

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Mother of Sorrows,

I have read an article from Catholic Network Agency explaining why do we still celebrate Mass privately. What is the significance and power of the Holy Eucharist without the congregation present? The Network interviewed experts to get better explanation of why Masses celebrated in private are spiritually beneficial to all Catholics.

These are the results: Fr. James Bradley, a professor of Canon Law at the Catholic University of America said, “the Mass is not something we do. We participate in the Mass when we come to the Mass, either as priest or as people, but it is first and foremost the action of Christ. The Catechism says that Christ is the principal actor in the liturgy, so this is something that the Lord does and in which we participate in His life through baptism. Catholics participate in God’s communion with the Church whenever Mass is celebrated, whether they are physically present for it or not. The Holy Eucharist is not something that the priest does as a private individual. He does it as a minister of the Church, involving the whole of the Church. Every Mass that is celebrated, anywhere at any time, is for everyone who is part of the Church. The Priest is never alone when he stands at the altar. He is always surrounded by the clouds of witnesses, the Saints and the Angels for they all are present in every celebration of the Mass.”

Fr. Thomas Petri, a theologian and academic dean of the Dominican House of Studies, said that “Mass is about God. It should never be seen as something that’s about the priest or something that’s about the parishioner or the community. It is about the adoration and worship of God and giving Him the glory because that’s what we were made to be and to do. That’s how we are fulfilled and that is how we become happy and holy and more fully alive as human beings. The primary thing that the Mass does is that it’s the sacramental representation of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. Every time Mass is celebrated, you are present at the Cross of Jesus Christ and the outpouring of graces of the paschal mystery are flooding into the world.”

I am sharing this with you because I want you to understand that the Masses we are celebrating here in our parish though you are not physically present, is still a celebration that includes everyone - you are still very much part of it. You are still receiving the graces and the power that it gives.

Bishop Edward Weisenburger sent an email to all Pastors, Priests and Deacons outlining the steps on how we are able to celebrate Holy Week. The Holy See set these guidelines for all churches worldwide already anticipating that the restrictions in place by civil authorities will be extended to include Easter. So, the Holy See has given us indications as to how we are to celebrate this time to meet the requirements of these special days without the physical participation of the faithful. The celebration of these liturgical days will take place on the appointed days, ideally through live televisual presentations or internet broadcasts.

Definitely, OMOS Parish will celebrate these important days of Holy Week and we will have it live through internet broadcast using Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Tucson Facebook fan page.

For our Palm Sunday celebration, I encourage you to put palms or any green leaves on your front doors to highlight the celebration. The schedule for livestream masses are 9am, 11am, and 1pm (Spanish). For Holy Thursday liturgy, we will have one schedule at 7PM (livestream). For Good Friday liturgy, we will have Station of the Cross around 3PM and the veneration of the Cross at 7PM (livestream). For the Easter Vigil liturgy, we will have it around 7PM (livestream) and for the Easter Sunday Masses, we will continue our regular schedules of 9am, 11am and 1pm for the Hispanic community. We will continue to have adoration but on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday, the exposition of the Blessed sacrament will take place at the Parish Hall. Black Saturday, we will not have adoration. We need to maintain social distancing and observe the protocol.

Again, all these liturgical celebrations are without congregation except those who will serve, read, sing and take the video for the livestreaming. Our situation is unprecedented and we need to understand. We are sad and dismayed that Masses and other sacraments are suspended. I understand the frustration. I am in pain as well. But you need to realize that the Church would always want the safety of her members. Situation like this, she has to do things which she wouldn’t want to do but which are necessary. Suspension of public celebration of masses was an act of solicitude of all Bishops. We need to act responsibly on the advice of our authority. Let us continue to pray more fervently and let us hope for the best.

Serving you in Christ Jesus,
Fr. Arnold Aurillo

OUR SAVIOR IS ALWAYS WITH US

The image of Jesus Crucified was not always a popular one among Christians. It may surprise some of us, but this is partly because crucifixion was the most painful and humiliating form of torture human beings had ever devised. Death by crucifixion evoked perhaps an even more gruesome image for ancient Christians than death in the electric chair calls to our contemporary minds.

Of course, Christians often spoke of the Crucifixion of Christ in their preaching and writing. The New Testament Epistles, especially those of St. Paul, witness to this clearly. However, according to historians of Christianity, the image of Jesus on the Cross was not even acceptable for public display until about 400 years after it happened. Even then, the Crucifix was not popular until centuries later.

What made the image of Jesus dying on the Cross increase in popularity? Was there something happening in the world that made Christians embrace more openly the likeness of their suffering Savior? Yes, and though not nearly as deadly, we are facing something similar today.

During the Middle Ages, the Crucifix became the most popular image of Jesus because of the bubonic plague. The fact that Jesus had firsthand knowledge of the depths of human suffering resonated with many Christians. It gave them comfort knowing that Jesus had experienced something just as horrible as the Plague. We are facing our own outbreak almost seven centuries later, and though people seem to have fewer obligations than ever, many are in a state of increased anxiety. As Christians we are called to fill a healthy portion of our newfound free time with prayer. I have found this to be the solution to anxiety: others' and my own. Even more to the point, with Holy Week drawing near we should make a point in our prayer of meditating on the image of our Crucified Lord.

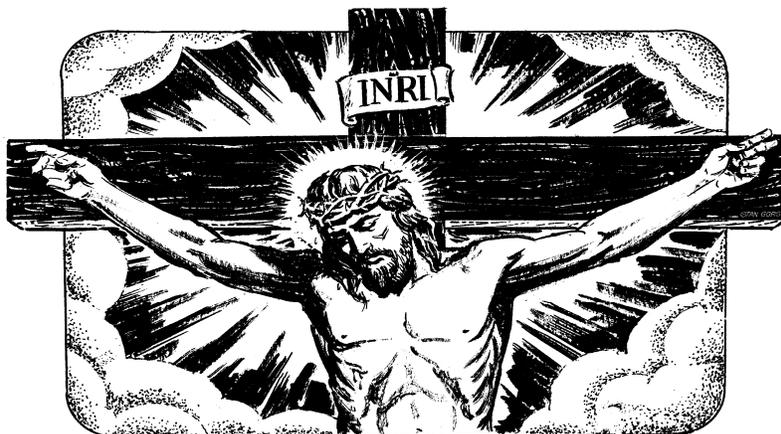
Jesus suffered profound isolation during his Passion when he was abandoned by his closest followers and rejected by the people he came to save. Jesus carried in his body the affliction, the "illness" of our sin, sweating drops of blood due to his profound anxiety. But Jesus freely embraced the suffering that the Father permitted, because he trusted that it would end in glory.

In his letter to the Colossians, St. Paul calls us to unite our anxiety, frustration, inconvenience, and any other form of suffering we experience to the profound sufferings of Jesus (Col 1:24). In a mysterious way, the Father accepts these gifts and turns them into grace for others and for us. As together we face our tough circumstances one day at a time, we keep in our minds and hearts the image of Jesus on the Cross, reminding us that our God knows what it's like to suffer as we do.

May God bless, comfort, and protect us all during this Holy Season. Be assured of Fr. Arnold's continued prayers and mine.

Yours in Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Tom



Christian Education / Formation

Scripture Reflection

Palm Sunday
April 5, 2020

Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.”

Jesus enters Jerusalem triumphantly, although on the back of a donkey. The people put down branches and coats to have His donkey walk on. They cheer His entrance. He was known to be a prophet. He was coming to fulfill the reason He had come in the first place. Even though Peter had argued with Him about going into Jerusalem and what He was going to do, Jesus knew He had to do it. That’s why He was here.

Would you have been out there cheering His entrance? Or would you have been worried about what this was all about? Would you have been in your house away from all of it, thinking it was much ado about nothing, happy you were part of the Roman army? Try to put yourself in the different groups that were living back then: the Jewish priests who were afraid of this prophet and His message, “better to have one person die than to have the Temple destroyed” was their thought; the Romans just wanted the Jews to behave, it wasn’t easy to control people this far away from Rome and it was hot and dusty and they didn’t believe in the Roman gods; the Jewish people who wanted someone to overthrow the Romans and make Jerusalem and Israel great again, “we want a leader like David again!”

Where are you in all of this? Picture the scene as Jesus comes riding in on a donkey, not on a horse, very humbly. But at least He’s performing miracles and talks like He’s the Son of God!

We’re at the beginning of Holy Week, by next Sunday, Jesus will have been crucified. Dead. Hung on a cross. Next Sunday is Easter. He will be Resurrected. He will be proven to the Son of God. At least to those of us who believe. They didn’t even believe then. Not yet.



The office will be **CLOSED**
to the public
until at least April 30th

We will be available by phone at
(520)747-1321 or email at
omos@omosparish.org

You are welcome to drop off any correspondence
in the parish office mailbox

We apologize for the inconvenience

Confessions Available by Appointment

If you wish to receive the sacrament of Confession, Fr. Arnold and Fr. Tom will be available by appointment. Please call 747-1321 to make an appointment.



Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic School is currently enrolling students for the 2020/2021 school year. All students ages 3 to 8th grade are welcome. The school partners with parents to help students grow in faith, lovingly serve others, and grow in knowledge. Almost all

families can afford Catholic school with the assistance of financial assistance through scholarships. Please contact us today at 747-1027 or clanik@omoschool.com or more information.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: Any child ages 4-18 is eligible to receive a free lunch and breakfast regardless of whether they attend OMOS school or another school.



Health Prayer

God our Father, in the midst of the recent health issues, we come to You in our need to ask Your protection against the illness that has affected so many. We thank you for giving wisdom to the people tasked with studying the nature and cause of this illness and of restricting the wave of its transmission. Guide the hands and minds of medical experts that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion, and of those governments and private agencies that must find cure and solution to this epidemic. We pray for those afflicted, may they be restored to good health soon. Grant us the grace to work for the good of all and to help those in need. Keep us calm and peaceful as we remember the scripture which tells us “Do not be afraid. I am with you” Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

Christian Education / Formation

RCIA Introductions

INTRODUCING...

In this week before Easter, we will introduce you to seven of the adults that will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church:

	<p>Christopher Barron works as software support, is engaged to Kristen Spor, and has two children. He is looking forward to becoming a member of the Catholic family because he has liked the fellowship of the RCIA program.</p>
	<p>Eric Thomas Cardiel is currently a college student and is engaged. He is most looking forward to being baptized to be free from original sin and having his soul marked by the Lord. He feels blessed having received such amazing support while strengthening his faith and relationship with God. He feels like he has gained a new family and that he has been accepted wholeheartedly. Eric is looking forward to the years to come on his faith journey.</p>
	<p>Elisa Higuera will ship out for basic training for the US Air Force in May. She is a Tucson native who lives with her mother, father, two brothers, one sister and her nephew, Josiah. Elisa has grown through her RCIA process. Her anger towards others has gone away through prayer. "I can say with confidence that I am at peace and have forgiven those who have hurt me. All I ever do is pray for them and their families. Also, to those that I have hurt. I hope that they find it in their hearts to forgive me, so they may also experience peace and serenity."</p>
	<p>Joshua Molina works at Casino Del Sol as a Food and Beverage Supervisor. He wants to get married soon and have three kids someday. His fiancée is his sponsor. He's enjoyed his journey so far. He's learned that God is all forgiving. Josh has learned to be more open-minded throughout the whole process. He is most looking forward to getting married soon.</p>
	<p>Stephanie Santoni is a warehouse associate at Amazon. She has one child. She has become more willing to help those in need in any way she that she can.</p>
	<p>Evan Scherzinger transferred to OMOS recently and is completing his RCIA process here. He is engaged and works as a chemist. He comes from a family that wasn't religious and didn't know what to expect from the RCIA process. What he's found is "an extremely welcoming community and look forward to continuing my journey and faith."</p>
	<p>Kristen Nicole Spor is a homemaker and is engaged to Christopher Barron. She is the third member of her family to convert to Catholicism in the past three years. Tony and Karen Spor are her parents. "One of the ways I have grown is I don't hold onto my anger as long as I used to." She has enjoyed getting to know and the support she has received from everyone.</p>

Liturgy & Worship

Liturgy At A Glance!

Lyn Bulski at 305-3612 or Lbulski@omosparish.org

PRIEST CONFESSION SCHEDULE

By Appointment: Call 747-1321

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

- Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
 Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;
 Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
 Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25;
 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
 Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,
 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
 b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
 c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
 d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
 e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
 f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
 g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or
 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
 h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
 Mt 28:1-10
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9
 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon
 or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35



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So that we can participate more fully in the Palm Sunday celebration, we are attaching the Passion of Christ according to Matthew. You are invited to respond with the words of the "crowd" Masses at 9am, 11am and 1pm en español

RED is the color of Palm Sunday! Post your family picture in RED on the Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Tucson Facebook page... waving your palms!!!

EVERYONE is encouraged to display palms on their front door on Palm Sunday to celebrate the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem! Post your picture to FB!



Eternal rest grant unto him,
O Lord
 Jerry Bouck

Pray For Those Who Seek Healing:

Ramona Pesina



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We are blessed to have the Blessed Sacrament in exposition from 7am-7pm everyday except Monday. It is desired that one person be in adoration all hours of exposition. If you can commit to a time, please sign up below. No more than 10 people in the church at a time and at least 6 feet apart, please.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4fafa2faa8-eucharistic>

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration."
 ~ Mother Teresa

Eucharistic Plenty in Famine

Eucharistic plenty and abundance
 Is suddenly in suspension.
 No – it's in fasting and starvation,
 No – it's really in famine!

A Eucharistic people
 Are suddenly starving.
 Social distancing
 Robbing them of the Living Bread

The Lord of the Living Bread
 Declares now and forever
*I have come that you may have life
 And have it more abundantly.*

Lord, is your life not also fully present
 In the word that makes the Living Bread?
*Lord, to whom shall we go,
 You have the words of eternal life?*

Are we overly dependent
 On your Eucharistic plenty?
 Rather than your presence
 A plenty in your word
Your words are spirit and life

Tomàs o Cathalain

Ministerios Hispanos

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 42:1-7; Sal 27 (26):1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
 Martes: Is 49:1-6; Sal 71 (70):1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Miércoles: Is 50:4-9a; Sal 69 (68):8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
 Mt 26:14-25
 Jueves: Misa del Crisma: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9;
 Sal 89 (88):21-22, 25, 27; Apo 1:5-8; Lc 4:16-21
Cena del Señor: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
 Sal 116 (115):12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18;
 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
 Viernes: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Sal 31 (30):2, 6, 12-13, 15-16,
 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
 Sábado: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Sal 104 (103):1-2, 5-6,
 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; o Sal 33 (32):4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
 b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9-13, 15-18]; Sal 16 (15): 5, 8-11;
 c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
 d) Is 54:5-14; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13;
 e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
 f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Sal 19 (18):8-11;
 g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Sal 42 (41):3, 5; 43:3-4 o
 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 o Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19;
 h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Sal 118 (117):1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
 Mt 28:1-10
 Domingo: Hch 10:34a, 37-43; Sal 118 (117):1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
 Col 3:1-4 o 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 o Mt 28:1-10
 o (en Misas de la tarde o la noche) Lc 24:13-35

Querida comunidad hispana, hermanos en Cristo,

Me imagino que muchos de nosotros teníamos algunos propósitos para esta cuaresma, tales como: Incrementar nuestra oración, ayunos, ir a misa diaria, eliminar, chocolates o sodas e incluso quizás incrementar nuestras obras de caridad, etc etc. Pero nadie habíamos planeado estar en aislamiento durante casi toda la cuaresma. ¡Esto nadie se lo esperaba!

Meditando en el mensaje que Jesús nos está tratando de transmitir les puedo compartir, que quizás nos esté recordando que hay que planear menos y actuar más, es decir estar abiertos de verdad a su Santa Voluntad.

O quizás, esta sea una oportunidad para fortalecer más nuestra Iglesia doméstica, si no podemos ir a la Iglesia, ¡llevemos la Iglesia a nuestros hogares! preparémonos más que nunca nuestro altar en casa, que refleje nuestra fe en Cristo y su Iglesia militante que somos todos nosotros los llamados a hacer la Voluntad de Dios. ¿Cuál es esta voluntad? Que Cristo Jesús sea el propósito de nuestra vida y anunciar la Buena Nueva: Que Dios dio a su único Hijo para salvarnos. Y si bien es difícil, no hay que preocuparnos ya que Dios nos prometió su compañía y ayuda para este trabajo.

Los invitamos a que como iglesia domestica nos unamos también en oración en comunidad y que por estas dos últimas semanas de la cuaresma en su hogar (iglesia domestica) oremos el miércoles la devoción del Rosario de los 7 dolores (nuestra patrona) y el viernes el Viacrucis ambos a las 8:00pm; así seguiremos también unidos como comunidad y cuerpo de Cristo. En el vestíbulo de la parroquia en el espacio en la pared designado para publicaciones están ambos libritos para que recoja sus copias ahí. También coloquemos en las puertas de nuestros hogares una rama(s) verde recordando que en su casa celebran el domingo de ramos. SOMOS Catolicos!

Por ultimo les recuerdo que el 5 de marzo, domingo de ramos se transmitirá en vivo misa en español desde nuestra parroquia con el padre Tom, sera transmitido en vivo desde la página de facebook de Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, Tucson.

Unidos en Cristo, en Misión y Oración!

~Rocio Zamora

Moved? Changed your number or email? Give us a call to update us at 747-1321 or email omosparish@omosparish.org

Christian Life Commission

LENTEN CHANGE HAITI OUTREACH

Thank you for collecting change this Lent to help more children in Northwest Haiti have the opportunity to receive an education. Your change will help with tuition, teacher salaries, school repairs, supplies and materials. As you know the plan was to collect the jars and envelopes on Palm Sunday. Since we are not able to celebrate Mass due to the pandemic, **please hold on to your Change Haiti jars and donations. Once we are able to celebrate Mass again we will put a bin in front of the altar to collect your donations.** Thank you for your continued support. Your change will make a difference!



Pope Francis in Laudato Si talks about how we need an "ecological conversion" or a change in heart:

Nature is filled with words of love, but how can we listen to them amid constant noise, interminable and nerve-wracking distractions, or the cult of appearances? Many people today sense a profound imbalance

which drives them to frenetic activity and makes them feel busy, in a constant hurry which in turn leads them to ride rough-shod over everything around them. This too affects how they treat the environment. An integral ecology includes taking time to recover a serene harmony with creation, reflecting on our lifestyle and our ideals, and contemplating the Creator who lives among us and surrounds us, whose presence "must not be contrived but found, uncovered". (Laudato Si, #225)



OMOS Teen MD

Missionary Disciples

“The tragedy of the passion brings to fulfilment our own life and the whole of human history. We can’t let Holy Week be just a kind of commemoration. It means contemplating the mystery of Jesus Christ as something which continues to work in our souls.”

St. Josemarie Escriva

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In the Highest!

HS Confirmation is continuing with ZOOM, slack, phone and email. Stay in touch and stay caught up so you are prepared for the Sacrament when it is time!

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE: If you would like to present the gifts of bread and wine at the Mass offered for your loved one, please sign up in the Gift Bearer Book behind the last pew in the back of church.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

- 7:00 am - John Kirkpatrick+
- 9:00 am - Kiyo Cecil+
- 10:45 am - Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 12:30 pm - Ifeyinwa Esohe
- 4:00 pm - Leopoldo Cuevas+
- 6:00 pm - Benjamina Maez+

MONDAY, APRIL 6

- 6:30 am - Vicente Facturam+
- 8:30 am - Chantelle Burch

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

- 6:30 am - Maria Antonieta Sillik+
- 8:30 am - Dolores Cano+

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

- 6:30 am - Ascension Ruiz+
- 8:30 am - Celina Reyes+
- 6:30 pm - Memorial Mass

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

- 7:00 pm - Mass of the Last Supper

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

- 7:00 pm - Passion/Veneration of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

- 7:00 pm - Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- 7:00 am - Manuel J. Rodriguez+
- 9:00 am - Kiyo Cecil+
- 10:45 am - Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 12:30 pm - Gene Ackerley+
- 4:00 pm - Leopoldo Cuevas+
- 6:00 pm - Sonya Augustine+

The priests will be celebrating a private daily Mass for the intentions of the day. You're loved ones will be remembered at each Mass.

P R A Y P R A Y P R A Y	<p>High School Teens and 8th Graders</p> <p>GREAT NEWS!!!</p> <p>We are going to meet via ZOOM!</p> <p>Sunday's at 1:30 pm Thursday's at 6:00 pm</p> <p><i>If you want to join us, email me and I will send you the invite!</i></p> <p><i>Also, check your slack and email regularly...</i></p> <p>LIFE GOES ON CHANGE IS GOOD!</p>	P R A Y P R A Y
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March 29, 2020
\$ 8,574
CRS Rice Bowl
\$ 590.00

Announcements

Employment Opportunity at OMOS:

OMOS is looking for an experienced full-time bookkeeper. Regular work hours are Monday 7am to 2:30pm, Tuesday through Friday 8am to 3:30pm. Please apply on-line at www.diocesetucson.org/employment-opportunities. No paper applications will be accepted.

For information regarding Teens please contact : Kim Sisson, kssisson@omosparish.org, 602 677 3064

