

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday June 1, 2025

Ascension of the Lord

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Mass Times

Saturday: 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

Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil Mass---6:00p.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**

Mass Times

**Sunday: Holy Mass-----8:00a.m.
12:30p.m.**

Weekday Masses: -----

Wednesday 6:00pm.

First Saturday:

Rosary & Mass--- 8:30a.m

**Office hours: Sun 9-5
Mon 3:30-5:30PM**

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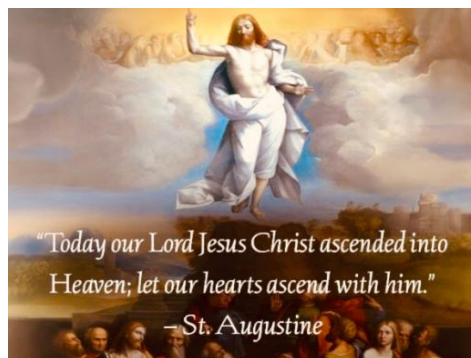
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Gospel Reflection

In today's First Reading, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great High Priest, and He has still to ascend to the true Holy of Holies in the heavenly Jerusalem.

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (Hebrews 4:14-15). Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke (who is believed to have authored the Acts of the Apostles) spells out that promise: "In a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough); it is something even greater. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life, we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit, we must be purified through Baptism.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" (see Hebrews 10:32) because of the light that came with God's saving grace. In today's Epistle, we hear St. Paul speak of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes to the Ephesians, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with him. This is the Gospel the Apostles are commissioned to spread to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem as the first Ascension. And it is the Gospel we must spread today.

-Dr. Scott Hahn

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

Ephesians 1:18

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Prayer in Preparation for the Appointment of our Eighth 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

MASS INTENTIONS

May 31 (Saturday) at 4:30PM –Laura Schumann

June 1 (Sunday) at 11:00AM-Parishioners



Blessed Sacrament Parish (Mammoth)

**Saturday June 14th & Sunday June 15th
7:00AM-3:00PM**

Concession will be sold

Breakfast Burros, Green Chili Burros, Tacos,
Menudo, Bake Goods, & Sodas

QUOTES BY THREE SAINTS ABOUT THE ASCENSION

1. St. Augustine of Hippo

"Although He ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in Him by grace." — Sermon 261, 6

This reminds us that Christ's Ascension is also our own destiny—we are members of His Body and share in His glory.

2. St. Leo the Great

"The visible presence of our Redeemer has passed into the sacraments... so that our faith might be more noble and stronger."

— Sermon 74 on the Ascension

St. Leo teaches that though Jesus is no longer seen with bodily eyes, He is still truly with us—especially in the sacraments.

3. St. John Chrysostom

"Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven; let our hearts ascend with Him." — Homily on the Ascension

This is a beautiful call to lift our hearts spiritually toward heaven, living with eyes fixed on our eternal home.

Weekly Offering St. Helen Parish



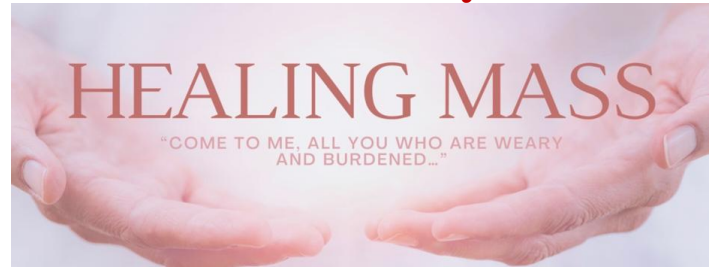
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First Friday



**June 6, 2025, 8AM
St. Helen Parish Oracle**

Second Friday



**June 13, 2025, 8AM
St. Helen Parish, Oracle**

THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, you have ascended above the heavens in triumph, Grant, we beseech you, that, as you have ascended, you may also remain in our hearts. Guide us in all our ways and make us partakers of your glory, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

—St. Augustine



Please pray for the homebound

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

Tony Telles, Gabe Telles, N. Discher, Scott Helgeson, Patsy Armenta, Rachel Borquez, Jerri Defoor, Nick Lopez, Eddie Moraga, Ralph Montoya, Harry Clark Sr., Rudy Lara, Rusty Kent, Steve Chavez, Frank Pierson, Mario Hong, Freddy Cota, Dora Mendoza, Rosa Casillas, Olivia Nugent, Sue Simmons, Roma Nugent, Helen V Leavitt

Saints of the Day June 2025

June 1.....St. Justin Martyr...Patron saint of philosophers...Martyr

June 2.....St. Erasmus...Martyr...Patron saint of sailors and against intestinal troubles

June 3.....St. Charles Lwanga & Companions..
.Uganda...Martyr

June 4.....St. Francis Caraciolo...Italy...Confessor

June 5.....St. Bonaiface...Apostle to the Germans...Martyr

June 6.....St. Norbet...Archbishop of Magdeburg

June 7.....St. Paul of Constantinople...Bishop of Constantinople...Martyr

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