



The Gift of Doubts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When people tell me they have doubts about their faith, I usually tell them that doubts can be a good thing. “Reflect on your doubts,” I say. So very often the doubts bring someone to deeper faith and understanding. When people say they’re not sure they believe in God anymore, often what they mean is that they don’t believe in a particular idea of God, like the bearded old man in the sky or a God who “allows” children to die of cancer and “permits” wars that slaughter people.

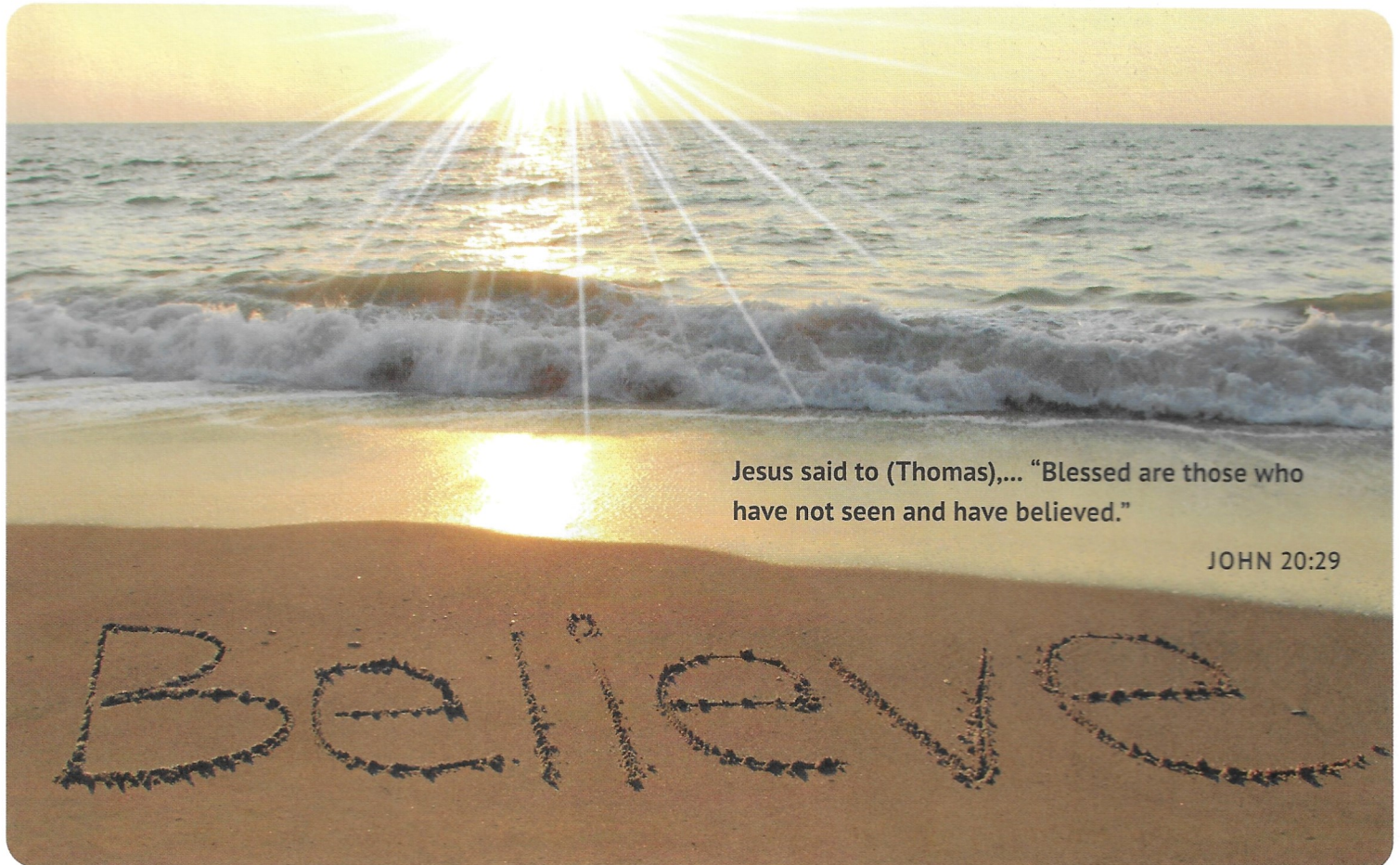
What such doubts ask us to do is to rethink our understanding of who God is. Tossing out our old idea of God does not mean there is no God. It simply means we had a faulty or immature notion of God. It may take some time to rethink who God is, but if we stay with it, do some reading, ask some questions, and pray over it, we

may come to a deeper and richer understanding of God. In short, because I don’t understand how something can be does not mean that that something—or someone—is not true or real.

In this week’s Gospel, Thomas, who was not with the community when Jesus appeared, later could not believe that the Jesus he had known was alive. He doubted. Yet when he was with the community the following week, he discovered that the risen Lord was indeed real but in an entirely new reality. It takes a community of faith to become a believer. ●

Reflect

How has your understanding of God changed over the years?



Jesus said to (Thomas),... “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

JOHN 20:29

PARISH DIRECTORY

Rev. Nicodemus Shaghel, VC, Pastor

Deacon Carl Vessels

St. Rose of Lima Parish

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- ♦ Email: st.roselima@gmail.com
- ♦ Website: www.SaintRoseLima-Safford.com
- ♦ Sunday Masses: 8:00, 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM
- ♦ Saturday Vigil Mass: 6 PM
- ♦ Weekday Mass: 8:00 AM
- ♦ Confessions: Saturday 4:30 PM & by appointment
- ♦ Parish Office & Gift Shop: 9:00 AM-4:15 PM (Mon-Fri)

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Membership consists of Representatives from all the Ministries. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

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Office Manager: Sara Garcia-Hott
Maintenance: Marvin Rios

MINISTRY LEADERS:

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English: Bob Mooney

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English: Marvin Rios
Spanish: Lupe Munoz
Youth: Jane Villalba

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Parish Office

Extraordinary Minister / Homebound Ministry

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Camilla Gomez Group #2

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Grand Knight: Paul Dube

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Weekend Masses: Veta Estrada

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Sacristans: Brian Hott

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St. Martin de Porres Mission

50 S Main, Pima AZ 85543

Extraordinary Minister

Ophelia Rodriguez

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Grace Gasca
Socorro Varela

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221 E Main St, Safford, AZ 85546
928.428.0460

Pantry Hours: 10AM- Noon - Tuesday-Thursday

Thrift Store Hours: 9AM-4PM Tuesday-Saturday

President: Linda Lopez

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

2257 S 1st Ave, Solomon AZ 85551
928.428.0149
Hall: 928.322.8878



- ♦ Email: olgsolomon@gmail.com
- ♦ Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM
- ♦ Parish Office & Gift Shop: 8:00AM-1:00 PM (Mon-Fri)
- ♦ Baptisms: 10AM 2nd & 4th Saturday
- ♦ San Jose Mission: Baptisms and Marriages available upon request

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Extraordinary Minister

Religious Education

Angie Ornelas
Sandra Jurado

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Serving Eastern Arizona College
3592 W 4th St, Thatcher AZ 85552
Mass: Tuesday 11 AM (when the college is in session)

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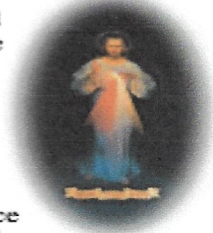
Margarita & Frank Wulftange

ST. ROSE OF LIMA & OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, besides being the second Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy. It is the special day when we remember the mercy of God.



Mercy is when a person treats another better than they deserve. God does not owe us anything, since everything we have comes from Him. When we sin we offend God, but because He is merciful He forgives us when we are sorry.

Jesus' dying on the cross was the biggest act of mercy. He gave up His life so that we could be forgiven of our sins and go to Heaven! Thank God today for all He has given you, especially giving up His life so that you can go to Heaven!



Here are some easy prayers you can say to ask God to be merciful to us:

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Have mercy on us!*

Jesus, I trust in You!

Answer to Word-Find: My Lord and my God!
www.thekidsbulletin.com

Safe Environment Program Compliance Process

New Volunteers:

The volunteer application must be filled out on line: go to <https://www.diocesetucson.org/employment-opportunities>

Attention all Employees and Volunteers:

all existing, cleared, and active employees and volunteers are required to complete the Safe Environment

registration process including Account, Personal, and Affiliation details.

IMPORTANT - Register for a New Account:

<https://tucson.cmconnect.org/>

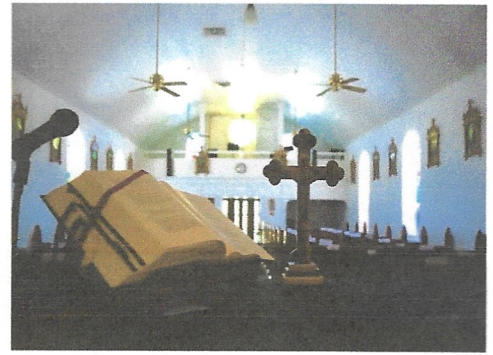
REPORT ABUSE AND THE CALL TO PROTECT



<https://www.diocesetucson.org/reportabuse>



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE



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Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will no longer provide masks at funerals.

Masks are required.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will continue to follow protocol of mask wearing and social distancing at Mass.



Adeline Escobedo, Juanita & Donald Torrio, Marvin & Carmen Escobedo, Kate & Carlos Ornelas, Estella Garcia, Pete Burrell, Rosa Martinez, Mary Crawford, Hermillia Carbajal, Sally Gonzales, Angie Ornelas, Roger De Leon, Daniel Jacinto, Janet Gomez, Catherine Maxon, Fernando Aranda, Lillian DeLa Cruz, Mary Maxon, Irene Holguin, Irene Apodaca, Rebecca Montoya, Christina Ybarra, Virgie Romero, Jimmy Holguin, Angela Andazola, David Montez. Family of Inocente Holguin. Family of Maria Blanca Porras

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

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In John's Gospel today, we learn Thomas believes because he sees Jesus. As Christians today, are called to believe without seeing. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen. Alleluia!

• You're Invited – Register your children for Religious Education. It is an excellent opportunity for your child to learn about their Catholic faith. Classes are available for all students in Grades K-8 at no cost to the family.

• Choir - All are welcome! If you are interested in joining the choir, please call the office and leave your name and a contact number.

• Daily Prayers – Students must learn the following prayers: the Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be, the Saint Michael the Archangel Prayer, the Fatima Prayer, Prayer before Meals, and the Act of Contrition. Review and put into practice the Ten Commandments and know the Seven Sacraments.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

SAN JOSE MISSION

WEEKEND COLLECTION

April 2, 2023

Offertory	\$	1,080.50
Roof Fund	\$	212.50

THANK YOUR FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine

San Jose Mission

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mass Intentions

Sunday April 16th 2023

+Manuela & Felicitas De Alva

+Carol Hernandez

Birthday Blessings

Bridget & Nathan Gutteriez

April 20th 2023

Heavenly Birthday Blessings

+Carmen Roybal

April 23rd 2023

+Inocente Holguin



Second Collection

4-9-23 Roof fund

4-16-23 St. Vincent de Paul

Volunteers

needed for Money Counters, Sacristans, or other positions of interest. Please contact OLG office at 928-428-0149.

Address for mail in contributions, Our Lady of Guadalupe, PO Box 147, Solomon, AZ 85551

Mass Schedule— Sundays 9:30 AM / Weekday Mass Wednesday 9:00 AM

Confession - Wednesdays after Mass. OLG office hours - week days 8:00 am – 1:00 pm OLG Gift Shop is open on weekdays - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Items sold include OLG T-Shirts, Bibles, Saint Statues, Rosaries, Prayer Books, Children's Book, and more.

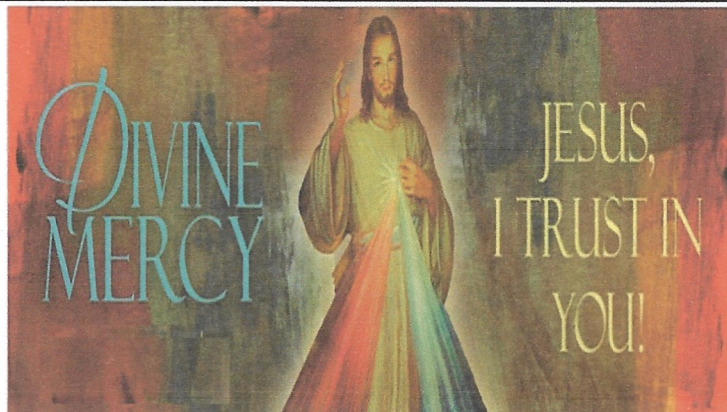
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

If anyone is interested in teaching or helping with the Religious Education Program for next year, 2022-2023 Please call the office at 428-0149. Volunteers are needed to help clean the church, please call OLG office at 428-0149.

REMINDER - Only candles bought from OLG will be allowed in Church.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Our Lady of Guadalupe website: olgsolomon.com



UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

**Mass will be held on Sunday's @ 9:30 AM
& Wednesday @ 9:00 AM at
San Jose Mission**



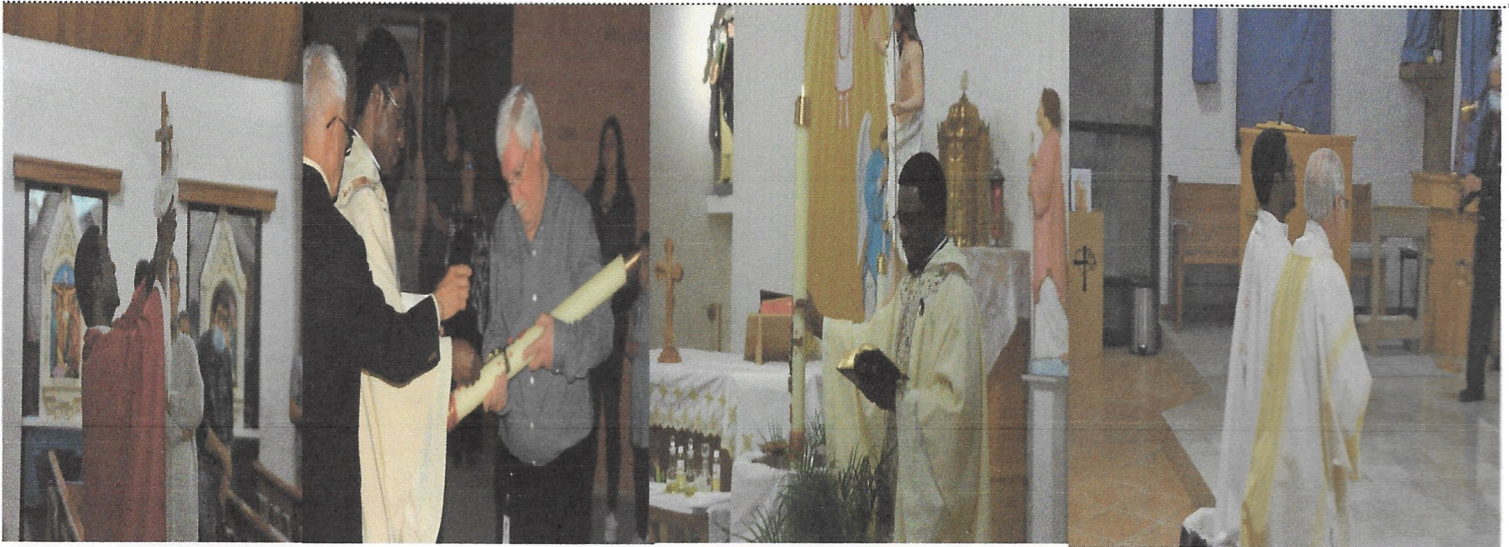
2023 Annual Catholic Appeal April 3, 2023

Goal \$5,000.00

Fulfilled to Date \$2,555.00

51% to Goal \$ 2,465.00

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Parish



ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH **Mass Hours**



Saturday 6:00 PM

**Sunday 8:00 AM
11:00 AM
5:00 PM**

**MASK & SOCIAL DISTANCING IS
REQUIRED AT THE SUNDAY MASS 5 PM
(Please bring your own mask)**

CONFESSION: SATURDAY'S @ 4:30 PM

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

April 3, 2023

Goal \$42,340

Fulfilled to Date \$11,520

38% \$30,820



St. Rose of Lima Weekend Collection

April 9, 2023



Offertory	\$ 8,535.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 165.00
Church Candle Offering	\$ 85.64
Easter Flowers	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 200.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 5.00
Good Friday—Holy Land	\$ 196.00
Cinco De Mayo	\$ 699.51
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 20.00
Initial Offering	\$ 20.00
Assumption of the Virgin Mary	\$ 20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

**To
Arnold DeLao
Caliente Photo**

For the beautiful Easter Weekend Pictures.



Crystal Madragon, Marcos Cortez, Andrew Gonzales, Amelia Saenz, Ernesto Lopez, Nancy Stowe, Edward Gonzalez, Shelby Peru, Chris Castro, Terri Cuarenta, Angelina Rene Rutherford, Rita Lucero, Charlie Kay, Mayia Montes & Contreras Family, Eric Regan, Richard Burke, Barbara Chavez, Jaycob Espinoza, Rosemary Martinez, Anthony Aguilar, Albert Romero, Jason Kouts, Erika & Alex Morales, Art Estavillo, Don Romero, Cecilia Perez, Alicia & Ruben Jaramillo, D.J Espinoza, Bobbie Merino, Mitzi Trujillo, Marcus Bejarano, Belen Rodriguez, Christina Chavez, Frances Martinez, Annette Graves, Ricky Bejarano, Mark Romero, Braylyn Gojkovich, Sarah Qunitana, Ysidro Rodriguez, Lydia Hernandez, Mrs. Lupe Rivera, Dora Gomez, Nadiko Gonzales, Lanaya Aranda, Terri Aguilar, Mical Marie Espinoza, Elizabeth Hernandez, Esperanza Stanowitz, Abe Lucero, Izabelah Garcia, Joe Valtierra, Orlando Lujan, Armando Rodriguez, Morales Family, Veronica Montes, Venegas Family, Martin Lucero, Jordan Waller, Gloria & Joe Merino, Millie Torres, Lisa Mullen, Marie Espinoza, Jr. Verdugo, James Romero, Margarita Wulftange, Noe Varela, Ronnie, Rodriguez, Jessica & Sandra Dominguez, Ernesto Trujillo, Gabriel Valtierra & Cyrianna Valtierra, Chono & Anita Aranda, Blessie Estrada, Julio Garcia, Moe Villalba, Chris Ramirez, Desmond Ruiz, Sylvia Estavillo, Shelby & Marcus Madrid, Andrew Espinoza, Jesse & Patsy Aguilar, Rene Saenz, George Quintero Jr., Anna Berta Rodriguez, Stevie Medina, Jimmy Villalva, Teri & Louie Barbosa, Clara Carrasco, Armina (Weda) Brisco, Nancy Abalos, Brianna Fulton, Alex Lukats, Linda Bustamante, Leonard R. Tellez, Damian Dupont, Shirley Rodriguez, Susie Meraz, Lacie Luna, Sally Lukats, Abe Villalba, Mark & Becky Schweickert, Charlene Thermers, Rose Rios, Ralph Martinez, Jr., Linda Lesser, Jose Villalba, Allen Thompson, Barbara Lines, Rasco Arrellin, Serapio Gonzales, Frank Terrazas Sr., Linda Sainz, Louie Aranda Sr.

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
April 16, 2023**

Second Collection

4/16 St. Vincent de Paul

4/23 Cinco de Mayo

4/29 Home Mission

Daily Divine Mercy Chaplet 3 pm in Chapel

Lady of Fatima First Saturday. Rosary 7:30 am in the church

Rosary: prayed daily @ 7:30 am

Compliance Representative Please call James Gersitz at 928-200-0289 for an appointment.

Private Prayer: Church will be open

Monday - Friday

9:00 AM - 1:00PM (unless Parish office is closed.)

GIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN

FROM 12 noon - 4:15 PM

Until further notice



Mass Intentions April 15, - April 21, 2023

Sat	6 PM	+Manuel R. & + Nellie N. Garcia & +Patsy Abalos
Sun	8 AM	+ Robert & + Margaret Miranda St. Rose of Lima Parishioners
Sun	11 PM	+Tina Romero +Gilbert Bejarano Jr.
Sun	5 PM	+Anthony & +Catherine Giorno
Mon	8 AM	Health & Well-being of Ron Gutierrez
Wed	8 AM	+Rose Hundt
Fri	8 AM	+Juan G. Estrada



If you request a Mass Intention for a day that Father Nicodemus is not celebrating Mass.

Please rest assure Father is celebrating a personal Mass with your intention.

REQUIREMENTS:

Baptisms: The parents of the child to be baptized must submit a copy of the baby's birth certificate. Parents and godparents need to attend the parish baptismal class. Classes are given on the second Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Parents and Godparents must make an appointment to speak with Father prior to setting baptism date. Please call the office to sign up for the next scheduled class. All requirements for the Diocese of Tucson and Saint Rose of Lima will be given to the parents at this time. Baptisms are performed the first and third Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. Our office staff is limited, therefore, sponsors and godparents proof of sacraments, documents must be submitted at least one month before the baptism.

Quinceañera: The candidate and parents must contact the office at least one (1) year or more before the date requested.

Quinceañera are not performed during Holy Days. Requirements: Must have Baptism, First Holy Communion and be coming to confession, active within the parish, participate in Confirmation/Youth Group, Weekend Mass attendance. Candidate and parents will have 6 meetings with Father Nicodemus. Candidate will know how to pray the Rosary, and will read and be able to recite all the books of the bible. Candidate will need to have proof they carried out twenty (20) hours of four (4) different community services. For a quinceañera it will be \$400.00, which includes a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 to hold the date. The remaining \$300.00 balance must be received in the office one week before the ceremony.

Weddings: The couple must contact office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date. An appointment will be made for the couple. At that time it will be determined if the date desired is available, and all requirements for the Diocese of Tucson and Saint Rose of Lima will be given to the couple. For a wedding it will be \$300.00, which includes a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 to hold the date. The remaining \$200.00 balance must be received in the office one week before the ceremony.

Funeral Arrangements: St. Rose and Our Lady have always asked for a donation to the Parish for its service. We also help those who can not afford funeral arrangements. We work with both mortuaries in town to make these arrangement's as easy as possible. The Priest may wave the donation if the family is in need. Donation to the Priest and Parish is \$300.00.

Use of the Hall: Rental for the hall is \$50.00 along with a \$50.00 refundable deposit. Deposit will be refunded as long as the kitchen is cleaned, trash is thrown, all tables and chairs wiped off, floors cleared of large debris and bathrooms tidied.

**Annual Drawing to
Support Local Charities
May 20, 2023**



**We're Giving Away
\$30,000!**

Cash Prizes
\$10,000.00
\$7,000.00
\$5,000.00
\$3,000.00
\$2,000.00
\$1,000.00
\$500.00 (4)

Donation \$5.00 per ticket
 \$20.00 per book of 5
 \$100.00 for 30 tickets



**Knights of
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Arizona
State Council**

Winner need not be present at drawing. Must be 21 years or older to participate.

Scholarship Available

One \$750.00 Book Scholarship for the Fall 2023 Semester.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #2398, St. Rose of Lima, is accepting applications for its annual Catholic Daughters Scholarship.

Application forms and qualification information are available at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Office, EAC Financial Aid Department, the Newman Center and all Gila Valley high school guidance counselor offices.

Application Deadline: May 5, 2023

More info contact:
 Micki N. Garcia
 928-792-6542
 Emily Ann Valtierra
 928-651-0765



**TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR
THE
CINCO de MAYO FIESTA.**


NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED TO PURCHASE FOOD OR DRINKS.

TICKETS WILL BE \$ 1.00, AND YOU MAY PURCHASE IN ANY AMOUNT NEEDED.

FOR EXAMPLE: GREEN CHILE BURRO'S ARE \$5.00 SO YOU WILL NEED 5 TICKETS ETC.

YOU MAY PURCHASE THESE AT THE OFFICE STARTING MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023. THESE MAY BE PURCHASED WITH CASH, DEBIT, & CREDIT CARD.

GREEN CHILE BURRO	\$ 5.00
GREEN CHILE MIXED BURRO.....	\$ 5.00
BEAN BURRO.....	\$ 4.00
HAMBURGES.....	\$ 5.00
NACHOS.....	\$ 3.00
PICKELS.....	\$ 1.00
SODAS.....	\$ 1.00
WATER.....	\$ 1.00
CHURROS.....	\$ 1.00



HAND CARVED in BETHLEHEM

PLEASE STOP BY THE TABLES OF RELIGIOUS WARES (Nativity set, rosaries, statues, crucifixes, charms, etc.) **AFTER ALL THE MASSES THE WEEKEND OF (April 22 & 23).**

Ayman Khair is representing about 180 Christian families from Bethlehem. These families have been dependent upon sales of their hand carved religious articles to tourists of the Holy Land. Due to the conflict in the Middle East and the Pandemic, tourism has been stopped completely from March 2, 2020 till February 2022 and it is very slow now.

It is very important to support them at this critical time since they have no income and there is no government to take care of them and help them. In order to survive, they have turned to Christian communities in the United State to purchase their articles.

These hand carved religious articles are beyond description. Carved from wood of the sacred Olive tree, this workmanship has been traditional for these families for hundreds of years. It is hoped that through the efforts of Mr. Khair, these families who have little income and are able to stay living and survive in the Holy Land. Sadly enough, the Christian population dropped from 22 % to less than 2% in the last 20years. Thank you in advance for your support.

St. Vincent de Paul Raffle

YETI Tundra 45 Hard Cooler – Value \$325.00 (donation courtesy of Safford Ace Hardware)

Tickets are \$5 Each or \$20 for 5 tickets

SVPD will have a booth at the Safford Spring Festival on Saturday, April 22nd from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. – Tickets will be available for sale at this event along with a fun spring game and other small prizes.





St Rose of Lima Religious Education

Prayers: Be sure to say prayers nightly/daily, so your child learns to talk to God in formal and informal prayer. Practice the prayers for confession, so children know them by heart. If you want your child to receive a sacrament, please teach them their prayers and meet the requirements.

Sacrament of Penance (confession) requirements:

- ⇒ Child must be Baptized & turn in copy of certificate.
- ⇒ Know the Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Glory Be, Hail Mary, Act of Contrition, Format for Confession, Ten Commandments, and Seven Sacraments.
- ⇒ Parents attend one Parent Penance Session.
- ⇒ Attend Religious Education classes with fewer than 6 absences.
- ⇒ Attend Mass weekly and turn in bulletins signed by Father with child's full name and grade clearly written on the front.

Sacrament of Holy Eucharist (Communion) requirements:

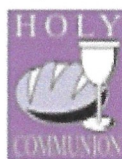
- * Child must be Baptized & turn in copy of certificate.
- * Child must have made their first confession (Penance)
- * Child must have attended at least one year of RE/religious education classes prior to this year
- * Know the Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Glory Be, Hail Mary, Act of Contrition, Format for Confession, Ten Commandments, Seven Sacraments, and know how to receive Communion.
- * Parents attend one Parent Communion Session
- Attend Mass weekly and turn in bulletins signed by Father with child's full name and grade clearly written on the front. If the child's name and grade are not on the bulletin they turn in, there is no way to give them credit.

CRS Rice Bowl Students, please bring Lenten offering boxes back to class.

April 17-20: For those preparing to receive the sacrament of Penance and/or Holy Eucharist, this is your deadline to finish meeting the requirements. Be sure to go over the above list for the sacrament(s) and be sure you are fully prepared. You can call 928-965-5223 after 3 PM to ask what is missing. If you need to see Father, be sure to set an appointment.



April 22: First Penance (confession) will take place in the church from 9-10 AM. Children are to sign in when they arrive and be seated. Once the child has made their first confession and said their penance prayers, they go to room St Matthew for a reception and to get their certificate. Parents are encouraged to bring cookies, bars etc to compliment the cake and punch.

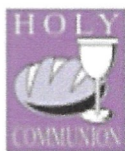


April 27: Rehearsal for First Holy Eucharist (Communion) for those children 3rd -8th grade assigned to the 11 AM Communion Mass on

April 30: Rehearsal is from 3:00 to approximately 4:30 PM in the church. (Third graders who are in class at that time will be brought into the church.

April 24-27: Last week of RE classes! Don't miss the last class of the year with awards and parties.

April 20: Rehearsal for First Holy Eucharist (Communion) for those children 3rd -8th grade assigned to the 6 PM Communion Mass on



April 29: Rehearsal is from 3:00 to approximately 4:30 PM in the church. (Third graders who are in class at that time will be brought into the church)

Diocese of Tucson Notifications

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Youth Retreat "True Presence" Presented by NET Ministries USA

Saturday, April 22, 2023
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Our Lady's Parish Hall
844 W. Sullivan St., Miami, AZ 85539



NET
(National Evangelization Teams)
**Challenging Young Catholics
to Love Christ
and Embrace
the Life of the Church**

NET Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Catholic Church through retreat and discipleship ministry. Since 1981, NET has fulfilled its mission by conducting over 1,000 youth retreats across the United States each year.

"When someone asks me what Pope John Paul II meant by the term 'the new evangelization,' I tell them about NET. I thank God for them!"

His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan

During the retreat, young people experience large group activities, talks, dramas, skits, small group discussions, prayer, and music, giving youth a dynamic yet prayerful encounter with Christ.

THE GOALS OF A NET RETREAT

- To help young people understand and accept God's unconditional love for them.
- To offer the faith of the team members as a witness to the youth that faith in God is a desirable, acceptable, and exciting part of their lives.
- To encourage young people to grow in their commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church.
- To show young people what it means to be a son or daughter in Christ and how to find their identity in Him.

Register Your Sons & Daughters Now! NET Youth Retreat Space is Limited to 80 Students (Grades 7 through 12)

Student Name _____ Grade _____
Parent/Legal Guardian Name _____ Cell Phone # _____
Parent/Guardian Email _____
Name of Parish _____ Diocese of _____

Please mail this registration form with a fee of \$15 per student to the address above or call Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Office at 928-473-3568 for more details and to reserve your space.

Lunch, Dinner & Snacks are Provided

CRAWFISH Festival

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023
11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION
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St. Frances Cabrini / Our Lady Of La Vang Parish
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3201 E. Presidio Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85716
www.lavangtucson.com

Come for the food, stay for the music!

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(Paris by Night)

(For information, please contact):
Mr. Van Nguyen (520) 488-6678
Mr. Thảo Đào (520) 861-9044

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Cajun Boiled Blue Crabs, Crawfish, and Shrimp

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NƯỚC MÍA, NƯỚC CHANH, SODA, BIA
Fresh Sugarcane Juice, Fresh Lemonade, Soda, Beer

Linda Anh Ho
2025 and 2026
ALTIMUDE

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The Christ Child Society opened its Tucson chapter in 1971 and has been serving those children most in need for over 50 years.

Through all these years we have adhered to our founder's motto:

"Nothing is ever too much to do for a child."

Membership / Donation

I would like to know more about becoming a member of the Christ Child Society of Tucson.

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Christ Child Society of Tucson
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The Little Red Wagon became a symbol of the Christ Child Society, founded by Mary Virginia Merrick, as the result of a Christmas wish. Paul, the son the Merrick family laundress, designated himself as Mary's errand boy.

In 1884, Miss Mary asked him what he wanted for Christmas. He replied that he wanted a red wagon to help his mother deliver the wash, but then quickly added that his family was not celebrating Christmas because his father was out of work. She then suggested that he write a letter to the Christ Child asking Him for the red wagon. Paul asked, "Who is He?" She replied, "He is the Giver of all good gifts" and Christmas was His birthday.

A few days later Paul returned with the letters from his siblings and friends. Mary gathered her sewing circle friends, asking each to fill a wish. On Christmas Day, the red wagon and other gifts were given to the children, marked simply "From the Christ Child". Since then volunteers have been driven by faith, love and a desire to make a difference.

Today over 5,500 members in 45 chapters volunteer nearly 400,000 hours and serve more than 75,000 children and their families annually.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF TUCSON
WHERE LOVE LEADS TO ACTION

"We are called to challenge poverty one child at a time."

We welcome you to join us at CCST at any level of time, talent or treasure you are able to participate.

Please call or email us:
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Time & Talent

Layette Assembly

- Knitting & crocheting baby items and combining them with books, handmade blankets and toys for new mothers in need.
- Showers of Love - A special event where members present layettes to agencies working with single mothers.

Literacy

- Reading to children in classrooms

WINGS (Helping Foster Teens) Program

- Help sew drawstring bags, pack with hygiene items and a daily devotional.
- Help assemble and deliver.

Fundraising

- Red Wagon / Denim & Diamonds Annual Dinner/Auction.
- Virtual Fundraisers

Meetings

- Held monthly September - May

Treasure

Layette of Love Program:

Donate to build/assemble layettes

New baby items and handmade blankets, booties, sweaters, and hats are bundled together with books and information for new mothers in need:

Layette Items (blankets, sleepers, bibs, onesies)
Skins of yarn
Diapers / wipes
Infant books

Literacy / Nutrition Programs:

Please consider donating or volunteering. This program promotes the joy of reading by reading with and giving books to K-3rd Graders. Statistics show that 60% of low-income children have no books in their homes.

WINGS Foster Teen Program:

Donate to purchase hygiene items and materials for drawstring bags

Drawstring bag (fabric, lining, cording)
Daily devotional (Jesus Calling books)
Hygiene supplies (body wash, shampoo)
Clothing (socks / underwear)

100% of your gift goes to the children.
All donations are Tax Deductible 501(c)(3)

Mission

The Christ Child Society of Tucson is a non-profit association of volunteers dedicated to expressing their love of Christ by their personal service to God's children in need, regardless of race or creed.

We serve

- Native American Reservations
- Infant and Parenting Programs
- School Nutrition Programs
- Literacy Programs
- Foster Teen Services

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BE OUR PROTECTION AGAINST THE WICKEDNESS
AND SNARES OF THE DEVIL.
MAY GOD REBUKE HIM, WE HUMBLY PRAY,
AND DO THOU, O PRINCE OF THE HEAVENLY HOSTS,
BY THE POWER OF GOD, THRUST INTO HELL SATAN,
AND ALL THE EVIL SPIRITS, WHO PROWL
ABOUT THE WORLD SEEKING THE RUIN OF SOULS.
AMEN.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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Dear Padre,

I am very curious why, after his resurrection, Jesus told Mary Magdalene not to touch him, but in the upper room, Thomas was encouraged to touch him.

Saint John tells us of this incident between Mary and the risen Jesus. There are scholars who say that immediately after Jesus spoke to Mary he ascended to heaven. His encounter with Thomas, then, would be after the ascension, and the feast of the Ascension we celebrate forty days after Easter is simply a termination of Jesus' earthly appearances.

There is another explanation to consider, offered by other Scripture scholars. The word Jesus uses to tell Mary Magdalene not to touch him is more like "cling" to him. She cannot *cling* to her old relationship with Jesus. Since his resurrection, a new relationship is necessary. Mary was looking for the Jesus she knew before the passion, not the Jesus of the resurrection. She must now come to know the risen Jesus.

Mary could not cling to Jesus because she had to see him in a new way. For Thomas, the situation is different. Jesus invites Thomas to place his hand on the wounds to prove that he is "real"—that he is really a new kind of being, a resurrected being. Thomas, in his way, also wants to cling to what he thought he knew about Jesus. Both he and Mary Magdalene were close to Jesus, but even so, there were things they still did not understand. Jesus always has the ability to surprise us. ●



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MONDAY

April 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23–31
Jn 3:1–8

TUESDAY

April 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32–37
Jn 3:7b–15

WEDNESDAY

April 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17–26
Jn 3:16–21

THURSDAY

April 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27–33
Jn 3:31–36

FRIDAY

April 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34–42
Jn 6:1–15

SATURDAY

April 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1–7
Jn 6:16–21

SUNDAY

April 23
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–28
1 Pt 1:17–21
Lk 24:13–35



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Don't be afraid of doubts, because they are not a sign of the lack of faith....On the contrary, doubts are "vitamins of faith": they help strengthen faith and make it more robust. They enable faith to grow, to become more conscious, free and mature. They make it more eager to set out, to persevere with humility, day after day.

MEETING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, ATHENS, DECEMBER 6, 2021