

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

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

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Pre-K through Grade 7
September through April
Sundays: 8:00 am to 9:05 am
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Please call Parish Office

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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 Office Hours/Horas De Oficina

**Monday–Thursday/
Lunes-Jueves: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Friday/Viernes: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Sunday/Domingo: 8:00 am to 12:30 pm

Mass Times/Horario de Misas

Daily/Lunes a Sabado:
7:00 am

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**

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.

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 - Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 15

8:00 a.m. R.E. Classes School Rooms
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class..... Healy Hall

Monday, April 16

6:00 p.m. Parish Council.....Activity Room
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts..... St. Francis Room
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts.....Room 10

Tuesday, April 17

7:00 p.m. Spanish Carismatic Prayer..... Church

Wednesday, April 18

10:00 a.m. Bible Study.....Activity Room
12:00 p.m. Prayer Group..... Chapel

Thursday, April 19

6:00 p.m. Holy Redeemer Prayer Grp..Activity Room
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Choir..... Chapel

Friday, April 20

7:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation Cls ... St. Francis Room

Saturday, April 21

10:00 a.m. Sewing GroupActivity Room
10:00 a.m. English Baptism Class ... St. Francis Room
10:00 p.m. School First Communion..... Church
4:00 p.m. Spanish Baptism Cls St. Francis Room

Sunday, April 22

8:00 a.m. R.E. Classes School Rooms
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class..... Healy Hall

Sunday, April 15 — Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

Monday, April 16 — Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 17 — Acts 7:51—8:1; Ps 31:3-4, 6; 7, 8, 21; Jn 6:30

Wednesday, April 18 — Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3, 4-7; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 19 — Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 20 — Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1-2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 21 — Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, April 22 — Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26-29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



The collection for the weekend of April 7/8 was

\$7,766.70

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Tuesday: Income Tax Day

Saturday: St. Anselm

HAVE YOU MOVED?????

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MISA DE ORACION Y SANACION

MARTES 17 DE APRIL

MISA EMPIEZA A LAS 7:00 PM

EN LA PARROQUIA SAN JOSE

TIMES OF LEARNING

Fr. Ricky V. Ordóñez

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The CRECHE ORPHANAGE in Bethlehem! I wrote this article for the Diocese of Tucson's "The New Vision" in 2009 after my first trip to the Holy Land as a Priest. Now, after 10 years, I feel a "tug" in my heart as I prepare for a pilgrimage beginning on April 29, 2018. If you feel that you would like to help out, I will be visiting them again and hope that we can share our blessings. If you want to know more about "The Creche", simply go into the Internet and Google "The Creche Orphanage in Bethlehem". When I checked it out, I found that this article I wrote in 2009 was reprinted in the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre website.

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The Creche Orphanage in Bethlehem! *

The hollow silence of the orphanage's hallway was broken with the sound of children's laughter and the voices of their caregivers. I strained to listen if I could understand what was being said when I realized it was in Arabic. Some of their nurses wore the veil common to the Muslim women that we have seen in the streets. Some wore the Christian cross on a chain around their necks. Bethlehem had once been a Christian enclave; however, due to political upheavals and unspoken persecution, many have sought refuge beyond the borders of both Israel and Palestine. There were at least 50 children of varying ages, mostly with large dark eyes, curly hair and rosy lips that break to a wide grin. Some sprinted around making obvious squeals of joy. Others stared out blankly as their limp and emaciated bodies were placed on a quilt on the floor. "They start off like that..." says a voice with a heavy French accent, "...we nurse them back to health...oh, these poor little ones." Speaking was a small lady with a kindly face - a Catholic nun. "Soeur Sophie Boueri?" I asked. "Oui, e vous êtes?" ("Yes, and you are?") she asked in return. "I am Ricky Ordoñez, the seminarian from America. I sent you an email about having a Christmas party here with the seminarians and the children." "Ah, mais oui!" she exclaimed and broke into the warmest, widest smile.

It was December of 2006 and I was on my third year of Theology at Mundelein Seminary. My class had just arrived in the Holy Land for a 10-week pilgrimage and study program. Two months prior, we had been tasked to organize a Christmas party with the children of the Creche Orphanage in Bethlehem, raised almost \$2,000 in donations and collected about a dozen boxes of toys. The Creche Orphanage is on a slope behind the Holy Family hospital in a part of Bethlehem that tourists never get to see. Run by the French Daughters of Charity, the neat and clean building is under the protection of the Knights of the Order of Malta. But these were difficult times and Sister Sophie would go to Jerusalem for donations from benefactors when food supplies ran low.

More than two years had passed and I had been ordained to the priesthood and assigned to my first parish when I received an invitation to be the spiritual director of a pilgrim group to the Holy Land. I remembered the children of the Creche Orphanage and wondered how they were. At Mass, I shared my memories saying that perhaps the Lord was again "knocking at the door of our hearts to do something". By the time I reached the sacristy, I had \$240 in an envelope marked "For the Children in Bethlehem". That night, I was at a Chinese restaurant with friends when I shared that I wanted to raise at least \$500. When the fortune cookie came, it said "You will receive your heart's desire!" I laughed and told them that I should have asked God for more.

"Amazing" is too simple a word at the generosity of God's faithful people. In the weeks that followed, money came from anonymous donors and others specifying that they do not want to be publicly acknowledged. School kids gave their allowances and others in memory of deceased relatives. By the day of my departure, the donations totalled \$4,717. On Sept. 23, our pilgrim group arrived in Bethlehem and as we made our way to the orphanage chapel, more donations were stuffed into the envelope. For sure, it had now gone well over \$5,000.

Sister Sophie spoke to us about her ministry at the Creche, saying that there are about 50 children staying full time and 70 more for day care. She shared that the children can only be adopted by Muslim families and lamented the lack of subsidy from the Palestinian Authority. On the contrary, her help is constantly sought for supplies badly needed by the poor. She added that the orphanage solely depend on its benefactors' donations. When we presented our gift, she gasped, "Mon Dieu!" "My God!"

Our pilgrims played with the children in the same hallway where I had first met Sister Sophie. She told us about the difficulties that she encounters, yet she never showed a trace of resentment or bitterness. Her focus was purely to shower God's love upon the children that have been abandoned on their doorstep, in the garbage heap or given up by unwed mothers. Her mission is to rebuild lives and care for the children traumatized by violence, neglect and rejection.

As we said our goodbyes, Sister Sophie held my hand tightly and said "Remember us in your prayers!" Taking a deep breath, I replied "Ask the Lord to remind us when you need anything!" As we left the "little town of Bethlehem" there was an eerie silence on the bus with each pilgrim wondering about the fate of the children of the Creche - all victims of circumstances way beyond their control. Now, as I recall the events of that day, I am sure that in the hearts of everyone that brought Christmas to Bethlehem in September, an unspeakable joy praises God with the words "Thank you, Lord, for I feel wonderfully 'used' by You!"

*Note: After 9 years, I have forgotten the original title I had used. Hmmm. Signs of aging!

TIEMPOS DE APRENDIZAJE

Fr. Ricky V. Ordóñez

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¡EL ORFANATO DE CRECHE (GUARDERIA INFANTIL) en Belén! Escribí este artículo para La Nueva Vision ("The New Vision") de la Diócesis de Tucson en el 2009 después de mi primer viaje a Tierra Santa como sacerdote. Ahora, después de 10 años, siento un "tirón" en mi corazón mientras me preparo para una peregrinación que comienza el 29 de abril de 2018. Si sienten que les gustaría ayudar, lo visitaré de nuevo y espero que podamos compartir nuestras bendiciones. Si desea saber más acerca de "The Creche", simplemente ingrese a Internet y busque en Google "The Creche Orphanage in Bethlehem". Cuando lo revisé, descubrí que este artículo que escribí en 2009 se reimprimió en el sitio web de Caballeros del Santo Sepulcro.

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¡El Orfanato de Creche en Belén!

El silencio hueco del pasillo del orfanato se rompió con el sonido de la risa de los niños y las voces de sus cuidadores. Me esforcé por escuchar si podía entender lo que se decía cuando me di cuenta de que era en árabe. Algunas de las enfermeras llevaban el velo común de las mujeres musulmanas que hemos visto en las calles. Otras usaban la cruz cristiana en una cadena alrededor de sus cuellos. Belén había sido territorio cristiano; sin embargo, debido a las convulsiones políticas y la persecución tácita, muchos han buscado refugio más allá de las fronteras de Israel y Palestina. Había al menos 50 niños de diferentes edades, la mayoría con grandes ojos oscuros, cabello rizado y labios rosados que se rompen en una amplia sonrisa. Algunos corrieron por ahí haciendo evidentes gritos de alegría. Otros miraban inexpresivos cómo sus cuerpos flacos y demacrados eran colocados en una colcha en el suelo. Así "empiezan ...", dijo una voz con un fuerte acento francés, "... les devolvemos la salud ... oh, estos pobres pequeños". Hablaba una mujer pequeña con cara amable, era una monja católica. "¿Soeur Sophie Boueri?", Le pregunté. "Oui, e vous êtes?" ("Sí, ¿y tú?"), Preguntó a cambio. "Soy Ricky Ordóñez, el seminarista de América. Te envié un correo electrónico para organizar una fiesta de Navidad aquí con los seminaristas y los niños." "¡Ah, mai oui!", Exclamó y echó a andar con la sonrisa más cálida y amplia.

Era diciembre de 2006 y estaba en mi tercer año de Teología en el Seminario Mundelein. Mi clase acababa de llegar a Tierra Santa para un programa de peregrinación y estudio de 10 semanas. Dos meses antes, nos habían encargado organizar una fiesta de Navidad con los niños del Orfanato de la Guardería en Belén, recaudamos casi \$ 2,000 en donaciones y recolectamos una docena de cajas de juguetes. El Orfanato de la Guardería está en una pendiente detrás del hospital de la Sagrada Familia en una parte de Belén que los turistas nunca llegan a ver. Dirigido por las Hijas de la Caridad francesas, el edificio ordenado y limpio está bajo la protección de los Caballeros de la Orden de Malta. Estos eran tiempos difíciles y la Hermana Sophie iba a Jerusalén en busca de donaciones de benefactores cuando el suministro de alimentos era bajo.

Habían pasado más de dos años y yo había sido ordenado sacerdote y asignado a mi primera parroquia cuando recibí una invitación para ser el director espiritual de un grupo de peregrinos a Tierra Santa. Recordé a los niños del Orfanato de la Guardería y me pregunté cómo estarían. En la misa, compartí mis recuerdos diciendo que tal vez el Señor estaba de nuevo "tocando la puerta de nuestros corazones para hacer algo". Cuando llegué a la sacristía, tenía \$ 240 en un sobre marcado "Para los niños en Belén". Esa noche, estaba en un restaurante chino con amigos cuando compartí que quería recaudar al menos \$ 500. Cuando llegó la galleta de la fortuna, decía: "¡Recibirás el deseo de tu corazón!". Me reí y les dije que debería haberle pedido más a Dios.

"Asombroso" es una palabra demasiado simple ante la generosidad de la gente fiel de Dios. En las semanas siguientes, el dinero provino de donantes anónimos y otros que especificaron que no quieren ser reconocidos públicamente. Los niños de la escuela dieron sus asignaciones semanales y otros en memoria de familiares fallecidos. Para el día de mi partida, las donaciones ascendieron a \$ 4,717. El 23 de septiembre, nuestro grupo de peregrinos llegó a Belén y mientras nos dirigíamos a la capilla del orfanato, se introdujeron más donaciones en el sobre. Por supuesto, ahora había más de \$ 5,000.

La hermana Sophie nos habló sobre su ministerio en la Guardería, diciendo que hay unos 50 niños que permanecen tiempo completo y 70 más para la guardería. Ella compartió que los niños solo pueden ser adoptados por familias musulmanas y lamentó la falta de subsidio de la Autoridad Palestina. Por el contrario, su ayuda es constantemente buscada para los suministros que se necesitan con urgencia. Agregó que el orfanato depende únicamente de las donaciones de sus benefactores. Cuando presentamos nuestro regalo, ella se quedó sin aliento, "¡Mon Dieu!" "¡Dios mío!"

Nuestros peregrinos jugaron con los niños en el mismo pasillo donde conocí a la hermana Sophie. Ella nos habló de las dificultades que encuentra, sin embargo, nunca mostró un rastro de resentimiento o amargura. Su enfoque fue simplemente derramar el amor de Dios sobre los niños que han sido abandonados en la puerta de su casa, en el basurero o abandonados por madres solteras. Su misión es reconstruir vidas y cuidar a los niños traumatizados por la violencia, el abandono y el rechazo.

Mientras nos despedíamos, la hermana Sophie me tomó la mano con fuerza y dijo "¡recuérdenos en sus oraciones!" Respiré profundo y le dije: "Pídale al Señor que nos lo recuerde cuando necesiten algo". Cuando salíamos de la "pequeña ciudad de Belén" hubo un silencio espeluznante en el autobús con cada peregrino preguntándose sobre el destino de los niños de la Guardería, todos víctimas de circunstancias que escapan a su control. Ahora, al recordar los acontecimientos de ese día, estoy seguro de que en los corazones de todos los que llevaron la Navidad a Belén en septiembre, un gozo indescriptible alaba a Dios con las palabras "Gracias, Señor, porque me siento maravillosamente 'usado' por ¡Ti!"

* Nota: Después de 9 años, he olvidado el título original que había usado. Hmmm. Signos de envejecimiento!



"The first principle of the Knights of Columbus is charity expressed in service to others, especially the vulnerable and those in need. Charity is not merely an external action, but rather flows from hearts purified by the power of God's merciful love. How important it is, then, that we embrace the gifts of the Easter season, leaving our false images behind and humbly turning to the Lord." Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

The month of May is the month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, and it is the occasion for a moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During May, the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters will be praying the Rosary in the beautifully remodeled chapel on Sundays at 3 p.m. Please come join us in prayer.

If you are a Catholic man interested in becoming a Knight, please contact our council at [520-303-4791](tel:520-303-4791).



"News You Can Use"

Pre-K to 6th Grades:

This Sunday, we learned Jesus is with us, Alleluia!!! We studied about how Jesus Appears to His Disciples. Jesus disciples witness him risen from death. Jesus brings the Apostles and us peace. We practice this every Sunday during Mass with the Sign of Peace. Jesus is present in the Church. We attend Mass every Sunday showing belief in Resurrection. His disciples recognize Jesus in the breaking of bread as we do ourselves at mass, Alleluia!

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Important Dates:

April 29th, Last Class and Closing Ceremony
May 6th, Sunday, First Eucharist Ceremony @ 11:00am Mass

Life Teen / Confirmation:

This Sunday, we look at Session #10: Confirmation of the Decision Point videos were used with the students.

Objectives:

- To demonstrate that candidates are personally called and chosen by God, but they are responsible for how they respond to that call.
- To teach candidates how to prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.
- To help candidates recognize that Confirmation is not the end of something, but the beginning of an incredible new phase in their faith journey.

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Do you believe that God has good plans for you?
- 2) What can you do to find out the plans God has for your future?
- 3) How has your idea of Confirmation changed since we began our time together?

Key Concepts:

KNOW IT: We all serve something or someone with our lives.

THINK ABOUT IT: Are you serving God with your life? If not, whom or what are you serving?

LIVE IT: Look for one way to serve God better today.

Important Dates:

May 9th, Wednesday, Confirmation Ceremony

BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47).

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*St. Joseph Catholic School
And Parish*

FIESTA 2018

*Friday, May 4
5 p.m. to 10 p.m.*

*Saturday, May 5
5 p.m. to 10 p.m.*

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER



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