
SAINT HELEN S CATHOLIC MISSION



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2005

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Mass of Anticipation)5 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
Monday No Mass
Tuesday-Friday .. 8 a.m.
All Holy Days of Obligation9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Pray the Rosary .1/2 hour before each Mass

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Wedding Preparations

Diocesan regulations require that you see a priest at least 4 months before your wedding date.

Baptism Preparations

By appointment. Please call for arrangements at least two months prior to date of Baptism.

All baptisms are scheduled for the third weekend of each month.

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any other time by appointment.

Fr. Joseph Nietlong, Pastor (520) 896-2708
Secretary: Gloria Acosta . ..(520) 896-2708
Office Hours: Tuesday — Friday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Priest: Tuesday - Friday ... 9:30 a.m.- 12 noon & 2 p.m. — 7 p.m.

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2005**

If two of you agree on earth
about anything for which they are to pray,
it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.

Matthew 18:19

SPEAKING OUT IN LOVE

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, there am I in the midst of them (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken in the presence of Jesus Christ.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The LORD tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he does not speak out to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.

We live in a do your own thing age where moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is rooted in love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10).

St. Helen Announcements

Deadline for bulletin announcements is 2 p.m. on Tuesday.

Mass Intentions (Offered for our beloved dead as well as for our living loved ones.)

May the souls of our faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Saturday, September 3 - +Joan Lobitz by Dan Lobitz

Sunday, September 4, 10 a.m. - +Joan Lobitz by Dan Lobitz

Vocations

At each Mass, the family taking the crucifix and candlestick should designate another family to carry the crucifix and candlestick home the following week. Please return the crucifix and candlestick *before* the beginning of each Mass.

Infant Baptisms

Instructions for infant Baptisms on first and third Thursdays of the month (after initial registration) at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. It is mandatory that parents and Godparents attend.

Collection Basket

August 28 - \$1,151.00

August 28 — Breakfast - \$134.97

Thank you so very much for your generosity. May God bless you all immensely

Sanctuary Lamp

Please stop by the parish office to request dates for the Sanctuary Lamp

Carol Flores — For full recovery — by Phyllis David

PLEASE PRAY FOR

(Names will be published for two weeks at a time unless otherwise requested)

Ill and/or homebound: Paul Springer, Tony Telles, Elidia Alcaraz, Irene Valdez, Lydia Molinar

+Our faithful departed:

Bishop Kicanas Monday Morning Memo is a very informative report on what is happening in the diocese and what his busy schedule consists of each week. You can read the weekly memo by visiting the diocesan website; www.diocesetucson.org or by requesting a copy from St. Helen's Parish Office. If you have something you want to publicize in the bishop's memo, please e-mail it to bishop@diocesetucson.org or send it to his attention c/o Monday Memo at the Pastoral Center, 111 S. Church Avenue, P.O. Box 31, Tucson, AZ 85702.

SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION: 5 p.m.
SUNDAY MASSES: 8 & 10 a.m.
WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday - Friday — 8 a.m.
***HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.**
***Any exceptions will be noted in this space.**
Confessions are held Saturday from 4 to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment. Please call the Parish Office

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Liturgy Committee — Every 2nd Wednesday — 7 p.m.
 Finance Committee — Every 3rd Thursday — 7 p.m.
 Parish Council —
CHOIR PRACTICE — EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7 P.M

LABOR AND PRAYER

One who labors and one who prays lifts one's heart to God with one's hands.
HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY LABOR DAY!

ST. HELEN S ADULT FORMATION

Tuesday evening classes will resume on Tuesday, September 6. Everyone is invited to attend. Presently studying Vatican II Decree on the Laity.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Caregivers Support Group meet at St. Helen's every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. All welcome. Contact Karen Lombardi, 896-9123 for more information.

ENNEAGRAM SEMINAR — Sister Karen Berry, OSF will give a Enneagram seminar on Saturday, September 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 3627 N. Santa Rita Avenue in Tucson. The Enneagram, a personality system, will be taught as a tool for spiritual growth. Cost, which includes materials, is \$45.00 (or \$40.00 each for two people). Register **in person** bringing a bag lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided. For more information, to pre-register, and to get directions, call 888-2593.

Religious Education Students
 Registration for CCD Grades 1-8 and Confirmation students:

- Sunday, September 11 — after 10 a.m. Mass
- Sunday, September 18 — after 10 a.m. Mass
- Wednesday, September 21 (1 to 5 p.m.)

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS AFTER SEPTEMBER 21.

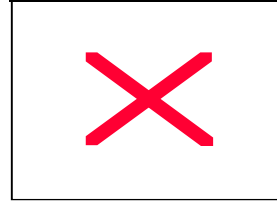
- Registration will be in the Church Hall.
- CCD fees must be paid at the time of registration.
 \$20 for one child and \$10 for each additional child in the family.
- Baptismal and First Communion certificates **must** be brought to registration.

(If your child attended the CCD program last year and his/her certificates are on file at St. Helen, then you are not required to bring in these documents.)

- Most classes will begin the week of October
- Children are required to attend 85%+ of the classes.

Questions: Contact Cheryl Smith at 520-297-9154

BREAKFAST SCHEDULE



Every third Sunday of the month there will be a full breakfast. All other Sundays there will be coffee, breakfast pastries, doughnuts, etc.

Thank you for supporting St. Helen's fundraising events

FIESTA UPDATE — LOTS HAPPENING NOW!!!

Designated Drivers Needed for after fiesta closes — contact *Mary Buzan, Bodie Garcia, Ellie Brown or Manuel Apodaca.*

St. Helen's Queen Sign-up. Open to young ladies grades 1-8. Contact *Brenda Garcia for details & sign-up sheet — 896-9170*

Basketball Tournament scheduled for day of Fiesta — contact *Gre Reiser or Bodie Garcia for details, sign-up sheet or sponsorship.*

Raffle Tickets Information for silver crucifix and airline tickets will be provided by Bruce Robertson. Tickets to be handed out starting August 27 & 28. Contact *Bruce for more information.*

Horseshoe Tournament — Is anyone interested in heading this up? Contact *Bodie Garcia.*

Entertainment - Do you know of anyone who would be interested in providing additional entertainment? Contact *any Fiesta Committee member.*

Donations for raffle prizes are being accepted.

THANKS! to Michael Moore for the beautiful posters and tickets!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLUE MASS

Next Sunday, September 11, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Blue Mass at St. Bartholomew at 11 a.m. to honor local police, fire and paramedic workers. All local members of these groups and their families are invited to attend Mass.

The Knights of Columbus began the Blue Mass to honor and remember the brave men and women of the emergency services community after the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States.

Within days of the attack the Knights began distributing nearly \$1.5 million in direct aid to the families of slain police and rescue workers.

PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE

All good and loving Father, give your peace and healing who have been harmed, forgive those who have caused harm give us the resolve to do whatever is possible to protect vulnerable.

As you renewed your people time and again, renew us now up your work with greater fidelity and commitment. Help become a stronger and wiser Church that proclaims your Word with greater courage born of ever greater trust in you.

We rely on your amazing grace as we pray in the name of Lord. Amen

UPCOMING FIESTAS, RETREATS & OTHER DIOCESAN EVENTS

- **BLESSED SACRAMENT (MAMMOTH) FIESTA — Saturday, September 10, 2005**
Mass — 10 a.m., entertainment, food, music, horseshoes and *DANCING* from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m.
- St. Helen s Fall Fiesta Saturday, October 8, 2005
- Married Couples How do we find time to build intimacy and excitement in our marriage relation way we find time for all the other important things in our lives – career, kids, entertainmen important for us. Try a Worldwide Marriage Encounter. The next weekends coming up: September Tucson and October 23-23 in Yuma. For more information call (602) 242-6141 for information
- Vine of Grace Women s Retreat – September 30 & October 1, 2005.
Most Holy Trinity Parish, Tucson. Theme: Journey to the Spirit – will include prais teachings, testimonies, transformation, prayer, healing, a deeper anointing of the H much more. For details all (520) 631-1408 or visit St. [Helen s Parish Office](#). [www.v](#)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the early years of the church, most people never availed themselves of once-in-a-lifetime penance. Yet penitents were highly visible. They wore distinctive garments or chains, and they were relegated to special zones in the church. They might be dismissed from the Sunday assembly after the Word, forbidden to join in the Prayer of the Faithful or the Eucharist. This dismissal was done with great affection and tenderness as the bishop laid his hands on the heads of the sinners. During Lent almost everyone would identify with penitents by clothing, insignia, or by following the penitents regular diet. Rather than sit in judgment over them, the church desired to intercede for them before the Lord. Let Mother Church weep for you and wash away your sins with her tears, said St. Ambrose to his penitents in Milan. Ambrose liked to think of them as Jonah in the whale, meditating on his errors. In a letter to his sister he said that Jonah is also a sign of Christ in the tomb, and so he had great faith in the penitents future proclamation of the Resurrection with their reclaimed status in the assembly.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Col 1:24 2:3; Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday: Sir 27:30 28:9; Ps 103; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Labor Day
- Thursday: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday: St. Peter Claver, priest (USA), died 8 September 1654; Catalonian Jesuit who served in the Colombian mission in Cartagena; for 38 years devoted to caring for African slaves, baptizing over 300,000; called himself the slave of the slaves forever ; patron of Colombia and of all missions to black peoples.
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

