

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

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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: Genesis 2:7-9; 3: 1-7
Romans 5: 12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

In today's Liturgy, the destiny of the human race is told as the tale of two "types" of men—the first man, Adam, and the new Adam, Jesus (see 1 Corinthians 15:21–22; 45–59). Paul's argument in the Epistle is built on a series of contrasts between "one" or "one person" and "the many" or "all." By one person's disobedience, sin and condemnation entered the world, and death came to reign over all. By the obedience of another one, grace abounded, all were justified, and life came to reign for all. This is the drama that unfolds in today's First Reading and Gospel.

Formed from the clay of the ground and filled with the breath of God's own Spirit, Adam was a son of God (see Luke 3:38), created in His image (see Genesis 5:1–3). Crowned with glory, he was given dominion over the world and the protection of His angels (see Psalms 8:6–8; 91:11–13). He was made to worship God—to live not by bread alone but in obedience to every word that comes from the mouth of the Father. Adam, however, put the Lord his God to the test. He gave in to the serpent's temptation, trying to seize for himself all that God had already promised him. But in His hour of temptation, Jesus prevailed where Adam failed—and drove the devil away.

Still, we sin after the pattern of Adam's transgression. Like Adam, we let sin in the door (see Genesis 4:7) when we entertain doubts about God's promises, when we forget to call on Him in our hours of temptation. But the grace won for us by Christ's obedience means that sin is no longer our master. As we begin this season of repentance, we can be confident in His compassion, that He will create in us a new heart (see Romans 5:5; Hebrews 8:10). As we do in today's Psalm, we can sing joyfully of our salvation, renewed in His presence. —Dr. Scott Hahn

“At a time when people are often tempted by a sense of hopelessness, we have the essential mission as Christian messengers of hope, “to bring the Lord’s light into the darkest corners of the world.”

-Pope Leo XIV

Congratulations to our New Bishop

James A. Misko



On behalf of the faithful Tri-community St. Helens, St. Bartholomew, and Blessed Sacrament parishes, we extend our most heartfelt congratulations to our new Bishop James A. Misko. This is a momentous occasion, not only for the diocese but for the universal Church, May our good shepherd Jesus Christ guide you and lead you to shepherd our Diocese with wisdom, compassion, and unwavering faith.

Your steadfast dedication to the Gospel and years of selfless service are a testament to the Lord's preparation for this very moment. Embracing your motto, "Domine, tuus sum ego" Latin translates "Lord, I am Yours", we know you'll lead with that same total surrender to HIS will. May the Holy Spirit continue to illuminate your path as you lead our diocese forward, fostering a spirit of unity, inspiring new vocations, and facing the challenges of our days with both grace and courage. Know that you are surrounded by our prayers and unwavering support as you begin this journey. Wishing you with abundant blessings and the comforting presence of Christ today and forever.

In Christ, Father Bala & Tri-Community Parishes

Tri Community Healing Mass
Blessed Sacrament, Mammoth
Friday March 6, 2026, 9:00AM



Tri Community First Saturday Devotion
March 7, 2026, 9:00AM (Rosary & Marian Mass)
St. Bartholomew-San Manuel



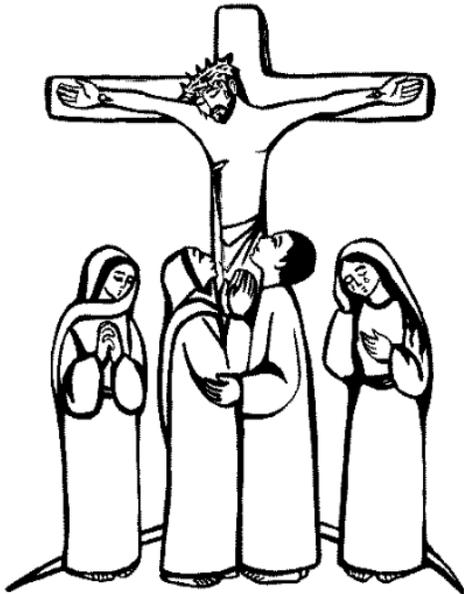
MASS INTENTIONS

February 21 (Saturday) at 4:30PM –
+ Wenceslao Alvarez

February 22 (Sunday) at 11:00AM-
+ Milos Candelaria

Stations of the Cross Friday, February 27th at 5:30PM

St. Bartholomew Church (San Manuel)
Blessed Sacrament Church (Mammoth)
St. Helen Church (Oracle)



St. Bartholomew Parish Hall
Friday February 27, 2026
From 3PM-6PM

Cost is \$12.00 a plate
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Grand Knight Louis Madrid 520-268-5944

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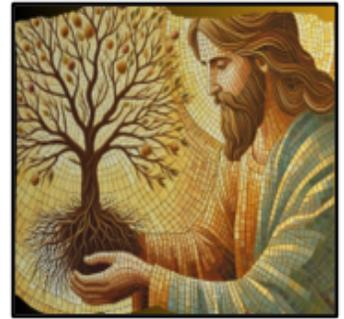
Family Tree Healing Mass

Thursday March 5, at 6:00 PM

*Generational Healing & Deliverance Prayers
Through The Power Of Jesus Christ*



Fr. Bala Kommathoti



*Do you want to break free of generational health issues,
addictions, cancer, depression, and other obstacles in
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St Christopher Parish
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Marana, AZ 85653

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<https://stchristophermarana.org/>

Tri-Community Lenten Penance Service
Tuesday March 17 at 5:30PM





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, Sue Simmons, Sue Armbrust

6 th Annual Conference Women Be Blessed 2026
Saturday, March 7, 2026

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
Hall 844 Sullivan St., Miami, AZ 85539
Phone: 928-473-3568 or 928-425-3137

Speakers: Patricia Klein, M.Ed.
Dr. Anne Borik

8:00 am - Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 am - Opening Prayer and Conference activity
2:00 pm - Closing Prayer and Departure

Cost is \$20.00 per person

Celebrating Saints:

February 23-St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

February 27-St. Gregory of Narek,
Abbot & Doctor of the Church

**A Journey from Grief to Healing
Cancelled March 6 & 8**

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