

The angel Gabriel was sent from
God to a town of Galilee called
Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed
to a man named Joseph...and the
virgin's name was Mary.

LUKE 1:26-27

Wondering Why

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The old axiom goes: if you want to make God laugh, tell God your plans. All too often the vision God has for us takes us in quite varying directions. The stories of King David and of Mary echo such realities. David, who wanted to build a temple for the Ark of the Covenant so God would not need to live in a tent, had his plans nixed, only to be reminded that it is *God* who does the building in life and not David. And Mary, who found herself confused over how she might conceive, was asked to simply trust and place her life in the hands of God. Both said “yes.”

There are always times when the unfolding path of God for us may unsettle us: the complexities of immigrants at our doorstep, the changing demographics of our cities, the need to close or merge parishes, the upheavals of our personal lives. We find ourselves asking why without receiving any answers. Each time there is no answer, consider it an invitation to trust in a power greater than ourselves.

Not all rhythms of life are necessarily caused by the hand of God, but then one can never be sure. Who is to say where and how and through whom God works? Christmas comes as a reminder that God's love and presence still unfolds in varied and new ways, always giving birth again and again to the divine made flesh in our lives. The mystery of the Incarnation points to this truth: God is present in all of life. ●

Reflect

Have you ever had your plans unsettled in a way that turned out, in the end, to be a gift from God?

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
- ♦ Website: 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

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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:

Adult Bible Study

English: Bob Mooney

Catholic Daughters of America #2398

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Choir

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

Confirmation

Dr. Susan Jones-Hamm

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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

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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

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High School: Amanda Torrio

Vocation Ministry: Brian & Sara Hott,

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Ophelia Rodriguez

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Grace Gasca
Soccoro Varela

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928.428.0460

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

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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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Sandra Jurado, Treasurer

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Maintenance:

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Newman Center

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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**ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH
&
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B.
DECEMBER 24, 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 PM - 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.

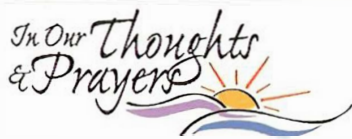
IMPORTANT - Register for a New Account:

<https://tucson.cmgconnect.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: *Fourth Sunday of Advent, Cycle B*

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Today is the last Sunday of Advent. In Luke's Gospel, we hear the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her fiat, is an



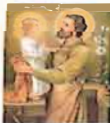
example of complete faith and obedience to God. May we reflect upon Mary's model of discipleship, recognize God's saving plan for us, and respond with obedience.

- **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.

- **Weekly Assignment** – When you pray your daily prayers this week, pray for God's grace to be able to follow Mary's example and be a faithful, obedient disciple of God.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

SAN JOSE MISSION

WEEKEND COLLECTION

December 17th, 2023

Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory	\$ 851.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 70.00
Church Candle Offering	\$ 42.00
Bell Tower	\$ 2,500.00
All Saints Day	\$ 20.00
San Jose Mission	\$ 50.00



Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine
San Jose Mission
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B.
Dec. 24, 2023
Mass Intentions



Dec.24th

+Esteban & Manuela De Alva
Birthday blessings Dolores Bertoldo

Dec.25th

+Deacon Frank Tellez
+Bernaden Tellez
+Gloria Tellez
+Efren Tellez Jr.

Dec. 27th

+Nellie Seballos

Dec. 31st

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parishioners

Second Collection

Dec. 24th Diocesan Priest Retirement Collection
Dec.25th-Christmas offering
Dec. 31st-Via Christi Society Inc.
Jan 1st. The Octave day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God. (only Collection)

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

Many thanks to everyone who helped with putting the pews in the church, also thank you to all who came and help out with decorating the church for Christmas. Thank you all for all the help in making the church up and ready for Christmas Mass.

**Mass will be held on Sunday's & Wednesday at
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sunday Mass at 9:30am
Wednesdays Mass at 9:00am**



2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

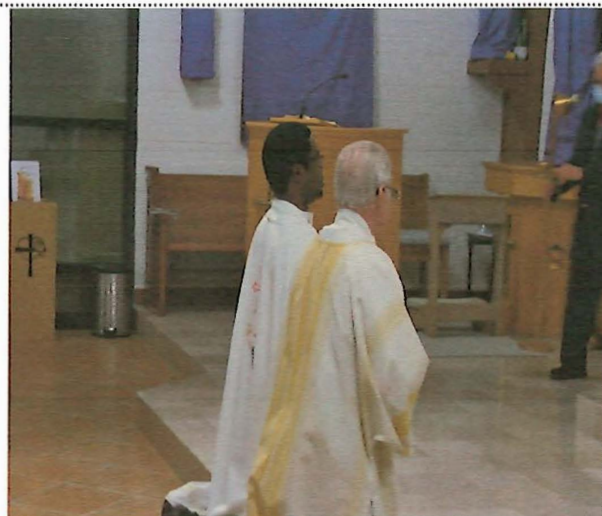
November 30, 2023

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 17, 2023

Offertory	\$ 7,272.67
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,101.52
Catholic Campaign	\$ 10.00
Flower Offering	\$ 30.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 70.00
Newman Center	\$ 65.00
Church Candle Offering	\$ 51.23
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$ 125.00

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!



Angel's Heart
Family of Viola Andozola, Family of Cortez Baca, Jenna Estrada, Tony Dominguez, Wyatt, Elliott, Caro Ullery, Joanna Walks, Joseph Anzaldúa, 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 Gokovich, 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 Wulfange, 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 Villalva, 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
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B
DECEMBER 24, 2023**

Second Collection

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.

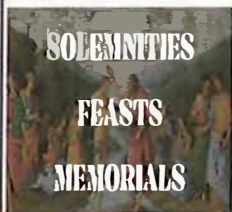
Private Prayer:

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 23rd - December 29th, 2023

DAY	DATE	Time	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY:
SAT	12/23/2023	8 AM	+Allen Mooney & Birthday blessing for Olivia Abeyta +Evie & +Laurel Stoxen	A. Mooney Anonymous
SAT	12/23/2023	6 PM	St. Rose of Lima Parishioners +Maria Cota +Gene Bryce	SROL H. Romero P. Bryce
SUN	12/24/2023	8 AM	+John Anthony Herrera 81st Birthday blessings for Olivia Abeyta +Anthony Aguilar	Y. Herrera O. Abeyta Y. Herrera
SUN	12/24/2023	11 AM	+Bernardo Vega JR. +Manuel & +Victor Ozeta, +Belin Montoya	M. Flores J. Sanchez
SUN	12/24/2023	5 PM	+Mercy Rivera +Justus Villalba	B. Rivera Anonymous
MON	12/25/2023	12 MID	+Antonio, +Joseph Merino, +Ray & Josephina Amad	A & B Merino
MON	12/25/2023	8 AM	+Joseph & Jacob Hernandez +Francisca & Sebastian Shaghel	L. Hernandez Anonymous
MON	12/25/2023	11 AM	+Lube & Pancho Terrazas +Steven Yoo, +Gilbert Bencomo, +Isabel Aparicio & +Richard Merino	Anonymous B & A Merino
MON	12/25/2023	5 PM	+Baby Raina Iron Cloud	A. Mooney
TUE	12/26/2023	8 AM	Heavenly Anniversary blessing for Mr. & Mrs. Guadalupe Sanchez JR.	G. Camacho
WED	12/27/2023	8 AM	Happy Birthday Blessings for Donna Coca	Anonymous



Via Christi Society

My Support to those on the
Way of Christ



Our seminarians and members
of their formation team.

The Via Christi Society is a group of priests and associate members who strive for holiness and service in the Church for the salvation of all.

Our priests work in the (Arch)dioceses of Makurdi, Otuop, Katsina Ala, Bauchi, Lafia, Ekwulobia, Jos, and Abuja (all in Nigeria). We also have some of our priests working in the (Arch)dioceses of Tucson, Phoenix, Las Cruces, Milwaukee, and San Francisco (in the United States of America). There are others working in the Caribbean Islands, and one in the Diocese of Augsburg, Germany.

The Via Christi Society is a nonprofit Organization whose mission is to evangelize, instill hope, and offer support to the people of God.

We do this partly through training of priests who are eager to spread the gospel of Christ wherever they are sent for the salvation of souls.

In our missionary work, we strive to bring the gospel to any part of the world. Our priests take care of the vulnerable and those displaced from their homes (living in camps) by providing food, water, and clothing for them and the less privileged. Via Christi's evangelistic activities include providing quality education for the young by engaging our priests in teaching roles within various educational facilities around the world, as well as in parish ministry.

Make your donation and state your intention

- *Seminarians' Tuition*
- *House of Formation*
- *Unrestricted*



Thank you for making a
difference with your gift!

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 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.

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

Upcoming

EVENTS

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 17th.

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-Caná

January 6th, 2024

Registration @ 8:45 am

Class begins @ 9 am

Cost \$50 per couple

Call The Parish office to sign up and to pay

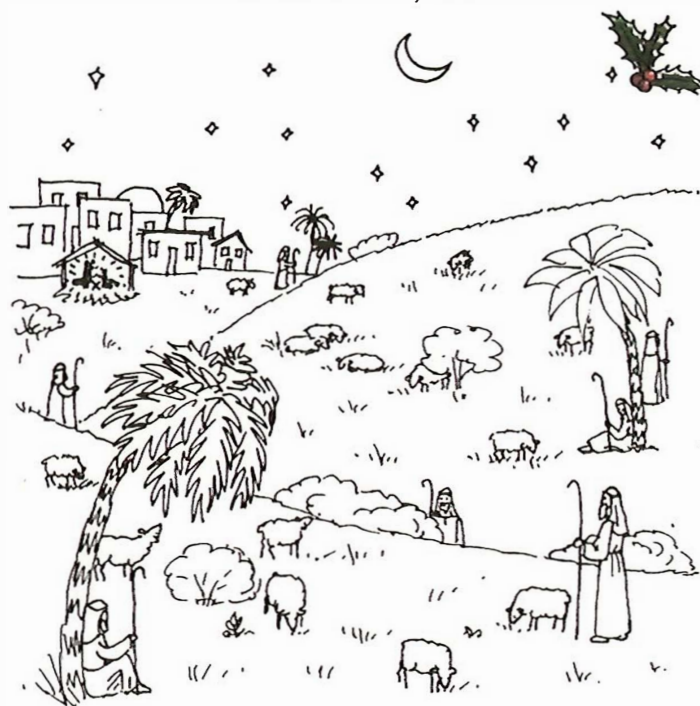
928-428-4920



The Pre-Caná 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.

The Kids' Bulletin

Christmas Day
December 25th, 2023



During the night of the first Christmas, the shepherds were out in the fields watching their sheep before the angels came to tell them that the Saviour was born.

Can you find all the shepherds in this picture?

How many are there?

You can colour in the picture too!

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

Or

20% off the total price of \$50.00 or more.

Sales excludes: Rosaries, Rosary cases, Bibles and selected Advent / Christmas inventory.



YES, YOU CAN STILL DIRECT YOUR TAX CREDITS TO ARIZONA'S CATHOLIC TUITION SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

Yes, we do have new school choice options, but a tax credit contribution is still an option for Arizona taxpayers. Continue to support a needy and deserving student by taking advantage of the tax credit. If filing as a single taxpayer you can give up to \$1,306, and a married couple filing jointly can contribute up to \$2,609. Please pick up a brochure in the vestibule that will explain how you can get a dollar-for-dollar tax credit or visit the CTSO website at www.ctso-tucson.org.



Use the Arizona Tuition Tax Credit to change lives!



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MAY GOD REBUKE HIM, WE HUMBLY PRAY,
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Dear Padre,

The Bible talks about Jesus' brothers and sisters. Is there scriptural proof that Jesus was Mary's only child?

The Catholic Church's position is that Mary had only one child; her son called Jesus. Yet there are at least ten scriptural references to "the brothers of Jesus" or to his "sisters" (see Matthew 13:55–56, Mark 6:3, and Luke 8:19–21).

The difficulty is that the meaning of the term "brothers" (translated from the Greek *adelphos*) isn't restricted to the sharing of a parent. On the contrary, it may not only refer to other relatives, including cousins, but also to close relationships, such as disciples. This is not unlike how we might refer to "brothers in arms" as those who fought in a war together, or a religious order of brothers or sisters.

Recall, too, that Jesus and his disciples spoke Aramaic, and there is no equivalent for the meaning of "cousins" as we know it in that language. Instead, the word for brother or sister was used when referring to cousins. Thus, when St. Jerome (circa 340–420) translated the Bible from Hebrew into Church Latin, he considered "the brothers of Jesus" as cousins, not siblings. After all, it would have been the rightful responsibility of these male relatives of Jesus to take care of Mary when Jesus died. Yet Jesus entrusts his mother to the care of his beloved disciple John (John 19:26). ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
December 25 <i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	December 26 <i>St. Stephen, the First Martyr</i>	December 27 <i>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	December 28 <i>Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	December 29 <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	December 30 <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	December 31 <i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</i>
Is 52:7–10	Acts 6:8–10;	1 Jn 1:1–4	1 Jn 1:5–2:2	1 Jn 2:3–11	1 Jn 2:12–17	Sir 3:2–6, 12–14
Heb 1:1–6	7:54–59	1 Jn 20:1a, 2–8	Mt 2:13–18	Lk 2:22–35	Lk 2:36–40	Col 3:12–21 or 3:12–17
Jn 1:1–18 or 1:1–5, 9–14	Mt 10:17–22					Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22, 39–40

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Let us ask our Lady for a grace...that she kindle our enthusiasm for the ideal of holiness which is not a matter of holy cards and images, but is about living what happens each day, humbly and joyfully...with our eyes fixed on God and the neighbor we meet.

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 8, 2021