



## ***St. Rita in the Desert Catholic Church***

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**June 22, 2025**

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**Thursday/ Jueves**—8:00 am-2:00 pm

**Friday/ Viernes**—**Closed**

Office closed 12:00 pm—1:00 pm daily

### **MASS SCHEDULE | Horario de Misas**

**SATURDAY/ Sábado**

**5:00 pm**—English

**SUNDAY/ Domingo**

**8:00 am**—English

**10:00 am**—English

**12:00 pm**—Spanish

### **DAILY MASS IN SHRINE | Misa Diaria en el Santuario**

**Monday to Friday / De Lunes a Viernes**

**8:00 am** —English

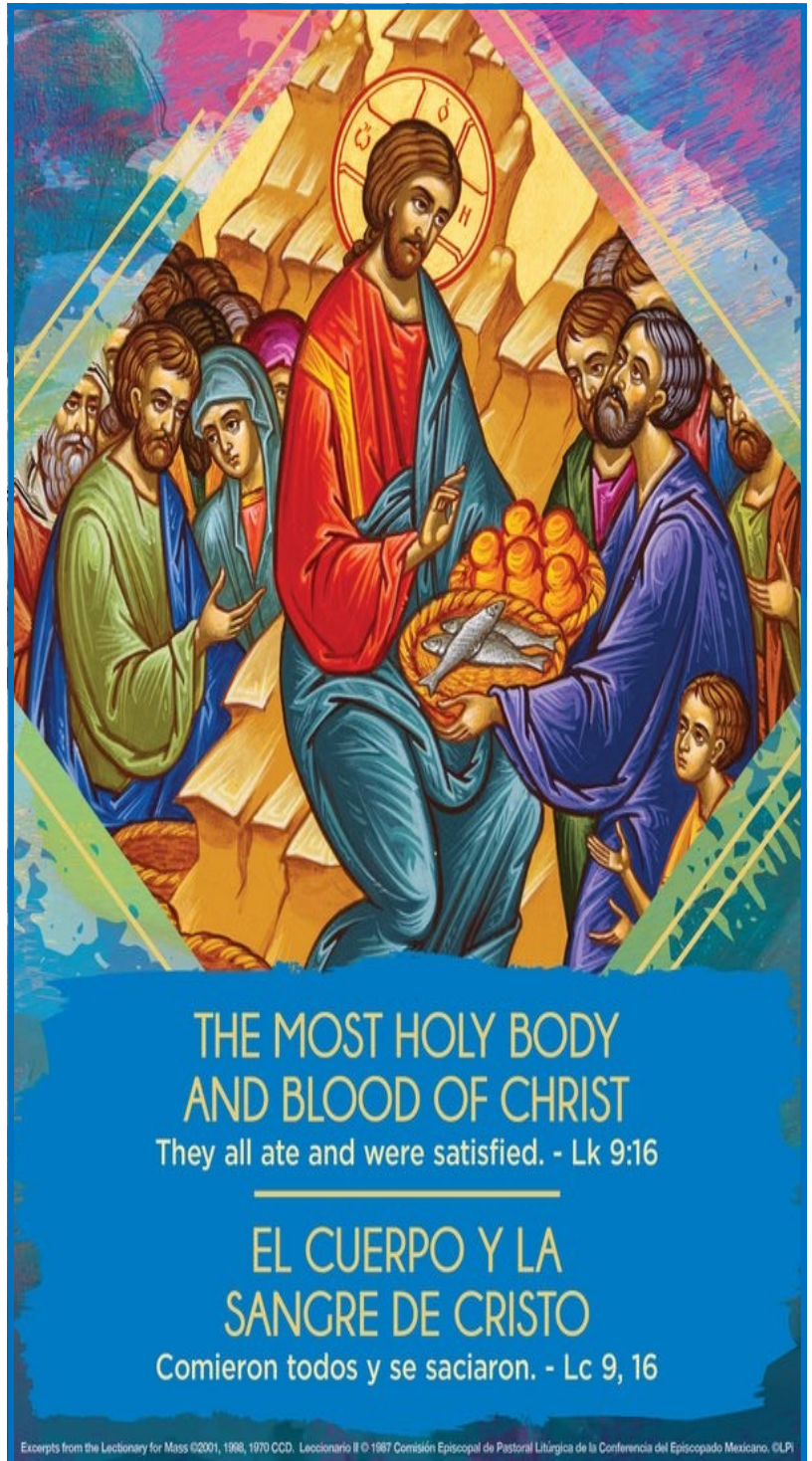
### **Confessions | Confesiones**

**Saturday | Sábado**

**3:30 pm—4:30 pm**

In the church or by appointment

En la iglesia o por cita



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## MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

### Saturday June 21

5:00 pm † Stan & MaryAnn Douglass  
† Joan & Thomas Underwood  
† Rev. Czeslaw Krysa

### Sunday June 22

8:00 am † Stan & MaryAnn Douglas  
† Patti Jennings  
10:00 am (SI) Steven & MaryAnn  
Johnson  
† June & Vince Kellen  
12:00 pm † Tanya Aquino

### Monday June 23

8:00 am † Stan & MaryAnn Douglass  
† Rev. Czeslaw Krysa

### Tuesday June 24

8:00 am † Stan & MaryAnn Douglass

### Wednesday June 25

8:00 am † Stan & MaryAnn Douglass  
† Joan & Janet Pettit (Sisters)

### Thursday June 26

8:00 am † Stan & MaryAnn Douglass

### Friday June 27

8:00 am † Stan & MaryAnn Douglass  
(SI) Isabel Bell

## Readings for the Week of June 22, 2025

**Sunday:** Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17  
**Monday:** Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5  
**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80  
**Wednesday:** Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20  
**Thursday:** Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29  
**Friday:** Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7  
**Saturday:** Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

## Las lecturas de la semana del 22 de junio de 2025

**Domingo:** Gn 14, 18-20/Sal 109, 1. 2. 3. 4 (4)/1 Co 11, 23-26/Lc 9, 11-17  
**Lunes:** Gn 12, 1-9/Sal 32, 12-13. 18-19. 20 y 22/Mt 7, 1-5  
**Martes:** Is 49, 1-6/Sal 138, 1-3. 13-14. 14-15/Hch 13, 22-26/Lc 1, 57-66. 80  
**Miércoles:** Gn 15, 1-12. 17-18/Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9/Mt 7, 15-20  
**Jueves:** Gn 16, 1-12. 15-16 o 16, 6-12. 15-16/Sal 105, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5/Mt 7, 21-29  
**Viernes:** Ez 34, 11-16/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 (1)/Rom 5, 5-11/Lc 15, 3-7  
**Sábado:** Gn 18, 1-15/Lc 1, 46-47. 48-49. 50 y 53. 54-55/Mt 8, 5-17  
**Domingo siguiente:** Hch 12, 1-11/Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/2 Tim 4, 6-8. 17-18/Mt 16, 13-19

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## DIOCESE OF TUCSON NEW OUTLOOK

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## ABOUT US

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Friday after the 8:00am Mass for an hour; First Sunday of the month at 4:00 pm for an hour in the John XXIII.

### Anointing of the Sick:

Every First Friday at the 8:00 am Mass

### Baptisms:

Please visit our website under the tab LITURGY/SACRAMENTS and fill the *Intent to Baptize Form*.

### Confirmation:

Contact Youth Minister or OCIA coordinator

### Marriage:

Marriage arrangements must be made at least 4 months in advance. Contact the parish office.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
Luke 9:11-17

A Catholic friend of mine occasionally says, "The Eucharist is not a noun. It's a verb." In so saying, he is making the point that the Eucharist isn't simply Jesus' bodily presence given to us in holy Communion. It also manifests the dynamic pattern by which Christ actively loves and saves us. He teaches us to cooperate with that pattern. This Eucharist actually embodies four verbs: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. Let's consider each one.

He **takes**: Do we acknowledge that we are totally in God's hands? Do we receive everything in our lives as a gift, and act responsibly with it?

He **blesses**: Do we actively reflect that Jesus makes us holy in our baptism? Do we embrace our bodies and souls as temples of God, worthy of love, peace, and joy?

He **breaks**: Do we run from failure and disappointment, from getting old or being ignored? Are we too worried about getting hurt or sick? Do we embrace our sufferings with confidence?

He **gives**: Are we willing to make our lives a gift for others? Are we confident that we will always have enough love to give to others, that God will always provide enough for us? Do we rejoice in giving away what we have to others, expecting nothing in return? This is the dynamic life the Eucharist empowers us to live.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



## St. Vincent de Paul

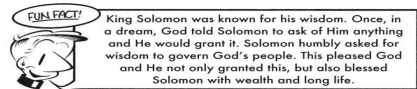
Next Sunday is the fifth Sunday of June, and the collection will be for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. If you are writing a check, please make it out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your generosity will be like the fishes and the loaves in today's Gospel. We will be able to provide food and other necessities to those who are in need.

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"Where was Solomon's temple located?"



"On the side of his head."



"Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be."

- St. Therese of Lisieux



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Whether you're laity or clergy, all are welcome to come, learn, and discern with us. Come and see who we are and what we do!

For more information, contact:

📞 Diane Willmann, Formation Director - (520) 869-5677 or 📞 John Howell, Director - (202) 997-0434

## Collection/Colecta

We would like to thank all of our parishioners and visitors for being generous with your donations. We depend on your generosity to meet the financial needs of our parish.

### SUNDAY OFFERING

June 15, 2025

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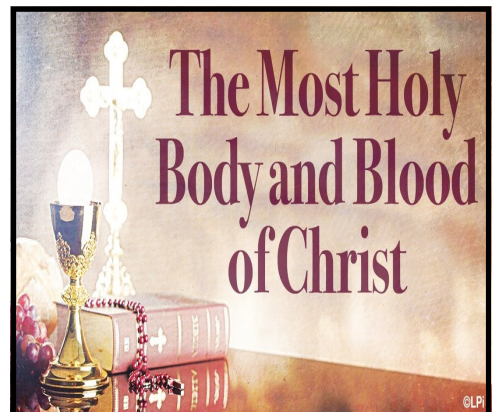
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### Campus Maintenance

Collection: \$ 1,483.05

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Because the soul has such deep roots in personal and social life and its values run so contrary to modern concerns, caring for the soul may well turn out to be a radical act, a challenge to accepted norms.

~St. Thomas Moore (1478-1886),  
Patron of Difficult Marriages, Feast Day June 23

## Sign Before the Gospel

### Question:

I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

### Answer:

Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

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June 9—July 28, 2025

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DAILY

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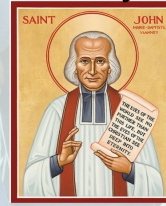


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## ST. RITA IN THE DESERT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

*...With God, all things are possible! (Matt 19:26)*

June 22, 2025

*"You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek." (Psalm 110:1)*

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Today, our Holy Mother Church celebrates the source and summit of all graces: the Eucharist! The Eucharist is more than merely a metaphor, symbolic, or reenactment of something from yesterday; it is the body, blood, soul, and divinity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! The Eucharist is the heart of the Church and the heart of the Christian life.

Our scriptures for this weekend are rich in amazing historical, prophetic, and covenantal language; it is hard to know where to begin and end with such a fantastic gift of the Eucharist. Of course, when we look at Genesis 14:18-20, we encounter this priest named Melchizedek, who brought bread and wine to offer a sacrifice. Providing bread and wine by Melchizedek over time was understood to be a priestly act. Thus, we see the deep connection to the priesthood and the sacrifice of bread and wine.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus sets the tone for continuing His priestly ministry by feeding the five thousand and incorporating His disciples into carrying on the same mission. The mission is to nourish a lost and vulnerable world that yearns for meaning with supernatural food. As we partake of the Eucharist in our Sunday liturgies, may we entrust our hearts, minds, and souls to the Lord to heal us from our fears, distress, and sadness.

As your pastor and spiritual father, I would like to encourage all of us to deepen our prayer for our nation and world. While on vacation, I purposely disconnected from the internet, emails, and other news media. It was great to disconnect and relax, but upon my return to the United States, I was horrified to see the events unfolding in Los Angeles. I was overwhelmed, saddened, and embarrassed that such a thing was happening.

Additionally, what has taken place with Israel and Iran is one more sadness we face as the human race. This Sunday, **June 22, 2025**, I would like to have a parish-wide exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Shrine from **9:00 am to 5:00 pm**. In honor of Jesus being present in the Eucharist, we should collectively pray for peace in our hearts, neighborhoods, nation, and world. There will be simple prayer pamphlets in English and Spanish, which we can use to pray silently to our Eucharistic Lord to help curb hostilities in our world today! May God be praised now and always!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Alonzo M. García, Pastor





## ST. RITA IN THE DESERT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

*...With God, all things are possible! (Matt 19:26)*

22 de junio de 2025

***“Tú eres sacerdote eterno, según el rito de Melquisedec.” (salmo 109:1)***

Estimada familia parroquial:

Hoy, nuestra Santa Madre Iglesia celebra la fuente y la cumbre de todas las gracias: ¡la Eucaristía! La Eucaristía es mucho más que una simple metáfora, símbolo o recreación de algo del pasado; ¡es el cuerpo, la sangre, el alma y la divinidad de nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo! La Eucaristía es el corazón de la Iglesia y el corazón de la vida cristiana.

Las lecturas de este fin de semana están llenas de un lenguaje histórico, profético y de alianza verdaderamente maravilloso; es difícil saber por dónde comenzar y terminar ante un don tan extraordinario como lo es la Eucaristía. Por supuesto, al mirar Génesis 14,18-20, encontramos a este sacerdote llamado Melquisedec, quien ofreció pan y vino en sacrificio. Con el tiempo, este acto de ofrecer pan y vino por parte de Melquisedec fue entendido como un acto sacerdotal. Así vemos una profunda conexión con el sacerdocio y el sacrificio del pan y el vino.

En el Evangelio de Lucas, Jesús marca el camino para continuar Su ministerio sacerdotal al alimentar a cinco mil personas e incorporar a sus discípulos en la misión de continuar esta obra. La misión es alimentar a un mundo perdido y vulnerable que anhela sentido mediante un alimento sobrenatural. Al participar de la Eucaristía en nuestras liturgias dominicales, que podamos confiar al Señor nuestros corazones, mentes y almas para que nos sane de nuestros miedos, angustias y tristezas.

Como su pastor y padre espiritual, quiero animarnos a todos a profundizar nuestra oración por nuestra nación y el mundo. Durante mis vacaciones, me desconecté intencionalmente del internet, los correos electrónicos y otros medios de comunicación. Fue maravilloso desconectarme y descansar, pero al regresar a los Estados Unidos, me horrorizó ver los acontecimientos que estaban ocurriendo en Los Ángeles. Me sentí abrumado, triste y avergonzado de que algo así estuviera sucediendo.

Además, lo que ha ocurrido entre Israel e Irán es otra tristeza más que enfrentamos como humanidad. Este domingo, 22 de junio de 2025, me gustaría tener una exposición del Santísimo Sacramento en todo el Santuario parroquial desde las 9:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m. En honor a la presencia de Jesús en la Eucaristía, deberíamos orar colectivamente por la paz en nuestros corazones, vecindarios, nación y mundo. Habrá folletos de oración sencillos en inglés y español que podemos usar para orar en silencio ante nuestro Señor Eucarístico, pidiendo que nos ayude a frenar las hostilidades que vivimos en el mundo actual. ¡Que Dios sea alabado ahora y siempre!

Sinceramente Suyos en Cristo,

Reverendo Alonzo M. García, Pastor



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**WHEN:** Saturday, July 19, 2025  
**TIME:** 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Lunch included  
**WHERE:** Bishop Kicanas Pastoral Center  
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### **Keynote Speaker:**

Fr. Martin J. Barnum  
Professor Emeritus, Mundelein Seminary

### **Panel Presentation:**

Sr. Lois Paha – Liturgical Ministries  
Dcn Mike Gutierrez – Prison Ministry  
Dcn Steve DiMuzio – Nursing Home Ministry  
Dcn. Chuck Moss – Starting a Hospital Ministry  
Dcn Andy Corder – Hospital Chaplain

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