

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday, December 10, 2023

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Second 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.

(Monday, 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

Saturday: Vigil Mass-----9:00a.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

Diocesan regulations require
that you see a priest at least
four months before your
wedding date.

Holy Matrimony



Reconciliation

Reconciliation/Confession
Check Mass Schedule

2nd Sunday
in Advent

Faith

Bethlehem Candle
reminding us of Mary and
Joseph's journey to
Bethlehem



The Archdiocese of
Port of Spain

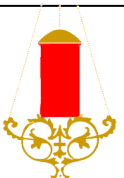


Sanctuary Lamp

Mary Fioravanti

Please call the parish office to reserve.

There is a \$2.00 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.

Second Sunday of Advent

St. Mark tells of John the Baptist's ministry of proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins that would prepare the people's hearts to receive Jesus (Mk. 1:1-8). John was the voice the Prophet Isaiah spoke of: "crying out in the desert: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." The desert is a place of deprivation, loneliness, and stripping away of comforts. God's people were dominated by the Romans and in a desert too; a spiritual drought. For centuries the people had no prophets to speak God's word to them (1 Mac 9:27). John's simple, set part from the world lifestyle, humble clothing and diet signified a man with a single-minded focus on God. They hungered for his preaching that reminded them of the prophets of old; John called them to a deep interior conversion acknowledging their sinful state and need for forgiveness. Consequently, the Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem flocked to him in awe. Then he delivered a prophetic message to watch for "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Advent is calling us to a wholehearted return to the Lord; to ignite the candle of our heart for Him and let the worldly things fall away. A place where the true peace of the Christmas season resides. Confession is good for the soul. It brings restoration, joy, a desire to live for God, and the opportunity to begin again as spotless as a newborn babe. The best gift we can give to each other and to Jesus is to live our Faith. Get rid of those sins that are destroying your peace and those around you. We don't love with gifts but with the ways of Christ. Many would gladly give up that new phone or pricey gift for a family preparing for the return of Christ. A household mindful of the second commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Mk 12:30). One where each member stops their words and actions as soon as they realize their harm, inwardly repents on the spot, and proceeds in silence or with a loving action. Salvation has come to your household when you embrace Christ in your heart and your actions represent Him. Zacchaeus received the coming of Lord with joy, repented, gave to the poor, and restored fourfold any he defrauded, and Christ said, "Today salvation has come to this house" (Lk 19:8-9). Repent and enter into the joy of our Lord (Mt 25:23). Have you lit the candle of your heart?

– 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*

12/9---4:30p.m.—+Mary Fiorvanti

12/10--11a.m---+ Manuel Apodaca

12/14—8a.m.—Lucy Sandoval

**MASS INTENTIONS** *St. Bartholomew*

12/9--6:00p.m.— Parishioners



12/10---9:30am+Irma Estelle Navarro

12/11---Lupe B Bejarano (Birthday)

MASS INTENTIONS *Blessed Sacrament*

12/10—8a.m.—+Kenneth Clark

+ Ryan Sattler

12/10--12:30— +Georgina Bayze

*Weekly Offering St. Helen*

12/2 & 12/3--Offering: \$1404.00

Building/Maintenance: \$120.11

Thank you for your Generosity!

*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*Tuesday December 12th

St. Helen Parish Oracle

Holy Mass at 8AM

Blessed Sacrament Church Mammoth

Holy Mass at 9AM

St. Bartholomew Church San Manuel

Holy Mass at 6PM

(After mass Jr High Catechism will present
a play on the apparition of
Our Lady of Guadalupe and Juan Diego.
Refreshments will be served
at the Hall all are welcome to join!)

**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 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!***St. Helen Roman Catholic Church**
"Study Bible in Comfort" Gift Basket Raffle

Tickets are \$5.00 each/ 5 Tickets for \$20.00
(Retail Value of basket= \$250.00)

Drawing Will be Early December. 12/10

All proceeds benefit St. Helen Church, Oracle AZ.
Winner(s) will be contacted to arrange pick up.

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.

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.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13



Please pray for the hound

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

***Patsy Cota**

Procedures to Report Suspected and Alleged Abuse Within the Catholic Church

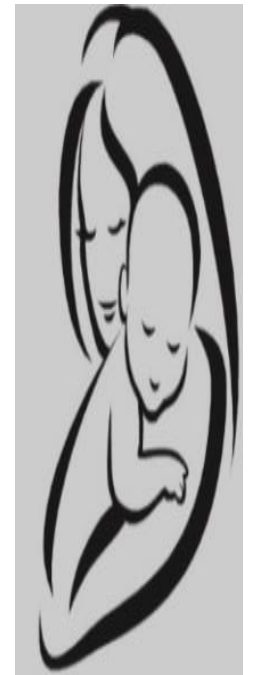
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A Prayer for the Unborn

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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