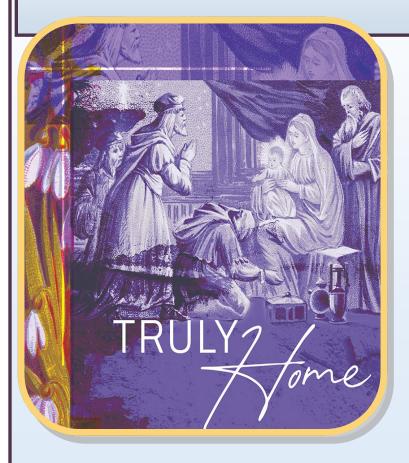
## January 07, 2024 The Epiphany of The Lord



### Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

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### **Pastor**

Rev. Ricky V. Ordóñez **Parochial Vicar** Rev. Ukeyima Adams, V.C.

### Deacons

John Keating Ackerley
Tom Campbell
Paul Duckro
Daniel F. Flanagan Jr.

### **MASSES:**

Saturday-5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass Sunday-7, 9, 11a.m., 1 & 6 p.m.

### **DAILY MASSES:**

Mon-Fri-7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Church Saturday-7:00 a.m., Church

**CONFESSIONS:** (Sacrament of Reconciliation) Saturdays: 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Church

### ADORATION/BENEDICTION:

Mondays-7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Fridays-6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

### **BAPTISMS**

Last Sunday of each month.

Parents: contact Parish Office to begin the preparations.

### **MARRIAGES**

Please call the Parish Office six months in advance. We want to help you prepare for your marriage.

**School Principal**—Nora Jaramillo 520-325-2431 1436 N Campbell Ave.

## **Baptism, CCD, and Director of Faith Formation**Deacon Daniel F. Flanagan Jr. 520-327-6015

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### PARISH CALENDAR

### Sunday 01/07

MASSES-7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Church

### Monday 01/08

MASSES-7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Church

### Tuesday 01/09

MASS-7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Church

MILLIONS OF MONICA'S-1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., Church

### Wednesday 01/10

MASS-7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Church

### Thursday 01/11

MASS-7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Church

### Friday 01/12

MASS-7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Church

ADORATION & BENEDICTION-6:00-7:00 p.m., Church

### Saturday 01/13

MASS-7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Church

CONFESSIONS- 10:30-11:30 a.m., and 3:30-5:00 p.m.,

Church

### **Sunday 01/14**

MASSES-7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., Church

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:1-12



### **Readings for the Week**

Monday: <u>The Baptism of the Lord</u>

Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: <u>Saint Hilary</u>

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17



### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

01/06 SAT. **5:30 p.m.** Luis Acosta

01/07 SUN. **7:00 a.m.** †Randi Valdez &

†Krista Valdez

9:00 a.m. SSPP Parishioners

11:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

1:00 p.m. †George & Pauline Ulevich

6:00 p.m. Special Intention

01/08 MON. **7:00 a.m.** †Joseph P. Castelan

**12:00 p.m.** †Deacon Chet &

Ronnie Pawloski

01/09 TUE. **7:00 a.m.** Charles M. Smith

12:00 p.m. Marcy Lemas

01/10 WED. **7:00 a.m.** Deacon Paul Duckro

12:00 p.m. Gladys & Tony Kwiatkowski

01/11 THU. **7:00 a.m.** †John Lindberg

12:00 p.m. †Deacon Don Nagy

01/12 FRI. **7:00 a.m**. †James Douglas Drachman

12:00 p.m. Jean & †Paul Shedlik

01/13 SAT. **7:00 a.m.** †Julian Gomez



### 2024 Calendars

Once again, thanks to the Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries, we have 2024 Catholic calendars for your homes. Calendars are available in the vesti-

bule or at the parish office.

## Giving-Tree

## SAINTS PETER & PAUL GIVING TREE!

As we welcome in the holy season

of Advent, we hope that we can journey together as a faith-community this season of giving. The parish is once again knocking on the doors of your hearts to participate in our annual "Giving Tree" project. We invite you to please take an ornament from the "Giving Tree" located next to the Saint Anthony statue. When you do so, please drop your unwrapped donation directly to the parish office. Thank you in advance for your generous support! God Bless!

Saints Peter & Paul Tucson, AZ

### Tucson March for Life

Join SS Peter and Paul parishioners, school families and hundreds of others who believe in the sanctity of life for the annual Tucson March for Life on Saturday January 20, 2024. It begins at St. Augustine Cathedral with mass at 9 am. Immediately following at 10, we will peacefully and prayerfully walk from the cathedral to Holy Hoe Cemetery on Oracle Road. The March concludes with the White Rose Ceremony at noon at the cemetery. If you would like to carpool to this event with others from SSPP, meet at the parish parking lot at 8:15 am.



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Yes, we do have new school choice options, but a tax credit contribution is still an option for Arizona taxpayers. Continue to support a needy and deserving student by taking advantage of the tax credit. If filing as a single taxpayer you can give up to \$1,306, and a married couple filing jointly can contribute up to \$2,609. Please pick up a brochure in the vestibule that will explain how you can get a dollar-for-dollar tax credit or visit the CTSO website at www.ctso-tucson.org.

### Mandatory Reporting Information Safe Environment

In accordance with the Mandatory Reporting law of the State of Arizona, all employees and volunteers are responsible to immediately report reasonable suspicion of the abuse of any vulnerable person/minor, regardless of the source of the abuse. For Diocesan information please visit https://diocesetucson.org/our-call-to-protect-1.

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### SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection next week will be for our Adopt-A-Student campaign. This collection provides financial assistance to families that are in need at Saints Peter & Paul School. Thank you for your generous support.



### **Finance Corner**

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023- Present

FIGURES ARE UNAVAILABLE THIS WEEK DUE TO THE PRINTER'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK
The Epiphany of the Lord
At the Mass during the Day
O God, who on this day
revealed your Only Begotten Son to
the nations
by the guidance of a star,
grant in your mercy
that we, who know you already by

beauty of your sublime glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

faith, may be brought to behold the



Don't give each other things this Christmas, give each other the gift of great communication, a deep

love and a marriage filled with God by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Feb 3-4, 2024 in Phoenix or April 6-7, 2024 in Tucson.



<u>Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic:</u>
<u>Now scheduling December</u>
appointments!

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To schedule an appointment, call Anna Burke at (520) 433-1669 or email annab@ccs-soaz.org.

### A Gift to the Future!

Christmas gifts are a wonderful part of this season of light and life. In them we show our love: appreciation for what has been and hope for what will be.

This year we ask you to remember our Parish Endowment on your list this year. The Endowment is one great way to say thank you for what has been done and to support what yet must be done in the future to keep the flame of faith alive.

Cards and envelopes can be found at the parish office. Thank you, and many blessings as we anticipate the celebration the Lord's birth!

### TIMES OF REFRESHING

Fr. Ricky V. Ordóñez

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A BLESSED NEW YEAR TO YOU AND ALL YOU LOVE! And, just like that, it is 2024! How time flies!!! It doesn't seem so long ago that we celebrated 2023 and now, a year has passed. It is time for us to reflect on what we have done and what we "failed" to do. Was it because we conveniently "put off" what we were supposed to do (or what we wanted to do) and we were overtaken by time? Lesson No. 1: "Never put off what we always wanted to do...or we, too, shall be overtaken by time or circumstances."

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**First of all...Gratitude!** We priests always "gear up" for the Christmas and Lenten seasons; but, no matter how hard we try, there is always something that we wish we had done earlier. Fortunately, we work with people who "bridge" all of our shortfalls. For me, I have the support of our 4 Deacons, our office and maintenance staff, choirs, lectors, altar servers, ushers who simply did wonders and made everything so "seamless". We could never have had all the celebrations done properly without their invaluable service. I will always be grateful.

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**And more GRATITUDE!** In our "busy ness" during the Christmas season, I have received gifts, cards and greetings from so many parishioners, friends, family, co-workers etc. that I am simply overwhelmed. For us priests, many a time we wonder if what we do is appreciated by the people we serve. Oftentimes, we only hear about complaints of what people "hear" from our homilies that didn't fit in well with them. The only times we hear from many is when they furnish us a copy of their complaints to the Bishop about what they alleged we have done or said. I assure you, this could be a damper in our ministry. Do we get used to it? No. We just "roll with the punches." And we forgive!

I realize that Christmas brings us some reassurance that, indeed, people appreciate what we do. The beautiful cards I received were filled with messages that bolstered my spirits and inform me that I'm still on the right track. For that I will always be grateful.

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A SHOW OF GRATITUDE REVEALS OUR TRUE SPIRIT! Gifts have been given and received at Christmas; yet, how many remember to express gratitude? Remember the story about the 10 lepers that Jesus healed and only one returned to say "THANKS"? Let us remember to simply say "THANK YOU!" to those who made the effort in giving us some Christmas Cheer! It doesn't cost anything to show our gratitude...yet, it shows much of what we are made of.

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WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S EPIPHANY! We don't usually use the word "epiphany" in common language and may have missed what it truly is. It means a "revelation, coming, manifestation"... Who is Christ in our lives? As I write this, I am asking myself the same question. All I can say is that I love HIM so much that I willingly followed HIS call to serve the church in the other side of the world, leaving behind the joys of being with my family and the comforts of home. What did I get in return? Not that I followed HIM for the "returns", but I found that God simply took care of everything that I needed and more. I didn't lose the love of my family and friends in the Philippines....but I gained a new family in the Diocese of Tucson and my new found friends and "family" here in the United States. God does give back in ABUNDANCE!

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