

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday, Sunday, January 7, 2024
Pastor: Fr. Balaswamy Kommathoti

Epiphany of the Lord
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.
(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**



**THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD**

Sanctuary Lamp

Andrew Stritzel Jr.

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.

Reflection The Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. He fulfilled God's promise to Abraham to bless all the nations of the earth through his descendants (Gen 22:18). The gospel (Mat 2:1-12) begins with the magi following a new star; it was widely believed a new star signified the birth of a new king. Logically, they look in the palace of King Herod and inquire about such a birth, explaining they have come to pay homage. The knowledge of another king threatens Herod's power and all in Jerusalem that hold influential positions in his kingdom for they fear being displaced. Herod investigates, finding Bethlehem as the birthplace of the Messiah and the approximate age of the child by acquiring the time of the star's appearance from the magi. King Herod hoped to deceive the magi into disclosing the child's location so he could kill him. After leaving Herod, the magi are overjoyed to see the star again and follow it until it stops directly over Jesus. They enter the house and see Mary and Jesus. Immediately they prostrate themselves. They present their royal treasures: gold representing kingship, frankincense, a symbol of divinity, and myrrh used in burial. Then they departed another way for an angel warned them not to return to Herod. Many evil plans exist in this world, but God's plan will always prevail just as it did in today's gospel.

It must have been a surprise to find a king in such humble surroundings, but through their travels they experience a personal epiphany inspiring true worship and recognition of His kingship and worthiness of royal gifts. There was no shortage of signs from heaven that this child was indeed special. Like the star that guided them, and it was well known in Bethlehem that a multitude of angels appeared giving glory to God for the child. Then an angel appeared to the magi in a dream warning them not to return to Herod and take another path home. Let us be inspired by the magi's journey today. It was not so much about the magi or the star but seeking and finding Christ on one path and leaving by another (conversion). Like the magi were not to return to Herod, we are not to return down the same path of our old lives. Saint Gregory the Great had wonderful insight into this passage for daily living; he said, the treasures signify the gifts we present to Christ in our daily lives. Gold is Christ's wisdom, which shines in us, frankincense is the prayer and adoration we give him, and myrrh is our daily self-sacrifices. Are you on the path of conversion?

— Diana Nussberger

New Year Eucharistic Adoration



St Bartholomew Church
San Manuel

Monday January 8th,
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Alive in Christ New Year's Charismatic Mass 2024

Thursday, January 11th, at 6:45 PM

"Whenever you begin any good work you should first of all make a most pressing appeal to Christ our Lord to bring it to perfection."
— St Benedict



- Lively praise & worship
- Praise reports
- Prayers for your intentions



Fr Bala Kommathoti

Invite your family & friends!

- Attend in person at: Our Lady of La Vang Parish, at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson
- Or Join on Zoom, Meeting ID: **814 4930 0841**
Passcode: **352734**

MASS INTENTIONS

January 6 (Saturday) at 4:30PM

- Roma Marchetti

January 7 (Sunday) at 11:00a.m.

- Bonat Davis

January 8 (Monday) at 8:00a.m.

- Parishioners

January 11 (Thursday) 8:00a.m.

- Maria A. Teran

Rest In Peace

- +Laura Estrada:
Rosary at 10:00a.m. and funeral mass at 10:30a.m.
on January 12. San Manuel
- +Enedina Chavez:
Rosary at 10:30a.m. and funeral mass at 11:00a.m.
on January 12. Mammoth

May Eternal Light shine upon all who have died

Weekly Offering

12/31/23 & 1/1/24--Offering: \$904.00

Building/Maintenance: \$40.00

Thank you for your Generosity!



Christmas Basket Winners:

Boy's Basket- Jenny Seballos

Girl's Basket- Carmen Trejo

Kitchen Basket-Sue Strahl

Bible Basket- Jaime Olivas

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, we made a total of \$1075.00 all proceeds go to St. Helen Parish.

New Year 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.

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)

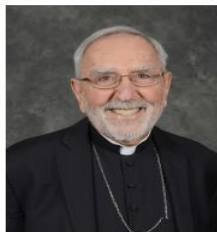
I assure my prayers for you and for your families.
I wish you a happy and very fruitful New Year 2024.

With prayers and blessings,

Fr Bala Kommathoti

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, Leo Gomez-Ramos

Prayer for Vocations

GOD OUR FATHER, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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 this month.

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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