

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday, Sunday, January 14, 2024
Pastor: Fr. Balaswamy Kommathoti

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
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.**

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



Sanctuary Lamp

Andreas 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.



Reconciliation

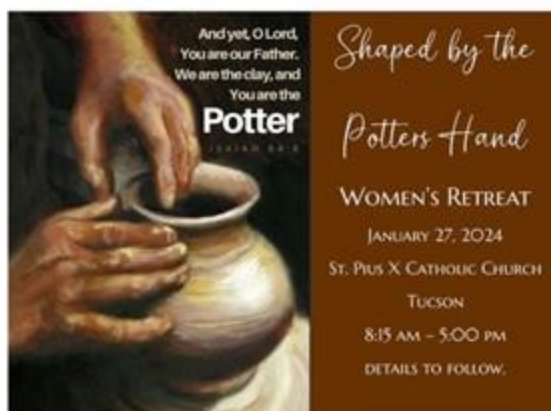
**Check Mass Schedule or
By appointment 520-349-1696**

Reflection *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

In today's gospel (Jn 1:35-42) John the Baptist points out Jesus as the "Lamb of God" (the Messiah) to his disciples; two follow Jesus acting upon the words of their trusted teacher. John's ministry was nearing its end. John said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." Jesus the one who comes after John would take the leading role. Seeing the two disciples Jesus asks: "What are you looking for? They reply, "Where are you staying?" They desired to live with and learn from Jesus. Jesus invites them to "come and you will see" (experience) and he still issues this invitation today. The disciples stay with Jesus that day. Then, Andrew leaves to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah." He brings him to Jesus; who instantly knows who he is. "You are Simon, the son of John; you will be called Cephas" (Peter). Throughout scripture we see people being renamed by God. It signifies a new call (purpose) in life. Peter would later understand the purpose associated with the name; Peter (the rock) identified him as the first Pope that Jesus built his Church on (Mt 16:18). We are all new creatures in Christ and have a new purpose to fulfill.

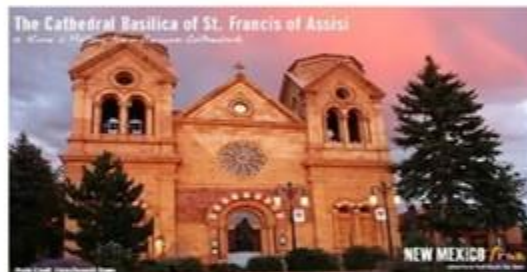
These two disciples come to know Jesus through John the Baptist's testimony. After spending time with Jesus, Andrew brings his brother to Jesus by his own testimony of finding "the Messiah." Today we don't go to Jesus in the flesh, but the experience is just as powerful. I found out about Jesus through a pastor's testimony. I told Jesus I was looking for help; he replaced my sadness with divine joy and gave me the desire to frequently spend time with Him through mass, reading the word, and prayer. He has been with me every day for 38 years for he resides in me as the temple of the Holy Spirit. I don't see him, but I feel his presence, speak with him in prayer, and can say through experience, talk to the Messiah and he will do for you what he has done for me. Before I read scripture, I experienced being a new creation in Christ; "the old has passed away, behold, the new has come (2 Cor. 5:17). My friends knew something had happened to me but not what. Coming to Christ as an adult I experienced a drastic change from the old life to the new. Lasting joy and contentment come from being one with Christ; I miss nothing from my old life. Like Andrew, I told my sister about Christ, and she had the same life changing experience. My experience marked a new call (purpose) in my life. "O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy is the man who takes refuge in him" (Ps. 34:8)! Have you met the Messiah?

- Diana Nussberger



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New Pilgrimage in 2024



Missions of New Mexico May 21 - 29, 2024

Discover the holy sites of The Land of
Enchantment
hosted by Erin Blanchette, Vine of Grace
Retreat Ministry

with Spiritual Director Father Bala Kommathoti

TREASURES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE

11 Days: October 7 - 17, 2024

Visiting

Assisi • Lanciano • San Giovanni Rotondo

Sorrento • Monte Cassino • Rome

Hosted by Erin Blanchette, Vine of Grace
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MASS INTENTIONS

January 13 (Saturday) at 4:30PM

- Roma Marchetti

January 14 (Sunday) at 11:00a.m.

- Manuel Apodaca

January 15 (Monday) at 8:00a.m.

- Felix Sandoval,
- Enedina Sandoval,
- Special Intention

Weekly Offering

1/6/24 & 1/7/24--Offering: \$1498.00

Building/Maintenance: \$286.00

Thank you for your Generosity!



Pray for Father Bala as he will be traveling home from January 15th to February 12th. There will be weekday masses on Monday's at St. Helen's Parish only during this time. Fr. Showri Narra will be covering our weekend masses and any spiritual needs for our Tri-Community parishes.

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

January 2024 Prayer

Dear Lord,

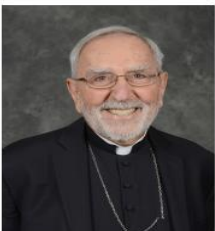
As we enter January 2024, we seek Your comfort and strength. In our challenges, we remember Your promise in Psalm 46:1, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Help us to trust You as Philippians 4:6-7 teaches, finding peace in prayer and thanksgiving. May we have the courage of Esther, trusting in Your plans for us as declared in Jeremiah 29:11. In our struggles, we hold onto Psalm 34:18, knowing You are close to the brokenhearted. Guide us according to Proverbs 3:5-6, to trust in You and not lean on our own understanding.

Thank You for Your love and mercy every day. Help us to face each day with faith, knowing You are with us.
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, 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.



Diocese of Tucson
Tucson English Cursillo

- * Do you wish to sponsor a candidate?
- * Do you know what your Sponsor role is?
- * Sponsor meetings are **mandatory**.

Please join us for the next Sponsor Meeting:
Saturday, **January 20, 2024 @ 10:00AM**
St. Christopher Catholic Church, Marana AZ
Ultreya immediately following

Pot Luck - please bring a dish to share! **De Colores!**

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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