

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

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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---
8:00a.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.



Sanctuary Lamp

Maureen Wall

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

“This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

-Luke 9: 35

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this “secret,” saying, “This is my chosen Son, listen to him” (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that “they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone.” Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this “secret” with us as his dear friends?

Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart. —Father John Muir



Listen to Jesus and follow him. That's the message of Transfiguration.

-Pope Francis

Thanksgiving



My Dear Tri- community parishioners,

I would like to thank you for celebrating my 23rd Priestly Ordination Anniversary on Thursday March 13th. It was an amazing and blessed day that I will hold in my heart forever with gratitude and appreciation. Thank you all for your precious prayers, wishes, gifts, and love.

Thank you all who worked and dedicated your time and talent. The beautiful music, delicious food, the planning, organizing, seating and decorating it was just right and beautiful. Thank you for making my Anniversary so memorable and wonderful. God bless you!

Fr Bala Kommathoti

Tri-Community Lenten Penance Service



**Blessed Sacrament, St. Bartholomew,
St. Helen's Parish**

Tuesday March 25, 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 Easter and welcome Jesus into our hearts. I encourage you to take this opportunity.

With Lots of Love,
Father Bala Kommathoti

MASS INTENTIONS

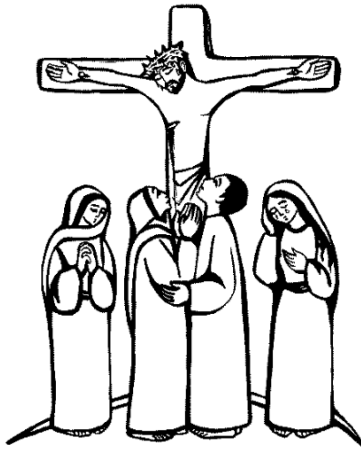
March 15 (Saturday) at 4:30PM —Mary Florvanti

March 16 (Sunday) at 11:00AM-
Kathy Stuart

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 21st at 5:30PM

St. Bartholomew Church (San Manuel)
Blessed Sacrament Church (Mammoth)
St. Helen Church (Oracle)



Fatima Rosary Rally

Saturday March 22nd, 12PM
St. Bartholomew Parish San Manuel

Knights of Columbus Mass

Sunday March 23rd, 8AM
Blessed Sacrament Parish Mammoth

We welcome all Tri-Community Parishioners
to join with us to pray the rosary for
Peace in our Country and Holy Mass.



**Rachels
Vineyard**

Tucson Area Retreats 2025
May 23-25, 2025
Rachelvineyardtucson.org

Weekly Offering St. Helen Parish



3/8/25 & 3/9/25-- \$1555.00
Bldg. Maint.- \$ 100.00

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To make your donations visit our website at:
<https://www.sthelenparishoracle.org>

Thank you for your generosity!!

CHILDREN FREE EASTER BASKET DRAWING St. Helen Parish Oracle



There will be a container at the back of the church for our kids to drop their name for a drawing of an Easter basket. One for boy and one for girl every time they attend mass. If attending mass at a different church, they can have a bulletin signed by the priest or another parishioner other than immediate family. We will have them fill out a ticket in class and we will make sure it is placed in the raffle container. Please help them participate in this Easter basket drawing. Drawing will be on **April 13 Palm Sunday**. Contact Maria for more information.



St. Bartholomew Parish Hall
Friday March 21, 2025
From 3PM-6PM

Cost \$12.00

Dine In, Take Out, or Delivery

Delivery for Oracle contact
Manny Navarro 520-975-2172

Delivery for Mammoth contact
Martin Madrid 520-289-7788



Please pray for the homebound

Please contact us email sthelensmission@msn.com or parish office to add a name to our prayer list

Veronica Casillas Burrola, Tony Telles, Gabe Telles, N. Discher, Scott Helgeson, Patsy Armenta, Rachel Borquez, Jerri Defoor, Nick Lopez, Eddie Moraga, Ralph Montoya, Toni & Joey Cittadini, Patsy Cota, Benny Cota, Nena Johnson, Harry Clark Sr., Rudy Lara, Rusty Kent, Nicole Castillo, Ysidro Castillo, Helen Ramirez, Steve Chavez

Saints of the Day March 2025

March 17 St. Patrick...Patron saint of slaves, Ireland and snakes....Britain and Ireland

March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem...Doctor of the Church

March 19 St. Joseph...patron for a happy death

March 20 St. Ambrose Sansedoni... Italy...Dominican

March 21 Bl. Marie Candida of the Eucharist... Sicily...Carmelite

March 22 St. Catherine of Sweden...Abbess

March 23 St. Turibius of Magrovejo... Bishop...Spain

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Our Parish Goal: \$9340.00

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