

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday, December 17, 2023

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Third Sunday of Advent

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Mass Times

Saturday: Confessions—4:00p.m.

Vigil Mass--4:30p.m.

Sunday: Holy Mass---11 a.m.

Weekday Masses: --- 8:00a.m.
(Thursday, Friday)

Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil Mass---6:00p.m.

Confessions—7:15p.m.

Sunday: Holy Mass—9:30a.m.

Weekday Masses: --- 9:00a.m.
(Monday, Thursday, Friday)

Mass Times

1st Saturday of the month Rosary &
Mass-8:30a.m.

Sunday: Confessions-----7:30a.m.

Holy Mass-----8:00a.m.
12:30p.m.

Wednesday: Confessions—5:30p.m.
Holy Mass—6:00p.m.

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Marriage Preparation

Make an appointment with priest
at least *four months* before your
wedding date.



Reconciliation

Check Mass Schedule or
By appointment 520-349-1696



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Sanctuary Lamp

Margaret Kronbeck

Please call the parish office to reserve.
There is a \$5.00 charge in order to have
the lamp burn in memory of your loved one.



INFANT BAPTISMS

Instructions for infant Baptisms are on the
first and third Thursday of the month (after
initial registration) at 7:00 p.m. in the Church
Hall.

It is mandatory that parents and Godparents attend.

Third Sunday of Advent

In today's gospel John the Baptist is baptizing believers in the Jordan River (Jn 1:6-8, 19-28). He was a mighty man of God anointed to testify about Jesus, so that all may believe through him. Remember, when Jesus came with all his mighty works asking who do the people think I am? Some thought John the Baptist had returned. The manifestation of God's power through John caught the attention of the Jews in Jerusalem; they sent priests and Levites to inquire if he was Christ, Elijah, or the Prophet. He admitted he was not the Christ or either prophet. John identified as "the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord" (Is 40:3). Their questions were on track; John was identified later by Jesus as Elijah (Mt 17:12). John's answer is reminiscent of Jesus' answer to John about who he was not telling him directly but through scripture that referred to Him. "The blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. The Jews were baffled at why John baptized if he was not the Christ, Elijah, or the Prophet based on their knowledge of scripture. "I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ez 36:25-26). John replied I baptize with water but there is one unrecognized among you who "I am not worthy to untie" the strap of his sandal.

John preached the Good News and pointed everyone to Jesus. It is Rejoice Sunday, but joy can be buried beneath the weight of unrepented sin and not living for God. Experience the joy of going to Confession and live the baptismal promises to turn away from Satan, all his works, and empty promises and to believe and trust in the Father, Son, Holy Spirit, and the Church. Happiness is fleeting and comes from circumstances, but divine joy resides inside of us and comes from loving obedience to God. Embrace the habit of quickly turning away from sin in our daily actions to unleash divine joy accompanied by a heavenly satisfaction that pushes us to new heights in Christ. It produces a steadfastness that enables us to face anything with the assurance that God has our back. So that no matter what life throws at us, we can count it all joy as the apostles did (James 1:2-3). What change(s) can you make to uncover divine joy?

— Diana Nussberger

Advent Penance Service

Blessed Sacrament Church, Mammoth
Monday, December 18th at 5:00 pm

My Dear Spiritual Family,

Once Pope St Pius X said, "It is an excellent thing to go to confession often, because the sacrament of Penance, besides taking away sin, gives the graces necessary to avoid sin in the future." Jesus came to call sinners (Mark 2:16); he welcomed them and ate with them (Luke 15:2); He listened to people unburden themselves of guilt. He spoke words of healing; "our sins are forgiven" (Mark 2:5).

It's good to prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas and welcome Jesus into our hearts. I encourage you to never miss this opportunity.

With prayers and blessings,
Fr Bala Kommathoti



Saint Helen Parish Oracle

Christmas Eve – Sunday Dec 24th
Holy Mass at 8:00 PM

Christmas Day – Monday Dec 25th
Holy Mass at 11:00 AM

New Year's Eve – Sunday Dec 31st
Holy Mass at 6:30 PM

New Year's Day – Monday Jan 1st
Holy Mass at 11:00 AM

MASS INTENTIONS *St. Helen*

12/16--4:30p.m.-Msgr. Ambrose Nwhou

12/17--11a.m---Parishoners

**MASS INTENTIONS** *St. Bartholomew*

12/16--6:00p.m.—Jodie Avila

12/17---9:30am -Frances Madrid
Birthday**MASS INTENTIONS** *Blessed
Sacrament*

12/17—8a.m.—+Alfred Ramirez

+ Steve Ramirez

+Benny & Frances Clark

12/17--12:30— Ryan Sattler

*Weekly Offering St. Helen*

12/9 & 12/10--Offering: \$1106.00

Building/Maintenance: \$40.00

Thank you for your Generosity!

**Christmas Flowers**

We are accepting monetary donations for Christmas flowers to decorate the altar in memory of your loved ones, living and deceased. Names will be published in the Christmas Bulletin. Look for envelopes at the back of the church to reserve yours. They may be placed in the Offertory.

St. Helen's Basket Raffle

Drawing will be held Sunday, December 17th
At 2pm at St. Bartholomew Parish Christmas
potluck.
Tickets are still available for purchase at the back of
the church.

St Bartholomew Church, San Manuel**Christmas Party****Dec 17th at 2:00PM**

St Bartholomew Church, San Manuel

There will be a potluck feast in the parish hall. All Tri-Community Parishes are invited! We have created an alphabetic list to what type of dish to bring by parishioner last name:

- Side Dishes (A-G)
- Salads (H-M)
- Desserts (N-S)
- Bread (T-Z)

*We are looking forward to celebrating with you!***Attention Be Alert:**

There is a current scam being done through text messaging. Someone is impersonating Bishop and Priests or any community Parish members requesting to have gift cards purchased on his behalf. If you get a text from any number claiming from the scammers please ignore it, report it, and block the number.

St. Helen's Parish Office hours:

Mon, Wed, Thurs, & Fri: 2PM-5PM

Sat, Sun, & Tues - Closed

Closed on Holidays

Call to Serve the Lord:

Thank you, **Carmen Trejo** for serving as Secretary of the board at our parish.

The corporation position of Secretary, the term for Carmen Trejo will be expiring on 1/20/24. If anyone is interested in being nominated the Candidate's requirements:

- **Catholic**
- **Registered, practicing parish members**
- **At least 25 years old**

Elections will be next month.

Thank you to everyone who purchase raffle tickets for the "Study Bible in Comfort Basket" which was raffled off on 12/10/23, we made \$470.00.

Congratulations to our winner:**Jaime Olives****Prayer for December**

Dear Lord, we pray that this last month of the year will be filled with your peace, presence and hope. Help us to remember what is important during this season. May we find joy in simple pleasures and treasure each opportunity to gather with family and friends. We pray for comfort for all who are going through difficult times. We ask for your healing hand to be upon all who are ill. We pray for provision for all who are in need. We pray for protection for all who are in need. We pray for protection for all who are in harm's way. Please bless us and use us, so we can be a blessing to others. We thank you for our Savior Jesus in whose name we ask these things. Amen.

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."

Mother Teresa



Please pray for the homebound

Please contact us email sthelensmission@msn.com or parish office to add a name to our prayer list

Patsy Cota, Alan Rubinstein, Enedina Chavez

Procedures to Report Suspected and Alleged Abuse Within the Catholic Church

1. Call 911 to make a police report
2. Call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson, 1.800.234.0344

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Please contact Tracy at 520-896-2708 or
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A Prayer for the Unborn

Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom. You have given the gift of life. Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today. Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image, as well as theirs, made for eternal life. Dispel their fear of selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever, and ever. Amen.

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