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Our Lady of the Mountains and All Saints Catholic School



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First Sunday of
Advent
December 2, 2018

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.
Luke 21:36

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Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00am
Wednesday 5:30pm
Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Spanish) &
5:00pm (Youth Mass)
First Saturday of each month at 8:00a.m.

Other Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick ~ After Mass on First Friday or by
Appointment

Baptism ~ By appointment only. Registration & Baptism
classes required. Please call Parish Office.

Marriage ~ Minimum 4 months advance notice. Please call
Parish Office.

Confessions ~ Saturday 4p.m. or anytime by appointment.



December 1, 2018~ Saturday

5:00p.m. Int. for St. Vincent de Paul Society

December 2, 2018 ~ Sunday

7:30a.m. ✠Richard Casper by Edelgard Casper

✠Logan DeRosier by Suzanne DeRosier

9:30a.m. For the people of the Parish

11:30a.m. ✠Santiago Ramos by Irma Ramos

✠Irma Celey Romo by The Romo Family

5:00p.m. ✠Paul Gignac by Cacilia Eckles-Edmond

December 3, 2018 ~ Monday

8:00a.m. ✠Jack Barrett by MaryAnn Galloway

December 4, 2018 ~ Tuesday

8:00a.m. ✠Lilia Balbuena by Wanda Balbuena

✠Francis Roedell by Elaine Roedell

December 5, 2018~ Wednesday

5:30p.m. ✠Felicidad & Cerela Dalora by Wanda Balbuena

December 6, 2018 ~ Thursday

9:00a.m. ✠Mary Alice Boles by Jan Heicksen

December 7, 2018~ Friday

8:00a.m. For the intention of the Pastor

December 8, 2018~ Saturday

5:00p.m. ✠Brooke Coates by Monica Whitlock

✠Rosa Duran by Francisco Duran

December 9, 2018 ~ Sunday

7:30a.m. ✠Frank Romero by Barbara Adric

✠Thomas Canter by Jeanette Canter

9:30a.m. For the people of the Parish

11:30a.m. ✠Jesus Andrade by The Avitia Family

✠Irma Celey Romo by The Romo Family

5:00p.m. ✠Aline Ball by Joe & Shivaun Schulte

Planning Calendar

December

December 7 ~ Anticipated Immaculate Conception Mass at 5:30p.m.

December 8 ~ Immaculate Conception Mass at 8:00a.m.

December 10 ~ Advent Penance Service at 5:30p.m.

December 11 ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession at 7:00p.m.

December 12 ~ All Saints Christmas Show in hall at 6:00p.m.

December 24 & 25 ~ Parish office CLOSED for Christmas

December 31 & January 1st ~ Parish office CLOSED for New Years



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Dec. 10th OLM at 5:30p.m.

Dec. 13th St. Andrew's at 7:00p.m.

Dec. 19th Holy Family on Fort Huachuca at 7:00p.m.



Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Join us for Adoration on Thursday, Dec. 6th at 8:00a.m. until Fri, Dec. 7th at 8:00a.m. with Benediction and Solemn Closing. All are invited to spend an hour with our Lord.

Adoration I wait for you An Invitation



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Yoga	Monday	4:00p.m.
Prayer Group	Monday	6:30p.m.
Confirmation	Monday	7:00p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.	Tuesday	4:00p.m.
Morning Doves	Wednesday	1:30p.m.
The Mass Series	Wednesday	4:15p.m.
Divine Mercy	Thursday	2:00p.m.
Yoga	Thursday	4:00p.m.

Immaculate Conception



Mass Schedule for Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, Dec.7th at 5:30pm (Vigil Mass)

Saturday, Dec. 8th at 8:00am



SINCE MOST OF THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FROM THE DIOCESE FALL ON EITHER THE SECOND OR FOURTH SUNDAY, WE WILL TAKE THAT COLLECTION ON THE THIRD SUNDAY AND NOT ON THE DESIGNATED DATE.

SEMINARIAN COLLECTION ~ DEC. 16, 2018

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins
Monday:	St. Francis Xavier
Tuesday:	St. John Damascene
Thursday:	St. Nicholas
Friday:	St. Ambrose; First Friday Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Saturday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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The **Statue of Our Lady Of Fatima** will be at the home of Linda Reynolds until Dec. 9th.



Schedule for Next Weekend

Dec. 8/9

Altar Servers

Sat, 5:00p.m. Caelan & Christie Jensen, Sharon VanLoan

Sun, 7:30a.m. Ivan, Ivelise & Liliana Rivera

Sun, 9:30a.m. Heart Monger, Barry & Tess Nelson

Sun, 5:00p.m. Cecilia, Isaac & Lucia Kjolsrud

Lectors

Sat, 5:00p.m. (1) TBA (2) TBA

Sun, 7:30a.m. (1) TBA (2) TBA

Sun, 9:30a.m. (1) TBA (2) TBA

Sun, 5:00p.m. (1) TBA (2) TBA

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, 5:00p.m. Arlene Johnson, Maridee & Randy Ochmann,
Carlos Zenizo

Sun, 7:30a.m. Laura Vander-Heyden, Audrey Ventura, Bryon &
Denice Spartz

Sun, 9:30a.m. Cecilia Coleman, Cacilia Eckles-Edmond, David
Gilcreest, Lynette Pfannenstiel

Sun, 5:00p.m. Tom & Rachel Graves, Greta Kimbell, Joe
Schulte

Ushers

Sat, 5:00p.m. Ed Cogswell, Monica Whitlock

Sun, 7:30a.m. Frank & Olivia Chavarria, Nellie Lowery

Sun, 9:30a.m. Manny & Robin Garcia, Alicia Rackers

Sun, 5:00p.m. Keith & Teresa Mullen

Linens

Mary Tackett

Dec. Money Counters

Patricia Jensen

Lynette Pfannenstiel

Loretta Hartzell



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Arts & Environment ,	
Parish Office	378-2720
AVE Neighbor , Jan Ross	378-1754
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Blanket Ministry , Phyllis Ballard	378-3192
Bulletin Folding , Pat Jensen	803-1052
Compliance Officer , Christine Unrein	378-2720
Charismatic Prayer , Dcn. Bob Sadorf	378-1527
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Dancers Etc. , Doris Sims	417-0092
Divine Mercy Cenacle , Liz Nelson	378-6836
Eucharistic Ministers , Dave Gilcreest	458-7135
Justa Valles	378-1837
Gift Shop , Millie Dalton	459-3889
Hispanic Spiritual Dir , Dcn. Romo	559-2400
Hospital Euch. Ministers , Judy Tritz	803-1728
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Knights of Columbus , Chris Moore	255-8353
Lectors , Mark Lobner	458-5609
Mayra Velasquez	236-7134
Monica McCall	378-2720
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Liturgy Committee	378-2720
Marriage Preparation ,	
Dcn. Jose & Leonor Huerta-Nunez	254-368-6673
Money Counters , Bess Banister	378-6737
Music Ministry , Parish Office	378-2720
Parish Project Mgr. , Keith Mullen	266-4230
Prayer Garden , Doris Sims	417-0092
Religious Education , Kathleen Shilson	378-2720
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)	
Dcn. Jose & Leonor Huerta-Nunez	254-368-6673
St. Vincent de Paul	378-2720
Ushers/Greeters , Deb Scott	236-3985
Gloria Dutton	378-3486
You Are Not Alone , Suzanne DeRosier	456-7140



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS...

If we become Available and Vulnerable,
we can Expect great things!

We welcome the addition of names of parishioners and family members who are **HOSPITALIZED** or **CRITICALLY ILL**. Names of **CHRONICALLY ILL PARISHIONERS** and **FAMILY** are in the back of the church. You and your loved ones are in our prayers daily.

Virginia Padia (sister of Barbara Adric) #116, Deacon Rodger Miller #112, Cesaer Nicolas Herrera (grandson of Esperanza & Nicolas Avitia) #107, Ted & Mary Alice Adamczyk #109, Delores Martins #110, John Kimbell #101, Judy Carroll #111, Paul Curran #105, Karen Cox #113, Matthew Farkas (grandson of Tom & Mickey Farkas #104), Jim Mabery #105, Robert Gunthner (brother of Cecilia Coleman #119), Gregory Coleman (son of Ron & Cecilia Coleman #119), Katrina Chovich (sister of Pat Hortien #107), MaryLou Esquivel #101, Frank Smith #116, Jason Werne (grandson of Sal & Donna Jaime #123), Mark Pottebaum #105, Karen Acosta #121, Melissa Hortien (daughter in law of Pat Hortien #107), Richard Krueger (friend of Pat Hortien #107), Yvonne Souliere #118, Grace Neal (cousin of Lorene Shough #116), Dcn Gene Tackett #102, Sandra Torborg #118, Hipolito Ocasio Perez (brother of Irma Ramos #124), Tom Young (brother of Jerry Young #107), Linda Vanderhoff (sister of Marcia Imdieke #124), Owen Taillie (nephew of Donna Parsons #115), Joe Pais #124, Eden Hill (granddaughter of Jim & Julie Hill #107), Julie Hill #107, Pat Schable #105, Arlene Chepinski #108

JMJ

Weekly Readings, 03 – 09 Dec 2018

Monday: **St. Francis Xavier**
Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: **St. John Damascene**
Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: **St. Nicholas, Bishop**
Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: **St. Ambrose, Bishop**
Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: **The Immaculate Conception of the BVM**
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Sunday **2nd Sunday of Advent**
Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6;
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



The Divine Mercy Cenacle Christmas Party for the needy is in December. Please donate toiletries, scarves, capes, gloves & gifts to teens, women & men. Please place them in the box outside of church no later than Dec. 10th. Your donations are appreciated.

OLM MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

November 2018

November 3/4	\$7,852.74
November 10/11	\$6,417.70
November 17/18	\$6,546.48
November 24/25	\$4,490.00
	\$
November End of Month	\$
*Total Church Contributions	\$25,306.92
OLM Special Contributions-incl. online giving	
Building Maint Fund/Capital Imp.	\$1,228.00
Rectory Building Fund	\$15.00
Support Our School	\$1,613.50
*Other Church	\$1,688.65

Fiscal Year Stewardship Report

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

* Total Church Contributions	\$134,510.21
** Total Other Church Contributions	\$6,086.39
Total Parish Activities/ Other Income	\$8,917.62
Total YTD Contributions/Income	\$149,514.22
YTD Expenses	\$175,342.00
Total year to date income	- \$25,827.78

Annual Fiscal Year Goal

Monthly: **35,000.00 X 12=** \$420,000.00

Contribution % to date of goal 35.60%

Current No. of OLM Families: 1023

Marriage Tip of the Week



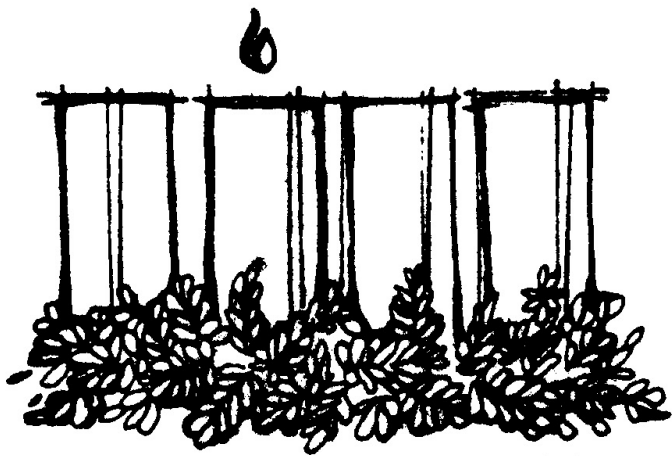
As parents, you and your spouse are the first teachers of your children. Think back on the past week, what have you taught them about how to love God and others?



Bring all crocheted, knitted or sewed blankets, lap robes, scarves & hats to the office by noon on Dec. 10th. The blankets will be blessed by Fr. Rudy that afternoon and distributed. Thank you for your time & dedication to this ministry.



OLM will again this year be presenting books for Christmas as a gift to all parishioners. This year's book is by Matthew Kelly, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*. If you would like to assist in defraying the cost of the books, please bring your donation to the Parish Office. It is a tax deductible donation.



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Primer Domingo de Adviento 2 de diciembre de 2018

Hispanic Ministry Contacts

Acolitos	Monica McCall	378-2720
Lectores	Mayra Velasquez & Monica McCall	236-7134 378-2720
Cursillos	Jesus De La Rosa	378-1056
Bienvenida	Gloria Dutton	378-3486
Coro	Maria Acuna	378-2319
Eucarista Ministres	Justa Valles	378-1837

Programa De Ministerios De Eucarista

Rosa Herrera
Guadalupe Urrea
Luis y Justa Valles

Programa De Lectores

Luis Galindo y Mayra Velasquez



Consejo Matrimonial de la Semana

Como padres, usted y su cónyuge son los primeros maestros de sus hijos. Piense en la semana pasada, ¿qué les han enseñado acerca de cómo amar a Dios y a los demás?



Vigilia Nuestra Senora de
Guadalupe

11 de diciembre 7:00pm



As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they visit St. Vincent

de Paul.

Your gift to St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

WITH THANKFUL HEARTS

Kindness is one of the greatest gifts you can give another--giving without expecting something in return. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to express our most sincere appreciation to you, the OLM family for your kindness and generosity in supporting the 22nd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes for the community. Through your donations, we were able to supply 160 boxes and serve approximately 920 people!

"Thank you" is such a simple phrase, and although it doesn't seem enough to express how grateful we are for your support, we thank you for what you gave so generously. God Bless All of You.



OLM Council 10799 Grand Knight Chris Moore

Thank you for your support of OLM Council 10799's two projects of putting up the Nativity and shelving in the connex this weekend.

Council Social Pot Luck and Gift Giving is scheduled for **Thurs, 13 Dec 18** in the OLM activity hall at 6 pm. Request that you let Chuck Everding know if and how many will be attending at 234-4120.

Council Officer's next meeting is scheduled for **Mon, 7 Jan 19** in the OLM Upper Hall at 6 pm.

Council Business Meeting is scheduled for **Thurs, 10 Jan 19** in the OLM Activity Hall. Appoint Nomination Committee for Election of Officers for FY 2019-2020. All Knights are invited to attend.

Wheelchairs/walkers - Anyone having a need for a manual wheelchair or walker, please contact Chuck Everding at 234-4120.

Come to St. Augustine Cathedral for an afternoon concert of original arrangements of Christmas Music featuring tenor Carlos Zapién, accompanied by members of the Tucson Symphony Orchestra and singers from parishes in the Diocese of Tucson conducted by Gavin Ely. Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 pm. St. Augustine Cathedral 192 S. Stone, Tucson, AZ 85701. See the website to reserve a place (www.tucsoncathedralconcerts.org) or call 520-623-6351 to purchase tickets at the St. Augustine Cathedral office, 192 S. Stone.



All Saints Catholic School News

Thank you for your continued support of our school! Your generosity, support and prayers are appreciated! Currently our enrollment is at 120! Praise God!

The Christmas Concert will be on Wed, Dec. 12 at 6:00p.m. in the Parish hall.



Taxpayers contributed more than \$13 million dollar to Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) last year and provided tuition scholarships for students in schools throughout the Diocese of Tucson. Thank

you! Brochure in the back of church or visit www.ctso-tucson.org for online giving

Please give generously to CTSO. Your generosity helped 80 students receive a Catholic education this school year.

Online Giving

The new online giving website has been updated to include information for the week or month of every collection. If you have never given online, now is a good time to start. Online giving is helpful for the parish, since it saves our volunteers time and saves us the expense of printing and mailing envelopes, as well as for you, the donor, since it saves the time used for weekly check writing. Please prayerfully consider changing to online giving. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Christine in the parish office at 378-2720 and she will be happy to help you with the process.



Catholic Community Services of Sierra Vista Children's Tree

The glorious Christmas Season is upon us and Catholic Community Services – Sierra Vista wants to provide Christmas gifts to children in their Adoption, Foster Care, In-Home and Parent Aide programs, as well as children in the Domestic Violence Crisis Shelter. A **Children's Tree** is set up in the back of our church with ornaments giving children's ages and suggested gifts. Please help by taking an ornament designating a child of your choosing, and purchasing gifts for that child. You can return the unwrapped gifts, with your ornament, to the parish office or the CCS-Sierra Vista office at 6049 E Highway 90 no later than December 21, at 5pm. Many gift tags for older children (13-17) don't have specific suggestions, however gloves, scarfs, hats, puzzles, backpacks, and gift cards are always welcome.

For additional information call CCS-SV at 458-4203.

Family Faith Formation

GOSPELS AND QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

1st Sunday in Advent, Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

The Habit of Prayer

December 2

Adults: *What have been the strengths of your prayer life? What habit of prayer could you strengthen during this Advent season?*

Children/Youth: *What prayers will you say each day and each week during Advent?*

Next Week's Gospel Preparation

2nd Sunday of Advent, Luke 3: 1-6

Prayer of Repentance

December 9

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 23, 24 No classes, Christmas break

December 30,31– No classes New Year holiday

Friday, December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation (Opportunity) Masses at 5:30 pm Dec.7 and 8:00am Dec. 8

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the eleventh century it received its present name, The Immaculate Conception. In the eighteenth century it became a feast of the universal church.

In 1854 Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many fathers and doctors of the church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty seeing Mary as sinless; either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They point out that Mary's Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus' redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus' work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

BEST **Advent** EVER

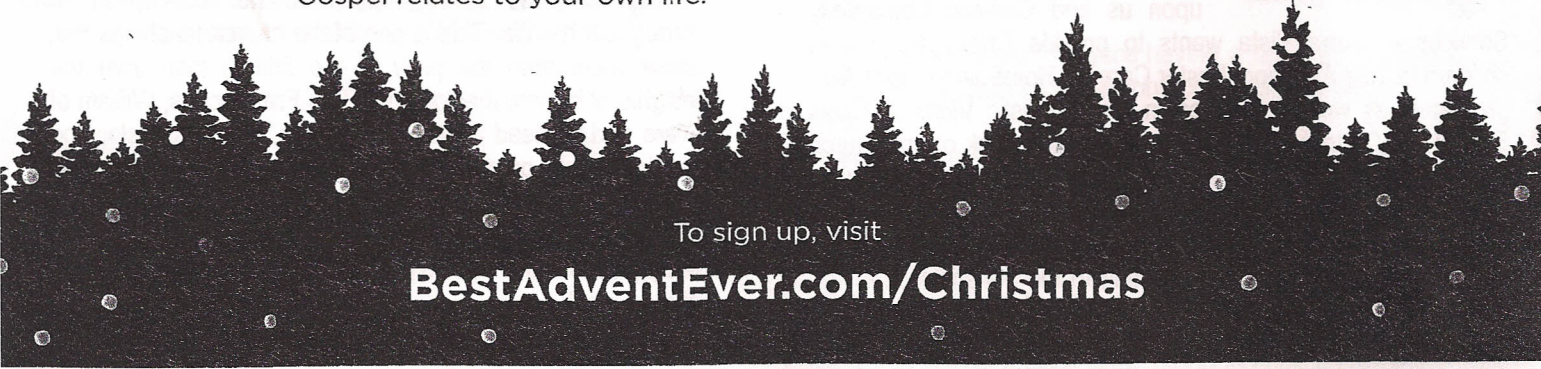
'TIS (almost) THE SEASON

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. We visit family and friends, bake cookies, decorate our trees, and shop for gifts until we're ready to drop.

This year, prepare for Christmas in a different way. Join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with:

- Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt and Dominick Albano, with guest appearances from Matthew Kelly
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey

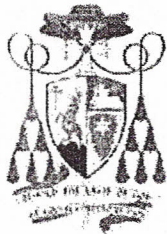
Plus, every Sunday during the program, you'll receive a thought-provoking video reflection that will help you understand how the Gospel relates to your own life.



To sign up, visit

BestAdventEver.com/Christmas

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DIOCESE of TUCSON SEMINARIAN EDUCATION COLLECTION December 15-16, 2018

November 12, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"The harvest is great but the workers are few."

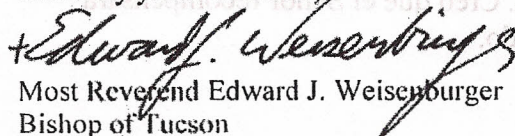
There are many ways of interpreting these words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Certainly, the words express the concern we feel today regarding the need for more priests in our diocese. In addition, I believe we can also apply this concern to the need to support, in every way possible, the men who are currently journeying toward priesthood. While our spiritual support in prayer and example are very vital, we also face a critical need to provide financial assistance for their education.

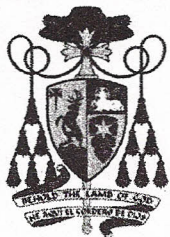
We are committed to offering our future priests the very best formation programs and experiences, in preparing them to be outstanding servant leaders in our diocese. As you well know, unlike higher education in the secular arena, where students have opportunities for scholarships and student loans, seminarians do not have these benefits to the same degree. I ask that you very diligently promote this special collection, well in advance of the collection date. Included with this letter are sample bulletin/pulpit announcements which I urge you to publish and speak to in the weeks leading up to the collection.

Currently, we have 13 seminarians preparing for priesthood for the Diocese of Tucson, 3 of them due to be ordained in June, 2019. My hope is that parishioners be motivated by the realization that their financial contribution to the seminarians' education sends these men a tangible message of support. We can consider their contribution to be a "message from home," visible care for them and pride in their decision to choose priesthood as a means of service to them well into the future. Financial support of their education can be viewed as an expression of gratitude to these men for their life-long commitment of service in their hometown neighborhoods.

On behalf of all whom our seminarians will serve throughout their priesthood, thank you for anything you can do to financially support their education. I believe the Lord will reward our dedication and efforts with a hundredfold return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger
Bishop of Tucson



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COLECTA PARA EDUCACIÓN de SEMINARISTA de la DIÓCESIS DE TUCSON 15-16 de diciembre de 2018

12 de noviembre de 2018

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

“Es abundante la cosecha pero los obreros son pocos.”

Hay muchas maneras de interpretar las palabras de Jesus en el Evangelio de Mateo. Indudablemente, las palabras expresan la preocupación que hoy sentimos referente a la necesidad de más sacerdotes en nuestra diócesis. Adicionalmente, yo pienso que asimismo podemos aplicar esta preocupación a la necesidad de apoyar, en toda manera posible, a los hombres que actualmente están en la jornada hacia el sacerdocio. Si bien, es vital nuestro apoyo espiritual en oración y en ejemplo, pero también enfrentamos una necesidad critica de proveer ayuda económica para la educación de ellos.

Estamos comprometidos ofrecerles a nuestros futuros sacerdotes los mejores programas de formación y experiencias, preparándolos para que sean líderes sobresalientes de servicio en nuestra diócesis. Como bien saben, a diferencia de la educación de nivel alto en el ámbito secular, donde los estudiantes tienen oportunidades para becas y préstamos estudiantiles, los seminaristas no tienen estos beneficios a tal grado. Les pido que diligentemente promuevan esta colecta especial con bastante anticipación a la fecha de la colecta. Adjunto a esta carta hay ejemplos de anuncios que deseo que publiquen y anuncien en el boletín/pulpito durante las semanas previas a la colecta.

Actualmente, tenemos 13 seminaristas preparándose para el sacerdocio en la Diócesis de Tucson, 3 de ellos esperamos ordenar en junio de 2019. Mi deseo es que los feligreses se motiven con la realización que su contribución financiera a la educación de los seminaristas envíe a estos hombres un mensaje tangible de apoyo. Podemos considerar su contribución un “mensaje desde el hogar”, para ellos es una atención visible y orgullo en su decisión de elegir el sacerdocio como un medio de servicio para todos en el futuro. Para estos hombres el apoyo financiero para su educación se puede ver como una expresión de gratitud por su compromiso de servicio de toda la vida en las vecindades de su ciudad.

En nombre de todos aquellos a quienes nuestros seminaristas servirán a lo largo de su sacerdocio, gracias por todo lo que puedan hacer para apoyar financieramente su educación. Creo que el Señor recompensará nuestra dedicación y nuestros esfuerzos con un retorno centuplicado.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger
Bishop of Tucson