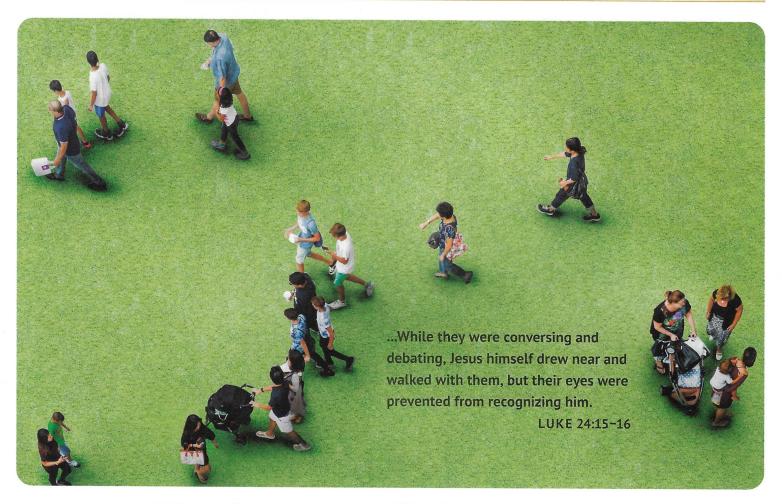


Acts 2:14, 22-28 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 / Luke 24:13-35



# Not Just a Walk in the Park

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

multiple-choice question: Life is (a) purgatory, (b) a party, (c) drudgery, (d) a maze, (e) a trial. Many of us might be inclined to answer, "All of the above." Life takes us along many paths, through many fields, and down many blind alleys.

The Camino de Santiago is a hiking trail of about 500 miles that begins in France, makes its way through Spain, and ends at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, where tradition has it that the remains of St. James are buried. Many walk the journey to discover who they are and what their lives are about. Walking ten to fifteen miles a day with little to think about other than one's life tends to turn the hike into a pilgrimage that thousands have made over the centuries for just that purpose. The pilgrimage is arduous, often plagued with rain, blisters, shin splints, and a discovery of how to

travel light. But then, such is all of life.

This week's Emmaus Gospel recounts a similar journey compressed into one day. Like life, it begins in confusion, is scattered with insights and revelations about what has just taken place and ends with the discovery that the Lord has been the one walking with them. Faith does not solve one's problems nor eliminate one's difficulties. It does help us understand life and find meaning in the midst of it all, and somehow it brings us to realize that we do not travel alone, making the journey worthwhile and blessed.

# -Reflect-

What has made you realize that the Lord walks with you?

# St. Rose of Lima Parish

311 S Central Ave, Safford AZ 85546 928.428.4920 RE Office: 928.348.4785

> FAX: 928.428.4922 After Hour Phone: 520.507.1145



- 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)

#### **Board of Directors**

Rev. Nicodemus Shaghel Bishop Edward Weisenburger Msgr. Jeremiah McCarthy Carolina Gaethje - Treasurer Margaret Vidales - Secretary

### Pastoral/Parish Council

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

### Finance Council

Deacon Carl Vessels Fred Sainz Gloria Johnson Jim Warren John Mayer

# Office Staff

Office Manager: Sara Garcia-Hott Maintenance: Marvin Rios

# MINISTRY LEADERS:

Adult Bible Study

English: Bob Mooney

Catholic Daughters of America #2398

Regent: Helen Romero

<u>Choir</u>

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

### Confirmation

Dr. Susan Jones-Hamm

### Compliance Officer

James Gersitz

#### Cursillo

Parish Office

# Extraordinary Minister / Homebound Ministry

Adam & Veta Estrada

## Funeral Luncheon Groups

Millie Torres Group #1 Camilla Gomez Group #2

### Knights of Columbus #4260

Grand Knight: Paul Dube

#### Lectors

Daily Masses:

Weekend Masses: Veta Estrada

PreCana; George & Pam Gonzales

### **Prison Ministry**

<u>Prison</u>: Ernie Torrio <u>Federal Prison</u>: John Mayer

# **Religious Education Director**

Madona Kvale

# Summer Vacation Bible School

Susan Ortega

R.C.I.A: Veta Estrada

Sacristans: Brian Hott

## Youth Ministry Groups

High School: Amanda Torrio

# St. Martin de Porres Mission

50 S Main, Pima AZ 85543

# Extraordinary Minister

Ophelia Rodriguez

#### Religious Education

Grace Gasca Soccoro Varela

# St. Vincent de Paul

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

1st Vice President: Dr. Susan Jones Hamm

2nd Vice President: Carmen Burnham

<u>Treasurer</u>: Cindy DeMarcus <u>Secretary</u>: Carolyn Vessels

# Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

2257 S 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday
- San Jose Mission: Baptisms and Marriages available upon request

#### **Board of Directors**

Frances Lopez, Secretary Sandra Jurado, Treasurer

### Parish Council

Angie Ornelas Irene Montoya Petra Merino

### Finance Council

Antonio Jurado Becky Maldonado Carol Hernandez

## Administrative Assistant

Beatrice Ybarra

Maintenance: Joe Hernandez

### Extraordinary Minister

# Religious Education

Angie Ornelas Sandra Jurado

# Newman Center

Serving Eastern Arizona College 3592 W 4<sup>th</sup> St, Thatcher AZ 85552

Mass: Tuesday 11 AM (when the college is in session)

#### Sustaining Board

President: Mike DeLaO
Secretary: Lucy Kin
Treasurer: Shelley Vaughn
Member at Large: Teri Thiessen
Student Coordinators:
Margarita & Frank Wulftange

Updated: December 07, 2022

# ST. ROSE OF LIMA & OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE NOTICES

# St. Rose of Lima Parish Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission



PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER CANDLES THAT ARE LIT.

LIGHT CANDLES THAT ARE NOT LIT.

BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS THAT ARE WAITING TO LIGHT THEIR CANDLES.

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE CANDLE OUT OF THE GLASS HOLDER.

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE CANDLES AFTER YOU HAVE PAID FOR THEM.

SUGGESTED CANDLE DONATION IS \$3.00 A PIECE.

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND DONATIONS.



# Safe Environment Program Compliance Process

## **New Volunteers:**

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

# Attention all Employees and Volunteers;

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

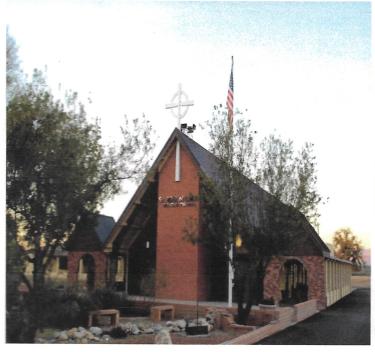
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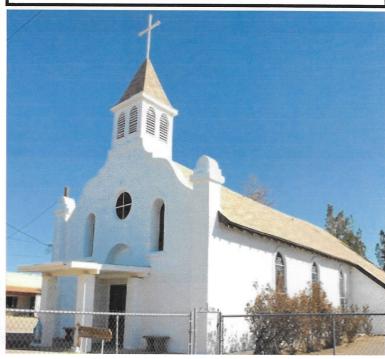
IMPORTANT - Register for a New Account: <a href="https://tucson.cmgconnect.org/">https://tucson.cmgconnect.org/</a>

# REPORT ABUSE AND THE CALL TO PROTECT

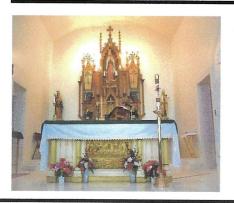


https://www.diocesetucson.org/reportabuse





# **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE**







# Safe Environment Program-Compliance Process

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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, Pete Bejarano

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

# **GOSPEL REFLECTION:**

Today in Luke's Gospel, Jesus appears to two of his disciples who are walking to Emmaus. The disciples did not recognize him, but they asked him to stay with them. They finally recognize Jesus when he takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives



it to them. Even though we cannot see Jesus, we should recognize that Jesus is with us always.

• RE Classes – RE classes tomorrow, Monday, April 24. Please wear your mask.

Daily Prayers – Students practice and 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.

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



# OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SAN JOSE MISSION WEEKEND COLLECTION April 16, 2023

Offertory	\$ 664.00
Roof Fund	\$ 270.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 113.00
Church Candles	\$ 210.00

THANK YOUR FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



# Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine

San Jose Mission
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Mass Intentions** 

+April 23rd 2023

+Inocente Holguin

**April 30th 2023** 

+Elena V. Aranda

**Birthday Blessing** 

91 Years Old

Petra B. Aranda

+Manuel Bertoldo



**Second Collection** 

4-23-2023 Cinco De Mayo

# 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

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER:
AFTER HOURS & WEEKENDS. Please call 520-207-1145.



# **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:**

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

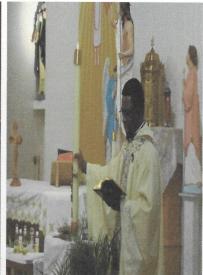


2023 Annual Catholic Appeal April 19, 2023 Goal \$5,000.00 Fulfilled to Date \$3,055.00 68% to Goal \$ 1,945.00

# St. Rose of Líma 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



Sunday's 5:00 PM Mass is now optional on wearing Face Mask and social distancing.

# 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal April 19, 2023 Goal \$42,340

Fulfilled to Date \$18,255

43% remain to goal \$24,085



# St. Rose of Lima Weekend Collection April 16, 2023

Offertory	\$ 5,534.25
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 883.35
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 10.00
Newman Center	\$ 310.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

zalez, 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 Rodriquez, Lydia Hernadez, 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

Kerri Lawson, Crystal Madragon, Marcos Cortez, Andrew Gonzales, Amelia Saenz, Ernesto Lopez, Nancy Stowe, Edward Gon-

# ST. ROSE OF LIMA DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 23, 2023

**Second Collection** 

4/23 Cinco de Mayo

4/29 Home Mission

**Daily Divine Mercy Chaplet** 3 pm in Chapel

<u>Lady of Fatima</u> 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 22, - April 28, 2023

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PROPERTY AND ADDRESS



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's are not performed during Holy Days. Requirements: Must have Baptism, First Holy Communion and be coming to confession, active within the parish, participate in Conformation/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 remining \$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 remining \$200.00 balance must be received in the office one week before the ceremony.

<u>Funeral Arrangements:</u> 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.

<u>Use of the Hall:</u> 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.

# 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:

- $\Rightarrow$  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.
- $\Rightarrow$  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 27: Rehearsal for First Holy Eucharist (Communion) for those children 3 rd -8 th 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 29: First Holy Eucharist (Communion) will take place during the 6 PM Mass.
Children making First Communion should arrive at 5:30 PM, sign-in, and go to Room St Mark. A reception will follow Mass in the SRC Hall for everyone to

congratulate the children. Parents are encouraged to bring cookies, bars etc to compliment the cake and punch.



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

\*\*For those children not fully prepared to receive the sacrament they were preparing for, parents are strongly encouraged to continue working with them on the prayers and any other requirement they were missing. You do not have to wait until next year. When you think they are ready, call me at 928-965-5223 after 3PM. Please bring them to Mass weekly and continue to collect the bulletins starting now.





# 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 PURHASED WITH CASH, DEBIT, & CREDIT CARD.

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



# Wind Land

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.

# 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



### 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

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

Remaining Sales will be after all Sunday masses beginning April 23rd Raffle will take place at the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta on Saturday, May 6th at St. Rose of Lima (ticket owners do not need to be present to win).

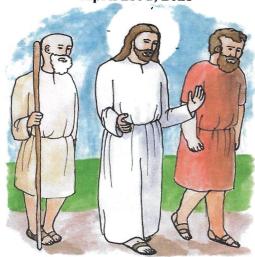




# Diocese of Tucson Notifications

# The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Easter April 23rd, 2023

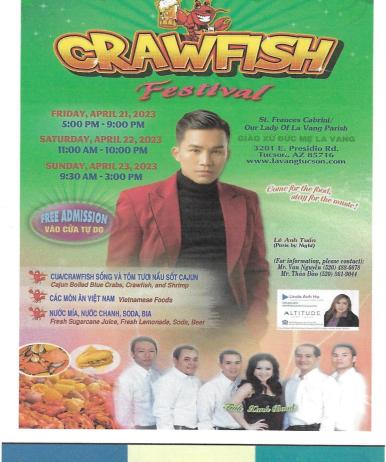


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The disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus at first. How did they recognize Him eventually? Use the code to find out!

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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.
- I would like to help an at-risk child by contributing to the Christ Child Society of Tucson. Please accept my ductible donation for \$

All gifts are tax deductible. Please visit our website (www.christchildtucson.org) to contribute by credit card or mail us

Christ Child Society of Tucson PO Box 36212 Tucson, AZ 85740-6212



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

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 PO Box 36212 Tucson, AZ 85740





We are called to challenge poverty one

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

#### Time & Talent

- blankets and toys for new mothers in need
- Showers of Love A

# WINGS (Helping Foster Teens) Program

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

#### **Fundraising**

- Red Wagon / Denim & Dramonds Annual Dinner/Auction

· Held monthly September - May.

#### Treasure

# Layettes 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) Skeins 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

volunteers dedicated to expressing their love of Christ by their personal service to God's children in need, regardless or



- Native American Reservations
   Infant and Parenting Programs
- · School Nutrition Programs
- Literacy Programs

# Safford Builders Supply



707 S. 6th Ave Safford, AZ 928.428.1033

## THE BRANDING IRON STEAKHOUSE & LOUNGE

"The Brill on the Hill" 2324 Branding Iron Lane

Safford, AZ 85546 928-428-7427 Tues - Thurs 5 pm - 9 pm

Fri - Sat 5 pm - 10 pm

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Michael R Andazola Sr Council Member 717 W Main St, Safford, AZ 928.651.0271 mandazola@saffordaz.gov

KNIGHTS OF

COLUMBUS

Paul Dube

Grand Knight

602.527.0700

Meets 1st Wednesdays at 6 p.m.



# Walneck's

Safford Sewing Center Jeff & Virginia Walneck Parishioners Hwy 70 & 3rd Ave 928.428.0494

# La Casita Cafe

"Finest In Mexican Food" 3338 Main St. Thatcher Gracias La Familia Villalobos

> Thatcher 928.428.1882 Globe 928.428.8162 East Globe 928,428,9280 Show Low 928.537.5179

# CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

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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.

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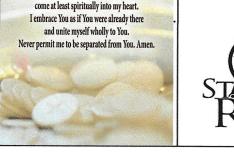
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly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

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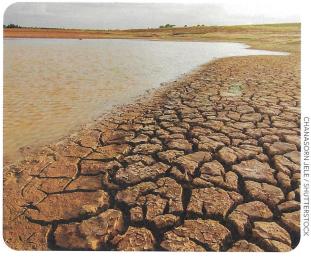


# Dear Padre,

# Our planet's condition is now a serious problem. Why is climate change hardly mentioned in homilies?

Many people view climate change as a political issue more than a religious one. As such, some homilists avoid controversial, politicized topics altogether; others are selective in preaching about them; still others tend to use the pulpit as a soapbox for a single political issue or a variety of them. Moreover, preachers themselves are not apolitical, nor are they all centrist in their ideologies. Like those in the pews, homilists have biases, too.

So how did climate change become so politicized? Despite



decades of substantial evidence from many respected scientific experts, confusion exists about climate change because the issue's scope is massive and hard to digest, international cooperation is mandatory, and polaropposite opinions of politicians and their followers are often intransigent. Nevertheless, Pope Francis convened an international conference in 2019 to look at how religions can help the world reach sustainable ecological goals by 2030 to, he said, repair "the damage we have done. No branch of science or form of wisdom should be overlooked, and this includes religions and the languages particular to them."

Thus, according to the Pope, "religious voices" play a crucial role in addressing the serious condition of our planet. Inasmuch as religion has a fundamental responsibility to offer people faith and hope in a better world—and homilies help believers find meaning and purpose—taking action and speaking out about humanity's well-being are becoming less optional.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

#### MONDAY

April 24 Easter Weekday Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29

### **TUESDAY**

April 25 St. Mark, **Evangelist** 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20

#### WEDNESDAY

April 26 Easter Weekday Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40

#### **THURSDAY**

April 27 Easter Weekday Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51

#### **FRIDAY**

April 28 Easter Weekday Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59

# **SATURDAY**

April 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69

Acts 2:14a, 36 - 411 Pt 2:20b-25

Jn 10:1-10

Fourth Sunday

**SUNDAY** 

April 30

of Easter



# A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The adversity that we are experiencing with the pandemic, and that we already feel in climate change, must spur us on, must drive us to innovation, to invention, to seek new paths. We do not come out of a crisis the same, we come out better or worse.

VIDEO MESSAGE TO MARK EARTH DAY, APRIL 22, 2021



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