

November 2, 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

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SOULS

“And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day.”

"Y esta es la voluntad del que me envió: que yo no pierda nada de lo que él me dio, sino que lo resucite en el último día."

John 6:37-40

Reflection: On All Souls Day, we find comfort in Jesus' promise of eternal life. The Gospel reveals God's will — the salvation of all souls. Jesus assures us that He will not lose anyone entrusted to Him, highlighting the profound hope and mercy offered to every believer. In remembering our departed loved ones, we rest in the assurance that Jesus will raise them up on the last day. As we pray for souls, let us renew our faith in Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life, and live with the hope of one day being reunited in His glory.

En el Día de los Difuntos, encontramos consuelo en la promesa de Jesús de la vida eterna. El Evangelio revela la voluntad de Dios: la salvación de todas las almas. Jesús nos asegura que no perderá a nadie que le haya sido confiado, resaltando la profunda esperanza y misericordia ofrecida a todo creyente. Al recordar a nuestros seres queridos difuntos, descansamos en la certeza de que Jesús los resucitará en el último día. Al orar por las almas, renovemos nuestra fe en Cristo, quien es la Resurrección y la Vida, y vivamos con la esperanza de un día estar reunidos en su gloria.

Socratic Question: How does this reflection encourage you to pray for the faithful departed today?

via Truthly App

PARISH INFORMATION

COLLECTIONS | COLECTA



October 26, 2025

Offertory: \$6,730.00
Rectory Debt: \$4,220.00

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select "Giving" and then "Online Giving"

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting any information for the bulletin is the **Wednesday** before the weekend you want it viewed by **10:00a.m.**

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.



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 and complete the *Intent to Baptize* Form



CONFIRMATION

Contact Youth Minister or OCIA director

MARRIAGE

Marriage arrangements must be made 4 months in advanc. Contact the parish office for details.

PASTOR'S LETTER

SOLEMNIDAD DE LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

OFICINA DEL PÁRROCO

2 de noviembre de 2025

Queridos familiares y amigos de la parroquia,

“Vengan, benditos de mi Padre, dice el Señor; tomen posesión del Reino preparado para ustedes desde la creación del mundo.” (Mateo 25:34)

Estimada familia parroquial:

Ha pasado bastante tiempo desde la última vez que me tomé el tiempo para escribir algunas de mis reflexiones y novedades aquí en Santa Rita. Así que aquí vamos.

Hoy, la Iglesia celebra el Día de los Fieles Difuntos. Como saben, una de las obras de misericordia espirituales y corporales es enterrar a los muertos y orar por los vivos y los difuntos de nuestras comunidades. Debido al pecado, la muerte es, lamentablemente, una realidad de nuestras vidas. Si bien no nos gusta hablar de la muerte, ni de la muerte de nuestros seres queridos ni de la nuestra propia, nadie puede escapar de ella.

Las lecturas de hoy nos consuelan al saber que, aunque morimos, nuestra esperanza está en nuestro Señor y Salvador, Jesucristo. Su muerte en la cruz se convirtió en nuestro rescate, y su resurrección de entre los muertos nos asegura que si hemos muerto con Cristo, resucitaremos y viviremos con Él.

Nuestro objetivo es alcanzar el cielo para nosotros y para los demás. Si bien no podemos detener el avance de la muerte, podemos trabajar para hacer de nuestro mundo un lugar mejor a través de nuestra fe, nuestra alegría, nuestro amor mutuo y nuestras decisiones que glorifican al Señor en nuestras vidas.

Me complace compartir con ustedes que hemos encontrado a nuestro Asistente Administrativo, el Sr. Christopher "Chris" Metzger. El Sr. Metzger posee muchos dones y talentos que nos ayudarán a mí y a nuestro equipo a brindarles un mejor servicio a ustedes, nuestra familia parroquial. Estamos en proceso de completar los trámites necesarios, incluyendo la verificación de antecedentes y todo lo que exige la Diócesis. Una vez que complete este proceso, la Diócesis de Tucson lo incorporará y le entregaremos las llaves de la parroquia. ¡Esperamos que el Sr. Metzger comience a trabajar durante la primera o segunda semana de noviembre! ¡Bienvenido!

Finalmente, quisiera expresar mi agradecimiento a la Sra. Kathy Lockard, quien generosamente se ha ofrecido y ha compartido su talento creativo para ayudarnos a producir nuestro boletín parroquial. Nos sentimos verdaderamente bendecidos de contar con una persona de su calibre para ayudar a nuestra familia parroquial a elaborar un boletín parroquial muy hermoso. Muchos de ustedes han comentado lo mucho que les gustó y lo fácil que es de leer, así que gracias, Kathy, por los dones que traes y compartes con nuestra comunidad parroquial.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SOULS DAY

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

November 2, 2025

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” (Matt 25:34)

It certainly has been some time since I have taken the time to write some of my reflections and updates here at St. Rita. So here we go.

Today, the Church celebrates All Souls Day. As you know, one of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy is to bury the dead and pray for the living and deceased of our communities. Due to sin, death is unfortunately the reality of our lives. While we do not like to discuss death, the death of our loved ones and our own personal death, no one can escape its grasp.

Our readings today comforts us in knowing that, while we die, our hope is in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. His death upon the cross has become our own ransom, and His resurrection from the dead assures us that if we have died with Christ, we will rise and live with Christ.

Our goal is to get ourselves and others into heaven. While we cannot stop the march of death, we can work to make our world a better place through our faith, our joy, our love for each other, and our choices that glorify the Lord in our lives.

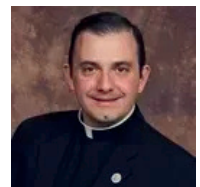
It is a joy for me to share with you that we have found our Administrative Assistant, Mr. Christopher "Chris" Metzger. Mr. Metzger brings many gifts and talents that will assist me and our staff in providing better service to you, our parish family. We are working through the compliance process, including background checks and everything the Diocese requires. Once he completes this process, the Diocese of Tucson will onboard him, and we will give him the keys to the parish. We hope Mr. Metzger begins employment sometime in the first or second week of November! Welcome aboard!

Lastly, I would like to express my thanks to Mrs. Kathy Lockard, who has graciously stepped up and shared her creative talents to help produce our parish bulletin. We are truly blessed to have someone of this caliber assist our parish family in making such a lovely parish bulletin. Many of you have commented on how you like it and how easy it is to read, and so thank you, Kathy, for the gifts you bring and share with our parish community!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Reverend Alonzo M. García, Pastor



SOLEMNITY OF ALL SOULS DAY

FEAST DAY: NOVEMBER 2

All Souls' Day is a day when Catholics pray for the souls of the dead. It is celebrated on November 2 every year. On this day, we remember those who have died, especially those in Purgatory. We pray that God will help them on their journey to Heaven.

The Catholic Church teaches that Purgatory is a place where souls are purified before entering Heaven. Some souls are not ready to enter Heaven right after death. Our prayers can help them. This is why All Souls' Day is important.

On All Souls' Day, Catholics often go to Mass and pray for the dead. Many visit cemeteries to pray for their loved ones who have died. The Church encourages us to pray for all the souls in Purgatory, not just our own family or friends.

All Souls' Day is different from All Saints' Day, which is the day before. All Saints' Day honors all the saints in Heaven. All Souls' Day focuses on helping those still waiting to enter Heaven. Both days remind us of the hope we have in eternal life

via young-catholics.com



IN THE GOSPEL PASSAGE...

Jesus articulates a promise and a mission entrusted to Him by the Father: "I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day." Here, we are invited into the profound mystery of divine love and the assurance of eternal life. This promise is not merely about our physical resurrection; it is an invitation to a relationship with God that transcends death itself.

Picture Jesus speaking these words, filled with compassion and certainty. His mission is not only to redeem but to gather and protect. His love is active and personal, reaching out to each soul to ensure none is lost. In our moments of doubt or sorrow, especially when grieving the loss of loved ones, this promise becomes our anchor: we are known, loved, and destined for eternal union with God.

As you meditate, consider the vastness of God's mercy and the hope offered through Christ's resurrection. Reflect on the reality that our departed loved ones are embraced in this divine promise. We are connected to them through the Communion of Saints, a bond strengthened by our prayers and sacrifices offered for their purification.

In moments of silence, let this truth resonate: we are beneficiaries of a love that conquers death and promises eternal life. Allow this meditation to lead you in prayer, entrusting your own journey and the souls of the departed to the care of our Savior, who never abandons what the Father has given Him.

How can embracing the promise of resurrection transform your approach to life and the way you remember and pray for those who have gone before us?

Reflect on this truth, and remember to keep your loved ones in your prayers, especially on this sacred day.

via Truthly App

DID YOU KNOW...

ORIGINS

All Souls Day traces its origins to the early Christian tradition of praying for the deceased. The practice became formally recognized in the Church in the early Middle Ages. The Benedictine monastery of Cluny in France, under the leadership of Saint Odilo, established November 2nd as a day for remembering all the faithful departed in 998 AD.

CONNECTIONS

All Souls Day directly follows All Saints Day, celebrated on November 1st. While All Saints Day honors those who have attained Heaven, All Souls Day is dedicated to praying for souls in Purgatory, helping them on their journey to Heaven.

THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION

The day rests upon the Church's belief in the Communion of Saints, which encompasses the Church Militant (those on Earth), the Church Suffering (souls in Purgatory), and the Church Triumphant (saints in Heaven). Our prayers aid these souls, reflecting the solidarity and love we share as members of the Mystical Body of Christ.

Understanding these elements enhances our appreciation of All Souls Day as a profound expression of love and hope, uniting us with our deceased brothers and sisters through prayer.

Reflective Question:

How can these historical and theological insights deepen your connection to the universal Church and your commitment to praying for the faithful departed?

CULTURAL TRADITIONS

Various cultures have incorporated unique traditions. For instance, in Mexico, Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) combines Catholic and indigenous practices to celebrate and remember the deceased with altars, offerings, and vibrant festivities.



LITURGICAL PRACTICES

Priests are allowed to celebrate three Masses on All Souls Day, a privilege granted to pray efficaciously for the departed. This underscores the day's emphasis on the power of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in aiding souls.



via Truthly app

WEEKLY CALENDAR, INTENTIONS, OBSERVATIONS & READINGS

MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

Sunday November 2

8:00 am

SI Father John Daly (in Australia)

† Lourdes & Pancho Lamigo Sr.

10:00 am

† José Arteaga, María Pena

† Carmen, Victor, Armando Cancino

12:00 pm

† Isabel Mendez Sotelo

† Miguel Mendez

Monday November 3

8:00 am

† Stanley Szczapa Sr.

Tuesday November 4

8:00 am

SI Bridget Shelly & Family

Wednesday November 5

8:00 am

SI Stephen & Lyda Gordon

Thursday November 6

8:00 am

Men & Women in the Military

Friday November 7

8:00 am

SI Joy Elizabeth Toussaint

Saturday November 8

8:00 am

First Responders

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, November 2

Solemnity of All Souls Day

8:00 am – Mass (English)

10:00 am – Mass (English)

12:00 noon – Mass (Spanish)

Monday, November 3

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy

Chaplet

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

Tuesday, November 4

Feast day of St. Charles

Borromeo, Bishop

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy

Chaplet

Wednesday, November 5

Feast Day of Saint Martin de Porres

8:00 am – Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy

Chaplet

Thursday, November 6

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Divine Mercy

Chaplet

4:30 pm Legion of Mary

Friday, November 7

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Eucharist Adoration

Saturday, November 8

5:00 pm – Mass (English)

READINGS & OBSERVANCES

FIRST READING:

"The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, but they are in peace."
(Wis 3:1-3)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me."
(Ps 23:1-3a)

SECOND READING:

"If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more."
(Rom 6:8-9)

GOSPEL:

"This is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day."
(Jn 6:39-40)

SUNDAY:

Solemnity of All Souls Day

Wis 3:1-9 | Ps 23:1-6 | Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9 | Jn 6:37-40

MONDAY:

Rom 11:29-36 | Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 | Lk 14:12-14

TUESDAY:

Feast Day of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Rom 12:5-16ab | Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3 | Lk 14:15-24

WEDNESDAY:

Rom 13:8-10 | Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 | Lk 14:25-33

THURSDAY:

Rom 14:7-12 | Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 | Lk 15:1-10

FRIDAY:

Rom 15:14-21 | Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 | Lk 16:1-8

SATURDAY:

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 | Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 | Lk 16:9-15

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.

Altar Society

The St. Rita Alter 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 office.

Eucharistic Minister

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 Ministries

Seeking a driving team to assist in delivering meals to schools within the Vail School District. This event takes place every Thursday during the school year. **PLEASE JOIN US!**
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.

St. Rita Guild

The Guild of St. Rita is looking for a volunteers. Our shop is opened August-May on the 1st & 3rd
Sundays Email:
guild@stritainthedesert.org

Sewing - Quilting Ministry

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)

Para mas Informacion
Coordinadora: Angelica Gomez
(520) 234-8469

EXTERNAL MINISTRIES



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gkcouncil14230@gmail.com



El praesidium de St.Rita se llama "Maria Puerta del Cielo" y se reúne los Martes a las 6:00 de la tarde en el salon Oscar Romero, o puedes contactar a Sandra (520)395-7225 or
legiondemaria@stritainthedesert.org.



Rachel's VINEYARD
Healing the pain of abortion - one weekend at a time

If you are interested in getting more information and/or registering for a Retreat Weekend, please call (520) 743-6777 or visit RachelsVineyard.org.



**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 Norm Scheopner at (520) 501-1386

PARISH NEWS

1ST ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

November 22, 2025
from 11am-4pm

Volunteers Needed
Please contact
Kathy Lockard at:
lockardkl@gmail.com

Proceeds collected from the Chili Cook Off, 50/50 Raffle, and Gift Baskets will be going directly to paying off the Rectory Debt



MUSIC MINISTRY CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS SINGERS!

Our Nativity Blessing and Christmas Concert will be
December 19 at 6 pm.

This year's theme, The Manger's Miracle!

We'll rehearse the concert pieces at the end of our
regularly scheduled choir rehearsals.

Adult choirs: Tuesday ~6pm
Children's choirs: Wednesday ~5pm

JOIN US!



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.

WELCOME TEAM POTLUCK LET'S CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH, 6 PM

This month's theme is "Thanksgiving." Join us for a
wonderful meal and fellowship with your parish family.

After all the masses on Sunday, we will have Dessert
and Coffee. Come and enjoy fabulous baked goods and
wonderful conversations.



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Advent Food Drive begins Sunday, November 30, 2025

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)



**"And exactly as you would
want people to treat you,
treat them also the same."**

Learn how your spouse would like to
be treated on the next Worldwide
Marriage Encounter Experiences on
February 14-15, 2026 in Phoenix or
April 18-19, 2026 in Tucson.

For more information go to: wme.org
or call 520-661-3644

THE GUILD

**GIFT SHOP BONUS
SHOPPING WEEKEND
NOV 8th & 9th**

Bringing the gift shop to you
outside the hall after all masses.

Advent Candles & Wreaths for sale

Shop will be open Sunday Nov 2nd
& 16th next to the St. Rita Shrine

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
Grocery store gift cards \$15-\$30
or monetary donations welcome**

Please return donation in the
Yellow Outreach Envelope



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:

www.diocesetucson.org

The New Outlook:

<https://news.diocesetucson.org>

News from the Vatican:

www.vaticannews.va

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

www.usccb.org

Office of Vocations:

<https://diocesetucson.org/vocations>

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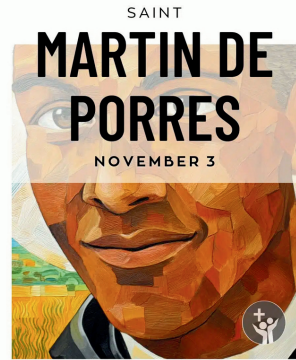


Community Rewards Program

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**

SAINT SPOTLIGHT



REFLECTIONS AND RESOURCES
young-catholics.com

Saint Martin de Porres is remembered for his kindness, his care for the poor, and his deep love for God. He was born in Lima, Peru, and lived there his whole life. He is known for his healing gifts and for helping people who were often left out. He is sometimes called “Martin of Charity.”

Martin was a lay brother in the Dominican Order. He was not a priest, but he gave his life to prayer and service. He worked in the kitchen, the laundry, and the infirmary. He also cared for the sick outside the monastery. He gave food and medicine to anyone in need.

Many people came to him for help. He helped people of all races and backgrounds. He also cared for animals and treated them kindly. He lived a very simple life and gave away what little he had.

Today, people remember Martin de Porres as a saint who showed love through action. He is an example of how to serve others with humility. He reminds us that anyone can be holy, no matter where they come from or what job they have.

A Boy with a simple beginning

Martin was born in Lima, Peru, in 1579. His mother was a Black woman from Panama. His father was a Spanish man. His parents were not married, and his father left when Martin was very young. He grew up in poverty with his mother and younger sister.

Because he was of mixed race, many people looked down on him. At that time, people of African or Indigenous background were often treated unfairly. Martin had to deal with this from a young age. But he did not grow bitter. He stayed kind and patient.

Martin learned skills from a young age. He became a barber and learned how to cut hair and care for the sick. He picked up basic medicine and often helped people who could not afford a doctor. Even as a boy, he gave food and care to the poor.

He prayed often and trusted God. Even when others treated him badly, he stayed faithful. He did not fight back. Instead, he served others with quiet love. His faith was strong even in hard times.

A humble brother who served all

Martin wanted to join the Dominicans, but because of his race, he could not become a full member at first. So he joined as a servant and worked in the monastery doing simple tasks. Later, he was allowed to become a lay brother. He never asked for honor or power. He only wanted to serve.

In the monastery, he worked in the infirmary. He cared for the sick and the dying. He cleaned wounds, made herbal medicine, and comforted people in pain. He treated everyone the same, rich or poor, Black or white. He also worked in the kitchen and cleaned the floors. He did these jobs with joy. He did not complain. He believed all work could be done for God. He saw Jesus in every person he helped. People in Lima started hearing about him. They came to the monastery to ask for his help. Some wanted medicine. Others just wanted someone to listen to them. Martin welcomed them all. He gave what he had, even if it was very little.

Miracles and Mercy in Everyday Life

Martin was known for many miracles. People said he could heal sicknesses with a simple touch or prayer. Some said he could be in two places at once. Others said he fed many people with just a small amount of food.

He also loved animals. There are stories about him caring for stray dogs, cats, and even mice. He fed them and made sure they were not hurt. He saw all creatures as part of God's creation.

He fasted often and lived very simply. He gave away most of what he had. He spent long hours in prayer, sometimes all night. He did not seek praise. He only wanted to love God and serve others. His example touched many people. Other monks respected him, even those who once looked down on him. People in the city came to see him as a holy man. He showed that faith is lived out through service, prayer, and love.

From Servant to Saint

Martin de Porres died in 1639. Many people came to honor him at his death. They shared stories of his kindness and healing. They believed he was close to God.



The Church began the process for sainthood many years later. He was beatified by Pope Gregory XVI in 1837. He was canonized as a saint by Pope John XXIII in 1962. He was the first Black saint from the Americas.

His feast day is November 3. He is the **patron saint of mixed-race people, barbers, healthcare workers, and those who seek racial harmony.** Many schools, hospitals, and churches are named after him.

source: <https://young-catholics.com/79654/st-martin-de-porres/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diocese of Tucson - Alive in Christ
Family Tree Healing Mass
Thursday November 13 at 6:45 PM
*Generational Healing and Deliverance Prayers Through
 The Power Of Jesus Christ*

Lively praise & worship
Healing Prayers

Fr. Bala Kommathoti

Do you want to break free of generational health issues, addictions, cancer, depression, and other obstacles in your family tree? Please join us for a life changing healing mass.

Our Lady of La Vang / St. Frances Cabrini
 3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson

Invite your family & friends!

Prepare for this mass by downloading & filling out a **Genogram** from our web site: www.TucsonCCR.org



St. Francis de Sales
43rd Annual Bazaar
 Sponsored by SFDS Craft Group

SAT, NOVEMBER 1ST, 9AM - 4PM | SUN, NOVEMBER 2ND, 8AM - 1PM
 ST. FRANCES DE SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH
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All Handmade Crafts
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Gift Baskets
Baked Goods
White Elephant Sale
Raffle Item
 Quilt (Queen Size)

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Sacrosanctum Concilium – The Sacred Council

Presenter: Fr. Jim Garcia

November 8th, 2025

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

1800 South Kolb Road Tucson, AZ.

8:30am Mass 9:30am – 12:00pm Seminar

Sacrosanctum Concilium is the Vatican II document on the liturgy, the public prayer of the Church. It was the first major document to be written at Vatican II in November 1963. In the first 20 paragraphs of this document you will see that the liturgy is always infused with hope. It is a prayer of the Trinity. It is the priestly prayer of Jesus Christ. And we are called to fully conscious and active participation whenever we gather for the Sacred Liturgy.

Please Contact Our Mother of Sorrows for more information or to register:

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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES
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Dear Friends,

We are facing an urgent situation—and we need your help.

The State of Arizona has been warned that federal food benefits may not arrive or will be delayed for November as the government shutdown continues. For many families in our community who already struggle to put food on the table, this disruption could mean going hungry.

At Catholic Community Services' Pio Decimo Center, our food pantry is already stretched thin. We are expecting a sharp increase in families seeking help, but right now, we do not have enough shelf-stable food or funds to meet the coming demand.

We are asking for your immediate support to help us restock and be ready. Your gift today—whether it's a financial contribution or a donation of nonperishable food items—will ensure that no family is turned away in this moment of crisis. You can make a financial gift at <https://www.ccs-soaz.org/donate/form> or you can drop off food donations at three locations: our Pio Decimo Center (848 S 7th Ave), our COPD location (268 W Adams St), and the Bishop Kicanas Pastoral Center (192 S Stone Ave). All three locations will accept donations Monday-Friday from 9am to 4pm. To learn more about how to donate shelf-stable food, please call (520) 622-2801.

Please, give what you can today. Together, we can make sure our neighbors have food and hope through this difficult time.

With Gratitude,
 Elena Dwyre
 Chief Executive Officer
 Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona

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You may donate online using the link above, or call our Development Coordinator, David Shack at (520) 780-6119.

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Name: _____

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

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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.

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