

*May 17, 2026*  
*Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord*



*Go and teach  
all nations, says  
the Lord; I am  
with you  
always, until  
the end of the  
world.*

*Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church*

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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:** Diocese of Tucson

### 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**
- **OCIA**
- **Ushers/Compliance Asst.**
- **Sacristans**
- **Parish Alive**
- **Renovation & Repair**
- **I.T.**
- **Vocations**
- **St. Joseph, the Worker  
Ministry**
- **That Man is You!**

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

Rich Leichty and Cameron Olsen

## 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.



There will be an (EMERGENCY) Knights of Columbus meeting this coming Tuesday May 19, 2026 @ 6:30 pm in the Monsignor Rosettie Hall. All Knights & visiting Knights must make their best made effort to attend, this is a significant gathering as we will be conducting our \*\*Yearly election for officers.\*\* If you are a gentleman & over 18 years of age & a practicing Catholic & have contemplated joining the Knights, you're welcome to attend as a guest.

The 2nd Annual Baby Bottle drive is underway. If you haven't picked up a baby bottle yet, you can still get one after each mass this weekend and fill it with coins, cash, or checks made out to KofC. Please remember to return it by May 24th to add your "yes" to life.



## Weekend/Weekday Mass Intentions

**Saturday, May 16, 2026**

**5:00 p.m.**

† Marge Hollish by Mary Jo and Everette Johnson

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

**8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**

Francisco & Laura Olivarez (wedding anniversary) by Manuelita Olivarez Farrell

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

**6:00 p.m.**

† Gary Gregory by Paula & Deacon Ron Desmarais

**Wednesday, May 20, 2026**

**8:00 a.m.**

† Marge Hollish by Mary Jo and Everette Johnson

**Thursday, May 21, 2026**

**8:00 a.m.**

Kim Thompson by Parishioners

**Friday, May 22, 2026**

**8:00 a.m.**

† Patricia & Chris Franz, and Bruce Kohler by Linda Stevens

**Saturday, May 23, 2026**

**5:00 p.m.**

James Leck (birthday) and † Manuel Lara by Kathy Lara

**Sunday, May 24, 2026**

**8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**

† Guillermo Andrade by Manuelita Olivarez Farrell

## **Mass Requests**

If you would like to request a Mass intention, you may do so online or call or visit the parish office.

## **READINGS**

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

**First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11 *Lord Jesus ascends into a cloud.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 47:2-3,6-9 *“God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.”*

**Second Reading:** Eph 1:17-23 *Christ is the head of the Church; where he is we are called to follow.*

**Gospel:** Mt 28: 16-20 *Jesus commands us to go and baptize.*

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK of May 18, 2026**

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8 | Ps 68:2-3b,4-5acd, 6-7b | Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27 | Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 | Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38 | Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b | Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 | Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11 | Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21 | Ps 103:1-2,11-12, 19-20b | Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 | Ps 11:4-5,7 | Jn 21:20-25

## **Pope Leo XIV's Intention for May 2026**

**That everyone might have food**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

## Upcoming Events

- **Parish Alive** will have their next meeting on Sunday, **May 17, 2026** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.
- **All Saints Catholic School in Sierra Vista** is currently looking to hire a principal and several teachers for the new school year 2026/2027. Job positions are posted on the Diocesan website along with applications. You may also inquire at the school at 520-378-7012.
- The faithful are invited to attend the permanent Diaconate Ordinations to be held in Tucson and Yuma Arizona.

Saturday, May 30 St. Augustine Cathedral at the 10:00am Mass.

Sunday, June 14 St. John Neumann Parish in Yuma, AZ at the 2:30pm Mass



### **Celebrating 55 Years of Priesthood Fr. Stanley Szczapa**

We will be celebrating **Father Stan's 55th anniversary of his ordination on Saturday, May 23, 2026**. Father Stan will concelebrate the 5:00 p.m. Mass with Father Martin and then we will have a potluck dinner in the parish hall. Please see this week's insert to learn more about Father Stan's journey to and in the Priesthood.

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#### **May 10, 2026 Collection**

##### **Parish Funds**

Offertory \$2,631.06

Facilities Maintenance Fund \$785.50

Brother Box/C&M \$206.00

Candles \$16

Mother's Day \$327

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

SVDP \$40.00

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

**Monday:** St. John I, pope & martyr

**Wednesday:** St. Bernardine of Siena,  
priest

**Thursday:** St. Christopher Magallanes &  
Companions, martyrs

**Friday:** St. Rita of Cascia, religious

## 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 you 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, Christopher 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, Beaumont Clark

**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 Lynn, Sean Lynn, Matthew Nolting, Stefan Olivas, Richard Restorff, Sabrina Moore, Annessa 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, Tatianna Quezada, Randy Suprenant

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

# Congratulations High School Graduates



Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths.  
-Proverbs 3:5-6

Fr. Martin and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes extend their heartfelt congratulations during this momentous occasion. May our Lord bless your path and help you discern your true vocation and unique mission in your lives that you may be a blessing to others and give glory to Him in all you do. We hold you in our hearts and prayers.

## Parish Board of Directors Upcoming Election

The term of our current Secretary of the Board of Directors expired in January 2026. Registered members of the parish may nominate someone for this position and a parish-wide election will take place the weekend of June 13-14, 2026. If you would like to nominate a registered parishioner, please contact the parish office or pick up a Nomination Form from the back of the church. The signatures of ten (10) registered parish members must be obtained and turned in to the office by May 27, 2026.

Parishioners who are considering accepting nomination for the position of lay director, Secretary, must be:

- ◆ In full communion with the precepts of the Roman Catholic Church
- ◆ Registered, practicing parishioner in active ministry
- ◆ At least 25 years old.
- ◆ They must be educated about the position. In addition, they should be familiar with the information in the Building Policy Manual, and the Accounting Manual for Parishes in the Diocese of Tucson. Visit [Diocesetucson.org](http://Diocesetucson.org) > Corporate Matters for more information.

All nominations must be submitted to the office by close of business May 27th which will conclude the nomination period.

June 6-7 candidates names and election details will be announced. Only persons who are in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church and who are registered members of the Parish and who have attained the age of eighteen (18) years shall be eligible to nominate and to vote.