

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Pastor: Fr. Balaswamy Kommathoti

First Sunday of Advent

Resident Priest: Rev. Monsignor Nwohu

St. Helen Roman Catholic Church



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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



FIRST SUNDAY
OF

Advent

Sanctuary Lamp

Valerie Maloy

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.

First Sunday of Advent

Advent is a time of preparation with festivity. A joyful anticipation leading up to the celebration of the birth of our Savior and awaiting his return and our entrance into our true and eternal home. Advent encourages us to make room for the divine virtues of hope, peace, joy, and love through repentance and joyful service to our King. The Parable of the Traveling Landlord teaches us to be watchful, awake, and prepared for the return of the Lord (Mk. 13:33-37). The Landlord (Jesus) is going abroad (to heaven). He leaves his servants in charge; each with his own job. The purpose of the life of man is to know and love God (CCC 1-2). The gatekeeper is ordered to watch for the master's unknown time of return; then alert the servants to the master's arrival. In turn, the servants remain ready to receive the master properly at any moment. Additionally, the gatekeeper watches for dangers that threaten the estate. Likewise, we must be on the lookout for enemies to our salvation. We are to watch and pray so not to fall into temptation (Mt 26:41). Shun immorality of the body as it defiles the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:18-19). Watch for those who cause divisions and put obstacles up that are contrary to Christ's teachings (Rm 16:17). Be ready to stand firm in the Faith (1 Cor 16:13) and give the devil no place (Eph 4:27). "What I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

Watchfulness is single-mindedness. Care for your salvation and joyfully serve the Lord in your marriage and family or single life. Our relationships should be a hymn of praise to the newborn King. We have individual gifts for building up the body of Christ. Begin to get into a state of readiness (equals happiness) for the Lord and stay there. Make it a prayerful adventure to discover your talents and live your purpose to know and love God. Enjoy planning some great movies, service activities, family Holy hour, and prayer time. Take advantage of the Sacrament of Confession. As you immerse yourself in the Lord you will find divine graces and the virtues of hope, peace, joy, and love. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak and uninterested in what truly matters and what will ultimately be the only thing that remains. "O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy is the man who takes refuge in him!" (Ps 34:8) How will you prepare?

—by Diana Nussberger



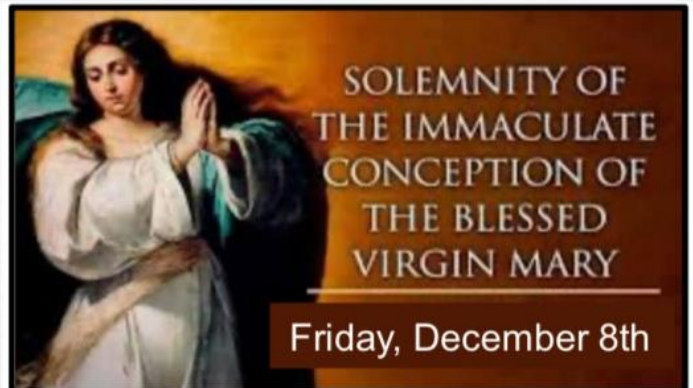
Saint Helen Parish Oracle

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



Blessed Sacrament Church, Mammoth
Holy Mass at 8:00 AM

St Bartholomew Church, San Manuel
Holy Mass at 9:30 AM

Saint Helen Church, Oracle
Holy Mass at 6:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS St. Helen

12/2---4:30p.m.--Msgn Ambrose Nwohu
 12/3--11a.m--- Bonat and Davis Family
 12/7---8a.m.—Holy Souls in Purgatory
 12/8---8a.m.---Valerie Maloy

**MASS INTENTIONS St. Bartholomew**

12/2--6:00p.m.— Parishioners
 12/3---9:30am—Parishioners
 12/4---+Carmella Dowdle

**MASS INTENTIONS Blessed Sacrament**

12/2--9:00a.m—Parishioners
 12/3—8a.m.—Parishioners
 12/3--12:30— Parishioners

**Weekly Offering St. Helen**

11/26 & 12/26--Offering: \$1078.00

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.

LAS POSADA

St. Bartholomew Parish, 609 Park Place, San Manuel

Come celebrate the Coming of Jesus!

Thursday, December 7th,

5:30p.m.---Nativity Story in the Church

5:45-6:00p.m. ---Journey walk with Holy Family

(From St. Bartholomew Parish to Park Place and back to church)

Refreshments will be served!

All children need to be accompanied by a parent

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Tuesday December 12th

St. Helen Parish Oracle at 8AM

Blessed Sacrament Church Mammoth at 9am

St. Bartholomew Church San Manuel at 6am

(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!)

**Thank you Lorena,
Welcome Tracy**

St. Helen Community extends our gratitude to Lorena Candelaria (Parish Secretary) for your hard work and dedication. Wishing you all the best for your new endeavor.

We welcome Tracy Alvarez our new Parish Secretary.

Thank you for accepting to work at our Parish. We are looking forward for your ministry in our Tri Community Parishes.

Lots of prayers and wishes!

Father Bala Kommathoti

St. Helen Parish Community Oracle



RECONCILED
with God

Advent Penance Service

Blessed Sacrament Church Mammoth

Monday, Dec 18th at 5:00PM

My Dear Spiritual Family,

Once Pope St. Pius 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 Lots of Love,

Father Bala



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!



PLEASE PRAY FOR III AND/OR HOMEBOUND

Starting December 2023 this list will be completely deleted. To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the parish office or email sthelensmission@msn.com

Please contact us to add a name to our prayer list which starts on December 1, 2023

**Patsy Cota*

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. TBA

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



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3 Parishes: \$1,000 per year

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Trust
God is always listening.

Search
God in others and in your day to day life.

Be generous
Share your time and your joy.

Reconcile
with God and others.

Be coherent
Match your actions to your beliefs.

Love
others through simple and kind gestures.

Be grateful
with God for all your blessings.

Speak
about God. Don't be ashamed of Him.

Illuminate
others with joy. Be a light in the world.

Pray
Dedicate some special time to God.

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2. Call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson, 1.800.234.0344 REPORTBISHOPABUSE.ORG

Deadline for Bulletin Submissions is Wednesday at 2:00p.m. in order to be printed for upcoming weekend masses