

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday August 18, 2024

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 & 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

Mass Times

Sunday: Confessions-----7:30a.m.
Holy Mass-----8:00a.m.
12:30p.m.

Weekday Masses: -----
Wednesday 6:00pm.

Saturday: Rosary & Mass--- 8:30a.m.
Confessions----- 9:30a.m.

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Marriage Preparation

Make an appointment with priest
At least *four months* before your
Wedding date.



Sanctuary Lamp

Please call the parish office to reserve.
There is a \$5.00 charge in order to have
The lamp burns 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

Any other time by appointment.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

“My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink”
---John 6:51-58

A priest I know was asked by a door –to-door evangelist, “Do you believe in Jesus?” He answered, “Yes I do, but if I may ask you, he continued: “Where do you experience Jesus’ body and blood?” His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, “I don’t. I just believe in him. That’s all that is needed.” Later my priest friend would relate to me, “The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus’ body and blood not just hear him and mentally believes. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost.”

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the “bread of life come down from heaven.” Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That’s why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to “eat my flesh and drink my blood.” (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus’ body and blood—he himself truly, really, substantially—has been the Church’s treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart and the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on both, not just one of the other.

This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, not is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts and our bodies, faith and the Eucharist.

----Father John Muir

“In the humble signs of bread and wine, changed into his body and blood, Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey, and he enables us to become, for everyone, witnesses of hope.”
-- Pope John Paul II

Alive in Christ **Gifts of the Holy Spirit** Thursday September 12, 6:45 PM

“O Holy Spirit descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there thy cheerful beams.”
- Saint Augustine



- ❖ Praise and Worship
- ❖ Experience the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- ❖ Praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit



Fr Bala Kommathoti

Bring your family & friends!

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

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe

7 Days: March 31 – April 6, 2025

visiting

Mexico City • Our Lady of Guadalupe • Teotihuacan
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Executive Director, Vine of Grace Retreat Ministry

With Spiritual Director

Father Bala Kommathoti

\$2559 per person from Phoenix

(Air/land tour price is \$2369 plus \$190 government taxes/airline surcharges.)



MASS INTENTIONS

August 17 (Saturday) at 4:30PM +Oralia & Gil Self

August 18 (Sunday) at 11:00AM Parishioners

Upcoming Events

Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 4 pm. Parish Council members are required to attend. Representatives from various ministries are to submit their reports if not attending.

Interested in helping out at the upcoming Fiesta on October 5th, please contact Manny 520-975-2172, Ellie 520-237-2086, Sandi 740-502-0009, or you can call the Parish Office 520-896-2708. We need volunteers, supplies, or donations to buy the supplies.



Blessed Sacrament Church Fiesta

Saturday, September 14, 2024
4-PM-12:00AM

DJ Rocky Martinez 4PM-6PM

Mariachi Valenzuela 6PM-8PM

Live Band: Elijah Ezequiel and Los
Conjunto Addictz: 8PM-12AM

Horseshoe Tournament:
starting at 2PM, blind draw.

Food Booths, Games, Cash Prize Raffles,
Dancing, and Fun for the Whole Family.

Weekly Offering St. Helen Parish

8/10/24 & 8/11/24--Offering: \$1599.00

Building/Maintenance: \$50.00



St Helen's Parish Donor Box is now active online. To make your donations visit our website at:

<https://www.sthelenparishoracle.org>

Thank you for your generosity!!

Harvest Festival November 9, 2024

St. Bartholomew Parish, San Manuel

Fall Festival Raffle Tickets are now available for sale for a chance to win cash prizes!

- 1st place: \$ 500
- 2nd place: \$ 300
- 3rd place: \$ 200

Tickets are \$1.00 each.

To purchase tickets, contact Louie Madrid at (520) 268-5944 or Frances Madrid at (520) 709-6387



ANNUAL WEEKEND OF WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, 2024

FRIDAY EVENING
6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
SATURDAY
9:00 AM TO 5:30 PM

"DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST AND APPROVE WHAT GOD'S WILL IS - HIS GOOD, PLEASING, AND PERFECT WILL." ROMANS 12:2

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH HALL
215 SOUTH CRAYCROFT - TUCSON

COST: \$75.00

Ladies, you are invited to join with other Sisters in Christ for this beautiful retreat that offers a time for fellowship, praise & worship, inspired teaching & healing prayer! Come and be transformed & renewed in God's love as we prepare our hearts to be transformed! Invite a friend to join you!

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 Gómez-Ramos, Mía Vega, Gerardo Alcaraz, Richard Bencomo, Anita Garcia
Jesusita Borboa, Victor Borboa, Gonzalo Marco, Frank Martínez, Eivira Rendon, Nena Johnson, Dora Mendoza

What's your Talent?

Do you: crochet, knit, sew, bake, do woodwork, make jewelry, make wreaths or floral arrangements etc.?
Would you be interested in selling your handiwork?

Blessed Sacrament Church will be sponsoring a Christmas Market on Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 10 am to 5 pm at the Parish Hall.

What's a Christmas Market?

An event set up for you to display and sell your goods. \$25 fee to reserve a space. **PAID FEE GUARANTEES A SPOT.** Don't wait, reserve now. The fee will go to the church. Any money you make from selling your goods will be **YOURS**. There are 18 spots available for crafts and 2 kitchen spots for food. More information will follow. Tell your family and friends. The event is open to everyone. If you're interested in participating, please fill out the bottom of this form and give it to Janie Sanchez.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Call Janie Sanchez, 487-2624 or 520-548-4838 with any questions. Mail to Box 827, Mammoth, AZ 85618

**Is God Calling You to be a Sister?
Come and See!**



September 27-28-29, 2024

**Religious Vocation
Discernment Retreat**

Los Altos Hills, California

Stay with us! Pray with us!

See what being a Sister is all about!



**Daughters of Charity
of St. Vincent de Paul**



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Daughters-of-Charity.com/retreats/
For Single Catholic Women 18-40.

**Procedures to Report Suspected and
Alleged Abuse within the Catholic Church**

Call 911 to make a police report

Call the Victim Assistance Program 1.800.234.0344

**EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE.
NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Some people think that choosing a modest memorial means sacrificing service. Our commitment to excellent service allows us to say that no matter what kind of a memorial you have in mind, we'll provide you with the best service available, bar none.



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**Pope's Prayer Intention
August**

For political leaders

During the month of August, Catholics are asked to pray that political leaders "be at the service of their own people" and also that they work for the common good, integral human development, and take care of those who have lost their jobs.

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