

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday December 7, 2025

Second 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 11:1–10
Romans 15:4–9
Matthew 3:1–12

The kingdom of heaven is at hand,” John proclaims. And the Liturgy today paints us a vivid portrait of our new king and the shape of the kingdom He has come to bring.

The Lord whom John prepares the way for in today’s Gospel is the righteous king prophesied in today’s First Reading and Psalm. He is the king’s son, the son of David—a shoot from the root of Jesse, David’s father (see Ruth 4:17).

He will be the Messiah, anointed with the Holy Spirit (see 2 Samuel 23:1; 1 Kings 1:39; Psalm 2:2), endowed with the seven gifts of the Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

He will rule with justice, saving the poor from the ruthless and wicked. His rule will be not only over Israel—but will extend from sea to sea, to the ends of the earth. He will be a light, a signal to all nations. And they will seek Him and pay Him homage. In Him, all the tribes of the earth will find blessing. The covenant promise to Abraham (see Genesis 12:3), renewed in God’s oath to David (see Psalm 89:4, 28), will be fulfilled in His dynasty. And His name will be blessed forever.

In Christ, God confirms His oath to Israel’s patriarchs, Paul tells us in today’s Epistle. But no longer are God’s promises reserved solely for the children of Abraham. The Gentiles, too, will glorify God for His mercy. Once strangers, in Christ they will be included in “the covenants of promise” (see Ephesians 2:12).

John delivers this same message in the Gospel. Once God’s chosen people were hewn from the rock of Abraham (see Isaiah 51:1–2). Now, God will raise up living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5)—children of Abraham born not of flesh and blood but of the Spirit. This is the meaning of the fiery baptism He brings—making us royal heirs of the kingdom of heaven, the Church.

-Dr. Scott Hahn

“Lord make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow Love”.

—Francis of Assisi

2nd candle-(purple) The Bethlehem Candle or Candle of Preparation- God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome You, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

Monday, December 8, 2025

(Day of Obligation)



Holy Mass Times:

St. Bartholomew (San Manuel): 9:00a.m.

St. Helen (Oracle): 5:30 p.m.

You are welcome to join us to honor our
Heavenly Mother

Advent Penance Service

Blessed Sacrament, St. Bartholomew, St.

Helen’s Parish

Wednesday Dec 10th 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 Christmas and welcome Jesus into our hearts. I encourage you to never miss this opportunity.

Wishing you God’s Blessings,
Father Bala Kommathoti

FOOD DRIVE



The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring now through December 23, 2025.

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

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS

December 6 (Saturday) at 4:30PM –
Maraston Family

December 7 (Sunday) at 11:00AM-
Trevor Bonat & Family

December 8 (Monday) at 5:30PM-† Lourdes Borunda

Tri-Community Parishes



St. Helen Church Oracle
Sunday, Dec 21st 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!

Celebrating Christmas St. Helen Parish, Oracle



Christmas Eve- Wednesday Dec. 24th
Holy Mass at 6:00PM

Christmas Day, Thursday Dec. 25th
Holy Mass at 11:00AM

New Year's Day- Thursday Jan. 1st
Holy Mass at 11:00AM

Weekly Offering St. Helen Parish

11/29/25 & 11/30/25 \$1201.00



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Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Holy Mass Times

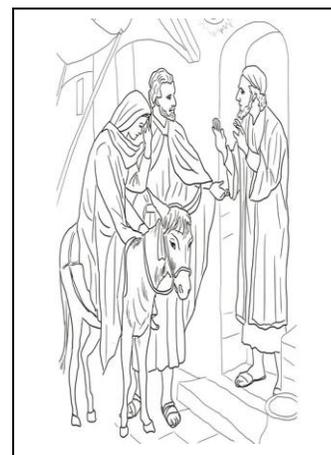
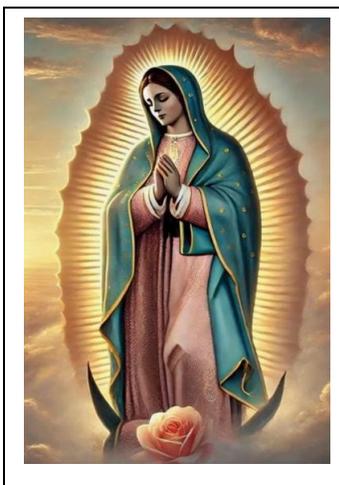
Friday Dec. 12, 2025

St. Helen Parish- 9:00AM

Blessed Sacrament Parish- 4:30PM

St. Bartholomew Parish- 6:00PM (Posada)

Come celebrate the Coming of Jesus!



Blessed Sacrament Parish, Mammoth is selling a memorial rose for \$3.00 which will be presented to the Virgin Mary during mass on December 12. Deadline for purchases will be December 8, 2025. All proceeds will go to our Parish

For more information
Contact Carol Verdugo 520-275-3209 or
Tracy Alvarez 520-471-2726



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 21st after 12:30 mass at the Hall. All the proceeds go to the Church.

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



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

Arizona Catholic Tuition Support Organization



Announcement 2

TOGETHER WE ARE SAVING CATHOLIC EDUCATION!

Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) wants to "thank" all the parishioners that have supported Catholic education and ask you to **renew** your support to the students in our Catholic Schools through CTSO. Brochures are in the vestibule or visit www.ctso-tucson.org to make an online contribution. **Together we are saving Catholic education...and it does not cost you a dime!**

Pilgrimages

Mexico City May 1-8, 2026
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