

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday December 8, 2024

Second 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

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger
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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT CANDLE OF Peace



The second candle, also purple, represents peace. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

Sanctuary Lamp

Bruce Fuller Riederer

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

“Prepare the way of the Lord.”

--Luke 3:4-6

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when “the word of God came to John the Baptist:” Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Calaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A Spouse? A Friend? A priest? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind pray: “Come, Lord Jesus, Come.”

---Father John Muir



2nd candle-(purple) The Bethlehem Candle or Candle of Preparation- God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome You, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

“Am I not here, I who am your Mother?”



Holy Mass Times

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

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



Celebrating
Christmas

Saint Helen Parish, Oracle

Christmas Eve – Tuesday Dec 24th
Holy Mass at 8:00 PM

Christmas Day – Wed. Dec 25th
Holy Mass at 11:00 AM

New Year's Eve – Tuesday Dec 31st
Holy Mass at 5:00 PM

New Year's Day – Wed. Jan 1st
Holy Mass at 11:00 AM

MASS INTENTIONS

December 7 (Saturday) at 4:30PM – +Randy Cordova
December 8 (Sunday) at 11:00AM- Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity and Blessed Mother
December 9 (Monday) at 10:00AM- Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity and Blessed Mother
December 12 (Thursday) at 8AM +Ryan Sattler

St. Helen Parish Catechism Christmas Party

Thursday December 12th, 2:30-3:30

All grades are invited to attend the Party

No Catechism on Tuesday December 10th

LAS POSADA

St. Bartholomew Parish, San Manuel
Come celebrate the Coming of Jesus!
Friday, December 13, 2024

5:00pm---Journey walk with Holy Family
6:00pm- Holy Mass

Blessed Sacrament Parish

Welcome Baily Smith and Rylee Baugher to the Ministry of Altar Server.
Thank you for being a blessing to us.



Weekly Offering St. Helen Parish

11/30/24 & 12/1/24--Offering: \$926.50
Bldg. Maint.-\$160.00



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<https://www.sthelenparishoracle.org>

Thank you for your generosity!!



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!

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 Kommathoti



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. 9...St. Juan Diego...Mexico City...
Visionary**

Dec. 10...St. Gregory III...Syria...Bishop of Rome...

Dec. 11...St. Damasus I...Bishop of Rome

Dec. 12...Our Lady of Guadalupe...Mexico City...Patron Saint of the Americas.

Dec. 13...St. Lucy...Sicily...Patron Saint of the blind and visually impaired...Martyr

Dec. 14...St. John of the Cross...Spain...Mystic...Carmelite...Patron of mystics...Doctor of the Church

Dec. 15...St. Maria Di Rosa...Italy...Servants of Charity



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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Call the Victim Assistance Program 1.800.234.0344

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