

November 9, 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

Office Closed
Tuesday November
11th -Veteran's Day

ADORATION

FRIDAY | Viernes

8:30 am—9:30 am

In the church or by
appointment

En la iglesia o por cita

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

*"Destroy this temple and in three days I
will raise it up." — John 2:19*

*"Destruyan este templo y en tres días lo
levantaré." — Juan 2:19*

Reflection:

The dedication of the Lateran Basilica calls us to reflect on the Church as both a physical and spiritual temple. Just as Jesus cleansed the Temple in Jerusalem, He seeks to cleanse and renew our hearts. This renewal is rooted in His resurrection — the ultimate act of raising up what was destroyed. As we celebrate this feast, let us remember that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, purposed to honor God. In a world filled with distractions, Jesus invites us to focus on the sacred and allow Him to restore and sanctify every part of our lives. How can you embody this renewal in your daily actions and thoughts?

Socratic Question:

How can you invite Jesus to cleanse the temple of your heart today?

Reflexión:

Hoy celebramos la dedicación de la Basílica de Letrán, y esta fiesta nos invita a pensar en la Iglesia como un templo — no solo hecho de piedra, sino también como ese templo espiritual que somos cada uno de nosotros. Así como Jesús limpió el Templo de Jerusalén, también quiere purificar y renovar nuestro corazón. Esa renovación nace de Su resurrección, el acto más grande de amor y de vida nueva.

Al celebrar este día, recordemos que nuestros cuerpos son templos del Espíritu Santo, creados para darle gloria a Dios. En medio de tantas distracciones, Jesús nos llama a volver la mirada a lo sagrado y a dejar que El restaure y santifique cada rincón de nuestra vida.

Pensemos un momento: ¿cómo podemos vivir esa renovación en nuestras acciones y pensamientos de cada día?

Pregunta para reflexionar:

¿Cómo puedes invitar a Jesús a limpiar el templo de tu corazón hoy?

source: Truthly App

PARISH INFORMATION

COLLECTIONS | COLECTA



November 2, 2025

Offertory: \$7,402

Outreach: \$1,589.00

All Saints: \$543.00

Rectory Debt: \$3,457.00

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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

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

November 9, 2025

"I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there forever." (2 Chronicles 7:16)

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Why are we celebrating an ancient Church for this Sunday's Mass? Arguably, that is a great question to pose because we typically celebrate Saints and Martyrs of the Church. However, we are celebrating St. John Lateran, which, if you can believe it, is older than St. Peter's Basilica. St. John Lateran is said to be where all the bishops of Rome sit, and that a pope is not officially pope until he takes the seat or cathedra of the chair of St. Peter. The history of St. John Lateran is said to date back to the 4th Century AD, when the Emperor of Rome, Constantine the Great, legalized Christianity in 313 AD with the Edict of Milan. As you can see, there is a rich history that connects us to our ancient roots of faith, which is older than the archbasilica of St. John Lateran.

The purpose of the Church, the building, and the people is to offer proper worship to God. God deserves praise and worship because of who He is, and He has made us for this purpose. When we consider ourselves temples of the Holy Spirit, we share in the divine life of God. We see that the waters flowing out of the temple signify sanctification and cleansing when we read the prophet Ezekiel's recounting. When we are born, we are brought to the Church (temple) to be baptized by water and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, there is an indwelling of the divine life of God within us. When we grow in faith and in the Lord's love through prayer, worship, and penance, we experience God's closeness to us.

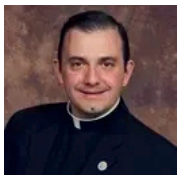
As a community of faith, we are the living stones of the Church. When we consider our current parish and community of St. Rita in the Desert, how do we, individually and collectively, work to build up the body of Christ through our prayers, talents, and treasure? As we deepen our faith in the Lord, we should remain open to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit so that we may share in the divine life of Christ.

As our Annual Catholic Appeal comes to a close, I would like to express my appreciation to the many generous parishioners who have contributed to it. We are currently at **50%** of our **\$47,000.00** goal. Thanks to the generosity of so many in our Diocese of Tucson, we received a **\$15,000.00** grant from the Catholic Foundation. This grant helped us replace our old air conditioning units, which were over 20 years old! If you have not contributed to our Annual Catholic Appeal, I ask that you prayerfully consider a contribution today. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Lastly, many of you have heard about Amazing Parish in the past few weeks, and I am happy to report that our Parish Leadership Team (PLT) has completed its six sessions on learning to become a team that assists the pastor to lead. We are working collaboratively to determine how we can affect and change the culture here at St. Rita in the Desert. Having the PLT is new, and we hope to make a positive impact on our parish and all who attend. Stay tuned for further details.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Alonzo M. García, Pastor



DEDICACIÓN DE LA BASÍLICA DE LETRÁN

OFICINA DEL PÁRROCO

9 de noviembre de 2025

"Yo he elegido y consagrado esta casa, dice el Señor, para que mi nombre permanezca en ella para siempre." (2 Crónicas 7,16)

Querida familia parroquial y amigos,

¿Por qué celebramos una Iglesia tan antigua en la Misa de este domingo? Es una buena pregunta, ya que normalmente celebramos a santos y mártires de la Iglesia. Sin embargo, hoy celebramos a San Juan de Letrán, que, aunque parezca increíble, es más antigua que la Basílica de San Pedro. Se dice que San Juan de Letrán es la iglesia donde se sientan todos los obispos de Roma, y que un papa no es oficialmente papa hasta que toma posesión de la cátedra o sede de San Pedro. La historia de San Juan de Letrán se remonta al siglo IV d.C., cuando el emperador Constantino el Grande legalizó el cristianismo en el año 313 con el Edicto de Milán. Como pueden ver, hay una rica historia que nos conecta con nuestras raíces antiguas de fe, incluso más antiguas que la misma arquibasilica de San Juan de Letrán.

El propósito de la Iglesia —el edificio y el pueblo— es ofrecerle a Dios un culto digno. Dios merece toda alabanza y adoración simplemente por quién es, y nos ha creado para ese propósito. Cuando recordamos que somos templos del Espíritu Santo, participamos de la vida divina de Dios. El profeta Ezequiel nos habla de las aguas que brotan del templo, símbolo de purificación y santificación. Cuando nacemos, somos llevados al templo (la Iglesia) para ser bautizados con agua y el Espíritu Santo. Desde entonces, la vida divina de Dios habita en nosotros. Al crecer en la fe y en el amor del Señor por medio de la oración, el culto y la penitencia, experimentamos la cercanía de Dios en nuestras vidas.

Como comunidad de fe, somos las piedras vivas de la Iglesia. Si pensamos en nuestra parroquia actual, Santa Rita en el Desierto, ¿cómo estamos, de manera individual y comunitaria, ayudando a construir el Cuerpo de Cristo con nuestras oraciones, talentos y recursos? Al profundizar en nuestra fe y en el amor del Señor, debemos permanecer abiertos a la presencia del Espíritu Santo, para poder compartir plenamente la vida divina de Cristo.

Al acercarnos al final de nuestra Campaña Católica Anual, quiero expresar mi agradecimiento a todos los feligreses generosos que han contribuido. Actualmente llevamos el **50%** de nuestra meta de **\$47,000.00**. Gracias a la generosidad de tantos en nuestra Diócesis de Tucson, recibimos una subvención de **\$15,000.00** de la Fundación Católica. ¡Esta ayuda nos permitió reemplazar los antiguos sistemas de aire acondicionado que tenían más de 20 años! Si aún no han contribuido a la Campaña Católica Anual, les pido que lo consideren en oración y hagan su aportación hoy. Muchas gracias por su amable apoyo.

Por último, muchos de ustedes han escuchado sobre Amazing Parish en las últimas semanas, y me alegra informarles que nuestro Equipo de Liderazgo Parroquial (PLT, por sus siglas en inglés) ha completado sus seis sesiones de formación para aprender a trabajar en equipo y ayudar al párroco en la dirección de la parroquia. Estamos colaborando para discernir cómo podemos transformar la cultura aquí en Santa Rita en el Desierto. Tener el PLT es algo nuevo para nosotros, y esperamos causar un impacto positivo en nuestra parroquia y en todos los que participan. Estén atentos a más detalles próximamente.

Sinceramente Suyos en Cristo,

Reverendo Alonzo M. García, Pastor

GOSPEL MEDITATION



IN THE GOSPEL PASSAGE...

we witness Jesus' zeal for His Father's house as He cleanses the Temple of the merchants and money changers. His righteous anger demonstrates the seriousness with which we should approach the sacred. Jesus's actions invite us to reflect on the temples of our own lives — our hearts, our minds, our physical churches, and the universal Church as the Body of Christ.

Jesus' declaration, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up," points us to the profound mystery of His death and resurrection. While the Jews thought He was speaking of the physical building, Jesus was referring to the temple of His body. This indicates a shift from the Old Covenant, where God's presence dwelt in physical structures, to the New Covenant, in which God dwells within each believer. Through Jesus' resurrection, we are given new life and the gift of becoming temples of the Holy Spirit.

As we meditate on this passage, let us consider how we can respect and cherish the divine presence dwelling within us. Are there areas of our hearts that need cleansing? What distractions and attachments clutter our inward temple, preventing us from fully living as Christ's disciples? Invite Jesus to purify and renew your heart, so that your life becomes a living beacon of His love and holiness.

Question for Meditation:

What steps can you take to ensure that your heart remains a sacred space for God's grace to dwell?

Source: *Truthly App*

EN ESTE PASAJE DEL EVANGELIO,

vemos el gran celo de Jesús por la casa de su Padre, cuando expulsa del Templo a los mercaderes y cambistas. Su justa indignación nos recuerda la seriedad con la que debemos acercarnos a lo sagrado. Con sus acciones, Jesús nos invita a mirar los templos de nuestra propia vida: nuestro corazón, nuestra mente, nuestras iglesias, y toda la Iglesia universal, Cuerpo de Cristo.

Cuando Jesús dice: “Destruyan este templo y en tres días lo levantaré”, nos revela el profundo misterio de su muerte y resurrección. Mientras los judíos pensaban que hablaba del edificio físico, Jesús se refería al templo de su cuerpo. Con estas palabras, marca el paso de la Antigua Alianza — donde la presencia de Dios habitaba en un lugar físico— a la Nueva Alianza, en la que Dios habita dentro de cada creyente. Por medio de su resurrección, hemos recibido una vida nueva y el don de ser templos del Espíritu Santo.

Al meditar en este Evangelio, preguntémonos: ¿cómo cuidamos y valoramos la presencia divina que habita en nosotros? ¿Hay rincones de nuestro corazón que necesitan ser purificados? ¿Qué distracciones o apegos llenan nuestro templo interior e impiden que vivamos plenamente como discípulos de Cristo? Pidámosle a Jesús que limpie y renueve nuestro corazón, para que nuestra vida sea un reflejo vivo de su amor y su santidad.

Pregunta para meditar:

¿Qué pasos puedes dar para que tu corazón siga siendo un espacio sagrado donde habite la gracia de Dios?

Source: *Truthly App*

ORIGINS

The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral church of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica as many might assume. It is the oldest and highest-ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome, holding the title of "Archbasilica." This makes it the mother church of all the churches in the world.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The original structure of the Lateran Basilica was commissioned in the 4th century by Emperor Constantine and was the first church building constructed in Rome after the legalization of Christianity. It was consecrated by Pope Sylvester I in 324 A.D. Despite being damaged and rebuilt multiple times due to fires, earthquakes, and invasions, it stands as a testament to the endurance of the Church.

The Lateran Basilica is dedicated to both St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, and its dedication reminds us of the unity and universality of the Church. It serves as a powerful symbol that the Church, as the Body of Christ, transcends all geographical and cultural boundaries.



The Lateran Basilica, Rome, Italy

LITURGICAL COLOR CHANGE?

The liturgical colors for the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica change to white. White is used as the liturgical color for this feast because it is a celebration of a joyful and significant event in the life of the Church. White symbolizes purity, joy, and victory, which are fitting for the dedication of the "mother church" of all Roman Catholic churches, representing the unity and universality of the Church.

Reflective Questions:

How does recognizing the unity of the Church through the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica inspire you to deepen your connection to the universal Church today?

What joy and purity can you bring into your life today as you reflect on the dedication of this significant basilica in the life of the Church?



via Truthly app

WEEKLY CALENDAR, INTENTIONS, OBSERVATIONS & READINGS

MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISA

Sunday November 9

8:00 am

†John B. Morgan

†Meagan Golden

10:00 am

Men & Women in the Military

12:00 pm

Living & Deceased of St. Rita

Monday November 10

8:00 am

†José Dennis Salvador

Tuesday November 11

8:00 am

Military Veterans

Wednesday November 12

8:00 am

†Thomas Ernesto Vargas

Thursday November 13

8:00 am

†John Zubel

Friday November 14

8:00 am

St. Rita Office Staff

Saturday November 15

8:00 am

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, November 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 am – Mass (English)

10:00 am – Mass (English)

12:00 noon – Mass (Spanish)

Monday, November 10

St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

Tuesday, November 11

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 am Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday, November 12

St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 am – Mass (English)

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday, November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

4:30 pm Legion of Mary

Friday, November 14

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Eucharist Adoration

Saturday, November 15

St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:00 pm – Mass (English)

READINGS & OBSERVANCES

FIRST READING:

"I saw water flowing from the temple, and wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live."

(Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High."

(Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9)

SECOND READING:

"Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?"

(1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17)

GOSPEL:

"Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.'"

(John 2:13-22)

Sunday, November 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 | Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 | 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 | Jn 2:13-22

Monday, November 10

St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Wis 1:1-7 | Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 | Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 11

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Wis 2:23-3:9 | Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 | Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 12

St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Wis 6:1-11 | Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 | Lk 17:11-19

Thursday, November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Wis 7:22b-8:1 | Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 | Lk 17:20-25

Friday, November 14

Wis 13:1-9 | Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab | Lk 17:26-37

Saturday, November 15

St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 | Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 | Lk 18:1-8



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>

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U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

www.usccb.org

Office of 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**
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- 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.

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 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

Support our Local Community. Assist at the Food Bank, Food Drives & Schools.
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
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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.



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

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises that if the temple is destroyed, He will raise it up again in three days. This is the true hope He offers. When you give furniture, household items, clothing or monetary donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you give a sign of hope to your neighbors who have nothing.

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

PARISH NEWS



**Knights of
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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9TH & 16TH

Join the Knights for a pancake
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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!

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*



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)

Dear Parish Family,

We each possess unique gifts and talents given to us by God, not only for our own benefit but to serve others and build up the Church. Volunteering in our parish is a beautiful way to live out our discipleship, express gratitude for these gifts, and make a real difference in the lives of others.

Whether you feel called to serve in the liturgy, teach religious education, help with hospitality, or engage in outreach ministries, there is a place for you to serve within our community. With every act of service, we become more connected as the body of Christ, reflecting His love and mercy to one another.

Remember the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta: "Faith in action is love, and love in action is service." Let us put our faith into action by generously offering our time and talents to God and our community.

Will you prayerfully consider where God might be calling you to serve today?

In Christ's service,

St. Rita in the Desert, Catholic Church



**worldwide
marriage encounter**

**"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: wwme.org
or call 520-661-3644

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL SALUTE TO ALL VETERANS

**11.10 US Marine Corp Birthday
& 11.11 Veteran's Day**

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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Please return donation in the
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS

DEI VERBUM - WORD OF GOD SEMINAR

Presenter: Fr. Thomas Picton, C.S.S.R.
Redemptorist Renewal Center

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish
1800 South Kolb Road | Tucson AZ 85710

November 15, 2025
8:30am Mass | 9:30am-12pm Seminar

Information or Register: Call (520)747-1321
Email: omosparish@omosparish.org
<https://www.omosparish.org>

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Diocese of Tucson - Alive in Christ

Family Tree Healing Mass

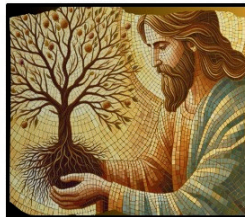
Thursday November 13 at 6:45 PM

*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. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOR ALL MEN & WOMEN
THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE

Tuesday, November 18, 2025
6:30pm - 8:30pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church
In the Sanctuary
215 South Craycroft Road - Tucson
Offered by Vine of Grace Retreat Ministry

Questions: Call Erin at (520)631-1408
www.vineofgrace.org

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.

PRAYER BREAK

PRAYER FOR WISDOM

*"O merciful God,
grant that I may ardently desire,
prudently examine,
truthfully acknowledge,
and perfectly accomplish
what is pleasing to You
for the praise and glory
of Your Name. Amen."*

This prayer can serve as a reminder for you to seek God's wisdom in all aspects of your life. It encourages a spirit of discernment and faithfulness to God's will.



KIDS CORNER

THE STORY OF SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS

Once upon a time, there was a young soldier named Martin. He lived in a land where the winters were very cold. Martin wore a uniform and a big, warm cloak because he was part of the Roman army. Even though he was a soldier, Martin had a kind heart and believed in helping others.

One freezing winter day, Martin was riding his horse through the city. As he passed by, he saw a poor beggar shivering in the street. The man had no warm clothes and was clearly suffering from the cold. Martin felt a great compassion swell in his heart. He knew he had to do something to help.

But what could he do? Martin looked at his own cloak. It was big and warm, but he needed it too. Then, Martin had an idea! Taking out his sword, he carefully cut his cloak in half. He gave one half to the beggar, wrapping it around the man to keep him warm.

That night, Martin had a dream. In his dream, he saw Jesus wearing the half of the cloak that he had given away. Jesus smiled at Martin and said to the angels, "Here is Martin, a Roman soldier who is not baptized; he has clothed me." Martin was amazed and realized that by helping the beggar, he had served Jesus Himself.

After this dream, Martin decided to leave the army and spend his life serving God and helping others. He became a Christian and eventually a bishop. Martin worked hard to teach people about God's love and was known for his kindness and generosity.

The story of Saint Martin reminds us that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life, and that when we help others, we are also serving Jesus.

Activity or Reflection Question for Children:

What can you do this week to help someone else, just like Saint Martin helped the beggar? Can you draw a picture or write a story about it?

By using storytelling and inviting reflection or activities, children can connect with Saint Martin's example and be inspired to act with compassion themselves.

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS

Feast Day: November 11

Patronage: Soldiers, horses, beggars, and wool-weavers

Life and Legacy:

Saint Martin of Tours, born around 316 in present-day Hungary, is one of the most revered saints in the Christian tradition. Raised in a pagan family, Martin was forced to join the Roman army as a young man. While serving as a soldier, Martin experienced a profound moment of conversion. He famously encountered a beggar, shivering and unclothed, and, moved by compassion, Martin cut his own military cloak in half to share with the man. That night, he dreamed of Jesus wearing the piece of his cloak and saying to the angels, "Here is Martin, the Roman soldier who is not baptized; he has clothed me."

Following this experience, Martin sought baptism and left the army, devoting his life to serving Christ. He became a disciple of St. Hilary of Poitiers and was later chosen as the Bishop of Tours in France, despite his initial reluctance. Known for his humility and dedication, Martin worked tirelessly to evangelize and minister to the people of his diocese. He was instrumental in promoting monastic life, establishing what is often considered the first monastery in Gaul.

Martin's life was marked by miracles and acts of charity. He was deeply committed to the poor and worked to alleviate their suffering. Martin died in 397, and his feast day became one of the first non-martyr feasts to be observed by the Church.

Saint Martin of Tours exemplifies the Christian virtues of charity, humility, and evangelization. His willingness to serve and sacrifice reminds us of our own call to love and care for others, especially those in need.

Reflection Question:

How can Saint Martin's example of generosity and service inspire you to reach out to those in need in your own community?



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.

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ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

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REQUEST A MASS INTENTION

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Mass for: _____

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Mass Date/Time: _____

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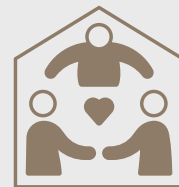
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