

**Saint Joseph Roman
Catholic Parish—Tucson
(An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation)**

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

Pastoral Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robert Rodriguez
Deacons	Leon Mazza Teodoro Perez, Hispanic Min.
Parish Secretary	Ms. Norma Torres
Resource Manager	Ms. Kara Leubbering

Faith Formation

**Mr. Wade Manuel, Coordinator
Pre-K through Grade 7
September through April
Sundays: 8:00 am to 9:05 am
Confirmation Preparation
Please call Parish Office**

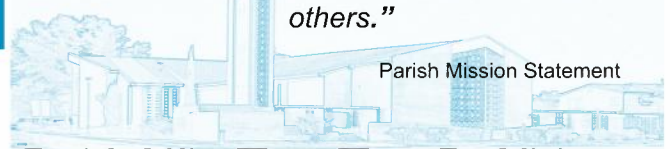
St. Joseph Parochial School

Telephone (520) 747-3060

Principal	Mrs. Kathy Van Loan
Scholarship Manager	Mrs. Michele Hackett

**Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade
Monday through Thursday
7:40 am to 3:00 pm
Friday: 7:40 am to 12:30 pm**

"We, the faithful of Saint Joseph Parish, are a community of believers who follow Christ, proclaim the Word of God, worship the Lord and respond to the needs of others."



Parish Mission Statement

Parish Office Hours/Horas De Oficina

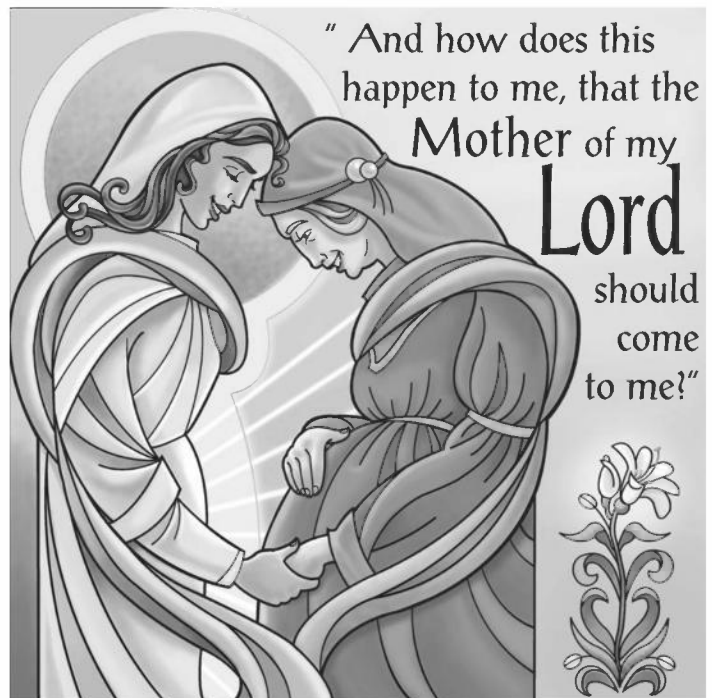
**Monday–Thursday/
Lunes–Jueves: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**
Friday/Viernes: 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Sunday/Domingo: 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Mass Times/Horario de Misas

Daily/Lunes a Sabado: 7:00 am
Wednesday/Miercoles – Out Lady of Perpetual Help: 6:00 pm (In the Chapel)
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm
**Sunday Masses: 7:00 am
9:15 am
11:00 am
1:15 pm Spanish
5:30 pm**

**Holy Day Masses/Misas de Guardar:
(Check bulletin)**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Chapel
Every First Friday 10:00 a.m. – Noon**



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 23

Monday, December 24

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 25

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Wednesday, December 26

Thursday, December 27

7:30 p.m. Contemporary Choir Prac Church

Friday, December 28

7:00 p.m. Hispanic Women's Ministry Healy Hall

7:00 p.m. Hispanic Men's Ministry St. Francis Rm

Saturday, December 29

10:00 a.m. Sewing Group St. Francis Room

Sunday, December 30

After morning Masses

K of C Breakfast & Blood Drive

..... Healy Hall

Sunday, December 23 — Mi 5:1-4; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

7:00 a.m. St. Joseph Parishioners

9:15 a.m. Anthony Toto †

11:00 a.m. Antonio Saldivar †
Ernest A. Sanchez †

1:15 p.m. Lorenia Campbell †

5:30 p.m. Janelle Southard

Monday, December 24 — 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

7:00 a.m. Evelyn Bjornson †

4:00 p.m. Fred Blanchard †

Midnight Noriega Family

Tuesday, December 25 — Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

7:00 a.m. Stogsdill Family

9:15 a.m. Nancy Early †

11:00 a.m. St. Joseph Parishioners

Wednesday, December 26 — Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 16-17; Mt 10:17-22

7:00 a.m. Isabelita Daray †

6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 27 — 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1, 2-8

7:00 a.m. DeGrood Family

Friday, December 28 — 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7-8; Mt 2:13-18

7:00 a.m. Stephanie Dupee †

Saturday, December 29 — 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5-6; Lk 2:22-35

7:00 a.m. Walter Dobkins †

5:30 p.m. Phil Seader, Jr. †

Sunday, December 30 — Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

7:00 a.m. Betty Nitka †

9:15 a.m. Nancy Early †

11:00 a.m. Ysabel & Benito Lizardi †

1:15 p.m. Esposito Family †

5:30 p.m. St. Joseph Parishioners

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday: Vigil of Christmas

Tuesday: The Nativity of the Lord
(Christmas)

Wednesday: St. Stephen
First Day of Kwanzaa

Thursday: St. John

Friday: The Holy Innocents

Saturday: Fifth Day within the Octave of
the Nativity of the Lord
St. Thomas Becket



For the month of November we received \$1,265.00 for online donations.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

On Wednesday evenings St. Joseph Parish will celebrate, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mass and Novena in the Chapel of the Parish Office. Please join us at 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday. Mass and Novena will not be held on Holy Days and Special Holidays.

SCHOOL NEWS

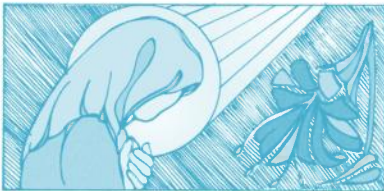
Guardian Angel Fund

Saint Joseph's has **216** students in the school. This is wonderful news. Kathy van Loan and I do not want to refuse anyone a Catholic Education. There are some families that are large, and need your help. Even with scholarship money and making payments many find themselves overwhelmed. I am pleading to you to, **be a Guardian Angel!** I myself was sponsored throughout my Catholic School Education by a wonderful lady named, Colleen Newman, now deceased. My parents wouldn't have been able to pay the tuition for all 13 of their children if not for help from generous people like Colleen. Please call the school to ask how you can help, I would appreciate it greatly. Call Kara Leubbering at the main office for information or call the school directly at 747-3060 and ask for Michele Hackett. God Bless you! Fr. Robert Rodriguez

**HELP! HELP! HELP!
COPY PAPER IS NEEDED!
PLEASE DROP AT
THE SCHOOL OR PARISH OFFICE**

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK

DECEMBER 24 THROUGH JANUARY 4



WE HAVE GREAT NEWS! The Individual Tax Credit limits have increased

The amount you can now contribute to Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) has increased. If filing as a single taxpayer you can give up to \$1,107, and a married couple filing jointly can contribute up to \$2,213, and you, the donor can receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit off your Arizona tax liability. Brochures are in the vestibule or visit www.ctso-tucson.org to make an online contribution.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24

4:00 p.m.

Midnight Mass

Tuesday, December 25

7:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Spanish)

MANY CHRISTMAS

BLESSINGS

TO ALL

ST. JOSEPH PARISHIONERS

Fr. Robert Rodriguez

ONLINE SHARING

Christmas is a wonderful time for us. In addition to the very special meaning of the liturgical celebration, we are always happy to see so many parishioners whose schedules may not allow them to attend Mass at our parish on a regular basis. If you are one of those who cannot visit our parish as much as you like, you might want to check out our website at www.stjosephchurchtucson.org

There you will find an Online Giving link <https://stjosephchurchtucson.weshareonline.org/> Our online giving program allows parishioners to continue to support the parish even when they are out-of-town, too busy to remember an envelope, working weekends, or attending Mass at another parish. If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please contact the Parish Office at 747-3100 or follow the simple instructions found on the website.

POSITION OPEN

St. Joseph Parish is looking for a Bookkeeper/ Accountant. To apply go to the Diocese website diocesetucson.org to apply online and for further details.



BASICS OF FAITH ENRICHMENT SERIES

Jordan Ministry Team's *Basics of Faith* helps adults enter more deeply into our Catholic Faith, providing a wonderful opportunity for faith enrichment and deeper understanding of essential doctrines and traditions. Note: *All classes in this series can be applied for Level 1 Ministry Certification.*

Upcoming classes begin on January 5 and all sessions will be held at Most Holy Trinity Parish in Tucson. The cost for each session is \$15; participants may register for any or all classes. To see a full schedule, visit www.jordanministry.org. To register, please contact 520-623-2565 or JMT@JordanMinistry.org.



DO TWICE THE GOOD THE AZ CHARITABLE TAX CREDIT DOUBLED

**Married couples filing jointly claim a credit
up to \$800**
Individual filers claim a credit up to \$400

Donate to Catholic Community Services, claim the credit when you file your Arizona state income tax, and reduce your state taxes dollar for dollar.

Instead of giving your dollars to the state, help children, families, seniors and people with disabilities - right here in our community.

Completely separate from the CTSO credit!

Donate online at www.ccs-soaz.org, call 520-670-0854.

ONE OR MORE SACRISTANS NEEDED.

Mass Sacristan needed for the 7:00 am daily Mass. If you are interested please let me know and I will train you. If there is more than one, we will all alternate days as needed. Deacons will cover only in emergencies.

Sacristan- A minister of the Parish Church who will open the church, set up for the Holy Mass, and will assign readers and extra-ordinary ministers. The Sacristan has a key to open all and any doors of the church. Please ask them for assistance.

Fr. Robert A. Rodriguez

ST. JOSEPH SACRISTANS

5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil	Shirley Carey
7:00 a.m. Sunday	Carol Southard
9:15 a.m. Sunday	Robert Martinez
11:00 a.m. Sunday	R.J. Sepulveda
1:15 p.m. Sunday	Ramses Enriquez
5:30 p.m. Sunday	Carol & Robert Southard

GOD'S HEALING LOVE DAY OF RENEWAL FOR MEN & WOMEN



Saturday – January 12, 2019

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Church Hall

8:45 am – 6:00 pm

Offered by Vine of Grace

Retreat Ministry

Presented by

DIOCESE OF TUCSON
PRIESTS & DEACONS

Father Marco Basulto, Fr. Abram Dono, Fr. Bala Kommathoti, Dcn. Rodney Kulpa, Dcn. Eugene Fernandez, & Dcn. Mario Rodriguez

To register for this day of fellowship, worship, healing and spirit filled inspiration call 520.742.6687 or go to www.vineofgrace.org. \$25 includes lunch and materials. A love offering will be requested.

VOCATIONS

If you are interested in the priesthood or religious, the religious life as a Sister or Nun, please contact your pastor and he will help guide you through your journey. There are many questions, let the priest guide you before you receive the wrong information. God Bless, Fr. Robert Rodriguez



Merry Christmas! The meaning of Christmas is love. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." [John 3:16-17](#) The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of this incredible act of love.

May we all keep Christ and His love at the center of our Christmas celebrations. In addition to consecrating our families to the Holy Family next Sunday, December 30, our council will be hosting a Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast in Healy Hall. All donors who give the "Gift of Life" will get a free breakfast for themselves and their families. We wish you all blessed, happy and safe times and travels.

If you are a Catholic man interested in becoming a Knight, please contact our council at 520-303-4791 or by email at Kofc8813@yahoo.com

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille helps married couples show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them. With His help and your efforts, your marriage can be healed and restored! Register Now for the Weekend Program in Tucson beginning Friday evening, January 18 - Sunday, January 20, 2019. Visit: www.retrouvaille.org or Call 520-686-1598.

Retrouvaille es un programa para parejas casadas que se sienten aburridas, frustradas o enojadas en su matrimonio. Retrouvaille ayuda a las parejas a través de las oportunidades ofrecidas para escuchar, perdonar, reconciliarse y avanzar hacia su futuro. Para información confidencial sobre o para inscribirse en el próximo programa en español, llame al 623-877-9105 o visite: www.retrouvaille.org/es/



"News You Can Use"

Pre-K to 6th Grades:

There is no class today due to Christmas Break.

This Sunday, we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent. Please discuss with your child about Mary, the Mother of God and The Visitation. Discuss with your child about the special relationship of Mary and Elizabeth as a family. We want to live our lives by honoring Mary as our model. Let us celebrate by telling the Christmas story.

We wish you a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**

Important Dates:

December 24th Children Christmas Eve Mass and Play at 4:00pm

*No classes on **December 30th** Christmas Break
Classes resume on **January 6th, 2019***

7th Grade to High School Students

Life Teen / Confirmation:

There is no class today due to Christmas Break.

Students have finished the first half of the year. They return after the Christmas break preparing for the second year retreat and preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We wish you a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**

May God Bless Each and Everyone One of Us!

Please visit us at our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/StJConfirmation/>

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Esta semana recordamos a los niños judíos que fueron asesinados por orden del Rey Herodes en Belén. Esa tragedia que ocurrió cuando el viejo y celoso rey se enteró del nacimiento de un nuevo rey de los judíos. Él mandó a matar a todo niño que tuviera menos de dos años. El llanto de las familias que perdieron sus pobres inocentes se ha convertido en risas en varios países latinoamericanos. El 28 de diciembre en muchas partes es conmemorado como el día de los inocentes que viene siendo el *April Fools* de Latinoamérica. En ese día se hacen bromas para burlarse de los amigos. Si la broma funciona al pobre que fue engañado se le llama "inocente".

La inocencia normalmente se atribuye a los niños o a los ingenuos, pero en si la inocencia es una virtud cristiana, de los que hemos sido perdonados por Cristo. Esta inocencia no es ingenuidad mas bien es la candidez, simplicidad y generosidad de una persona que conoce bien lo duro que es la vida y aún así mantiene la esperanza.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glз, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

We are seeking volunteers for St. Vincent de Paul. This is a great opportunity for parents earn volunteer hours. We are open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

May the peace of Christ be with you this Christmas! Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Jan 26-27 at Our Lady of Guadalupe monastery in Phoenix or Mar 16-17 in Tucson. To apply online, and for weekend dates visit www.wmearizona.com

Sacraments/Sacramentos

Reconciliation/Horario de Reconciliación Saturdays/Sabados: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Baptisms — Baptismal arrangements must be made by the PARENTS of the child at the Parish Office. Parents and godparents **must** attend a baptismal preparation class before the baptism. Other requirements will be discussed at the initial interview. When choosing godparents, if they are married, they must be married through the Catholic Church, if single you must not be living with a partner. Donation is \$20.00

Matrimony — Weddings are celebrated throughout the year. In accord with Church Law, at least one of the parties to be married must be a member of St. Joseph, otherwise special permissions are needed. Marriage preparation is to begin at least 6 months prior to the wedding. It is strongly recommended that a couple planning to be married at St. Joseph contact the Parish before making any contractual arrangements with a facility for their reception. During the initial interview with the priest of the Parish, the couple will be provided with all the necessary information needed for their preparation experience.

Anointing of the Sick— Arrangements need to be arranged by a **family member** by contacting the Parish Office. Please indicate the status of the family member.