

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday, December 31st, 2023

Pastor: Fr. Balaswamy Kommathoti

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Resident Priest: Rev. Monsignor Nwohu

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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

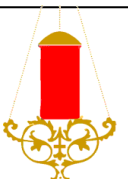
Check Mass Schedule or
By appointment 520-349-1696



Sanctuary Lamp

Johanna Stritzel

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.

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of Mary commemorates her role as mother of the Son of God and honors her part in the plan of salvation. Pope Paul VI, in his apostolic exhortation *Marialis Cultus* (1974), called the Solemnity of Mary "a fitting occasion for renewing adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels, and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace." In the gospel (Lk 2:16-21) shepherds rush to Bethlehem and find Mary and Joseph, and Jesus lying in a manger. Upon seeing Jesus, they explain the miraculous way they came to knowledge of him. Luke 2:9-14 describes how an angel suddenly appeared to the shepherds, and the glory of the Lord shone all around and they were struck with great fear. The angel said, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Mary kept these sayings in her heart, reflecting upon them. The message supported what Mary was told of the greatness and destiny of her son at the Annunciation. It verified Joseph's dream that the child was of the Holy Spirit and would save his people from their sins (Mt 1:20-21). Surely, the townspeople reflected upon this testimony and their knowledge of the coming Messiah. The shepherds depart glorifying God for all they had seen and heard was true. After circumcision, the baby was named Jesus as the angel instructed at the Annunciation.

The shepherd's firsthand experience with God affected others powerfully secondhand. Similarly, our Faith experience enables us to point the way to Jesus as Mary does so beautifully. One day I stopped at a gas station. I was filled with the joy of the Lord from listening to Christian music on the way to work. As I paid the attendant, he asked sincerely how he could get that joy (unspoken witness) and confessed he was depressed. I handed him a gospel prayer card and told him to say the prayer. God has granted us the honor to be a part of the plan of salvation just like Mary by sharing our Faith. Reflecting on the mysteries of God through music, prayer, or scripture makes us receptive to the Holy Spirit who enables us to share our Faith with ease. How can you spend more time in reflection and adoration?

– Diana Nussberger



Saint Helen Parish Oracle

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 Parish Mammoth

New Year's Eve – Sunday Dec 31st
Holy Mass at 8:00 PM

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Holy Mass at 8:00 AM

St Bartholomew Parish San Manuel

New Year's Eve – Sunday Dec 31st
Holy Mass at 5:00 PM

New Year's Day – Monday Jan 1st
Holy Mass at 9:30 AM

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Helen Parish

12/30- (Saturday) 4:30p.m- Roma Marchetti

12/31-(Sunday) 11a.m-Parishioners

1/1-8 a.m- (Monday) O'Donnell and Jim Fitzpatrick

1/5- (Friday) 8:00a.m. Debbie Boyd

Weekly Offering St. Helen

12/23, 12/24 & 12/25--Offering: \$1515.00

Building/Maintenance: \$40.00

Thank you for your Generosity!



For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the Lord.
plans to PROSPER you and not to
harm you, plans to GIVE you
hope and a future.
-Jeremiah 29:11

My Dear Spiritual Family,

Our church invites us today to start our calendar year by recalling Mary's Motherhood. The mystery of 'Emmanuel- God with us 'was foreshadowed long before in the first formal blessings in the Bible, that of Aaron to the children of Israel. We find it in our first reading today that the face of God shines on you and brings you peace.

"The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD let his face shine upon
you, and be gracious to you!
The LORD look upon you kindly and
give you peace!
So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites,
and I will bless them." (Numbers 6:24-27)

I assure my prayers for you and for your families.
I wish you a happy and very fruitful New Year 2024.

With prayers and blessings,

Fr Bala Kommathoti

Santa Catalina **Saint Vincent de Paul Conference**

Neighbors in Need are helping the poor in our local communities. If you have questions or need more information contact us at (520) 825-8288 or email svdpcatalina@gmail.com

New Years Reflection and Prayer

As the old year ends and a new one begins, take time.

Time to remember the struggles you faced,
And mistakes you might have made,
And maybe even loved ones you lost.

In every year, you experience heartache.
This one was no different.

And in remembering, find a seed of hope
hidden in yesterday.

Remember how you've been blessed.
Relive when you found unexpected strength.
Recall where you saw God's great Spirit at work.
And know his mercy kept you going all this time.

Recognize his mercy. Ask for his peace.

The peace that pours out every moment of every day
from the wounds of Christ.

Prepare us Lord for the New Year.
Lift us up and place in our hearts,
A renewed desire to know and worship you more.
Give us your abundant grace.
Shower us with your healing love.

May your eternal Kingdom reign in our hearts and our
lives. May the New Year show us once again your
eternal mercy and glory.

And let us sing your praises with great joy.

In Jesus name, Amen.

World Day of the Sick Mass

Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, DD
Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Tucson



Anointing of the Sick
Blessing of Caregivers
Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday, February 10th, 2024
10:00 AM

St. Thomas the Apostle
5150 N. Valley View Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85718





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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2 Parishes: \$700 per year
3 Parishes: \$1,000 per year

Please contact Tracy at 520-896-2708 or
sthelensmission@msn.com

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:

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

Elections will be next month.

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