

# Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

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### Mass Times

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass--- 4:30p.m

**Sunday:** Holy Mass---11 a.m.

Weekday Masses: --- 9:00a.m.

**First Friday Healing Mass**

**Saturday Confessions: 3:30-4:30PM**

**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**

**Saturday Confessions: 7-8PM**

**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.**

**Wednesday confessions- 5:00-6:00PM.**

**First Saturday:**

**Rosary & Mass--- 9:00a.m**

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

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### Baptism & Reconciliations

**Father Bala Kommathoti**  
By appointment 520-349-1696

### Marriage Preparation

Make an appointment with priest.  
At least *four months* before  
your wedding date.



### Sanctuary Lamp

**Maureen Wall**

The lamp burns in memory  
of your loved one for 7  
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Cost is \$5.00.



## Sunday Gospel Reflection

Readings: Isaiah 35:1–6, 10  
James 5:7–10  
Matthew 11:2–11

John questions Jesus from prison in today's Gospel—for his disciples' sake and for ours. He knows that Jesus is doing "the works of the Messiah," foretold in today's First Reading and Psalm. But John wants his disciples—and us—to know that the Judge is at the gate that in Jesus our God has come to save us.

The Liturgy of Advent takes us out into the desert to see and hear the marvelous works and words of God—the lame leaping like a stag, the dead raised, the good news preached to the poor (see Isaiah 29:18–20; 61:1–2). The Liturgy does this to give us courage, to strengthen our feeble hands and make firm our weak knees. Our hearts can easily become frightened and weighed down by the hardships we face. We can lose patience in our sufferings as we await the coming of the Lord.

As James advises in today's Epistle, we should take as our example the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Jesus also points us to a prophet—holding up John as a model. John knew that life was more than food, the body more than clothing. He sought the kingdom of God first, confident that God would provide (see Matthew 6:25–34). John did not complain. He did not lose faith. Even in chains in his prison cell, he was still sending his disciples—and us—to our Savior.

We come to Him again now in the Eucharist. Already He has caused the desert to bloom, the burning sands to become springs of living water. He has opened our ears to hear the words of the sacred book, freed our tongue to fill the air with songs of thanksgiving (see Isaiah 30:18). Once bowed down, captives to sin and death, we have been ransomed and returned to His Kingdom, crowned with everlasting joy. Raised up, we now stand before His altar to meet the One who is to come: "Here is your God."

-Dr. Scott Hahn

"Joy is prayer, joy is strength, joy is love, joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls" - Mother Teresa



**3rd candle-(pink) The Shepherd Candle or The Candle of Joy- the Angels sang a message of JOY!**

(Luke 2:7-15)

## Celebrating Christmas Tri-Community Parishes



### Blessed Sacrament Church, Mammoth

**Christmas Eve – Wednesday December 24**  
Holy Mass at 5:30 PM

**Christmas Day – Thursday December 25**  
Holy Mass at 8:00 AM

### St. Bartholomew Church, San Manuel

**Christmas Eve – Wednesday December 24**  
Holy Mass at 7:00 PM

**Christmas Day – Thursday December 25**  
Holy Mass at 9:30 AM

### Saint Helen Church, Oracle

**Christmas Eve – Wednesday December 24th**  
Holy Mass at 6:00 PM

**Christmas Day – Thursday December 25th**  
Holy Mass at 11:00 AM

### St. Helen Parish, Oracle

**New Year's Day- Thursday Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Holy Mass at 11:00AM

## FOOD DRIVE



The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring now through December 31, 2025.

All donations can be left at the back of the church or the Parish Hall.

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**December 13 (Saturday) at 4:30PM –**  
†Lucy Sandoval Trevor Bonat & Family

**December 14 (Sunday) at 11:00AM-**  
† Manuel Apodaca

## Tri-Community Parishes



**St. Helen Church Oracle**  
**Sunday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00PM**

There will be a potluck feast in the parish hall. All Tri-Community Parishes are invited! We have created an alphabetic list to what type of dish to bring by parishioner last name:

- **Side Dishes (A-M)**
- **Desserts (N-Z)**

*We are looking forward to celebrating with you!*

### ***Catholic Devotions By Month***

*Learn, live, and proclaim*      *Instructor: Fr Bala Kommathoti*

**Zoom Family Meeting: ID# 850 3759 3111 Passcode 671585**

**Thursday, December 18, 2025 - From 6:30 to 7:30 PM**

**Message: The Immaculate Conception**



"If Christ is the day that never fades, Mary is its dawn, shining with beauty. Chosen in advance to be the Mother of the incarnate Word, Mary is at the same time the first-fruits of his redeeming action."  
– Pope St. John Paul II

## Pope Leo XIV's Christmas message

**Focus on hope, unity, and love**, urging a preparation of hearts for Jesus, building bridges between people and faiths, and seeing Christ in the vulnerable, especially amidst global conflicts like Gaza, emphasizing that God's song of love (Jesus) calls us to be peacemakers and to live authentically by serving others.

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

**12/6/25 & 12/7/25 \$1265.50**



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!!

### **Christmas Basket Raffle Tickets**

Tickets are for sale \$5.00 or 6/\$20.00, tickets will be sold after both masses.

The drawing will be on December 21<sup>st</sup> after 2PM in the Hall. All the proceeds go to the Church.

For more information contact:  
Sandi Rizk 740-502-0009

### **A Prayer for the Unborn**

Heavenly Father, in your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom. You have given the gift of life. Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today. Help them to see that the child they carry is made in your image, as well as theirs, made for eternal life. Dispel their fear of selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever, and ever. Amen



### **Pope's December Prayer Intention**

#### **For Christians in areas of conflict**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



## 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**

Tony Telles, Gabe Telles, Scott Helgeson, Jerri Defoor, Nick Lopez, Ralph Montoya, Rudy Lara, Rusty Kent, Frank Pierson, Olivia Nugent, Helen V Leavitt, Daniel Rodriguez, E.S., Trevor Bonat, Ron Marchetti, Scott Nugent

### Arizona Catholic Tuition Support Organization



#### Announcement 3

#### **SOMETHING GREAT JUST GOT BETTER!**

Taxpayers contributed over \$13 million dollars to Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) last year and provided tuition scholarships for students in schools throughout the Diocese of Tucson. Thank you! For additional information brochures are in the vestibule or visit [www.ctso-tucson.org](http://www.ctso-tucson.org) for online giving.

## Pilgrimages

Mexico City May 1-8, 2026  
Eastern Europe/Poland Nov. 3-14, 2026

For more information call Erin Blanchette  
Vine of Grace Retreat Ministry 520-631-1408  
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