

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday March 15, 2026

Fourth 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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Father Bala Kommathoti
By appointment 520-349-1696

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Sunday Gospel Reflection

Readings:

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Ephesians: 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind. The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin," he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ.

As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth (see Genesis 2:7), Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay (see John 9:11). As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "Sent."

Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will (see John 9:4; 12:44). He is the new source of life-giving water: the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism (see John 4:10; 7:38-39). This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king David in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him (see Exodus 3:1; Psalm 78:70-71), David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come—Jesus (see John 10:11).

The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. By His death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church. In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing.

With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord." "The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light," trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father. —Dr. Scott Hahn

"Spiritual blindness is more grievous than physical blindness; seek the light of Christ."

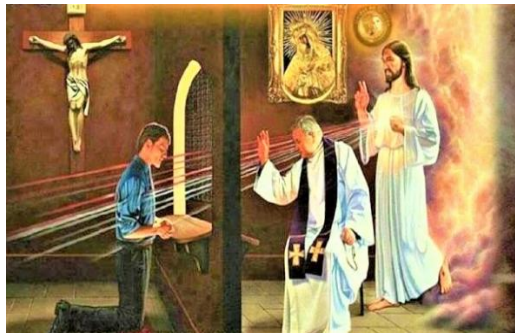
—St. Thomas Aquinas

"The healing of the blind man shows us the transformative power of divine love."

—St. Hildegard of Bingen

Tri-Community Parishes Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday March 17 at 5:30PM
St. Helen Church
Oracle



**"Don't be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession,
where you will meet Jesus who forgives you."**

-Pope Francis

Holy Week & Easter Schedule St Helen Parish, Oracle

Saturday Vigil Mass March 28, at 4:30 PM



Palm Sunday March 29

Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Holy Mass at 11:00 AM



Maundy Thursday April 2

Commemorates the foot washing and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles.

Holy Mass at 6:00 PM



Good Friday April 3

Commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus and His death at Calvary.

Passion & Liturgical Rites at 3:00 PM



Easter Vigil Saturday April 4

Dying He destroyed our death.
Rising He restored our life.

Holy Mass at 7:00 PM



Easter Sunday April 5

Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and his Victory over death.

Holy Mass at 11:00 AM

MASS INTENTIONS

**March 14 (Saturday) at 4:30PM-
Fr. Bala Kommathoti Priestly Anniversary**

March 15 (Sunday) at 11:00AM-Parishioners

Stations of the Cross

**Joins us every Friday at 5:30PM
March 20th, 27th**



**St. Bartholomew Parish Hall
Friday March 20th, 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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Pope's Intentions for March

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nation's move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



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Rachel Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion.

You can help: Pray for this ministry, leave flyers in public places, and quietly recommend them to someone who needs healing from the effects of abortion.

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May 15-17, Sept. 4-6, 2026

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**"True sight comes from
understanding and accepting God's
grace in our lives."**

-St. Frances de Sales



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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, Laurie Bryant

Annual Drawing to Support Local Charities
May 2, 2026

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 \$20.00 per book of 5
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 Arizona State Council

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