

# Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday September 8, 2024

Twenty-third 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

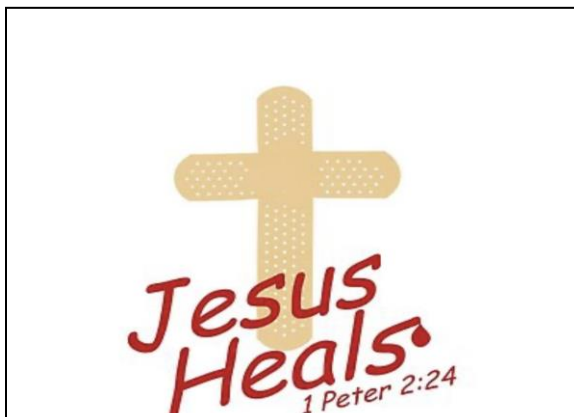
“He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”  
---Mark 7:31-37

One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, “Ephphata!” The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love

---Father John Muir



# Blessed Sacrament Church



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

## Entertainment:

**DJ Rocky Martinez: 4PM-6PM**

**Mariachi Valenzuela: 6PM-8PM**

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

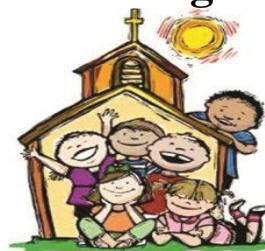
## Horseshoe Tournament:

**Starting at 2PM, blind draw.**

**Food Booths, Games, Cash Prize Raffles, &  
Dancing.**

**Fun for the Whole Family.**

## **St. Helen's Religious Education 2024/2025 Registrations**



**C.C.D.**  
Cultivating Catholic Disciples

Will be on the following  
Saturday's & Sunday's after Mass:

**September 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th**

**And at the office Mon, Wed-Fri, 2PM-5PM.**

Our program offers catechism & sacrament preparation classes for 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Contact DRE Maria Martinez 520-609-4388**

**For more details**

## MASS INTENTIONS

September 7 (Saturday) at 4:30PM + Rudolf Weigl

September 8 (Sunday) at 11:00AM +Mary Fioravanti

## 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. Contact Manny Navarro or Ellie Brown.

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

### **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**

## *Weekly Offering St. Helen Parish*

8/31/24 & 9/1/24--Offering: \$1532.65

Building/Maintenance: \$100.00



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!!

**OCTOBER 5, 2024**

**4:00 PM**, opening of the church with mass and live music by Mariachi Alma Mexicana

**5:00 – 6:00 PM** Blessing of the grounds and music by Mariachi Alma Mexicana of the grounds

**5:00 PM** – Beer tent opens

**5:30 PM** Food booths, kitchen, cake walk piñata, game booths open – Burros, Hamburgers/Hot Dogs, Nachos, Fry Bread

**6:00 – 8:00 PM** DJ Mix by Mr. Johnny Hernandez

**8:00 - 11:00** Live Music by Hold My Beer band

## **Catholic School 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** **September 21 & 22, 2024**

As you know, this annual collection helps the Department of Catholic Schools provide the necessary support to our 23 Catholic schools, approximately 548 educators, and 6592 students in the following areas:

- Adult Ministry Certification
- Coordinated Health consulting services
- School Counseling consulting services
- Standardized Assessments
- Scholarship Management Support
- School leadership support and coaching
- Support and resources for pastors of parish schools
- Accreditation training and support
- Elementary Tucson sports league
- Support for Diocesan CARE Student Intervention Process
- Policy Guidance
- Federal Title Programs



**Please pray for the homebound**

**Please contact us email [sthelensmission@msn.com](mailto:sthelensmission@msn.com) or parish office to add a name to our prayer list**



**Patsy Cota, Alan Rubinstein, Leo Gómez-Ramos, Mia Vega, Gerardo Alcaraz, Richard Bencomo, Anita Garcia  
Jesusita Borboa, Victor Borboa, Gonzalo Marco, Frank Martínez, Elivira Rendon, Nena Johnson, Dora Mendoza**

**Be Transformed**  
Romans 12:2

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

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

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!

**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

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