

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday September 29, 2024

Twenty-sixth 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

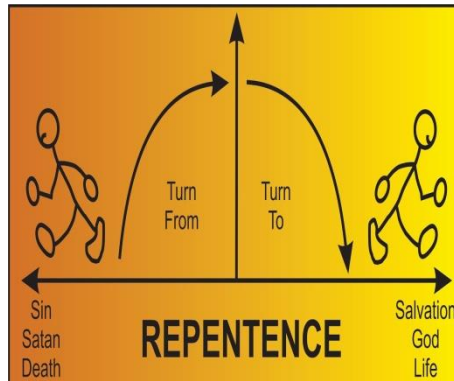
Make an appointment with priest
At least *four months* before your
Wedding date.



Reconciliation

Check Mass Schedule or
By appointment 520-349-1696

Any other time by appointment.



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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

**“Whoever is not against us is for us.
If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.”
--Mark 9:40-43**

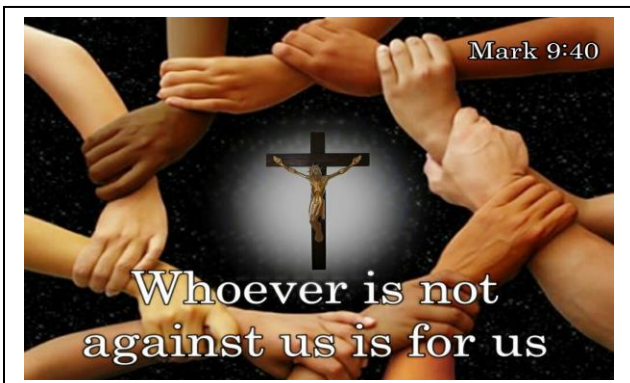
Maggots, grubs, worms, when I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body-unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out- I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn't ever get it out?

This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, “where the worm does not die.” If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others- usually the most poor and vulnerable, the “little ones,” as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin.

---Father John Muir



St. Helen Parish



**Saturday, October 5, 2024
4:00PM-11:00PM**

Entertainment:

**Mariachi Alma Mexicana:
4PM-6PM**

DJ Johnny Hernandez: 6PM-8PM

**Live Band: Hold My Beer
8PM-11PM**

**Food Booths, Games, & Dancing.
Fun for the Whole Family.**



Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest, you offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the Cross and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit gave your priestly people a share in your redeeming sacrifice. Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our priests. Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood may be ever more conformed to you, the divine Master. May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience. Let them be shepherds according to your own Heart, single-minded in service to you and to the Church and shining examples of a holy, simple and joyful life. Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, your Mother and ours, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of eternal life where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN

---Pope Benedict XVI

MASS INTENTIONS

September 28 (Saturday) at 4:30PM-
Fr. Bala Kommathoti (Birthday)

September 29 (Sunday) at 11:00AM-
Fr. Bala Kommathoti (Birthday)

Upcoming Events

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.

Items needed for Fiesta:

Liters of sodas, Bags of Candy, Small toys, Gallon freezer bags, heavy duty plastic forks, large cans of nacho cheese, cakes for cake walk need to be single layer cakes, if donating cupcakes please put 4 on a plate with clear wrap covering. Any larger decorated cakes will be sold.

We are putting together a clean-up & set-up crew for the church grounds and booths.

More details coming soon in the bulletin.

Mass on October 6, 2024 will be at 5PM, NO mass at 11AM.

Weekly Offering St. Helen Parish

9/21/24 & 9/22/24--Offering: \$947.00

Building/Maintenance: \$60.00



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!!

Blessed Sacrament Parish Fiesta

(Mammoth)

Thank You

For your Leadership,

Your faithfulness

And your heart

May God Bless You!

Thank you so much for everyone who volunteered to work the Fiesta. Even though you are not in the spotlight, you are the backbone of every event. Please know that we could not do this without your hard work. We are forever thankful for the time you have given. You have made an unforgettable difference and a memorable Fiesta.

The Fiesta was a great success. We appreciate all the volunteers who helped run the booths; those who helped set up, donated, and cleaned up. Without you the Fiesta would have not been possible.

Also thank you to all the Parishioners from Blessed Sacrament Parish, St. Helen Parish, and St. Bartholomew Parish for coming out to support our parish's annual fiesta.

**With your Love and Generosity we made \$9919.00
From our Fiesta!!**

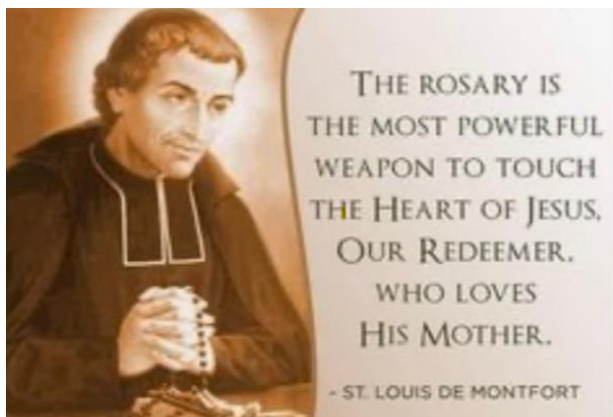
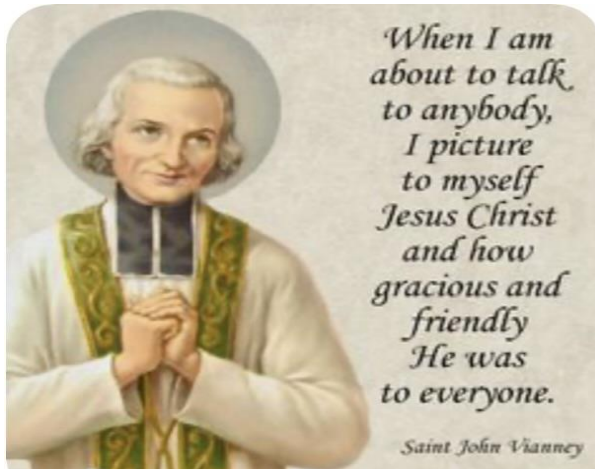
Christmas Market 2024

Blessed Sacrament, Mammoth

Saturday, December 7th (10a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Only 7 spaces left, forms in the back of the church

Call Janie Sanchez for Questions: 520-487-2624 or 520-548-4838



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 Martinez, Elivira Rendon, Nena Johnson, Dora Mendoza,
Veronica Casillas Burrola

Saints of the Day October 2024

October 1...St. Therese of Lisieux...France...Carmelite...Doctor of the Church...Patron Saint of florists, missionaries, pilots and against tuberculosis

October 2...Feast of the Guardian Angels

October 3...St. Theodore Guerin...France and United States..Patron Saint of the Diocese of Lafayette, Indiana...Sisters of Providence

October 4...St. Francis of Assisi...Italy...Founder of Franciscans...Patron Saint of the environment, peacemakers, and animals.

October 5...St. Faustina...Poland...Apostle of Mercy...Visionary

October 6...St. Bruno...Germany...Founder of Carthusian Order

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