

History of St Helen of the Cross Church

When What Who December 12th, 1936 First St. Helen Church Mission of St. Anthony's On 4th Avenue
Rev. Patrick Murphy December 5th, 1951 Breaking Ground for New St. Helen Church Building Fr. Sylvio J. Ross
October 25th 1952 First Pastor Rev. Paul J. Rook First Pastor (1952-1961) October 29th, 1952 Erected
Canonically as a Parish Rev. Paul J. Rook November 1952 Christ the King First Mass Celebrated in New Church
Rev. Paul J. Rook December 14th, 1952 New Church Dedication Ceremony Most. Rev. Daniel J. Gercke Bishop of
Tucson January 31st, 1954 Youth Hall Dedicated Rev. Paul J. Rook Bishop Gercke Presiding 1961-1967 Second
Pastor Rev. Gaspar L. Parente Rectory/Office Completed Rev. Gaspar L. Parente 1967-1970 Third Pastor Rev.
Charles Towner 1970-1973 Fourth Pastor Rev. Msgr. James T. Stapleton 1973-1998 Fifth Pastor Rev. Joseph G.
Gorsuch 1998-2004 Sixth Pastor Rev. Martin S. Martinez 2004-2005 Seventh Pastor Rev. Mathew Assemagema
September 26th, 2005 Administrator Pro Tem Rev. Juan Carlos Aguirre August 1st 2006 Eight Pastor Rev. Juan
Carlos Aguirre