

# St. Therese of Lisieux

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## Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time August 16, 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.  
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**\*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
<b>Regular Offering</b>	\$	\$	\$
<b>Goal</b>			\$1,650.00
<b>Over /Under Goal</b>			\$
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	\$	\$	\$

### **Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:**

**Aug 16- Parish Priest Salary**  
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**Aug 23- Poor & Needy**  
**Sep 6- Parish Priest Salary**  
**Sep 13- 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 15, 5:30pm**  
**Missa Pro Populo**  
  
**Sunday Aug 16, 8:00am**  
**Missa Pro Populo**  
  
**Sunday Aug 16, 10:30am**  
**Missa Pro Populo**

### **Parish Home Office Hours:**

**Contact Ramon at**  
**520-313-4813 or**  
**[sttheresa@dakotacom.net](mailto: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!

**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 16, 2020**

## **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **WHY PRAY?**

The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them, or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today’s readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely “knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend,” but also to “break, blow, burn, and make me new” (*Holy Sonnets*, XIV).

It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today’s Gospel, the results will follow.

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### **TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD: “Stand firm in justice; do what is right” (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

**Psalm** — O God, let all the nations praise you!  
(Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

**Gospel** — Recognizing the Canaanite woman’s great faith, Jesus told her, “It shall be done as you wish” (Matthew 15:21-28).

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### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab;  
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;  
Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8;  
Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

## **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Wednesday: St. John Eudes  
Thursday: St. Bernard  
Friday: St. Pius X  
Saturday: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## **SAINT PIUS X (1835-1914)**

### **August 21**

Presidential vetoes we understand. But imagine vetoing a papal election! Yet in the conclave of 1903, the Archbishop of Cracow (ironically, a predecessor in that office of Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II) vetoed the leading candidate on the order of the Austro-Hungarian emperor. Instead, the cardinals elected Giuseppe Sarto of Venice as Pius X, the first pope, after a succession of nobles and diplomats, to hail from humble origins. Nor did the papacy alter his endearing simplicity. Tailors eventually made his cassock cuffs detachable because he absentmindedly wiped his fountain pen on them, forgetting that his old black cassock had been replaced by papal white! Taking as his motto “To restore all things in Christ” (Ephesians 1:10), Pius condemned the theological innovations called “modernism,” yet dramatically altered the then-common practice whereby people rarely received Communion for fear of unworthiness, mandating early First Communion and urging everyone to frequent reception. Refusing to bless troops assembled in Saint Peter’s Square—“I bless peace, not war!”—he died brokenhearted as World War I engulfed Christian Europe despite his peacemaking efforts.

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## **GRATITUDE**

O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully grant us one thing more—a grateful heart.

—George Herbert

## **GOOD EXAMPLE**

A faithful Christian, illumined by the rays of grace like a crystal, ought to illumine his neighbor with the light of good example, through word and deed.