

# Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

Pastor: Fr. Balaswamy Kommathoti

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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**

### Parish Board of Directors

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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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All Numbers Area Code (520) unless otherwise designated

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Compliance Representative-Helen Ramirez.....237-1773  
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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  
Alex Candelaria**

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

**“You shall worship the Lord, your God and him alone shall you serve.”**

**-Luke 4:1-13**

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was “the greatest man in the world.” Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome. Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says “no” in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones by entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

**Lenten challenge:** This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying “no” to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

—Father John Muir



It is by battles against hell  
and by resistance to  
temptations that we give  
God proofs of our love.

- St. John Vianney -

23rd Priestly Ordination Anniversary



With immense joy and profound gratitude to God and our Blessed Mother, I cordially invite you to join me in thanking God for the wonders that He has done for me.

Eucharistic Celebration at 5:30PM  
Thursday, March 13, 2025  
Dinner will be served in the parish hall

Blessed Sacrament Parish  
122 Church Dr.  
Mammoth, AZ 85618

Your loving brother in Christ,  
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

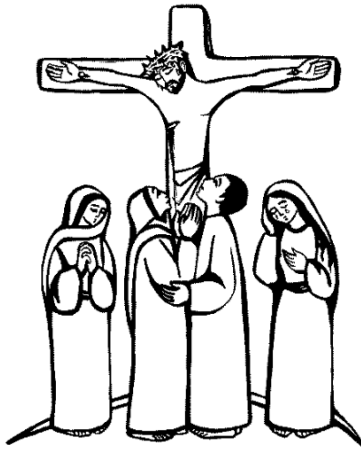
March 8 (Saturday) at 4:30PM –Parishioners

March 9 (Sunday) at 11:00AM-  
+Alex Candelaria

## Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 14th 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.



Tucson Area Retreats 2025

May 23-25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

October 10-12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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## Weekly Offering St. Helen Parish



3/1/25 & 3/2/25-- \$1769.00  
Bldg. Maint.- \$ 309.00

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

Thank you for your generosity!!

## His Cross of Amazing Love Tri-Community Parishes Lenten Retreat for Men & Women

Saturday – March 15, 2025  
8:15 am Doors open – 4:00 pm  
St. Bartholomew Parish  
609 West Park Place San Manuel, AZ

To register online: [www.vineofgrace.org](http://www.vineofgrace.org) or  
call 520.631.1408

Cost is free. Lunch is included.  
A free will love offering will be requested on retreat



St. Bartholomew Parish Hall  
Friday March 14, 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

## Saints of the Day March 2025

March 10 St. John Ogilvie Scotland...Martyr

March 11 St. Teresa Margarite of the Sacred Heart... Carmelite...Italy

March 12 St Seraphina...Italy

March 13 St. Leander... Spain... Benedictine ...Doctor of the Church

March 14 St. Matilda...patron saint of widows

March 15 St. Louise de Marillac...France

March 16 St. Julian of Antioch...Cilicia (Turkey)...Martyr

## Jubilee of Hope 2025

Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope.

--Pope Francis, Spes Non Confundit, 1

**2025 Annual Catholic Appeal**  
**Our Parish Goal: \$9340.00**

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