

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday March 30, 2025

Fourth 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

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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

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Office to reserve. There is a \$5.00
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

“Forgiveness and reconciliation are reasons for celebration.” - Luke 15:32

In today’s First Reading, God forgives “the reproach” of the generations who grumbled against Him after the Exodus. On the threshold of the Promised Land, Israel can celebrate the Passover, the feast of God’s firstborn son, with a clean heart (see Joshua 5:10-12; Exodus 4:22; 12:12-13).

Reconciliation is also at the heart of the story Jesus tells in today’s Gospel. The story of the Prodigal Son is the story of Israel and of the human race. But it is also the story of every believer. In Baptism, we’re given a divine birthright, made “a new creation.” as Paul puts it in today’s Epistle. But when we sin we’re like the prodigal, quitting our Father’s house, squandering our inheritance in trying to live without Him.

Lost in sin, we cut ourselves off from the grace of son ship lavished upon us in Baptism. It is still possible for us to come to our senses, to make our way back to the Father, as the prodigal does.

But only God can remove the reproach and restore the divine son ship we have spurned. Only He can free us from the slavery to sin that causes us, like the prodigal, to see God not as our Father but as our master, one we serve as slaves. God wants not slaves but children. Like the father in today’s Gospel, He longs to call each of us “My Son,” to share His life with us, to tell us: “Everything I have is yours.”

The Father’s words of longing and compassion still come to His prodigal children in the Sacrament of Penance. This is part of what Paul today calls “the ministry of reconciliation” entrusted by Jesus to the Apostles and the Church, Reconciled like Israel, we take our place at the table of the Eucharist, the homecoming banquet the Father prepares for His lost children, the new Passover we celebrate this side of heaven. We taste the goodness of the Lord, as we sing in today’s Psalm, rejoicing that we who were dead are found alive again.

-Dr. Scott Hahn

“Forgiveness is the remission of sins. For it is by this that what has been lost, and was found, is saved from being lost again.”

-St. Augustine

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

St Helen Parish, Oracle

Saturday Vigil Mass April 12th, at 4:30 PM



Palm Sunday April 13

Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Holy Mass at 11:00 AM



Maundy Thursday April 17

Commemorates the foot washing and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles.

Holy Mass at 6:00 PM



Good Friday April 18

Commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus and His death at Calvary.

Passion & Liturgical Rites at 1:00 PM



Easter Vigil April 19

Dying He destroyed our death. Rising He restored our life.

Holy Mass at 7:00 PM



Easter Sunday April 20

Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and his Victory over death.

Holy Mass at 11:00 AM



“Holy Week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus: friendship with him is shown in times of difficulty.”

-Pope Francis



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MASS INTENTIONS

March 29 (Saturday) at 4:30PM –
+Valerie Maloy

March 30 (Sunday) at 11:00AM-
+Cecelia Hernandez +Luis Valencia

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 4th 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



3/22/25 & 3/23/25-- \$1806.00
Bldg. Maint.- \$ 25.00

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<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 April 4, 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, Frank Delgado, Clara Salas & Family, Lydia Castillo, Maria Vega

Saints of the Day April 2025

March 31, 2025 **St. Benjamin**, Deacon...Persia

April 1 **Bl. Anacleto Gonzalez Florez**, Mexico...Martyr...1(888-1927)

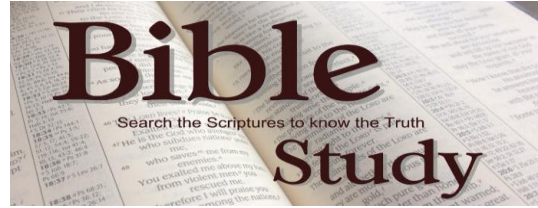
April 2 **St. Francis of Paola**...Italy...Hermits of St. Francis...(1416-1507)

April 3 **Sts. Irene, Agape and Chionia**... Sisters...Martyrs

April 4 **St. Isidore of Seville**, Spain...Bishop...Doctor of the Church...(d.636)

April 5 **St. Vincent Ferrer**, Spain...Dominican...d.1819

April 6 **Bl. Michel Ru**...Italv...Salesian



Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall
Mammoth

Study & Reflect on the Acts of the Apostles

5:00pm-6:00pm

Wednesday, April 9th & 23rd

Wednesday, May 7th & 21st



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