

# Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday January 4, 2026

Epiphany of the Lord

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



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# *Sunday Gospel Reflection*

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 5:2-3, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12

Today the child born on Christmas is revealed to be the long-awaited king of the Jews. As the priests and scribes interpret the prophecies in today's Gospel, He is the ruler expected from the line of King David, whose greatness is to reach to the ends of the earth (see Micah 5:1-3; 2 Samuel 5:2). Jesus is found with His mother, as David's son, Solomon, was enthroned alongside his Queen Mother (see 1 Kings 2:19). And the magi come to pay Him tribute, as once kings and queens came to Solomon (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25). His coming evokes promises that extend back to Israel's beginnings.

Centuries before, an evil king seeking to destroy Moses and the Israelites had summoned Balaam, who came from the East with two servants. But Balaam refused to curse Israel, and instead prophesied that a star and royal staff would arise out of Israel and be exalted above all the nations (see Numbers 22:21; 23:7; 24:7, 17). This is the star the three magi follow. And like Balaam, they too refuse to be tangled in an evil king's scheme. Their pilgrimage is a sign—that the prophecies in today's First Reading and Psalm are being fulfilled. They come from afar, guided by God's light, bearing the wealth of nations, to praise Israel's God.

We celebrate today our own entrance into the family of God, and the fulfillment of God's plan that all nations be united with Israel as co-heirs to His Fatherly blessings, as Paul reveals in today's Epistle. We too must be guided by the root of David, the bright morning star (see Revelation 22:16), and the light of the world (see Isaiah 42:6; John 8:12).

As the magi adored Him in the manger, let us renew our vow to serve Him, placing our gifts—our intentions and talents—on the altar in this Eucharist. We must offer to Him our very lives in thanksgiving. No lesser gift will suffice for this newborn King.

-Dr. Scott Hahn

**I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me  
Will not walk in darkness, but  
Will have the light of life.”  
John 8:12**

We extend a special welcome to our  
New Bishop James Misko



**Holy Father Pope Leo XIV appoints  
Reverend James Misko as Bishop of  
Tucson on December 22, 2025**

WASHINGTON – Pope Leo XIV has appointed Reverend James A. Misko, a priest of the Diocese of Austin, as the Bishop of Tucson. Father Misko currently serves as vicar general and moderator of the curia for the Diocese of Austin. The appointment was publicized in Washington, D.C. on December 22, 2025, by Cardinal Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

The following biographical information for Bishop-elect Misko was drawn from preliminary materials provided to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

Father Misko was born on June 18, 1970, in Los Angeles, California. He received a bachelor's degree in communications from St. Edward University in Austin (1993). Between 1991 and 2000, he had a career in the restaurant industry. He earned a Master of Arts in theological studies, a Master of Divinity, and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology in 2007 at the University of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Seminary in Houston. Father Misko was ordained to the priesthood on June 9, 2007.

Bishop-elect Misko's assignments include: parochial vicar of St. Elizabeth of Hungary parish in Pflugerville (2007-2010); administrator (2010-2011) and then pastor (2011-2014) of Christ the King parish in Belton; and pastor of St. Louis King of France parish in Austin (2014-2019). Since 2019, he has served as vicar general and moderator of the curia for the Diocese of Austin. From March to September 2025, he also served as diocesan administrator for the diocese. Bishop-elect Misko is a native speaker of English and is proficient in Spanish.

## MASS INTENTIONS

January 3 (Saturday) at 4:30PM – J.D. Stuart

January 4 (Sunday) at 11:00AM- Parishioners



My Dear Spiritual Family,

Our church invites us today to start our calendar year by recalling Mary's Motherhood. The mystery of "Emmanuel- God with us" was foreshadowed long before in the first formal blessings in the Bible, that of Aaron to the children of Israel. We find it in our first reading today that the face of God shines on you and brings you peace. "The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them." (Numbers 6: 24-27).

I assure my prayers for you and for your families. I wish you a happy and very fruitful New Year 2026.

With prayers and blessings,  
Fr. Bala Kommathoti

## Charismatic Healing Mass 2026

Thursday January 15, 2026 at 6:30 PM

"So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come"

- 2 Corinthians 5:17



- ❖ Lively Praise & Worship
- ❖ Praise reports & prayers for all your intentions
- ❖ Anointing of the sick



Fr Bala Kommathoti

Invite your family and friends

**St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Catholic Church**  
801 W. Grande Ave, Tucson

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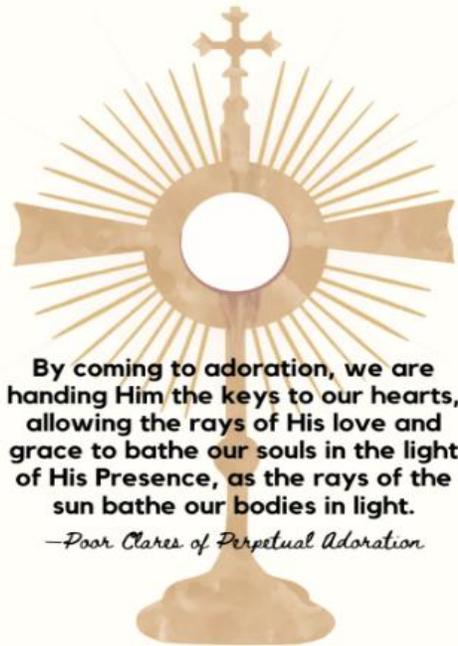
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## New Year Tri-Community Parishes Adoration

St. Bartholomew Parish  
San Manuel

Friday January 9, 2025, 6PM



By coming to adoration, we are handing Him the keys to our hearts, allowing the rays of His love and grace to bathe our souls in the light of His Presence, as the rays of the sun bathe our bodies in light.

—Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration

## A Journey from Grief to Healing

St. Bartholomew Parish Hall  
San Manuel

Friday, January 9th @ 10:00AM

Sunday, January 11 @ 5:00PM

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed to spirit." *Psalm 34:18*

## Pilgrimages

Mexico City May 1-8, 2026

Eastern Europe/Poland Nov. 3-14, 2026

For more information call Erin Blanchette  
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## 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, J. Ellsworth**

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