

December 7, 2025



ST. RITA IN THE DESERT *Catholic Church*

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WEEKEND MASS

Horario de Misas

SATURDAY | Sábado

5:00 pm—English

SUNDAY | Domingo

8:00 am—English

10:00 am—English

12:00 pm—Spanish

CONFESSION

Confesiones

SATURDAY | Sábado

3:30 pm—4:30 pm

In the church or by
appointment

En la iglesia o por cita



WEEKDAY MASS

IN SHRINE

Misa Diaria en el
Santuario

MONDAY-FRIDAY |

De Lunes a Viernes

8:00 am —English

PARISH OFFICE

Horario de Oficina

MONDAY-

WEDNESDAY | De

Lunes a Miércoles

8:30 am–4:00 pm

THURSDAY | Jueves

8:00 am–2:00 pm

FRIDAY | Viernes

9:00 am–1:00pm

Office closed

*12:00 pm—1:00 pm
daily*

ADORATION

FRIDAY | Viernes

8:30 am—9:30 am

In the church or by
appointment

En la iglesia o por cita

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths." (Matthew 3:3)*

*"Preparen el camino del Señor,
enderecen sus senderos." (Mateo 3,3)*

Reflection:

As we journey through Advent, John the Baptist's call to prepare the way of the Lord invites us to reflect on the paths of our hearts. Are we making room for Christ to enter more fully into our lives? This season is an opportunity to clear away the clutter of distractions and focus on the true reason for this sacred time—welcoming our Savior with open hearts.

Socratic Question:

In what ways can you make room in your daily life for Christ to enter more fully during this Advent?

Reflexión:

Mientras avanzamos en el Adviento, la llamada de Juan el Bautista a preparar el camino del Señor nos invita a reflexionar sobre los senderos de nuestro corazón. ¿Estamos haciendo espacio para que Cristo entre más plenamente en nuestras vidas? Esta temporada es una oportunidad para despejar el desorden de distracciones y centrarnos en la verdadera razón de este tiempo sagrado: dar la bienvenida a nuestro Salvador con corazones abiertos.

Pregunta socrática:

¿Cómo podría afectar tu preparación para Su venida durante el Adviento el crear espacio para Cristo?

Source: *Truthly App*

PARISH INFORMATION

COLLECTIONS | COLECTA



November 30, 2025

Offertory: \$6,568.20
Rector's Debt: \$2,552.50

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bulletin@stritainthedesert.org

By **10am** on the **Wednesday** before the *Sunday* you want it published.

HOMEBOUND EUCHARIST

If you have a family member or know of a parishioner in the St. Rita area in need of having the Eucharist brought to them regularly, please contact the Parish Office.

EMERGENCY ANOINTING OF THE SICK

520-543-8415

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

In accordance with Canon 948, if any faithful would like the Mass to be offered for their individual intention only, please make your request at the Parish Office or click **HERE**.

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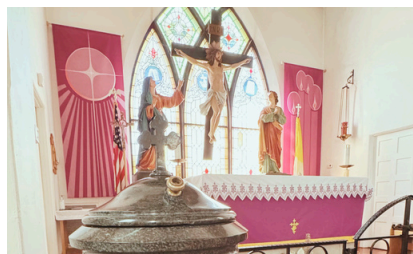
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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- Fridays following 8am Mass for 1hr
- 1st Sunday of each month at 2:30-3:30pm in the John XXIII for 1hr

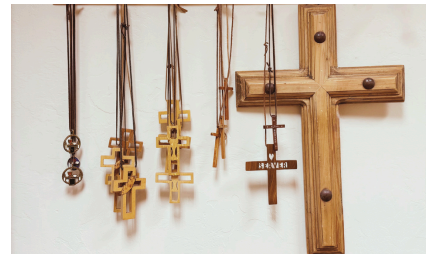


ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday at 8am Mass

BAPTISMS

Visit stritainthedesert.org
LITURGY **SACRAMENTS** **BAPTISM**
and complete the *Intent to Baptize* Form



CONFIRMATION

Contact Youth Minister or OCIA director

MARRIAGE

Marriage arrangements must be made 4 months in advance. Visit <https://www.stritainthedesert.org/marriage> for more information.

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR ~ OFICINA DE PASTOR

December 7, 2025

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” (Luke 3:4,6)

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

As we enter our Second Week of Advent, we can see some profound prophecies of all the Scriptures coming to fulfillment in the prophet Isaiah! If we take some time in silent reflection, we can see themes of Eden, Exodus, and Confirmation in the power of the Holy Spirit. The person, Jesus Christ, the foretold Messiah, is the source of the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. Moreover, the themes of repentance and baptism are crucial for reestablishing meaningful relations with our loving God and with one another.

In reality, we cannot approach God with sin, arrogance, or pride. We see this in John the Baptist's rebuke of the religious authorities who were curious and making sure John was the real deal. They came to judge and observe, but refused to lower themselves to repentance and disrobe and get plunged into the water, let alone admit they were sinners. This disposition is in stark contrast to what our Lord desires. Moreover, we see the King of Kings, the Lord giver of life, innocent, no need of forgiveness, get baptized in the waters of the river Jordan!

Indeed, Jesus is our hope, but we should not take it for granted or presume that we will be with Him at the end of our lives. Despite our modern sensibilities of judgment and justice, Jesus has the final word. Jesus' baptism is not something we should take lightly or for granted. We see this in our modern world today, that many are merely cultural Catholics and have no idea or belief in what they are doing when it comes to handing on our faith to the next generations. For my own faith journey, that was the gist of things. My faith came from my grandparents, who took it more seriously and faithfully. No games, no excuses, and we should never play with God, because He is fire. Jesus is the fire that comes to burn out all that separates us from His love. Please take the reception of the sacraments seriously so as not to receive them in vain!

Lastly, as we work to become an amazing parish that prays unceasingly, thank you for your patience and understanding as we shift a few things in our announcements and mini-adult catechesis. We want to continue to make our worship space reverent, prayerful, and receptive to the Holy Spirit. Your prayers and willingness to collaborate with us are greatly appreciated. When you arrive, try to move closer together. We have our winter visitors returning, so try to be helpful to each other and offer your fellow parishioner a place in your pew.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Alonzo M. García
Reverend Alonzo M. García, Pastor

7 de diciembre de 2025

“Preparen el camino del Señor, hagan rectos sus senderos, y todos los hombres verán al Salvador.” (Lucas 3, 4-6)

Querida familia parroquial y amigos,

Al entrar en nuestra Segunda Semana de Adviento, podemos ver cómo algunas de las profecías más profundas de todas las Escrituras comienzan a cumplirse en el profeta Isaías. Si dedicamos tiempo a la reflexión silenciosa, podemos reconocer temas del Edén, del Éxodo y de la Confirmación en el poder del Espíritu Santo. La persona de Jesucristo, el Mesías anunciado, es la fuente de los Sacramentos de la Iglesia Católica. Además, los temas del arrepentimiento y del bautismo son esenciales para restablecer relaciones significativas con nuestro amoroso Dios y entre nosotros mismos.

En realidad, no podemos acercarnos a Dios con pecado, arrogancia o soberbia. Esto lo vemos en la reprensión que Juan el Bautista dirige a las autoridades religiosas, que, llenas de curiosidad, acudieron para asegurarse de que Juan era auténtico. Vinieron a juzgar y observar, pero se negaron a humillarse en arrepentimiento, a despojarse y dejarse sumergir en el agua, y mucho menos a admitir que eran pecadores. Esta disposición contrasta con lo que desea nuestro Señor. Además, vemos al Rey de Reyes, al Señor dador de vida, inocente y sin necesidad de perdón, ser bautizado en las aguas del río Jordán.

Ciertamente, Jesús es nuestra esperanza, pero no debemos darlo por sentado ni presumir que estaremos con Él al final de nuestras vidas. A pesar de nuestras sensibilidades modernas sobre el juicio y la justicia, Jesús tiene la última palabra. El bautismo de Jesús no es algo que debamos tomar a la ligera ni dar por hecho. Hoy, en nuestro mundo moderno, vemos a muchos que son meros católicos culturales y que no tienen ni idea ni creencias sobre qué deben hacer cuando se trata de transmitir nuestra fe a las próximas generaciones. En mi propio camino de fe, ese fue el caso: mi fe provino de mis abuelos, quienes la tomaban en serio y con fidelidad. Sin juegos, sin excusas y nunca debemos jugar con Dios, porque Él es fuego. Jesús es el fuego que viene a quemar todo aquello que nos separa de su amor. ¡Por favor, tomen en serio la recepción de los sacramentos para no recibirlos en vano!

Por último, seguimos trabajando para convertirnos en una parroquia maravillosa que ora sin cesar. Gracias por su paciencia y comprensión mientras ajustamos algunos aspectos de nuestros anuncios y de la minicatequesis para adultos. Queremos continuar haciendo de nuestro espacio de oración un lugar reverente, recogido y abierto al Espíritu Santo. Sus oraciones y su disposición para colaborar con nosotros son profundamente apreciadas. Al llegar, intenten sentarse más juntos. Nuestros visitantes de invierno están regresando, así que intentemos ser serviciales unos con otros y ofrecer a su compañero feligrés un lugar en su banca.

Sinceramente Suyo en Cristo,

Alonzo M. García
Reverendo Alonzo M. García, Pastor



GOSPEL MEDITATION

IN THE GOSPEL PASSAGE...

In the wilderness, John the Baptist's voice cries out with urgency, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." His message is one of repentance and spiritual readiness. The wilderness he speaks from is symbolic of the barren places within our own hearts that need renewal. As Advent unfolds, we are invited to turn away from sin and reorient our lives towards Christ. This preparation involves an honest examination of conscience and a sincere desire for conversion. By embracing humility and seeking forgiveness, we make room for the Lord to fill our hearts with His transformative love.

Reflection Question:

In what areas of your life might you need to "make straight" paths for God, and how can you begin this process during Advent?

EN ESTE PASAJE DEL EVANGELIO,

En el desierto, la voz de Juan el Bautista clama con urgencia: "Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos." Su mensaje es uno de arrepentimiento y preparación espiritual. La soledad del desierto es simbólica de los lugares áridos dentro de nuestros corazones que necesitan renovación. A medida que el Adviento avanza, se nos invita a alejarnos del pecado y reorientar nuestras vidas hacia Cristo. Esta preparación implica un examen de conciencia honesto y un sincero deseo de conversión. Al abrazar la humildad y buscar el perdón, dejamos espacio para que el Señor llene nuestros corazones con Su amor transformador.

Pregunta de reflexión:

¿En qué áreas de tu vida necesitas "enderezar" caminos para Dios, y cómo puedes comenzar este proceso durante el Adviento?

DID YOU KNOW....

DECEMBER 7TH IS...

The Second Sunday of Advent emphasizes the message of preparation and repentance through the appearance of John the Baptist. Historically, the figure of John the Baptist holds significant importance not only in Christianity but also within the broader historical context. He is considered the last of the Old Testament prophets and the one who bridges the Old and New Testaments.

John's role in preparing the way for Jesus is echoed in various works of art and music throughout history. For instance, his depiction in Leonardo da Vinci's painting "St. John the Baptist" and his representation in Handel's oratorio "Messiah" highlight his enduring influence. John's call for repentance and baptism echoes the historical rituals of cleansing and renewal practiced by various religious groups at the time, making his message both radical and enduringly relevant.

This day reminds Catholics of their call to prepare their hearts and lives for the coming of the Lord, just as John prepared the way for Jesus' public ministry.

Source: *Truthly App*

WEEKLY CALENDAR, INTENTIONS, OBSERVATIONS & READINGS

MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

Sunday December 7

8:00 am

†Bienvenido Establaya

10:00 am

†José Arteaga, María Peña

†Carmen, Victor & Armando
Cancino

12:00 pm

Living & Deceased of St. Rita

6:00 pm

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Monday December 8

8:00 am

Men & Women in the Military

6:00 pm

St. Rita

Tuesday December 9

8:00 am

St. Rita Office Staff

Wednesday December 10

8:00 am

First Responders

Thursday December 11

8:00 am

†John Zubel

Friday December 12

8:00 am

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday December 13

8:00 am

†Anthony Dinh

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, December 7

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 am - Mass (English)

10:00 am - Mass (English)

12:00 noon - Mass (Spanish)

Monday, December 8

**Holy Day - The Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:00 pm Men's Group (Oscar
Romero Room)

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday, December 10

8:00 am - Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday, December 11

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Eucharist Adoration

Saturday, December 13

**Saint Lucy, Virgin and
Martyr**

5:00 pm - Mass (English)

READINGS & OBSERVANCES

FIRST READING:

"A shoot shall sprout from the
stump of Jesse, and from his roots
a bud shall blossom." (Is 11:1)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"Justice shall flourish in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon
be no more." (Ps 72:7)

SECOND READING:

"May the God of endurance and
encouragement grant you to think
in harmony with one another, in
keeping with Christ Jesus." (Rom
15:5)

GOSPEL:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths." (Mt 3:3)

Sunday, December 7
2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10 | Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 |
Rom 15:4-9 | Mt 3:1-12

Monday, December 8

**Holy Day - The Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

Gn 3:9-15, 20 | Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
| Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 | Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 9

Is 40:1-11 | Ps 96:1-2, 3-4, 10ac, 11-
12, 13 | Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 10

Is 40:25-31 | Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10 |
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 11

Is 41:13-20 | Ps 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-
13ab | Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab | Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 | Lk 1:26-38
or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday, December 13

**Saint Lucy, Virgin and
Martyr**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 | Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-
16, 18-19 | Mt 17:9a, 10-13



DIOCESE OF TUCSON NEW OUTLOOK

The Diocese of Tucson invites you to stay in touch with the Church via your phone and/or email. Every week the Diocese publishes the *New Outlook*, our local newsletter with links to news, events, and so much more! To sign up: text **DOTNEWS** to **84576** or go to <https://news.diocesetucson.org/subscribe>

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE



- Call **911** to make a police report.
- If the abuse happened in another state, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific state.
- Call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson at: 1(800)234-0344 and/or
- The Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection at (520)838-2513.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Diocese of Tucson:

<https://www.diocesetucson.org>

The New Outlook:

<https://news.diocesetucson.org>

News from the Vatican:

www.vaticannews.va

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- Click **NEXT**
- Complete your information



Community Rewards Program

Do you shop at Fry's and have a VIP shopper's card? If so, please consider registering your card for the Fry's Community Rewards Program, and they will donate to St. Rita in the Desert.

- Go to www.frysfood.com
- Select **Sign In** and sign in to your online account
- Click on **My Account**
- Select **Community Rewards**
- Click **Enroll Now**
- In the “Find an Organization” box, enter **St. Rita in the Desert**
- Click **Enroll**

PARISH MINISTRIES

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Boys

If your boy would like to become an Altar Boy, please review the [Altar Server Manual](#) together and complete the [Altar Server Application](#) online or email: travis71durman@gmail.com

Altar Society

The St. Rita Altar Society is looking for volunteers to maintain the Altar in the Shrine and St. John XXIII. If you love to decorate or enjoy floral arrangements, we invite you to glorify the Lord by your creativity. We would love to have you. Every **2nd Tuesday of the month** at **2pm** in the parish hall.

Eucharistic Ministry

Interested in learning more about the role of an Extraordinary Minister or would like to be part of this vital ministry, Submit your [EOMHC Sign-up](#) form online.

Lectors

Become a Lector. Submit your [Ministry Request form](#) online.

Music Ministry

Curious about our choirs? Love to sing sacred music? Join us, our rehearsals are open to everyone!
Adult choirs: Tues at 5 pm
Children's choir: Wed at 4 pm
Spanish choir: Thur at 6:15 pm
Do you play piano, guitar, flute or clarinet? We want to meet you!

Coro español: ¡Queremos desarrollar nuestro coro! ¡Considere unirse a nosotros o volver a unirse a nosotros! ¡Voz, guitarra y bajo bienvenidos!

Ushers

Ushers play a pivotal role in our parish, not only aiding others but also serving as the welcoming face to newcomers. For our regular parishioners, they provide a sense of familiarity and continuity across all Masses. Submit your [Usher Sign-Up](#) form online.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Outreach Ministry

Join us as we provide support every week to our Meals to Grow Program, Food Bank and other critical human needs in our community. Email: outreach@stritainthedesert.org

Pastoral Council

Currently on hold, seeking someone to assist in leading it. Contact front office if interested.

Porter's of St. Joseph

Email: porters@stritainthedesert.org

Right to Life

Email: rtl@stritainthedesert.org

Family Faith Formation

www.watch.formed.org

Vocations

Contact Mr. Adam LaGuardia: Vocations@stritainthedesert.org

Welcome Committee

If you are interested in joining the Welcoming Team, submit your [Welcoming Team request form](#) online.

Guild of St. Rita

Volunteers manage our beautiful Gift shop, plan our St. Rita's feast day celebration & host many other parish events as requested. Join us! Email: guild@stritainthedesert.org

Sewing Angels

All are welcome to join. Meet us in the church hall every Wednesday from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Mujeres De Fe (Women of Faith)

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salon Oscar Romero, o puedes contactar a Sandra (520)395-7225 or email: legiondemaria@stritainthedesert.org



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THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

If you need assistance from St Vincent de Paul or want to join the ministry to help others, contact James Mahaffey at (520) 501-1386

MARIAN BOOK CLUB

Every Thursday
4:30-6pm
Oscar Romero

All are welcome to join!

PARISH NEWS



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

ADVENT FOOD DRIVE

We invite you to bring non-perishable food donations to the narthex throughout Advent. Focus items this year include: Spaghetti sauce & noodles, spaghetti-O's, Canned fruit, chili, beef stew, beef soups and instant mashed potatoes.

We will also be supporting Vail Food Bank's weekend backpack program and are in need of individually wrapped snack cakes (Little Debbie or similar)

MUSIC MINISTRY

NATIVITY BLESSING AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 19 at 6 pm.

The Manger's Miracle

Pope St. John XXIII Center
Reception to follow in the Hall

JOIN US!

ST. RITA PRE-CANA MINISTRY

Receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony in the Catholic Church. Learn how to live a Christ-focused life as individuals and as a married couple. Learn how Natural Family Planning can safely & effectively help you to promote or postpone new life.

Catholic Marriage classes (\$50/couple)
Natural Family Planning class (\$25/couple)

Schedule announced Dec, 2025. Classes will **NOT** be offered again until Nov, 2026.

Interested?

Email: pre-cana@stritainthedesert.org



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. We thank all of you who are donating food and gifts for the many needy in our community.

ANGEL TREE is up with the names of the children (birth through high school) of all the families we have visited in the past year.

Green Envelopes will hang on the tree and the number of children in the family will be posted on the envelope.

We ask that you provide a **\$25** gift card for each child. Place them in the envelope, seal it and put it in the box provided in the Narthex no later than:

Sunday, December 14th

May God bless you for your generosity.

ST. RITA CHRISTMAS MARKET

Dec 7th
Dec 20th & 21st
After each of the mass

Come to see if you can find that special last minute Christmas gift!

ST. RITA'S GUILD GIFT SHOP

December 7th, 2025

The Gift Shop will be selling Christmas items outside after all masses.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Annual Grocery Gift Card
Collection begins Nov 1 - Dec
12 to feed our Vail Families
during the holiday Season

**Local Safeway, Fry's & Walmart
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ANNUAL ART CONTEST

Begins **December 1, 2025**
Art can be done at home or school

Judging will commence **December 21** at 11:29 a.m.
sharp at the Pancake Breakfast.

You must bring your art to Parish Hall 12/21
(Please bring no art before 0800 12/21 in Hall)
No Entry Fee, all welcome
three great FIRST place prizes!

Theme: **Christ is Christmas**

Best in Theme: Grade School (11"x17" poster)
Best in Theme: High School (11"x17" poster)
Best in Theme: Adult (Any Medium)

Visit stritainthedesert.org for details

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

STAR WARS NIGHT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 @ 7:00 PM

The Tucson Roadrunners hockey team is partnering with the Knights of Columbus for a special fundraising night - Star Wars Night! This is typically one of the best attended games as many get dressed up as Star Wars characters for a fun evening.

Our St. Rita Knights are participating in this special event and have decided they will be donating all proceeds from the tickets sales to the Team AZ Special Olympics softball team. St. Rita has a Special Olympian who was selected to be on the team going to the US National games June 2026 in Minneapolis.

Our goal is to raise \$1,000 to help cover costs so these athletes can compete next year. There are tickets available in section 213 which is behind the goal. These tickets normally cost \$42.65 with all the taxes and fees.

The Knights can sell them to you for only \$25 which is over \$17 in savings. It's almost like BOGO (buy one, get one).

If you can't go but want to help, you can purchase a ticket and the Knights will be sure to provide it to the local S/O group so an athlete who can't afford it can attend the game.

If you have any questions, talk to any member of the St Rita Knights. You can call Wayne Glembin at (520) 449-7115 or email: gkcouncil14230@gmail.com.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Lady of the Sierras Shrine Annual Christmas Rosary & Mass

Friday, December 19, 2025

Location: La Purisima Retreat and Pilgrimage
Cntr, 10301 S. Stone Ridge, Hereford, AZ 85615

Reservations required, limited seating.
Contact Monica at (520) 378-2950 or email:
office@ourladyofthesierras.org

Confessions: 6-7 pm
Rosary starts at 7:15 pm
followed by Holy Mass



★ RAFFLE FUNDRAISER ★ FOR SAN XAVIER MISSION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The SXM Religious Education Office received the donation of an Alan Marden framed print (pictured above) of the San Xavier Mission; #555/1,000.

Raffle tickets are on sale beginning October 13, and are available through the SXM Religious Education Office. Please call (520) 294-4639.

TICKET /\$10

DRAWING WILL OCCUR ON DECEMBER 21, AFTER THE 10 AM
MASS | WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT.

Diocese of Tucson - Alive in Christ

Our Lady of Guadalupe Vigil Mass

Thursday December 11, 2025 at 6:45 PM

*"Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief... Am I not
your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection?"*

— Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego



❖ Lively Praise & Worship

❖ Praise reports & prayers for all your intentions



Fr Bala Kommathoti

**Blessing with the Mantle of
Our Lady of Guadalupe from the
Apostolate of the Rosary**

Invite your family & friends!

Our Lady of La Vang / St. Frances Cabrini

3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson

YouTube recording of this event will be available after
December 15 at TucsonCCR.org website



American Red Cross

Your generosity helps save lives!

Join us at our Red Cross blood drive

Dec 7th

Saint Rita in the Desert Church
American Red Cross Bus
From 7:30am-12:30pm

The American Red Cross is teaming up with the
legendary PAC-MAN to celebrate 45 years of
gaming and to invite donors to make an impact!

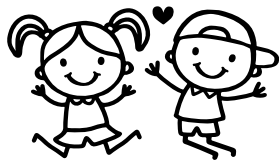
Receive an exclusive pair of Red Cross
x PAC-MAN socks (*while supplies last*).

PLUS, donors who give during this time frame will
also get a custom Red Cross x PAC-MAN
GASHAPON®.
Quantities are limited!

SAINT SPOTLIGHT



KIDS CORNER



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Feast Day:

The special day we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe is December 12th. It's like her birthday party, remembering the amazing things she did in 1531!

Patronage:

Our Lady of Guadalupe is like the super-helper for all the Americas and especially Mexico. She cares for all the people and even looks out for little babies who are not born yet.

Impact on the Church:

When Our Lady appeared to a kind man named Juan Diego, she helped lots of people in Mexico start to believe in Jesus. She showed everyone how much God loves us by being a caring mother figure.

Legacy:

Even today, tons of people love Our Lady of Guadalupe! Her picture is famous and people travel from all over to see it in a big church in Mexico City. It's a place where many people go to pray and say thank you.

Reflection:

Our Lady of Guadalupe teaches us to be kind and loving to everyone, just like she showed Juan Diego. She reminds us that God loves each of us very much and that we should love each other too.

What's one way you can show kindness and love to the people around you, like Our Lady of Guadalupe did?

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Patronage:

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the "Patroness of the Americas" and "Empress of Latin America." She is also considered the patroness of Mexico and the protector of the unborn. Her image is a symbol of unity and hope for people across the Americas.

Impact on the Church:

The apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe had a profound impact on the Church, particularly in the evangelization of the Americas. Following the apparitions, millions of indigenous people converted to Christianity, drawn by the compassionate and maternal presence of Mary, who appeared to Juan Diego in a form they could relate to and understand.

Legacy:

The legacy of Our Lady of Guadalupe endures as a powerful symbol of faith, cultural identity, and unity. Her image is revered by millions and remains a source of inspiration for the faithful. The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, where her miraculous image is enshrined, continues to be one of the most visited pilgrimage sites in the world.

Reflection:

Reflecting on Our Lady of Guadalupe, we are invited to consider her message of unity, compassion, and love. She calls us to embrace our own identity while seeking harmony with others. Her gentle presence reminds us of God's love and the dignity of every person. Through her intercession, we are encouraged to walk with faith and hope, trusting in her guidance.

How do you see Our Lady of Guadalupe's message having relevance in today's world?

Source: *Truthly App*

DONATIONS



RECTORY DEBT PAYOFF

The Building Committee would like to invite all our parishioners to assist us with paying off the debt of our parish rectory. Please complete information and place in collection basket or bring to the office.

Name: _____

Amount: _____



CAMPUS MAINTENANCE

Please consider contributing to our Campus Maintenance. Please complete information and place in collection basket or bring to the office.

Name: _____

Amount: _____



ONLINE DONATIONS: [HTTPS://WWW.OSVHUB.COM/STRITAINTHEDESERT/GIVING/FUNDS](https://www.osvhub.com/stritainthedesert/giving/funds)



ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Please consider contributing to our fresh altar flowers. Please complete information and place in collection basket or bring to the office.

Name: _____

Amount: _____



REQUEST A MASS INTENTION

The stipend for a Mass intention is \$10. **Two Week advance notice** is required. Please complete information and place in collection basket or bring to the office. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Mass for: _____

☐ Living ☐ Deceased

Mass Date/Time: _____

Requested By: _____

Phone: _____



Note: The Bulletin is printed for Sunday-Saturday
Mass intentions for Saturday are found accordingly.
Questions? email: bulletin@stritainthedesert.org