

# Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

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## St. Helen



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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  
Fr Bala Kommathoti, President  
Manuel Navarro, Treasurer  
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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.

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.



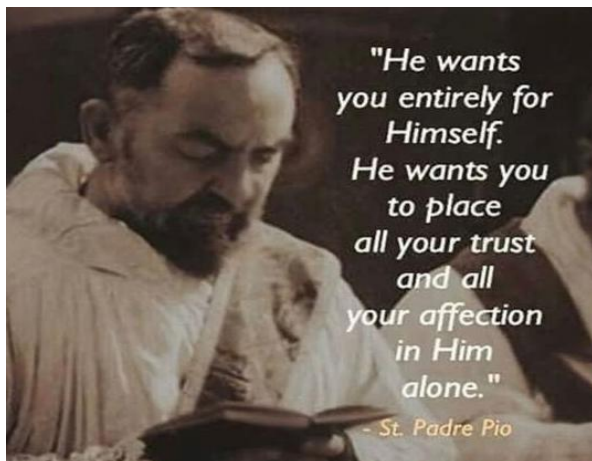
## GOSPEL MEDITATION

**“I am he, the one who is speaking with you”  
-John 4:26**

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was “hiding” in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, “For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me” (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

**Lenten challenge:** Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus. -Father Muir



## 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

## Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday March 28, 2025**

**St. Helen's Parish, Oracle**



**“The Spiritual lives of our families are strengthened through Our Holy Hour.” -St. Pope John Paul II**



## Rachels Vineyard

Tucson Area Retreats 2025

May 23-25, 2025

[Rachelvineyardtucson.org](http://Rachelvineyardtucson.org)

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

March 22 (Saturday) at 4:30PM –  
+William J. Donnelly

March 23 (Sunday) at 11:00AM-Parishioners

## **Stations of the Cross** Friday, March 28th at 5:30PM

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



## **Prayer in Preparation for the Appointment of our Eight Bishop**

Loving and gracious God, bless the Diocese of Tucson with a new shepherd who will be a loving father, a wise teacher, and a holy guide, who will lead us closer to you and inspire us to be missionary disciples intent on healing a broken and divided world.

May the Holy Spirit guide our Holy Father to send us a good shepherd who truly cares for each of us and is attentive to the needs of all in our community.

Lord in your love for us; give us a shepherd who will lead us in being Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope and hands of justice in our day and in our time.

Throughout our 120 years, Lord you have abundantly cared for our Diocese with bishops who have nurtured and strengthened us in the faith

May our eighth bishop continue the work of his predecessors and model for us what it means to be one who serves.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.  
Amen

## **Weekly Offering St. Helen Parish**



3/15/25 & 3/16/25-- \$1131.00  
Bldg. Maint.- \$ 45.00

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!!

## **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 28, 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](mailto: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, Frank Delgado, Clara Salas & Family

## Saints of the Day March 2025

March 24, 2025 St. Oscar Romero y Galdomez  
Archbishop...El Salvador...Martyr

March 25, 2025 Annunciation of the Lord St. Lucy...Benedictine ... Italy

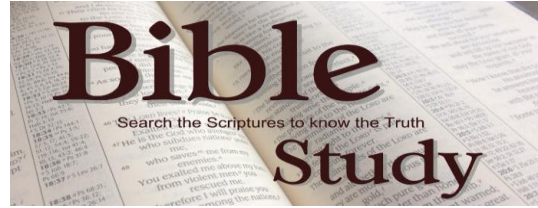
March 26, 2025 St. Margaret Clitherow..  
.England...Martyr

March 27, 2025 St John of Egypt...Hermit

March 28, 2025 St. Sixtus.....Pope

March 29, 2025 St. Mark of Arethusa...Bishop

March 30, 2025 St. John Climacus ,  
,,Syria..Abbot



Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall  
Mammoth

Study & Reflect on the Acts of the Apostles

**5:00pm-6:00pm**

Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>



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