

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

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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.
First Friday Healing Mass

Office Hours Mon & Wed-Fri 2-5PM

Parish Board of Directors

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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

**Office hours: Mon & Tues 8:00-12:00
Wed 9-11AM**

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Mass Times

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

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

1st Saturday: Rosary & Mass---
8:30a.m. Confessions----- 9:30a.m.

**Office hours: Sun 9-5
Mon 3:30-5:30PM**

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Baptism & Reconciliations

By appointment 520-349-1696

Marriage Preparation

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

"Advent is a time of waiting
for our Lord, who will visit
us all in our own hearts.
The Lord is coming!
Let us wait for him!"

POPE FRANCIS

Sanctuary Lamp

Bryan Valdez

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.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

“Be Vigilant at all times.” --Luke 21:36

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, “Don’t be afraid.” She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, “Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen.” A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various “worlds” in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves “fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world” (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunken-ness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to “look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” He then compares what’s coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That’s what the cross and resurrections empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you’re troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: “Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming.” ---Father John Muir



1st candle-(purple) The Prophecy Candle or Candle of Hope- We have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)



**Holy Mass Times:
Sunday, December 8, 2024
St. Bartholomew: 6:00 p.m.**

**Monday, December 9, 2024
Blessed Sacrament: 8:00 a.m.
St. Helen: 10:00 a.m.**

December 8 is typically a Holy Day of Obligation, celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, but this year, the feast day lands on a Sunday in Advent. As a result, the USCCB transferred it to Monday, December 9, according to the 2024 USCCB liturgical calendar.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Holy Mass Times

**Wednesday Dec. 11th at 5:00PM
Blessed Sacrament Church Mammoth**

**Thursday Dec. 12 at 8AM
St. Helen Parish Oracle**

MASS INTENTIONS

November 30 (Saturday) at 4:30PM – Danny Garcia

December 1 (Sunday) at 11:00AM- Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity and Blessed Mother

December 6 (Friday) at 8AM- Healing Mass
-Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity and Blessed Mother

LAS POSADA

St. Bartholomew Parish, San Manuel

Come celebrate the Coming of Jesus!

Friday, December 13th

5:00pm---Journey walk with Holy Family

6:00pm- Holy Mass



Dec 15th at 2:00PM

Blessed Sacrament Church Mammoth

There will be a potluck feast in the parish hall. All Tri-Community Parishes are invited! We have created an alphabetic list to what type of dish to bring by parishioner last name:

- Side Dishes (A-G)
- Salads (H-M)
- Desserts (N-S)
- Bread (T-Z)

We are looking forward to celebrating with you!

First Advent of Sunday

Prayer - Hope

Heavenly Father, we anxiously await the coming of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. We invite you into our homes and hearts, that during this period of purification and preparation, you fill us up with the power of the Holy Spirit. Strengthened in you, we say, "Let it be done according to thy will." Amen.

Weekly Offering St. Helen Parish

11/23/24 & 11/24/24--Offering: \$662.00
Bldg. Maint.-\$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!!



Christmas Flowers



We are accepting monetary donations for Christmas flowers to decorate the altar in memory of your loved ones, living and deceased. Names will be published in the Christmas Bulletin. Look for envelopes at the back of the church to reserve yours. They may be placed in the Offertory.

Christmas Market

Dec. 7, 2024, 10 am to 5 pm

Blessed Sacrament Church Hall in Mammoth

Come do some holiday shopping. There will be a variety of homemade items, such as Christmas Decorations, Blankets, Personalized Items, Crochet Items and so much more.

Food will be available for sale.

Come enjoy and share the Christmas Spirit!

Call Janie 520-548-4838 if interested.

Advent Penance Service

Blessed Sacrament, St. Bartholomew, St.

Helen's Parish

Tuesday Dec 17th at 5:30PM

My Dear Spiritual Family,

Once Pope St. Pius said, "It is an excellent thing to go to confession often because the Sacrament of Penance, besides taking away sin gives the graces necessary to avoid sin in the future."

Jesus came to call sinners (Mark 2:16); He welcomed them and ate with them (Luke 15:2); He listened to people unburden themselves of guilt. He spoke words of healing, "our sins are forgiven" (Mark 2:5).

It's good to prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas and welcome Jesus into our hearts. I encourage you to never miss this opportunity.

With Lots of Love, Father Bala



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, Mia Vega, Gerardo Alcaraz, Richard Bencomo, Anita Garcia Jesusita Borboa, Victor Borboa, Gonzalo Marco, Frank Martinez, Elivira Rendon, Nena Johnson, Dora Mendoza, Veronica Casillas Burrola, Tony Telles, Gabe Telles, N. Discher, Scott Helgeson, Patsy Armenta, Walter Henneman Debbie Gallardo

Saints of the Day December 2024

Dec. 1...Bl. Charles de Foucoud...

France...Martyr...Patron Saint of diocesan priests

Dec. 2...St. Bibiana...Rome...Martyr

Dec. 3...St. Francis Xavier...Spain...Co-Founder of the Jesuits...Patron Saint of foreign missions...Incorrupt

Dec. 4... St. John Damascene...

Demascus...Doctor of the Church

St. Barbara...Patron against sudden death

Dec. 5...St.Sabas...Cappadocia....priest and monk

Dec. 6...St. Nicholas...Bishop of Myra...Patron Saint of children, sailors, and bakers.

Dec. 7...St. Ambrose...Bishop of Milan... Doctor and Father of the Church...Patron Saint of bee keepers

Dec. 8...Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary...Patron Saint of Brazil and the United States.



The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring food drive now through Christmas.

All donations can be left at the back of the church.

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

**For more information contact:
Manny Navarro**

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