 1, 2026 10:00 a.m.



**Weekend and Weekday Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 27, 2025**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 28, 2025**  
**8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**

† Wain R. Kaczmarzyk by Ken & Sarah Kaczmarzyk

**Wednesday, December 31, 2025**  
**8:00 a.m.**

Marcella Smith (birthday) by Marie Smith

**Saturday, January 3, 2025**  
**5:00 p.m.**

† Richard Little by Phyllis Little

**Sunday, January 4, 2025**  
**8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**



**TODAY'S READINGS**  
**Sunday, December 28, 2025**

**First Reading:** Sir 3:2-6,12-14 *Revere your father, comfort your mother.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 128:1-5 *"Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."*

**Second Reading:** Col 3:12-21 *Clothe yourself with heartfelt mercy.*

**Gospel:** Mt 2:13-15,19-23 *Out of Egypt I called my son.*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK of**  
**December 29, 2025**

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11 | Ps 96:1-3,5b-6 | Lk 2:22-35

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17 | Ps 96:7-10 | Lk 2:36-40

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21 | Ps 96:1-2,11-13 | Jn 1:1-18

**Thursday:** Nm 6:22-27 | Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 | Gal 4:4-7 | Lk 2:16-21

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28 | Ps 98:1-4 | Jn 1:19-28

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6 | Ps 98:1,3c-6 | Jn 1:29-34

**Pope Leo XIV's Intention for**  
**January 2026**

**For Prayer with the Word of God**

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

## Upcoming Events

- This weekend we are celebrating the Consecration of the Holy Family. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for distributing prayer cards prior to each Mass.
- Parish office closures December 31-January 2
- Envelopes are in! You may pick them up in the parish hall after masses over the next few weekends. Please initial that you have picked them up.
- If you need a 2025 donation letter, please contact the parish office.

Thank you to all who attended our first semester of That Man Is You! It was a huge success with great fellowship and personal growth. We are currently on our winter break. Sessions will begin again on January 23rd at 6am, coffee and bagels will be available at each session. Please join us as we continue our journey to become Men After God's Own Heart, That Man Is You!



### **December 21, 2025 Collection**

#### **Parish Funds**

Offertory \$2,804.05  
Facilities Maintenance Fund \$100  
Brother Box/C&M \$164.30  
Candles \$11.00  
Christmas Flowers \$30.60  
Light House \$12.00  
Christmas Offering \$5.00  
Solemnity of Mary \$5.00  
Immaculate Conception \$30.00

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

SVDP \$25.00  
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund \$605.00

#### **Upcoming special collection:**

Facilities Maintenance Fund  
January 10-11, 2026

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

**Monday:** St. Thomas Becket

**Wednesday:** St. Sylvester I

**Thursday:** Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

**Friday:** Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

**Saturday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus

## **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.

## **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!**

## **Scam Alert**

**If you are contacted by anyone claiming to be from the Diocese or Our Lady of Lourdes asking for money or gift cards, please confirm the contact's identity with the Diocese at 520-838-2500 or Our Lady of Lourdes office at 520-586-3394.**



# 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, Koryn Naquin

**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, Annis Coquette, Brayden Moore, Kaylene Flint, Ignacio Bustamante Jr., Alison M. Spalione

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

**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





May the Good Lord bless you all. May the peace of the Lord stay in each and everyone of us. It is with peace in our hearts that we can endure all things. I encourage you all to reflect on the words of the Holy Father that true peace “is the peace of the risen Christ—a peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. It comes from God who loves us all unconditionally.” The real gift this world needs, is peace. I offer to you all, the most precious and rare gift of peace found only in us through Christ, and I give mine to you. Merry Christmas to all.

*Yours in Christ, Father Martin*

### **Welcome Bishop-Elect James Misko**

“There are many people to give thanks to, the most important is God.” -Bishop Elect James Misko

On December 22nd it was announced that our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV appointed Fr. James Misko as the 8th bishop of the Diocese of Tucson. With great joy we welcome to our community Bishop-Elect Misko and look forward to his shepherdship. You can visit the Diocese of Tucson website to learn more about our new Bishop.



*Thank you*

During this Advent season, Our Lady of Lourdes collected 1,848 diapers, 376 adult briefs and multiple packages of wipes given to the We Care Pregnancy Center and Disabled American Veterans organization. Thank you for your charitable outpouring of generosity to this project.