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Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time August 9, 2020

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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 5:30pm Vigil Patagonia

8:00am Sonoita

10:30am Patagonia

Daily Mass

Tuesday – 5:30pm

Wednesday – Friday 9:00am

Confessions

Saturday – 4:00pm to 4:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **St. Therese Parish continues to work internally and expenses continue to accumulate. The budget of our parish depends greatly on the generosity of all of you, parishioners. Our budget has suffered greatly. I kindly ask for your continued financial support to maintain the parish. May the Lord bless you always, Fr. Alexander Tigga.**

***Ramon Miranda is available Monday-Friday
9:00am-2:00pm for any parish office matters.
Cell phone #520-313-4813, or
email sttheresa@dakotacom.net**

***Angel Wings Thrift & Gift Shop is closed until
further notice.**

Parishes Opening for Public Worship

July 31, 2020

I am pleased to share with you that as of August 7th the majority of our parishes have the option to open once again for limited public worship. As this situation is evolving each community must understand that these protocols can evolve as this public health crisis evolves. The following points are especially significant in this goal as we move forward:

Parishes located on lands associated with Native American Nations will follow the public health protocols and directives of their proper Tribal Government. **Also, the parishes located in Yuma County and Santa Cruz County are delayed until August 21st, at the earliest, for the option of reopening. As of July 28, 2020, the Covid-19 positivity rate for much of southern Arizona is under ten percent. However, the positivity rate in Yuma County is 17.5%, and Santa Cruz County is at 25.3%. While a substantial portion of the concentrations of Coronavirus can be attributed to area nursing homes, detention centers and prisons, the virus in the general population of these counties cannot be entirely discounted. In Yuma County, for instance, the Arizona Health Department lists “workplace exposure” as the #1 cause of infection. Parishes in these locations remain free to distribute Holy Communion outdoors to their**

parishioners or to celebrate outdoor Masses, as is currently permitted.

It is my great hope that after an additional delay of two to three weeks these communities can safely offer indoor celebrations as well.

- The risks associated with public gatherings have not decreased and the formal Dispensation from participating in Sunday Mass in person remains in place for all persons living in or visiting the Diocese of Tucson. To state the obvious, we do not have a working vaccine or perfect method of treatment for Covid-19. It is my recommendation that the faithful remain at home until this situation is somewhat safer. I urge the faithful to commit daily to a time of prayer but most especially on Sundays. I also strongly encourage the reception of Holy Communion outdoors at your parish after prayerfully observing a Mass on television or the internet. While this public health situation remains troubling I must recall that our original motivation to cease public indoor gatherings was the extraordinarily high patient census in our hospitals, especially Intensive Care Units. That situation has improved. As of July 28th, hospitalization rates due to Covid-19 for Arizona have dropped 37% from their peak on July 13th. As our hospitals are reporting greater capacity, and I anticipate that only a small portion of our Catholic population will return for public Masses at this time, I conclude that limited indoor public Masses have once again become a possibility for much of our Diocese.

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- No parish in the approved areas of our Diocese is required to reopen for public indoor Masses. The decision to reopen resides with the parish Pastor (or parish Administrator), in consultation with his local advisors.
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- I urge pastors, whether open for public indoor Masses or not, to provide times for the faithful to come in person and receive Holy Communion outdoors.
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- I also urge that those identified in the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines as highly at risk to refrain from in-person participation at Masses. This includes persons with chronic health conditions as well as persons age 65 and older.
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- For those parishes that elect to open, they must return to those protocols observed just prior to the recent suspension of public indoor Masses. Pastors are to review the protocols previously approved by my delegate for this purpose, Msgr. Al Schifano. This applies to Mass, other Sacraments (including Confession), parish meetings, celebrations, etc. There may be no adaptation or variance from the approved prior protocols with the exception of the protocols listed immediately below.
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- Pastors are reminded that they may celebrate Masses beginning on Fridays and continuing through Mondays—with those Masses always making use of the Sunday Mass prayers and Scripture readings. Holy Communion may never be given indoors; it is to be given to the faithful only outdoors, even for those who have attended a Mass in person, and only provided in the hand. Receiving Holy Communion after Mass is over and upon exiting the Church is a way that those who attended Mass in person can be in solidarity with the Community who has observed a

Mass by technology and may then be coming to receive Holy Communion at the same time. Any prior permission to distribute Holy Communion indoors is hereby revoked.

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- The use of a mask is to protect others and also shows great respect and concern for our priests. It is clearly a pro-life issue. While already listed in approved protocols I wish to remind everyone that face masks are a firm requirement for all persons age six and older. Parishioners with a health condition making it impossible for them to make use of a mask are to contact their parish office ahead of time to verify the health condition with their pastor. There are no other exceptions to this protocol.

I believe that substantial strides are being made in the creation of vaccines as well as better treatments. However, as noted above, the reopening of our parishes for limited indoor public Masses should not signal a lessening of caution or even an encouragement to attend Mass in person at this time. Indeed, as both faithful Catholics and faithful citizens, I urge the faithful to set a good example for the public. The aggressive observance of our protocols gives witness to our love of neighbor, appreciation for those who minister to us, and concern for the most vulnerable of our communities.

Lastly, I once again urge the faithful to enter into a true spirit of prayer, asking Our Lord and His Blessed Mother to intervene quickly, bringing us the vaccine and better medical treatments we need in order to celebrate our faith with far fewer constraints. I also ask for prayers for the sick, as well as for healthcare workers and first-responders. They are powerful witnesses to the love of neighbor.

May God bless you abundantly,

+Edward J. Weisenburger
Bishop of Tucson

Prayer Request

Paco Moreno	Bob Bilodeau	Don Witt
Ruben Mendoza	Dr. Jesse	Art Pena
Virginia Fain	Cruz Quiroga	Delfina Madrid
Paul Mihalik, Sr.	Sadie G.	Amelia Barrios
Lucy Mihalik	Joseph Hann	Harold Swyers
Pam D.	Waclaw Wolosik	Jeannette Swyers
Steve Biddle	Pelagia Wolosik	Ricardo Martinez
Nancy Swyers	John Swyers	

AUGUST 2020	Patagonia	Sonoita	Total
Regular Offering	\$	\$	\$
Goal			\$1,650.00
Over /Under Goal			\$
2nd	\$	\$	\$

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

Aug 9- Church In Africa
Aug 16- Parish Priest Salary
Aug 23- Poor & Needy

Parish Office News

Dear Parishioners,

Please feel free to contact me with

any parish business as I am

working from my home office.

Mass Intentions

Saturday Aug 8, 5:30pm
Missa Pro Populo

Sunday Aug 9, 8:00am
Missa Pro Populo

Sunday Aug 9, 10:30am
Missa Pro Populo

Parish Home Office Hours:

Contact Ramon at
520-313-4813 or
sttheresa@dakotacom.net.
Monday-Friday
9:00am-2:00pm

Sacramental Life

Baptism: Contact Parish Office one month prior to the desired date
Confirmation: Contact Parish Office for information and schedule
Marriage: Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the desired date

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM
ANGEL WINGS THRIFT & GIFT SHOP

Dear Loyal Friends & Customers,

Angel Wings has recently been asked to vacate its space in order for the expansion of the owner's business. We expected this day to come sooner or later & we leave our current location with **SINCERE GRATITUDE** for the free use of this space over these past 8 years! We are forever **GRATEFUL TO THE RENZI FAMILY** for their **GENEROSITY** & allowing the dream of Angel Wings to become a reality.

Even though we will be moving from our current location, I'm happy to say that with time, patience & great anticipation, we will be **BUILDING A BRAND NEW ANGEL WINGS** just down the hill on our church property. We are hoping to have a **GRAND** re-opening in about six months time!

In order to clear out our inventory, we will be having a **50% OFF EVERYTHING IN THE SHOP SALE**, **AUGUST 12th - 15th**, from 10:00 until 2:00 each day. **MASKS WILL BE MANDATORY** in order to shop and we will do our best to make both your shopping experience & checkout as safe as possible.

WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT YOUR WONDERFUL DONATIONS at this time but we'll let you know when we have the space & volunteers to once again build up our one of a kind inventory!

WE THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS for your loyalty & friendship and can hardly wait to greet you in our new building. Until then, stay safe & we hope to see you at the sale!

SINCERELY,
ANGEL WINGS VOLUNTEERS

August 9, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, “Truly, you are the Son of God” (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Elijah: “Stand on the mountain; the LORD will be passing by” (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law, and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Nagasaki Memorial Day

Monday: St. Lawrence

Tuesday: St. Clare

Wednesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Thursday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus

Friday: St. Maximilian Kolbe

Saturday: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (EDITH STEIN) (1891-1942)

August 9

“Come,” Edith gently whispered, taking her sister Rosa’s hand, “let us go for our people!” These were Edith Stein’s last words as the Nazis, enraged at the Dutch bishops’ condemnation of their genocide, took into custody all Catholic converts from Judaism. Born Jewish, but non-practicing from her teens, Edith’s search for truth led to a doctorate in philosophy, a brilliant career as professor and author and, finally, to the *Autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila*, which she read in one sitting, then declared, “*That is the Truth!*” Baptized on January 1, 1922, observed then as the feast of Jesus’ initiation into the covenant of Abraham, confirmed on February 2, the feast of Jesus’ Presentation in the Temple, Edith entered the cloistered Carmelites in Cologne, transferring to a convent in Holland when she realized that, because of the Nazi persecution of the Jews, her presence could imperil the safety of the other nuns. She died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz as a daughter of Israel and of the Church.

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GOD’S IMAGE

Nature has perfections in order to show that she is the image of God, and defects to show that she is only God’s image.

—Blaise Pascal

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Alas for those who never sing, but die with their music within them.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes