



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

The Very Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, *Rector*
The Rev. Becky Williamson, *Deacon*
The Rev. Linda Hutson, *Deacon*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

18 JUNE 2023

ORGAN PRELUDE

Florence Price, 1887-1953

Adoration

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 455

1. O Love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought.
2. O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,
we read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below,
in seas that swell and streams that flow.
3. We read thee best in him who came
to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high,
our life to live, our death to die.
4. We read thy power to bless and save
e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light
we read the fullness of thy might.

THE OPENING SENTENCE

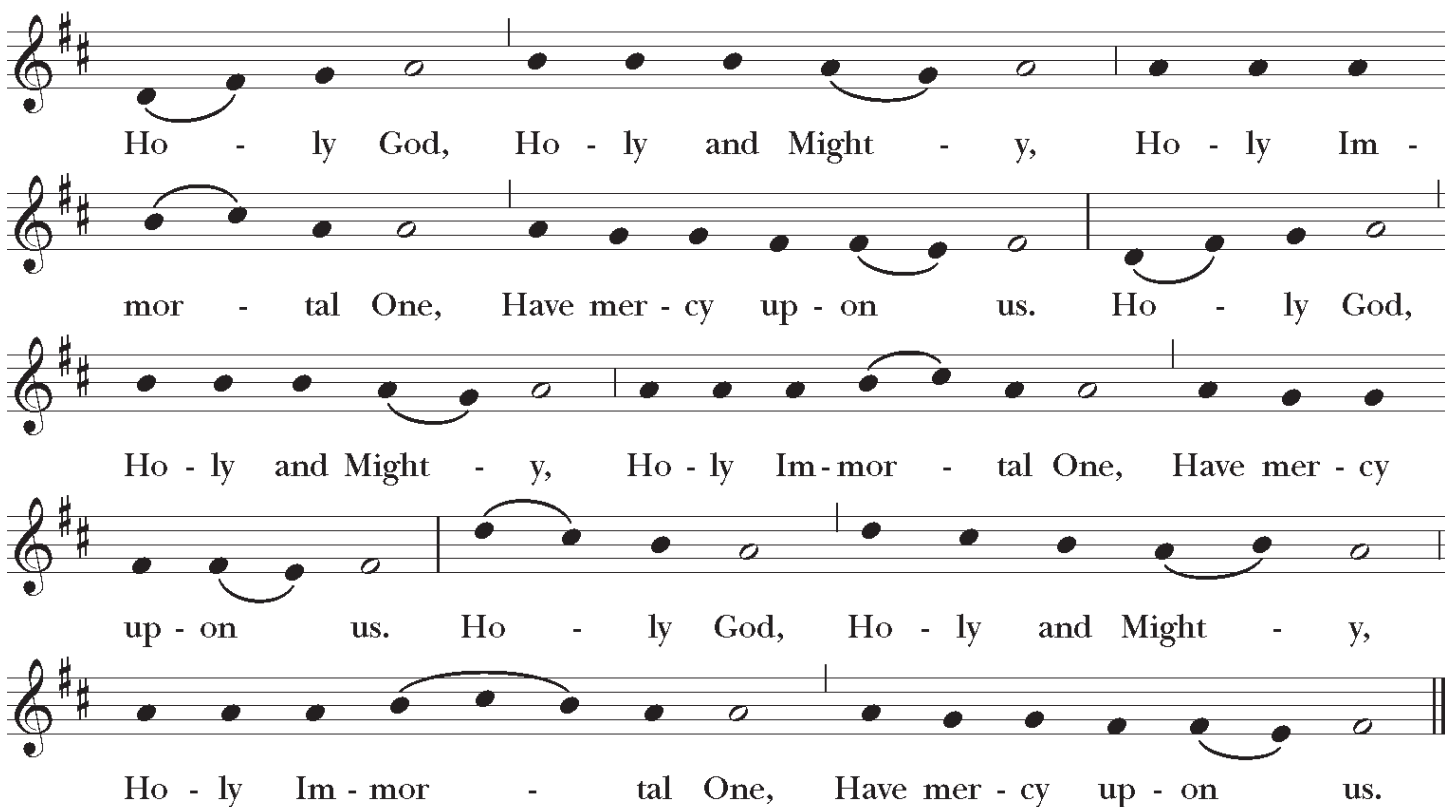
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.

People *Amen.*

TRISAGION



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE SALUTATION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

Rep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Exodus (19:2-8a).

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (100) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

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| 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness and
come before his presence with a song. | 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go
into his courts with praise; * give
thanks to him and call upon his Name. |
| 2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are
his; we are his people and the sheep
of his pasture. | 4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is
everlasting; * and his faithfulness
endures from age to age. |

The Epistle

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (5:1-8).

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 529

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| 1. In Christ there is no East or West,
in him no South or North,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth. | 2. Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me. |
| 3. In Christ now meet both East and West,
in him meet South and North,
all Christly souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth. | |

THE GOSPEL (*please stand, as you are able*)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (9:35—10:8-23).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON: The Rev. Tom Neyland

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form VI) *The people may stand, sit, or kneel*
Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer our Bishop; and
for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We acknowledge the native peoples of the land on which we stand:
*We pay our respects to the Pasqua Yaqui and Pima tribes
for their care of this land.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the
power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

THE OFFERTORY

*Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)*

OFFERTORY HYMN 325

1. Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees;
 when I fall on my knees,
 with my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
 when I fall on my knees,
 with my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me.
3. Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees;
 when I fall on my knees,
 with my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

AT THE PRESENTATION

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord,
People *And of thine own have we given thee.*

AT THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-
where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God,
one Lord, in Trinity of persons and in Unity of Being.

And we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and
Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever
sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people may stand, sit, or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Together Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance
that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The elements are offered at the Communion Rail and may be received either kneeling or standing. Wine is received by intinction only. If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. Please remember to follow Usher's directions.

PRAYER FOR THE SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (TO BE SAID BY ALL)

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Together Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 703 (sung to the tune *Ellers*)

1. Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace;
without thy guiding hand we go astray,
and doubts appall, and sorrows still increase;
lead us through Christ, the true and living Way.
2. Lead us, O Father, in the paths of right;
blindly we stumble when we walk alone,
involved in shadows of a darksome night;
only with thee we journey safely on.
3. Lead us, O Father, to thy heavenly rest,
however rough and steep thy path may be;
through joy or sorrow, as thou deemest best,
until our lives are perfected in thee.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

John A. Behnke, b. 1953

“Someone’s singing, Lord” (Kum Ba Yah)

*Altar flowers are given by Erik Ringkjøb to the glory of God
and in loving memory of his wife Barbara Ringkjøb.*

We Welcome You

A WARM WELCOME to all and, if you are a visitor, we encourage you to make yourself known to your fellow worshippers and to our St. Francis clergy. If you would like to know more about the Parish, please speak with Fr. Warren or get in touch with him via email at frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card and hand it to an usher or one of the clergy, or place it in the offering basket. We would love to hear from you.

Music This Morning

Music by African-American hymn writers and composers is featured this morning, beginning with the ORGAN PRELUDE: *Adoration* by Florence Price. Price was a prolific composer who tackled symphonies, piano and

violin concertos, chamber music, choral and solo piano music, songs and arrangements of spirituals, all at a very high level of imagination and competence. She is hailed as the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a symphonic work played by a major symphony orchestra. (We also studied composition with the same teacher—not, however, at the same time.)

The familiar setting of the TRISAGION we are singing this morning is by the very gifted David Hurd (b. 1950). Hurd’s fine setting is from his complete Mass setting known as *New Plainsong*. He was educated at the Juliard School and Oberlin College, and taught for 39 years at the General Theological Seminary in New York City.

Hymn writer Henry (Harry) T. Burleigh ar-

ranged the music of our GRADUAL HYMN, the old favorite, *In Christ there is no East or West*. Burleigh, famous in his day as a vocalist, is also the author of the very beautiful words of our CLOSING HYMN, *Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace*. And, at THE OFFERTORY, we are singing the beloved spiritual, *Let us break bread together on our knees*. How about *Kum Ba Yah* for an ORGAN POSTLUDE? Bet you weren't expecting that. *Gerald*

Bible Study

Mike Kuebler has responded to my request to offer a Bible Study class this summer and has offered to conduct a seven-week class. The class will begin Wednesday, June 28, and end on Wednesday, August 9. If there is interest, a second class will be offered and it will begin September 20. Classes will be held in the Parish Hall from 10:15 to 11:30 AM. Here is a sampling of the lectures:

- How to understand the story of "Salvation History" without having to read all books of the Bible.

- The six major covenants in the Bible and what they mean to us today?

- The three periods of Salvation History in the Bible.

- How Holy Thursday and Good Friday in John's Gospel are different than the Synoptics?

- The many portraits of Jesus in the Gospels.

Before coming to St. Francis in November of last year, Mike was a Roman Catholic for 60 years and a deacon for 25 years. He has taught several Bible studies during his 25 years as a deacon.

To register for the summer class there will be a sign-up sheet available in the Parish Hall after the 9 AM service, or you may email Mike at mikelkuebler@yahoo.com or give him a call

at 520-907-7204. There is no charge for the class. *Fr. Warren*

This Week at St. Francis

All Week	Vacation Bible School 8:45 to 11:30 AM
Monday	Parish Offices Closed
Tuesday, 9a	Men's Group, Parish Hall
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Solo Journeymen

The Solo Group will gather to celebrate Independence Day at the home of Kristi Thompson on Monday, July 3, at 4 PM. Please bring a snack to share with your fellow Solo's (drinks will be provided). Look for the sign up sheet in the Parish Hall this morning and next Sunday. Please come and join in for a festive occasion. Kristi's address is 120 W. Paseo Canasta, 520-207-0465.

Hearts & Hands Ministries

OUR PARISH LIBRARY: Pay a visit to the Parish Library and take in the many improvements wrought by our indefatigable Library Committee. Everything has been brought up to speed in an effort to make this wonderful Parish resource comprehensive and easy to use. The Library is always open after Sunday morning services and on weekdays during regular Parish Office hours.

BOOKS FOR CLASSROOMS: B for C needs your Buttons! The Tohono O'odham schools are collecting buttons to help the children learn math. Please bring any buttons you have that are 1/4" inch and larger to the library table and Librarian Joyce will take them to the Books for Classrooms Headquarters. This is a STEM project (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) recently added to the book program in progress.

▶ **VALLEY ASSISTANCE:** VA helps folks in need by providing bar soap, laundry and dish washing detergent, ammonia (or glass cleaner), toilet paper, tampons, sanitary pads (regular or medium, or overnight-style with wings). You can help by purchasing some of these items, bringing them to church and depositing them in the labeled, purple container in the Sexton's closet (Southwest corner of the Parish Hall).

LOCAL FOOD BANKS: We continue to collect non-perishable items for our local Food Banks. For June and July the Sahuarita facility is requesting spaghetti, spam, hash, and stew, and, for July, the Green Valley Food Bank is collecting peanut butter (no glass containers, please). Monetary donations are welcome too, simply write your check payable to St. Francis with either Sahuarita or Green Valley Food Bank in the Memo line and we'll take care of the rest. Drop your check in the Offering Basket on Sunday morning, or drop it off at the Parish Office during the week.

▶ **DON'T FORGET:** the Sahuarita Food Bank collects cardboard (cereal box style too). The receptacle is located next to Good Shepherd Church on La Cañada.

Your donations are always tax deductible and—if you are writing a check and specifying one of the Food Banks—the Parish isn't required to pay a diocesan assessment on your donation, and—best of all—you're helping to feed those in need. It's all part of being Christ's Heart and Hands in the world.

A Way to Make a Difference

Our local Salvation Army is collecting back-to-school items for local children. If you would like to be part of the collection you may wish to haunt your local stores for crayons, markers, three-ring binders, hand sani-

tizer, tissues, pencils, pens, or even good quality back packs. Please take your treasures to The Salvation Army office at 555 North La Cañada before July 14.

From the Parish Treasurer
May Income/Expense Results
Operating Income \$33,642 vs
Budget \$31,662
Operating Expenses \$56,545 vs
Budget \$53,505

These values exclude Capital Project Income and/or Expense. They will be reported separately on a periodic basis.

A Gift of Flowers

If you would like to give a gift of flowers to be placed on the High Altar in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for many blessings, please call Carol Berg at 520-373-5770 and let her know of your interest. If she is not at home, just leave a message with your name and phone number and she will return your call. Flower donation is \$35.

Forward Day by Day

Daily devotional booklets for May, June, and July 2023, are now available in the Parish Office and Parish Hall.

Prayer Chain

For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, jnrats@gmail.com

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