

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday December 21, 2025

Fourth 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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Sunday Gospel Reflection

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14, Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

The mystery kept secret for long ages, promised through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, is today revealed (see Romans 16:25–26). This is the “Gospel of God” that Paul celebrates in today’s Epistle—the good news that “God is with us” in Jesus Christ. The sign promised to the House of David in today’s First Reading is given in today’s Gospel. In the virgin found with child, God Himself has brought to Israel a savior from David’s royal line (see Acts 13:22–23).

Son of David according to the flesh, Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Spirit. He will be anointed with the Spirit (see Acts 10:38), and by the power of Spirit will be raised from the dead and established at God’s right hand in the heavens (see Acts 2:33–34; Ephesians 1:20–21). He is the “King of Glory” we sing of in today’s Psalm. The earth in its fullness has been given to Him. And as God swore long ago to David, His Kingdom will have no end (see Psalm 89:4–5).

In Jesus Christ we have a new creation. Like the creation of the world, it is a work of the Spirit, a blessing from the Lord (see Genesis 1:2). In Him, we are saved from our sins, are called now “the beloved of God.” All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter into the House of David and kingdom of God, the Church. Together, through the obedience of faith, we have been made a new race—a royal people that seeks for the face of the God of Jacob.

He has made our hearts clean; He has made us worthy to enter His holy place, to stand in His presence and serve Him. In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, the Advent promise of virgin with child—God with us—continues until the end of the age (see Matthew 28:20; Ezekiel 37:24–28).

-Dr. Scott Hahn



4th candle-(Purple) The Candle of Love- The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us because he loves us!
(John 3:16-17)

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. 1st
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 20 (Saturday) at 4:30PM –
Marchetti Family**

**December 21 (Sunday) at 11:00AM-
Trevor Bonat & Family**

December 24 (Wednesday) at 6PM- J.D. Stuart

**December 25 (Thursday) at 11AM-
Neil & Katrina Stuart**

**December 27 (Saturday) at 4:30PM-
Neil & Bridgette O'Donnell**

Christmas Flower Memorial Donations

From: Aaron- **From:** Mary Castillo- Sandoval Family **From:**
Karen Christensen- Myron Deliman **From:** Donna Candelaria-
Alex & Milo Candelaria

I Wish You & your Families,



Blessings & Prayers, Fr. Bala Kommathoti

May the joy of Jesus' birth fill your heart with peace and love this Christmas. Wishing you a blessed Christmas as we celebrate the Savior's arrival. May the light of Christ guide you through the holiday season and beyond. Rejoice in the miracle of God's gift to the world—His only Son, Jesus. As we honor the birth of our Lord, may His grace abound in your life. Merry Christmas! Let the story of the manger remind us of God's infinite love. May the peace that Christ brings fill your home this holy season. Celebrating the true meaning of Christmas: the birth of our Redeemer. Wishing you a Christmas filled with the warmth of God's unending mercy. May the spirit of the season draw you closer to the heart of Jesus. Amen

**“And now these three remain: faith,
hope, and love. But the greatest of
these is love.”**

St. Paul the Apostle

Weekly Offering St. Helen Parish

12/13/25 & 12/14/25 \$6534.00



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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.

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.

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





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, 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, J. Ellsworth

Arizona Catholic Tuition Support Organization



Announcement 4

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Pilgrimages

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