



## Making Room for God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

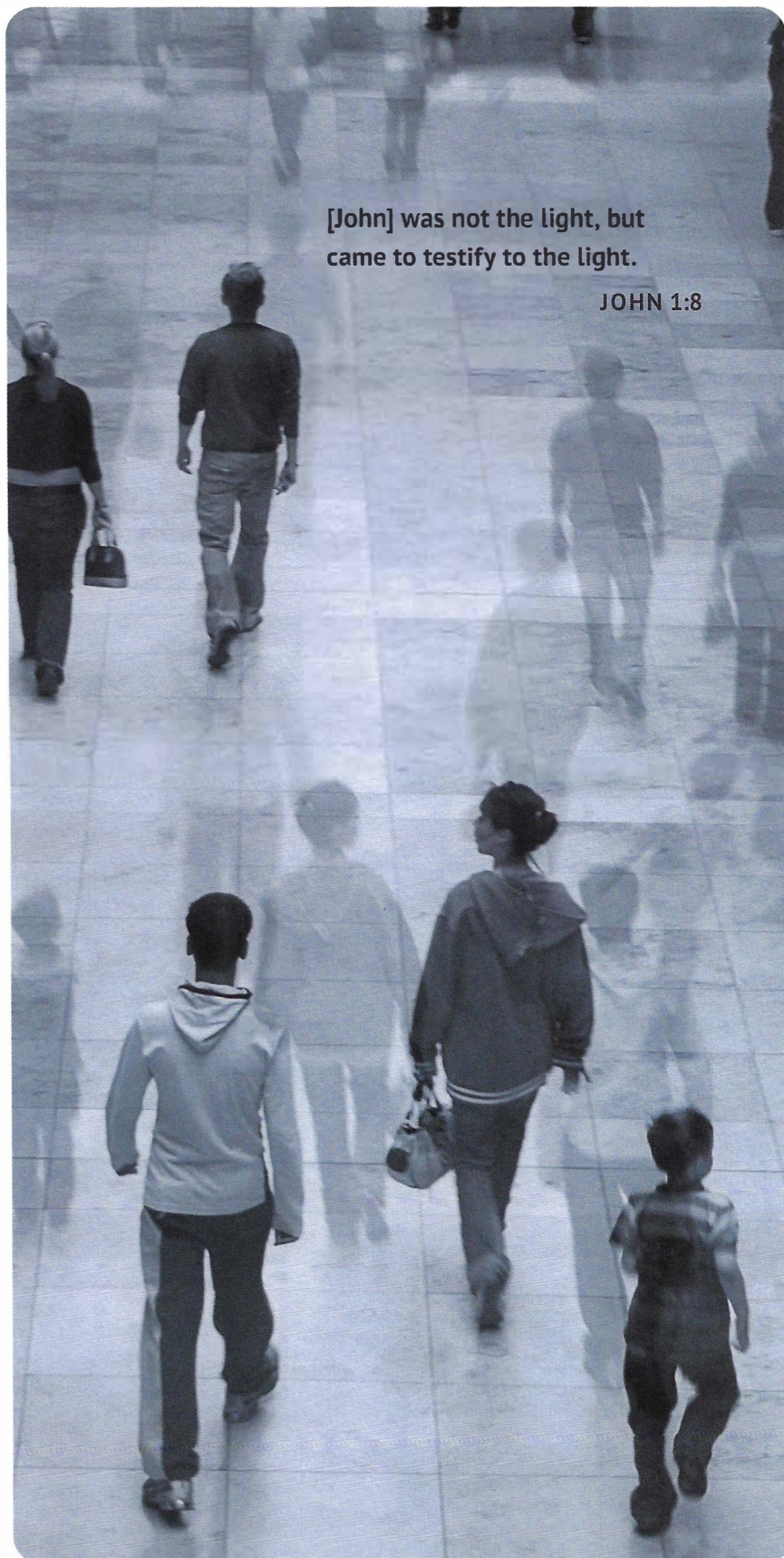
**T**he story of John the Baptist is the story of taking a back seat to Jesus, of fading into the background so that Jesus might be the light. Fading out of the picture is something we may find ourselves doing more than once in our lives. Sometimes it's also a choice we have to make, even when it's painful.

Actor Nick Nolte talked about what it was like for him when he turned seventy; how his body would hurt and how painful it was to get out of bed some mornings. He told of how he cried when a longtime friend passed away and of the sadness death brings. But the worst part, he said, is coming to the realization that your children have grown up, are on their own, and don't need you the way they once did. His son has a family, and for him the family comes first, as it should be. That's the painful part, Nolte says, the letting go of your children because they are no longer yours; in reality, they never were.

From the perspective of faith, why do we need to fade into the background? To leave room for the hand of God in life, that's why. So that God can do what God does best, and so that we don't get in the way of it all. That is a task not only at the end of life but for all of life. ●

### Reflect

***When has it been difficult for you  
to fade into the background?***



[John] was not the light, but  
came to testify to the light.

JOHN 1:8

# PARISH DIRECTORY

Rev. Nicodemus Shaghel, VC, Pastor

Deacon Carl Vessels

## St. Rose of Lima Parish

311 S Central Ave, Safford AZ 85546  
928.428.4920  
RE Office: 928.348.4785  
After Hour Phone: 520.507.1145



- ♦ Email: [st.roselima@gmail.com](mailto:st.roselima@gmail.com)
- ♦ Website: [www.SaintRoseLima-Safford.com](http://www.SaintRoseLima-Safford.com)
- ♦ Sunday Masses: 8:00, 11:00AM & 5:00 PM
- ♦ Saturday Vigil Mass: 6 PM
- ♦ Morning Mass Mon-Sat: 8:00 AM
- ♦ Confessions: Saturday 4:30 PM & Tuesday after 8:00 AM Mass
- ♦ 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

#### Choir

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 Group: Millie Torres

### Knights of Columbus #4260

Grand Knight: Paul Dube

### Lectors

Daily Masses:

Weekend Masses: Veta Estrada

### PreCana: George & Pam Gonzales

### Prison Ministry

Prison: Ernie Torrio

Federal Prison: John Mayer

### R.C.I.A.: Dr. Susan Jones-Hamm

### Religious Education Director: Madona Kvale

### Summer Vacation Bible School: Susan Ortega

### Sacristans: Brian Hott

### Youth Ministry Groups

High School: Amanda Torrio

### Vocation Ministry: Brian & Sara Hott,

Sol & Bonnie Sipes

## St. Martin de Porres Mission

50 S Main, Pima AZ 85543

### Extraordinary Minister

Ophelia Rodriguez

### Religious Education

Grace Gasca  
Socorro 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

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Dr. Susan Jones Hamm

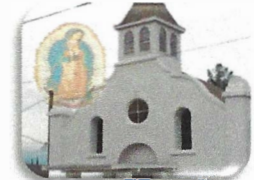
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Carmen Burnham

Treasurer: Cindy DeMarcus

Secretary: 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](mailto: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

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### Finance Council

Antonio Jurado  
Becky Maldonado

### Administrative Assistant

Beatrice Ybarra

### Maintenance:

### Extraordinary Minister

### Religious Education

Sandra Jurado  
Antonio 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

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**ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH  
&  
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B.  
DECEMBER 17, 2023**



***Welcome:***

*St. Rose of Lima and Our Lady of Guadalupe Communities and Pastoral Staff extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our churches. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Together we are the body of Christ, Living and active today.*

**What's  
Happening**

***Christmas Eve Mass Schedule:***

8:00 AM - St. Rose of Lima

9:30 AM - Our Lady of Guadalupe

11:00 AM—St. Rose of Lima

5:00 PM—St. Rose of Lima (Childrens Christmas Mass)

***Christmas Day Mass Schedule:***

Midnight Mass - St. Rose of Lima

8:00 AM - St. Rose of Lima

9:30 AM - Our Lady of Guadalupe

11:00 AM - St. Rose of Lima

5:00 AM - St. Rose of Lima

**December 25th & 26th—Both St. Rose of Lima and Our Lady of Guadalupe Offices will be closed**

***New Years Day Mass Schedule:***

8:00 AM - St. Rose of Lima (collection)

**January 1st & 2nd—Both St. Rose of Lima and Our Lady of Guadalupe Offices will be closed**

**Safe Environment  
Program  
Compliance Process**

**All Volunteers:**

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

**Catholic Mutual Group**

All active employees and volunteers are required to complete the Safe Environment training.  
**IMPORTANT - New Volunteers must Register for a New Account.**  
<https://tucson.cmgconnect.org/>

**REPORT ABUSE  
AND THE CALL TO  
PROTECT**

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

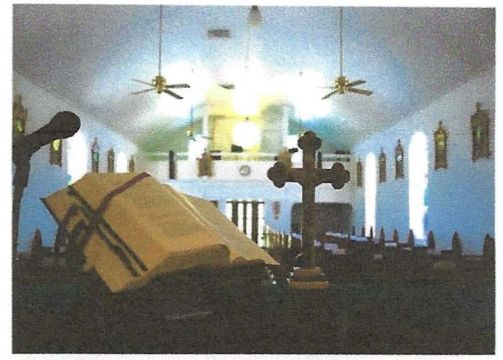
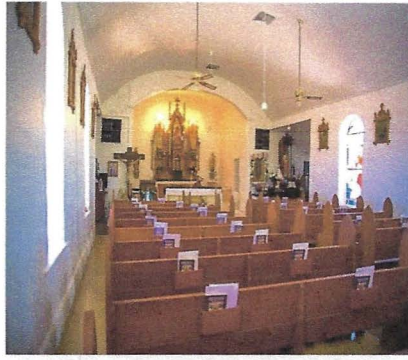
Or the Victim Assistance  
Program of the Diocese of  
Tucson at  
800-234-0344

**PROMISE TO  
PROTECT**



**PLEDGE TO  
HEAL**

# OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE



## 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>

**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.

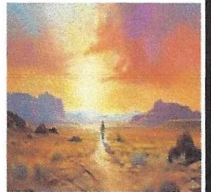


Adeline Escobedo, Juanita & Donald Torrio, Marvin & Carmen Escobedo, Kate & Carlos Ornelas, Estella Garcia, Pete Burrell, Rosa Martinez, Mary Crawford, Hermillia Carbajal, Sally Gonzales, Angie Ornelas, Roger De Leon, Daniel Jacinto, Janet Gomez, Fernando Aranda, Lillian DeLa Cruz, Mary Maxon, Irene Holguin, Irene Apodaca, Rebecca Montoya, Christina Ybarra, Virgie Romero, Jimmy Holguin, Angela Andazola, David Montez, Pete Bejarano, Gilbert Tellez, Efren Tellez, Petra Aranda, George Holguin Sr.

## *RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:* *Third Sunday of Advent, Cycle B*

### **GOSPEL REFLECTION:**

John's Gospel today invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word which means "rejoice". Advent is a season of joy that reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation.



- **It's never too late!** – Register your child or grandchild for Religious Education. RE classes are available for all students in Grades K-8 at no cost to the family. Registration forms for the 2023-2024 school year are available in the parish office during the week.

- **RE Classes** – RE classes will begin at Our Lady of Guadalupe when the remodeling of the church is completed. All classes will be held in the parish hall every Sunday after Mass until noon.

- **Choir** – No audition necessary! If interested in joining the choir, please call the office and leave your name and a contact number so your information can be added to the choir calling tree.

- **Special Invitation** – This is a special invitation to all the youth and children of our parish to join the choir. Please consider sharing your talent.

- **Weekly Assignment** – Take a moment to talk to Jesus quietly in your heart. Pray that everyone this Advent season will grow in faith and recognize Jesus' presence in all aspects of life.



### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

#### SAN JOSE MISSION

#### WEEKEND COLLECTION

December 10rd, 2023

Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory	\$ 584.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 365.00
Church Candle Offering	\$ 36.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 140.00
Roof Fund	\$ 100.00
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$ 192.00
Newman Center	\$ 122.00





**Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine  
San Jose Mission  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B.  
Dec. 17, 2023  
Mass Intentions**



**Dec. 17th 2023**  
+Ida Sainz

**Dec. 20th 2023**  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parishioners

**Dec. 24th 2023**  
+Esteban & Manuela De Alva  
Birthday blessing for Dolores Bertoldo

**Dec. 25th 2023**  
+Deacon Frank Tellez  
+Bernaden Tellez  
+Gloria Tellez  
Efren Tellez Jr.

**Second Collection**

**Dec.17th St. Vincent De Paul  
Dec.25th-Christmas offering  
Dec. 31st-Via Christi Society Inc.**

**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, 2023-2024 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](http://olgsolomon.com)**



*Third Sunday of Advent*

Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.

*Entrance Antiphon*

*Gaudete Sunday*

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:**

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



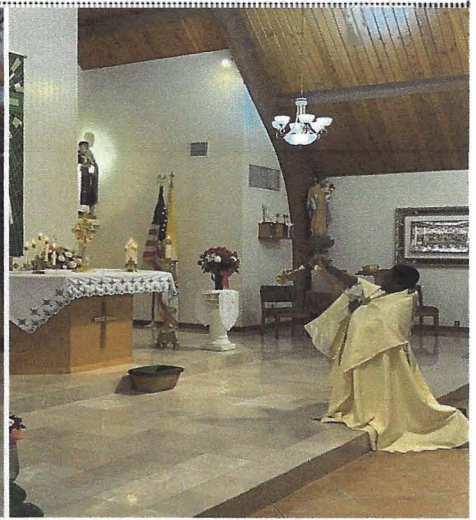
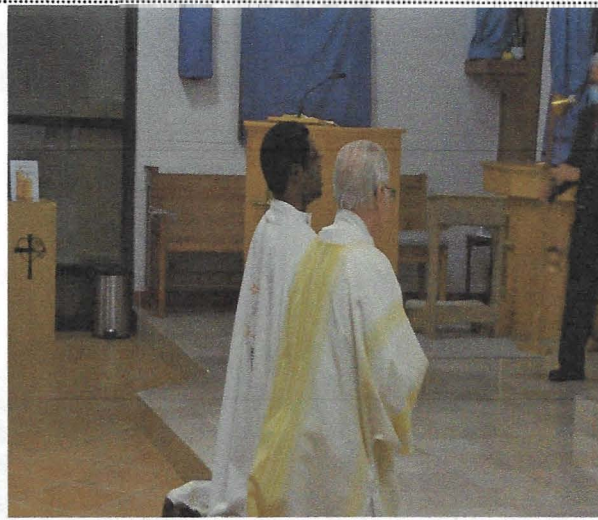
**2023 Annual Catholic Appeal  
November 30, 2023**

**Goal \$5,000.00**

**Fulfilled to Date \$6,305.00**

**126% to Goal (\$1,305.00)**

# St. Rose of Lima Catholic Parish



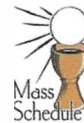
## St. Rose of Lima Weekend Collection December 10, 2023

Offertory	\$ 4,863.50
Building Fund	\$ 175.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 95.00
Catholic Campaign	\$ 37.00
Flower Offering	\$ 70.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,064.00
Newman Center	\$ 1,031.00
Church Candle Offering	\$ 68.10

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

## ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH Mass Hours

**Morning Mass - Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM**



**Saturday 6:00 PM**

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

**CONFESSION: SATURDAY'S @ 4:30 PM &  
TUESDAY'S AFTER MORNING MASS.**

## 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

**As of December 14, 2023**

**Goal \$42,340.00**

**Fulfilled to Date \$42,720.00**

**101% \$215.00 OVER!**

**THANK YOU!**

**We are the Mission of the Church!**



Family of Viola Andozola, Family of Cortez Baca, Jenna Estrada, Tony Dominguez, Wyatt, Elliott, Caro Ullery, Joanna Walks, Joseph Anzaldua, Belen Rodriguez & Rodriguez Family, Greg Andersen, Joe V. Herrera, Alicia Jaramillo, Joe & Ann Valtierra, Fred Sainz, Jeanette Haden, A.R. Valenzuela, Inez Alva, Kerri Lawson, Crystal Madragon, Marcos Cortez, Andrew Gonzales, Amelia Saenz, Ernesto Lopez, Nancy Stowe, Edward Gonzalez, Shelby Peru, Terri Cuarenta, Angelina Rene Rutherford, Rita Lucero, Charlie Kay, Mayia Montes & Contreras Family, Eric Regan, Richard Burke, Barbara Chavez, Jaycob Espinoza, Rosemary Martinez, Albert Romero, Jason Kouts, Erika & Alex Morales, Don Romero, Cecilia Perez, 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, 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, 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 Villalba, Teri & Louie Barbosa, Clara Carrasco, Armina (Weda) Brisco, Nancy Abalos, Brianna Fulton, Alex Lukats, Linda Bustamante, 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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B DECEMBER 17, 2023

## Second Collection

**12/17—St. Vincent De Paul**

**12/24—Diocesan Priest Retirement Collection**

**12/25—Christmas Offering**

**12/31—Via Christi Society Inc.**

**01/01—The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord,  
Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God (only collection)**

**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.

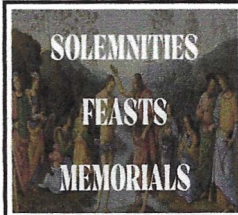
## **Private Prayer:**

The Church will be open

Monday - Friday

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

**GIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN  
FROM 9:00 AM - 4:15 PM**



*Monday December 25th, The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.*

*Tuesday December 26th, The Feast of St. Stephen, the first Martyr.*

*Wednesday December 27th, The Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.*

*Thursday December 28th, The Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs.*

## Mass Intentions December 16th, - December 22nd, 2023

DAY	DATE	Time	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY:
SAT	12/16/2023	8 AM	Health and well-being for Patsy Bryce, + Robert Castro	P. Torrio
SAT	12/16/2023	6 PM	Special attentions to St. Anthony +Baby Raina Iron Cloud	M. Trujillo A. Mooney
SUN	12/17/2023	8 AM	+Sylvia Lopez Naranjo +Anthony Abeyta	Flame of Love Prayer Group O. Abeyta
SUN	12/17/2023	11 AM	+Juan & +Priscilla Figueroa +Luis Velasquez & +Mary Lou Velasquez +Manuel R. & +Nellie N. Garcia & +Patsy Abalos	M. Peralta M. Velasquez M. Garcia
SUN	12/17/2023	5 PM	+Heavenly Birthday for Daniel Rios St. Rose of Lima Parishioners	R. Rios SROL
MON	12/18/2023	8 AM	+Birthday Blessings Nellie N. Garcia	M. Garcia
TUE	12/19/2023	8 AM	+Frank Terrazas	St. Vincent de Paul
Friday	12/22/2023	8 AM	+David Boehler	J. Boehler
FRI	12/22/2023	8 AM	Health and well-being for Patsy Bryce & +Robert Castro	P. Torrio



**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.**

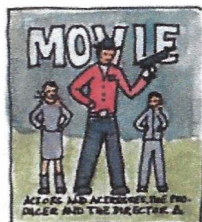
# Who Will Lead You to God?



Today's Gospel reading tells us about Saint John the Baptist, who prepared the people for the coming of Jesus. At first people thought that he might be the saviour they were all waiting for, but he was very clear

when he told them that he wasn't- there was one coming after him Who would be the truly great One.

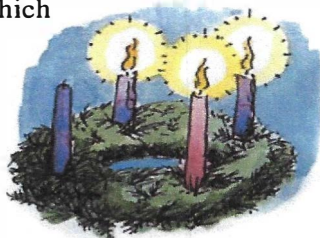
Sometimes we hear about great or important people. We know about movie stars and singers and government leaders. Who are some important people you know of?



Do those people that you've thought about help to bring you closer to God? Do they teach you well and give good example? Or do they lead people away from God by doing wrong things or making fun of God's truth?



We can know which people are really great by thinking about whether they lead us closer to God, like Saint John the Baptist did, or further away from Him. Which sort of people do you want to follow?



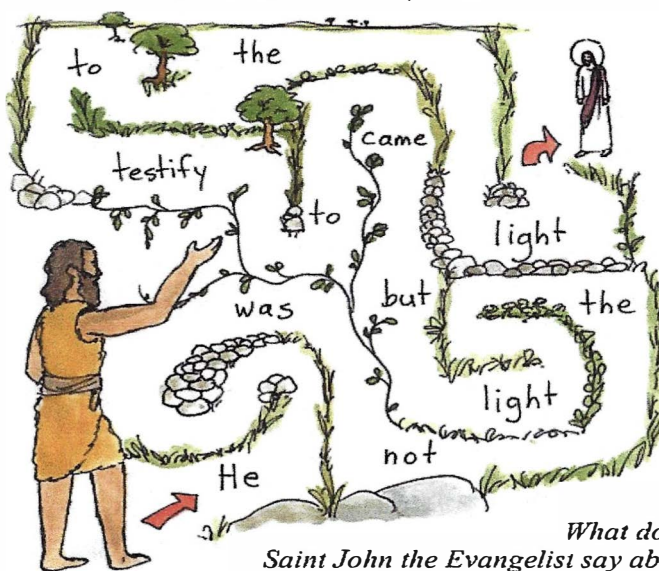
Answer to Word-Find: brokenhearted.

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

# The Kids' Bulletin

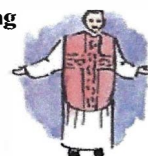
Third Sunday of Advent

December 17th, 2023



What does Saint John the Evangelist say about Saint John the Baptist at the beginning of the Gospel? Read the words you pass as you go through the maze.

Was the priest who offered Mass today wearing pink vestments? The colour pink, or rose, is a sign of joy. We use it for the third Sunday of Advent because we are happy that we're half-way to Christmas! If you have an Advent wreath, it's time to light the pink candle!



## 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. 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 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 arrangements as easy as possible. The Priest may waive 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.



# St Rose of Lima Religious Education



Please bring your children to Mass with you weekly and remind them to collect bulletins with their full name and grade, plus Father's signature if they are preparing for a sacrament.

Time is running out. For those children who had not met the bulletin requirement for Communion in April, call 928-965-5223 when your child has the required number

**Classes are in session. The bus is running, and will be the first bus in the SUSD bus line, so children need to come directly to the bus.**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration will take place by appointment in the RE office. Call 928-965-5223 after 9 AM to set a time to register.

### Sacrament of Penance (confession) requirements:

- child must be Baptized & turn in a copy of their Baptismal certificate
- Know the Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Glory Be, Hail Mary, Act of Contrition, Format for Confession, Ten Commandments, and Seven Sacraments
- Attend Mass weekly and turn in signed bulletins with child's full name and grade

### 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
- Attend Mass weekly and turn in signed bulletins with child's full name and grade

**December 17:** Third Sunday of Advent. Advent wreaths will be used in all classrooms from Dec. 4 to Dec. 21 in preparation for Christmas. Please use your Advent wreath at home.

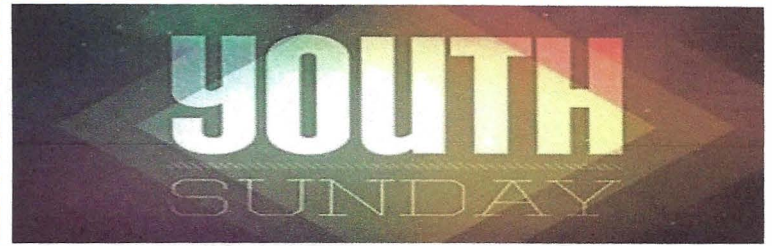
**Dec. 23:** Rehearsal for the Christmas Eve Mass Procession is on Dec. 23 at 12 noon. Slips were sent home for children to volunteer. Roles were drawn on the 16th. Parents were contacted if their child was drawn for a main role. All RE students are expected to take part. If you have not been called and wish to participate, come to the rehearsal on Dec 23 at 12 noon for dress rehearsal.

**Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Children's Mass 5 PM with their participation in the procession, singing, readings, and presenting gifts. Arrive at 4:30 pm, meet in Rm St Mark.

**Dec. 28-30:** Sacrament makeup classes. Letters will be mailed to the parent/guardians of children 2nd-8th grades who are in RE classes and may be preparing for a sacrament. The letters will include dates/times for the 3 required student classes (Jan 13, 20, & 27) and Parent classes (Penance Feb 7 or 8, and Communion Feb. 20 or 21), test answer key, and requirements. If your child needs a sacrament and you do not get a letter by Jan 10, call 928-965-5223 and come to the first class on Jan 13.

**December 23- Jan. 6:** RE Christmas break.

Classes resume Jan. 8



## ST. ROSE OF LIMA YOUTHGROUP

**A Big Thank You to all who donated supplies for our popcorn ball fundraiser.**

**Our Next Youth Group Class will be on**

**December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**See you there!**

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

## CONFIRMATION 1 & 2

**Class Sunday's @ 9:30 AM in  
St. Matthew and St Mark classrooms**

Confirmation Class



**December Classes:**

Dec 3

Dec 10

Dec 17

Confirmation Class



## RCIA ADULT CLASSES FOR CONFIRMATION



### DECEMBER CLASSES

Dec 3

Dec 10

Dec. 17

## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT!

You are planning to get married in the Catholic Church and you're wondering, "What's next? What do I need to do?"



Pre-Cana

January 6th, 2024

Registration @ 8:45 am

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The Pre-Cana team is looking for help. If you are a married couple in the Catholic Church, and would like to help, please contact George and Pam Gonzales at 928-651-6679.

Rejoice!  
Gaudete  
Sunday



## Parish Christmas Caroling

All Parishioners are welcome to sing carols and have cookies and hot coco after in the Volunteer Hall.

On Saturday December 23rd after the 6:00 PM Mass.



Please do not take home the new Missals and the covers. Please help Our Parish keep cost down by taking care of the Parish belongings.



## GIFT SHOP SALE

**10% off the total price of \$20.00**

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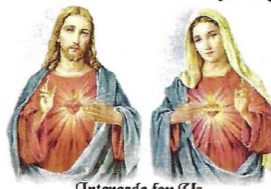
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### ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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DEFEND US IN BATTLE.

BE OUR PROTECTION AGAINST THE WICKEDNESS  
AND SNARES OF THE DEVIL.

MAY GOD REBUKE HIM, WE HUMBL Y 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.



**Our Lady of Guadalupe  
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### 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.

### St. Rose of Lima Gift Shop

In the Parish Office

Open Monday—Friday  
9:00 a.m.—4:15 p.m.





# Dear Padre,

*Was Jesus born in a stable or a cave? The Christmas scene in our church has Jesus born in a little shed, but in my friend's church it looks more like a cave. The Bible says Jesus was born in a manger, so just where was Jesus born?*

The Christmas scenes, sometimes called Nativity scenes or crèches, vary from church to church. In Scripture, we find more details about the Nativity in Luke's Gospel, but even he simply says that Mary wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because the inn was full (Luke 2:7).

In none of the Scriptures do we have any details about what the place looked like, but since a manger is a place where caregivers feed livestock, we can assume that Jesus was born in a stable of some kind. At that time, small caves sometimes were used as stables.

Nativity scenes, though, are not an attempt to present a historically accurate picture of where Jesus was born. Rather, scenes of the birth of Jesus remind us of the special love that God shows for us in sending the Son to us. We do not care so much about creating an exact picture of what took place as we do of beholding the beauty and wonder of God born among us. ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*The Baptist is a model for those in the Church who are called to proclaim Christ to others: they are able to do so only by detaching from themselves and from worldliness, by not attracting people to themselves but directing them toward Jesus. This is joy: directing toward Jesus. And joy must be the characteristic of our faith.*

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 13, 2020

### MONDAY

December 18  
Advent Weekday  
Jer 23:5–8  
Mt 1:18–25

### TUESDAY

December 19  
Advent Weekday  
Jgs 13:2–7,  
24–25a  
Lk 1:5–25

### WEDNESDAY

December 20  
Advent Weekday  
Is 7:10–14  
Lk 1:26–38

### THURSDAY

December 21  
Advent Weekday  
Sg 2:8–14 or Zep 3:14–18a  
Lk 1:39–45

### FRIDAY

December 22  
Advent Weekday  
1 Sm 1:24–28  
Lk 1:46–56

### SATURDAY

December 23  
Advent Weekday  
Mal 3:1–4,  
23–24  
Lk 1:57–66

### SUNDAY

December 24  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
2 Sm 7:1–5,  
8b–12, 14a, 16  
Rom 16:25–27 Lk 1:26–38

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