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Tuesday/ Martes—8:30 am-4:00 pm

Wednesday/ Miércoles—8:30 am-4:00 pm

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

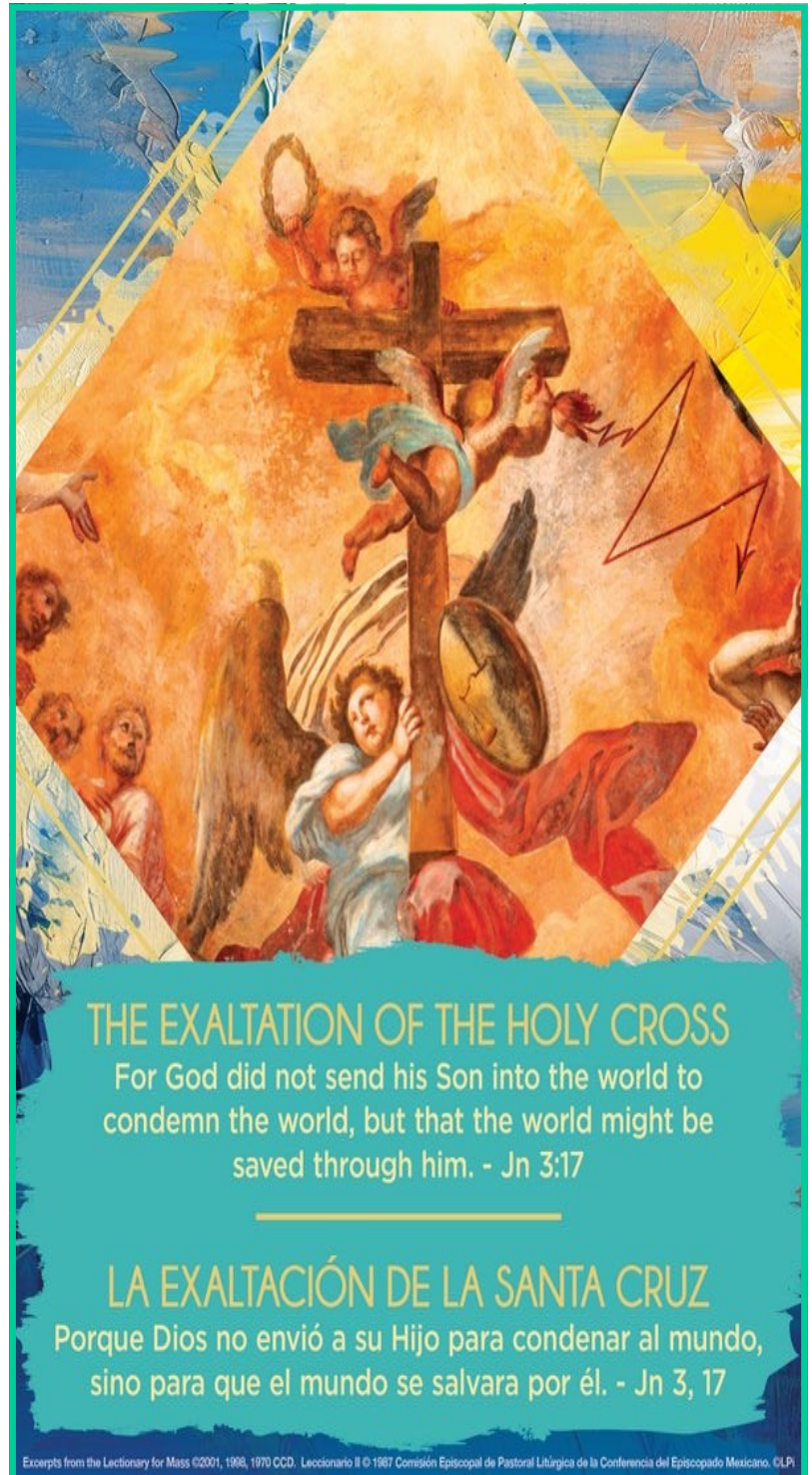
Confessions | Confesiones

Saturday | Sábado

3:30 pm—4:30 pm

In the church or by appointment

En la iglesia o por cita



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:17

LA EXALTACIÓN DE LA SANTA CRUZ

Porque Dios no envió a su Hijo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salvara por él. - Jn 3, 17

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Welcome to St. Rita in the Desert Catholic Church | Bienvenido a la Iglesia Católica de Santa Rita en el Desierto



MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

Saturday September 13

5:00 pm † Dean Richins

(SI) Michael Ligon

† Steven Johnson

Sunday September 14

8:00 am (SI) Michael Ligon

10:00 am † Mike Murphy

12:00 pm Living & Deceased of St. Rita's

Monday September 15

8:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday September 16

8:00 am First Responders

Wednesday September 17

8:00 am Men & Women in the Military

Thursday September 18

8:00 am Living & Deceased of St. Rita's

Friday September 19

8:00 am Communion Service



Readings for the Week of September 14, 2025

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Las lecturas de la semana del 14 de septiembre de 2025

Domingo: Nm 21, 4-9/Sal 77, 1-2. 34-35. 36-37. 38/Flp 2, 6-11/Jn 3, 13-17

Lunes: 1 Tim 2, 1-8/Sal 27, 2. 7. 8-9/Jn 19, 25-27 o Lc 2, 33-35

Martes: 1 Tim 3, 1-13/Sal 100, 1-2. 2-3. 5. 6/Lc 7, 11-17

Miércoles: 1 Tim 3, 14-16/Sal 110, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 7, 31-35

Jueves: 1 Tim 4, 12-16/Sal 110, 7-8. 9. 10/Lc 7, 36-50

Viernes: 1 Tim 6, 2-12/Sal 48, 6-7. 8-10. 17-18. 19-20/Lc 8, 1-3

Sábado: 1 Tim 6, 13-16/Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 4. 5/Lc 8, 4-15

Domingo siguiente: Am 8, 4-7/Sal 112, 1-2. 4-6. 7-8 (ver 1. 7)/1 Tim 2, 1-8/Lc 16, 1-13 o 16, 10-13

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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, you can text DOTNEWS to 84576 or go to <https://news.diocesetucson.org/subscribe>

SAFE ENVIROMENT



Important Telephone Numbers:

911

Child Protective Services: 1-888-SOS-CHILD (1-888-767-2445)

Adult Protective Services: 1-888-SOS-ADULT (1-888-767-2385)

Diocese of Tucson – Office of Child, Adolescent, and Adult Protection: 520-838-2315 or 520-838-2500

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:

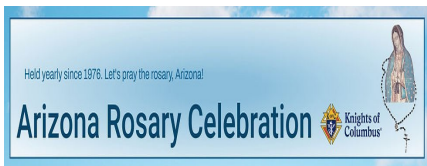
Please visit our website under the tab LITURGY/SACRAMENTS and fill the *Intent to Baptize Form*.

Confirmation:

Contact Youth Minister or OCIA coordinator

Marriage:

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



All Altar Servers Are Invited to the Arizona Rosary Celebration Altar Servers from throughout the Diocese of Tucson are invited to attend the Arizona Rosary Celebration in Tucson on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.. This year, the Diocese of Tucson will hold the event at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 8650 N. Shannon Road, Tucson, AZ. Altar servers throughout the Diocese have an important role in this celebration, and they will be gifted with a Miraculous Medal that has been blessed by Pope Leo 14. After the Celebration, Parish and School group photos will be taken with Bishop Kicanas. For more information, contact Zach Ferrell, 520-618-9481, or zferrell@diocesetucson.org or visit the website:

www.AzRosary.net.

New! Altar Servers may register online this year! Use this QR Code



"What does the tiger say to his friends before they go hunting for food?"



"Let us prey."



The Bible tells us to pray in every circumstance; don't forget that God is always here, listening, and loving!



St. Vincent de Paul

Today's Gospel reminds us of God's great love for each of us, a love so great that He sent His son not to condemn the world, but to save it, so that we might have eternal life. Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or illness? Please encourage them to call our office and leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We want to help.

For more information about becoming a member, call (520) 501-1386.



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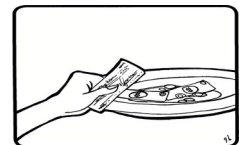
We would like to thank all of our parishioners and visitors for being generous with your donations. We depend on your generosity to meet the financial needs of our parish.

SUNDAY OFFERING

September 7, 2025

Offertory: \$ 5,044.00

Online: \$ 2,403.30



May God bless you for your continued support!

CAMPUS MAINTENANCE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 20-21



On the last day, when the general examination takes place, there will be no question at all on the text of Aristotle, the aphorisms of Hippocrates, or the paragraphs of Justinian. Charity will be the whole syllabus.



~Saint Robert Bellarmine (1542-1621), Patron of Catechists, Feast Day September 17



Rachel's Vineyard (Tucson) – Are you a woman or man experiencing regret, grief, or sadness after an abortion? Come and receive God's love and mercy for emotional and spiritual healing on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat, Oct. 10-12, 2025. Visit: www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org

Register Today!



SAINT RITA

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SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

ST. RITA IN THE DESERT CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL

13260 E COLOSSAL CAVE RD, VAIL, AZ

8:30 AM REGISTRATION, COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP

9:00 AM RETREAT BEGINS & 4:45 PM RETREAT ENDS

This day of renewal will include fellowship, praise & worship, teachings, prayer, healing & a fresh touch of the Holy Spirit! Come and ignite the fire of God's love in your life! The cost is free but a love offering will be requested.

Lunch, beverages and snacks will be provided. Invite your friends to join you on this very special day retreat. To register online visit: www.vineofgrace.org or call Erin at: 520.631.1408



St. Paul reminds us that there is abundant grace, faith, and love available to us through Christ Jesus. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on October 25-26, 2025 in Phoenix. Apply at www.wwme.org or call 520-661-3644. Check for upcoming weekend experiences at www.wwme.org.



GRAND REOPENING OF THE Shrine Gift Shop on September 20 & 21 after all masses. Stop by our table in the courtyard. \$5 gift bags and raffle for a beautiful gift basket. ***NEW GIFT SHOP OPERATING SCHEDULE—OPEN on the 1st and 3rd Sundays ONLY***

Prayer of Love

Dear God,
Expand my heart in new ways today,
to understand the love You have for me,
to take that love deeply into myself,
and to act from that love.
Amen. ©LPi

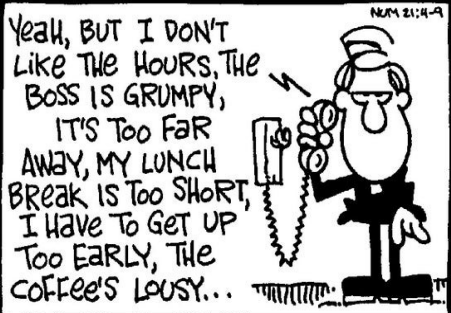
BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: When the unfaithful of the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. To heal us, God invites us to look upon the cross.

Mini Reflexión: Cuando los infieles de los israelitas fueron mordidos por las serpientes, fueron sanados mirando el instrumento de su sufrimiento: la serpiente misma, montada en la vara de Moisés. Para sanarnos, Dios nos invita a mirar la cruz.

TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS



Catholic Schools' Second Collection September 27-28!

Please consider a donation to this most important ministry of the Church – forming the mind and soul of the children we serve!





ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Please consider contributing to our fresh altar flowers. Cut out and put in collection basket or use envelopes that are in pews.

Name: _____

Envelope #: _____ \$ _____

*Please print clearly
Thank you for your generosity*



Mass for: _____

Living _____ Deceased _____

Mass Date/Time: _____

Requested by: _____

Phone Number: _____

The stipend for a Mass intention is \$10. Two weeks advance notice is required. Please fill out this for and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office.



Fry's Community Rewards Program Benefits St. Rita in the Desert

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.

1. Go to www.frysfood.com
2. Select "Sign In," and sign in to your Fry's online account (or create an account).
3. Put the cursor on your name and click on "My Account".
4. On the left side select "Community Rewards".
5. On the Fry's Community Rewards Page, click "Enroll Now".
6. In the "Find an Organization" box, enter St. Rita in the Desert
7. In the search results look for St. Rita in the Desert; then click on "ENROLL".



The Welcome Team will be back with the next POTLUCK on September 13 in the Hall

after the 5 pm Mass. Come join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship with your family.

After all Masses on Sunday, September 14, the Welcome Team will sponsor our monthly dessert and coffee. It is another opportunity to spend time with friends and soon-to-be friends. Please join us!



Arizona Rosary Celebration

Bring family, friends, and your heartfelt prayer petitions.

**Saturday
October 18, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8650 N. Shannon Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85742

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Dave Chohon (520) 539-5528
info@AzRosary.net
www.AzRosary.net

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GUEST SPEAKER
Fr. Emanuel Franco Gomez



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