

St. Andrew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

800 Taylor Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 | 520. 458.2925 | www.standrewsv.org

"I will make you fishers of men"

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m. (Spanish)
5:00 p.m. -Life Teen

Monday- Friday

Daily Mass

9:00 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 a.m.
Vigil - 5:00 p.m.

LIVESTREAMING MASS

Monday to Saturday

9 a.m.

Sunday

10 a.m. & 12 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday

9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD

MISSION (Route 82, west of Mustang Corners)

Saturday

6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Confession: Before Mass

CLASSES

Adult Christian Initiation

Deacon Mike Denton

If you are interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith and or becoming a Catholic, call the Parish Office.

Religious Education

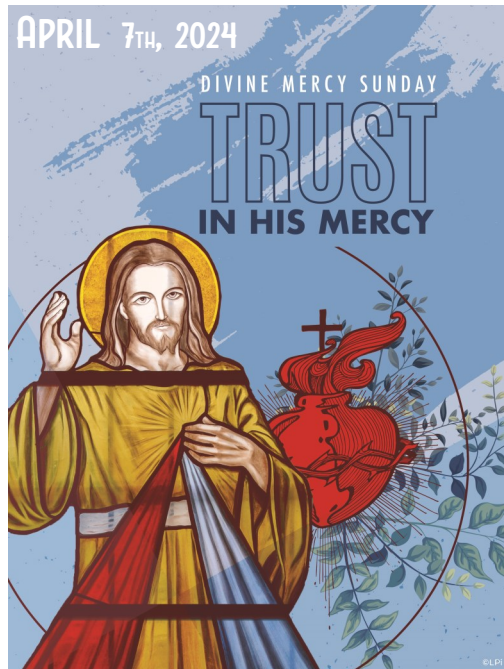
Genevieve Rivera

Faith formation prepares students Pre-K-12 for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation. This is a comprehensive program in which students will continue to learn about our practices and beliefs as Roman Catholics.

Teen Sacraments

Deacon Bill Polakowski

If your teenager is in need of Confirmation or another Sacrament, contact the Parish Office.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Reconciliation

Monday - Saturday morning
30 minutes before ALL MASSES
Saturday from 8:15 - 8:55 a.m.
3:30 - 4:55 p.m.
Sunday from 7:30 -7:55 a.m.
4:30 - 4:55 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment.

Baptism

Parents requesting baptism for their children are required to:

- * Pre-register at the Parish Office.
- * Bring a copy of the child's birth certificate.
- * Parents and Godparents are required to attend one baptism prep class.

Held on the first Tuesday of the of the month in English, last Tuesday of the month in Spanish.

Marriage

Please make arrangements at the Parish Office six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick:

1st Friday of each month after the 9:00am and 12:05pm Masses or as needed by calling the Parish Office.

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Please visit our website, www.standrewsv.org and go to the “resources” tab and select “On-line giving”. It’s easy, fast and secure.

Helpline: 800-348-2886

Read the bulletin online @ www.standrewsv.org



Find us on the Web:
www.standrewsv.org



View our daily and Sunday Masses on- line

Please join us for **Bible Study** each week in Madonna Hall. *Come and learn with us!*



Tuesday mornings: 9:45-11:00 a.m.
Wednesday evenings: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

When you scan this QR Code you are able to make a donation to Parish’s general fund. A receipt will be sent to you via e-mail. This will be your only record, so please keep it.

Thank you so much for your generosity!



SCAN ME

Bulletin Articles are DUE by:
12p.m. on Tuesday.
Please submit all announcements in
“PDF” or ‘WORD” Format to:
bulletin@standrewsv.org

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITY

You may memorialize a loved one in our Prayer Garden by purchasing a brick and having it engraved with their name. The cost is only \$200, and it will be placed in our beautiful Prayer Garden. Call Kate at the Parish Office for more information at 520-458-2925.

Welcome to St. Andrew the Apostle Parish



With open hearts we welcome all who have come to the house of the Lord. If you are new to the parish, please take time to stop by the office and register. Once registered, this implies that you will participate with our faith community at Sunday Liturgy and return to the Lord by sharing your time, talent, and treasure with His Church.

*Thank You
For Your
Will to Give*



Your gift will support our life of payer, and our prayer will be the gift we offer in return to support you and your loved ones.

FORM OF BEQUEST FOR A WILL:

I give, devise, and bequeath to Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish, 800 Taylor Dr. Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arizona... (here state the amount of money or description of the property willed).

Sign up for our St. Andrew's weekly update! Text the letters **StAndrewSV** to **84576**



DID YOU KNOW....

that we are very pleased to share that one of our “Priest-sons” of the Parish, *Fr. Bob Gonzalez*, is returning to us as a “Priest in Residence”?

The son of the late *Lupe* and *Jessie Gonzalez*, *Fr. Bob* was Ordained to the Priesthood here at *St. Andrew's* on 10 June 1978 – our first Ordination!

Following assignments in various parishes in the Diocese, *Fr. Bob's* considerable intellectual gifts were recognized, and he was sent to Rome for Graduate Studies, receiving a Licentiate in Philosophy in 1987 and his Doctorate in 1990, both from the Pontifical Gregorian University. He was then assigned to the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, where he taught Philosophy and served as Vice Rector until 2005. *Fr. Bob* served in parishes in Germany from 2010-2014, while working on the translation of the papers of the founder of the Josephinum, *Msgr. Joseph Jessing*, on behalf of the Seminary. Because of his strong ties to the parishes in Germany and fluent German, he returns for extended stays and ministry every year!

Since 2014, he has been serving as the Parochial Vicar at *St. John the Evangelist Parish* in Tucson, while engaged in research on the appearance of the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe - he is our Diocesan expert on the Apparitions! Following his ‘retirement’ from active parochial ministry last year, he has been living and doing research and writing in Tucson.

Because *Fr. Bob's* family (his brothers and sister) live here and his long and happy association with his ‘home parish’, he was invited to return to us. He will be “Priest in Residence” and will be living in our former Convent on North Avenue, (now to be known as “St. Francis House”) and assisting us here at *St. Andrew's/Good Shepherd*! Please join us in ‘welcoming home’ our own *Fr. Bob*! A BIG thank you to all – for the Easter greetings, cards, and extra prayers!

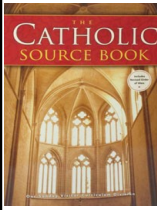
May our Lord reward your goodness to us!



**El Grupo del Rosario Hispano
los invita a rezar con ellos
todos los lunes a las 7 p.m.
en la Capilla de la
Divina Misericordia.**

CATHOLIC QUIZ: Why does the Pope wear a white cassock?”

The Answer to Last Week's Question: “When did ‘Divine Mercy Sunday’ enter the Church's calendar?”



It was Pope St. John Paul II who introduced ‘Divine Mercy Sunday’ into the Church's liturgical calendar, on what had been called ‘Low Sunday’ (the Sunday after the “High” Feast of Easter). At the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000, the Pope officially designated the Sunday after Easter as the ‘Sunday of the Divine Mercy.’

This has become one of the most popular of the ‘new’ Feasts – and carries the Message of Mercy into the whole Easter Season!

If you would like to be as smart as the “Quiz Master” — you can purchase a copy of the Catholic Source Book, available in the Parish Office.

SOUL FOOD:

“Those who refuse the message and the power of the Paschal Mystery of Christ's dying and rising, and the invitation to make their life a thanksgiving with Christ, will always find reasons to curse their fate.”

-Fr. Bernard Haring, C.S.S.R. (1912-1998)

WEEKLY OFFERING

St. Andrew: \$25,537

Good Shepherd: \$237

Good Friday (Holy Land) \$6,267

Holy Thursday: (Seminarians): \$3,116

Second collection for Sunday, April 28th:
Catholic Home Missions

Going to college or a trade school? Plan on continuing your Catholic Faith journey while you do so?

You may be eligible for the Fr. Kino Scholarship award. The Fr. Kino Scholarship (formerly known as the SAASE Scholarship) will award a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a student (s) from the Sierra Vista area that are enrolled, or are enrolling in an institution of higher learning in 2024/25.

Please contact thad.a.larson@gmail.com for an application packet.



Readings for the Week

Sunday:

Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/
1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Monday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/
Jn 3:31-36

Friday:

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Observances for the week

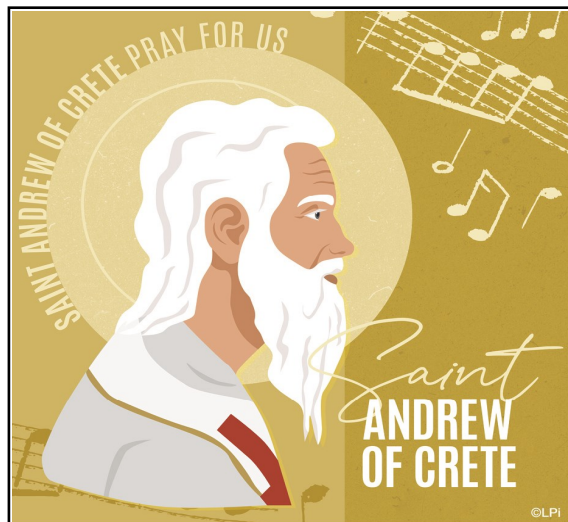
Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Thursday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter



Prayer for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

Dear Jesus,
As you greeted your disciples
after you rose, fill us, too, with
your peace.
As you breathed your spirit on
them, breathe on us, too.
As your presence was known to
Thomas, make it known to us, too.
Help us to live in your peace,
power, and presence.
Amen.

Clase prebautismal para papás y padrinos


**El martes, 30 de abril
7 p.m. en la Iglesia**



Saint of the week

St. Andrew of Crete was born in Damascus and was mute until he received his First Communion at age 7. He went on to be an influential archbishop and hymnist in Crete. His most renowned work, the Great Canon, is chanted during Lent in Eastern Orthodox churches.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 6th		Saturday, April 13th	
Legion of Mary	<u>9:00AM</u>	Carmelite Community	<u>9:00AM</u>
Elaine Emmerich	Curia	+Vo Duy Hieu	Benefactor
	Bowling Family		Friend
+Peter Mastrantuono	<u>5:00PM</u>		<u>5:00PM</u>
+Jerry Regan	John Goodman	The Communities of St. Andrew &	Good Shepherd Mission
+Emma Reyes	Glenn & Diane McDaniel		<u>6:30PM GSM</u>
	Estela Quiles	+Vo Duy Thanh	Friend
+Jim Sachs	<u>6:30PM GSM</u>	+All Souls in Purgatory	Friend
+All Souls in Purgatory	Bette Mroz		
	Friend	SUNDAY, April 14th	
SUNDAY, April 7th			<u>8:00AM</u>
+Maria Miranda	<u>8:00AM</u>	+Antia Then	Cruz Family
Anita Querino	Lydia Corral	+Phyllis Snyder	Pat Snyder
	Elizabeth Dicky		<u>10:00AM</u>
Dan & Maria Pierce	<u>10:00AM</u>	Cursillo Movement	School of Leaders
+Lincoln Schneider	Deacon Mike	+Lupe Rivera	Albert Rivera
+Mary Pokorski	Margaret Dalmer		<u>12:00PM</u>
	Her Children	Maria Montaño	Durazo Family
+Jose Pedro & +Ana Alicia Montaño	<u>12:00PM</u>	Gloria Castañeda	Miguel Castañeda
+Angelina Flores	Durazo Family		<u>5:00PM</u>
	Ana Parada	+Father Arnoldo Noriega	Lonie & Mome Saragoza
	<u>5:00PM</u>	+Javier & +Socorro Portillo	Family
	Good Shepherd Mission		
The Communities of St. Andrew &			
Monday, April 8th		Feast of Divine Mercy	
	<u>9:00AM</u>	Holy Hour	
+Dora Aiello	Pauline Fredericks	25th Anniversary	
+Robert Ford	Michael & Elizabeth Maroney	Divine Mercy Sunday	
	<u>12:00AM</u>	April 7th, 2024 2:30 – 3:30 PM	
+Ana Wolf	Wallace Family	St. Andrew the Apostle Church	
+Javier & Socorro Portillo	Family	All of the faithful are invited to participate in this Holy Hour, which will include:	
Tuesday, April 9th		Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image Exposition and	
	<u>9:00AM</u>	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Praying of the	
+Jerry Grady	1st. Anniversary	Chaplet of Divine Mercy Reflection Sacrament of	
+Lincoln Schneider	Tom & Pauline Fredericks	Reconciliation.	
	<u>12:00PM</u>	Feast of Divine Mercy	
+Arnoldo V. Galaz	Diana Medel	Holy Hour	
+Marina Miranda	Lydia Corral		
Wednesday, April 10th			
	<u>9:00AM</u>		
+Oscar & +Rosalinda Abugho	Family		
+Dale Cloma	Family		
	<u>12:00PM</u>		
+Ana Wolf	Holland Family		
Corinna Blaschke	Lupita		
Thursday, April 11th			
	<u>9:00AM</u>		
Brian Baker	Birthday		
+Vo Thi Ai Ni	Friend		
	<u>12:00PM</u>		
+Luis Carlos Cañez	Family		
+Vo Duy Nghia	Friend		
Friday, April 12th			
	<u>9:00AM</u>		
+Alma Amaya	Melissa Fernandez		
+Rudolphe Desgrossillier	Charles Desgrossillier		
	<u>12:00PM</u>		
+Martin DeVere	Dcn. Lauro & Lupita		
+Cruz Valencia	Family		

Cor ad Cor Loquitur

- Blessed John Henry Newman
Heart Speaks to Heart

Calling all men 18 and older.

Join us for a Cor Dialog – an hour of Faith, Formation and Fraternity

When: Saturday April 20, 2024

Where: St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church,

When: After the 9:00 AM Mass



What: Cor is Latin for “heart”. The inspiration for this name is drawn from the expression “cor ad cor loquitur”, “heart speaks to heart.” This was the episcopal motto of St. John Henry Newman and a variation of St. Francis de Sales “cor cordi loquitur.” This phrase holds multiple meanings. How God speaks to man, how man speaks to man, and how man speaks to God. . As brothers in Christ and members of his holy Church, we understand the importance and necessity of how the masculine heart speaks to each other within true Christian friendship. True Christian friendship, that is committed to building each other up in imitation of Christ, is a crucial component of a vibrant Catholic life.

Any Questions?

Contact Larry Powers (702) 827-8135, lapowers1@msn.com

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS!

The Craft Group meets Thursday 10a.m.-12 p.m. in Madonna Hall, Room 1. The Craft Group works on craft items and organizes donated items for sale at the Ladies Bazaar and Saint Nicholas Fair in support of Parish needs and charities. All parishioners are welcome to share their talents! The Craft Group gratefully accepts yarn, material, and any other crafting items.

A special thank you to all Parishioners for the craft donations we receive all year long!

Many parishioners prefer to work on crafts at home. We need all of you generous and talented at-home crafters to drop your donated finished items at the Parish Office so we can price and organize them before the Bazaar in November 2024.

If you have questions, or suggestions, or need craft supplies for your donation project, call :

Mary Ellen Lewis at 520-271-7340
or Fran Cassidy at 520-803-0298

The Breaking of the Bread

In the earliest Church: “...they devoted themselves...to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers...” Acts 2:42



**9 AM Mass, Sat., April 27, at
St Andrew the Apostle Church**

800 N. Taylor Drive,
Sierra Vista, AZ

Followed by

**Pot Luck Brunch, in Kino Hall, and
Charismatic prayer meeting with
Eucharistic Adoration, in
The Divine Mercy Chapel**

All are Welcomed Bring a Friend & *your Bible*

Call Kathleen (520-459-0669), or
see www.tucsonccr.org for details

**No charge; Please come even if
you cannot bring any food!**

Bible Study group will NOT be meeting
Wednesday, April 10th.



Normal meeting time will resume
the following week.

SCAM ALERT

NO ONE from St. Andrew’s Parish including the office staff nor the clergy will e-mail, call, text or communicate in any manner for solicitation of funds. If you receive an e-mail or text message requesting funds on behalf of Fr. Greg or anyone connected with the Parish, delete it immediately.

Never give your personal information to anyone regardless of who they say they are. Scammers prey upon parishioners and are active in our area.

St. Andrew's Concert Series

Presents

Douglas Leightenheimer, Organist

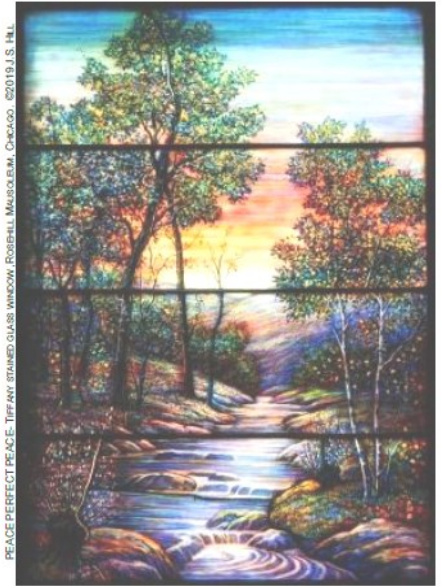
Playing the music of Bach, Howells, Widor and others

Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 2:00PM

**St. Andrew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church
800 Taylor Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635**

For more information please call (520) 226-5574

There is no charge to attend this concert. A freewill offering will be accepted.



We will hold a public Rosary on April 20 at 12 Noon on the corner of Highway 90 and 92, near Chili's Restaurant in Sierra Vista. It is an opportunity to pray in a public forum for our country, our world, and those who have lost their way.

Our format is to pray:

The Angelus, The Rosary, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, and a litany for the month.

We are there for about 30 minutes.

Please come and pray with us.

Spiritual Direction

Would you enjoy having a companion on your faith journey? Someone to walk with you in wonder?

Then visit :

<https://anamcharacompanion.com> to find out more about spiritual direction. Face to face and Zoom appointments are available.

Questions?

Email Mary Bridget Coyle at soulfriendmbc@outlook.com for more information.



Rachel's Vineyard (Tucson) - If the emotional and spiritual wounds of a past abortion took faith, love and joy from your life, sign up now for a co-ed Rachel's Vineyard retreat in Tucson, May 10-12, 2024. Visit:

www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org or Call/Text 520-743-6777.

REPORT ABUSE

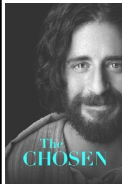
Call 911

- Call law enforcement to make a report.
- If the abuse happened in Arizona, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area.
- If the abuse happened in any other state, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area of that state.
- Call the diocese in which the abuse happened.

If the abuse happened in the Diocese of Tucson, call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson at **520-623-0344** (1-800-234-0344 in Arizona) and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection of the Diocese of Tucson at **520-838-2513**.

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

From Your Parish Library




Happy Sunday - Great news! Due to popular demand, The Chosen Season 3 is available both on DVD and Blu-Ray for viewing. Season 4 is still in theaters and is not available yet – but we will have it in stock once it is available! Keep your eyes open!



**Please Silence
All Cell Phones**

**Before Entering
Our Place of Worship**



Awaken

AS FOR ME I SHALL BEHOLD YOUR FACE IN
RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHEN I AWAKE I SHALL
BE SATISFIED IN BEHOLDING YOUR
LIKENESS
PSALM 17:15

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Moms of Mercy, BIS Women's Group and Strong Catholic Families
invite all women of our local
Catholic faith communities to a day of reflection and renewal.

SATURDAY APRIL 27
9AM-4PM
ST. ANDREW'S
MADONNA HALL

RSVP TO KARLA
KGRUEDA6@GMAIL.COM

\$10 DONATION IF ABLE
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

**YOU HAVE UNTIL APRIL
15TH TO MAKE A TAX
CREDIT CONTRIBUTION**



Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) under the Diocese of Tucson is helping students attend Catholic schools regardless of their race, religion, national origin, and economic status. Take advantage of Arizona's Tax Credit Program by directing your tax dollars to CTSO and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit. Brochures are available in the vestibule or visit www.ctso-tucson.org for online giving.

**Make your contribution by
April 15, 2024,
for the 2023 tax year.**

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Uplift your Priest starts April 8th

"As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Let us affirm our priests and help carry out Christ's mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Maybe God is also calling you to share in His saving Mission as a priest. Talk to your priest or reach out to Deacon Bill at: bsaski@live.com

Comienza Apoya a tu Sacerdote el 8 de abril

"Como el Padre me envió, así también yo te envío". Afirmemos a nuestros sacerdotes y ayudemos a llevar a cabo la misión de Cristo de difundir el amor y la compasión en el mundo. Quizás Dios también te esté llamando a compartir su misión salvadora como sacerdote. Habla con tu sacerdote o comunícate con el Diácono Lauro Terán al correo electrónico: lauroteran@msn.com



The Roman Catholic
Diocese of Tucson

Your HELP IS NEEDED!

We are in need of
a permanent Sacristan
EVERY OTHER SUNDAY for the 8:00
a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses and for
any of our weekly Masses.



If you feel called to serve at Mass and assist the Priest, please call the office, and let us know! We will provide the training. This is a very beautiful ministry, and a true gift to be able to serve and assist the Priest at the altar.

Join more than 80,000 Catholics throughout the country who will be attending the National Eucharistic Congress, July 18-21, 2024, in Indianapolis, Indiana!

Our Catholic Church throughout the country has been observing a three-year time of study, prayer, and action to increase our knowledge, love, and life as a Eucharistic community.

The concluding event is the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024. The program includes times of celebrations of Mass,

prayer, workshops, and activities for all who attend. Various speakers, musicians, and animators will make this a time of excitement and encouragement for all who attend. Scheduling, speakers, and registration information can be found at

eucharisticcongress.org

For questions and additional information, contact the registration team at the following email

NECRegistration@eucharisticcongress.org.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Alive in Christ

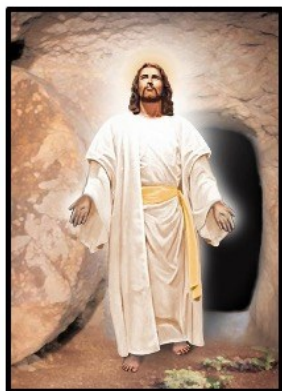
Charismatic Healing Mass

Thursday April 11 at 6:45 PM

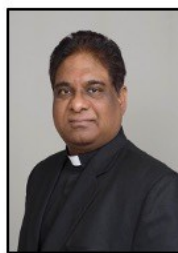
“For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.”

Romans 6:5

Jesus Has Risen Hallelujah!



- ❖ Lively Praise & Worship
- ❖ Holy Mass
- ❖ Anointing of the Sick
- ❖ Your Prayer Intentions



Fr Bala Kommathoti

Bring your family & friends!

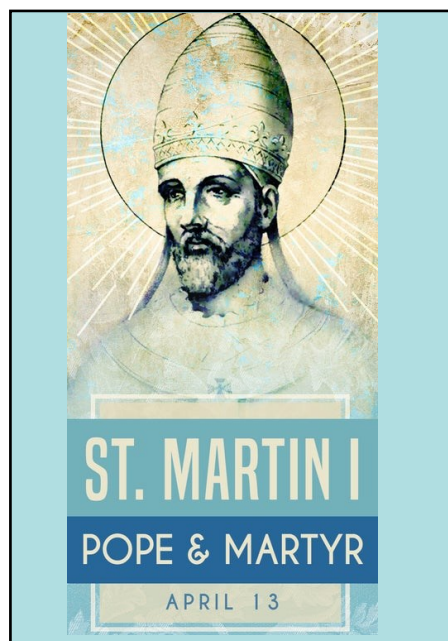
- Attend in person at: Our Lady of La Vang Parish, at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson
- Also, on Zoom at: **Meeting ID: 814 4930 0841**
Passcode: 352734

View this using Zoom app on a computer / tablet / smart phone,

Or listen on a traditional phone: Dial (346) 248 7799 or (669) 900 9128 (*not toll-free*)

-If you have problems joining the meeting, please text Diana at: [520-981-8800](tel:520-981-8800).

- For Zoom training videos, and videos of past meetings, go to TucsonCCR.org



RESPECT LIFE

Prayer & Action

PRAYER GUIDE | APRIL 2024

INTERCEDE

May all who suffer after participating in abortion find forgiveness and healing in Christ's mercy.



PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

Each year, on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. In the 1930s, Jesus appeared to a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. As Jesus continued to appear to St. Faustina, she recorded His messages in her *Diary*. On one such occasion, Jesus said to St. Faustina, "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners" (*Diary*, no. 699).

When recalling our sins, we may feel discouraged or fearful of approaching God; however, we can cling to the truth that Christ's Passion on the Cross did not end in death, but in the joy of the Resurrection. The miracle of Easter gives us the courage to face our sins, confess our mistakes, and then humbly receive God's forgiveness and accept the joy that comes with new life in Christ. In his infinite love for us, God desires nothing more than to wash away our sins and offer us his mercy. He has a prepared place in his merciful heart for each of us, and no sin is bigger than his power to forgive.

No matter how we have fallen, the Resurrection of Christ is an assurance of *hope*. Christ's mercy is constantly available to us, if only we reach out to him in faith and confidence through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The words Christ revealed to St. Faustina, he also speaks to us: "*Lay your head on my shoulder, rest and regain your strength. I am always with you*" (*Diary*, no. 498).

ACT (choose one)

- Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 pm (the Hour of Mercy) for the intention of healing for all suffering from involvement in abortion. How to pray: usccb.org/divine-mercy-chaplet.
- Jesus spoke to St. Faustina, "*Reveal all the wounds of your heart. I will heal them*" (*Diary*, no. 1487). Seek Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and allow His healing mercy to reach every hurt and hidden pain.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

In this two-minute video (bit.ly/finding-hope-project-rachel), several women share their journeys towards a path of hope. Through the help of Project Rachel Ministry (www.hopeafterabortion.org), they found healing from the hidden suffering they carried after their abortions. Please raise awareness by viewing and sharing on social media.

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