

# Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion 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**  
By appointment 520-349-1696

### Marriage Preparation

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



### Sanctuary Lamp **Maureen Wall** **Gerardo Alcaraz**

The lamp burns in memory  
of your loved one for  
7 days,  
Cost is \$5.00



## Sunday Gospel Reflection

Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27; 66

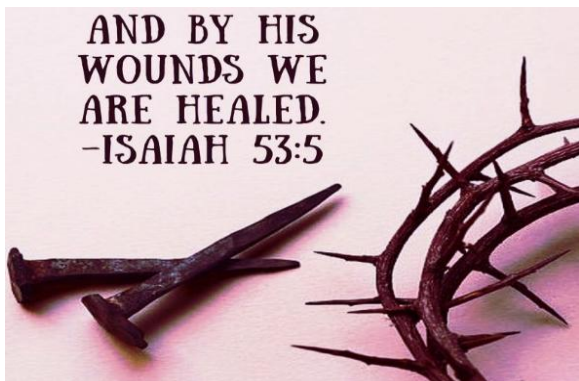
“All this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel (see Matthew 26:56). Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled.

By the close of today’s long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished: the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the Cross at the place called the Skull. In His Passion, Jesus is “counted among the wicked,” as Isaiah had foretold (see Isaiah 53:12). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today’s First Reading and Psalm.

The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see Matthew 27:31), as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes (see Matthew 27:35), and as His enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see Matthew 27:39–44). He remains faithful to God’s will to the end. He does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today’s First Reading, “The Lord God is my help . . . I shall not be put to shame.” Destined to sin and death as children of Adam’s disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ’s perfect obedience to the Father’s will (see Romans 5:12–14, 17–19; Ephesians 2:2; 5:6).

This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken. We know, as the centurion realizes today, that truly this is the Son of God (see Matthew 27:54) —Dr. Scott Hahn

AND BY HIS  
WOUNDS WE  
ARE HEALED.  
—ISAIAH 53:5



## Holy Week & Easter Schedule

### St Helen Parish, Oracle

Saturday Vigil Mass March 28, at 4:30 PM



Palm Sunday March 29  
Holy Mass at 11:00 AM



Maundy Thursday April 2  
Holy Mass at 6:00 PM



Good Friday April 3  
Commemoration of the Lord’s  
Passion at 3:00PM



Easter Vigil Saturday April 4  
Holy Mass at 6:30 PM

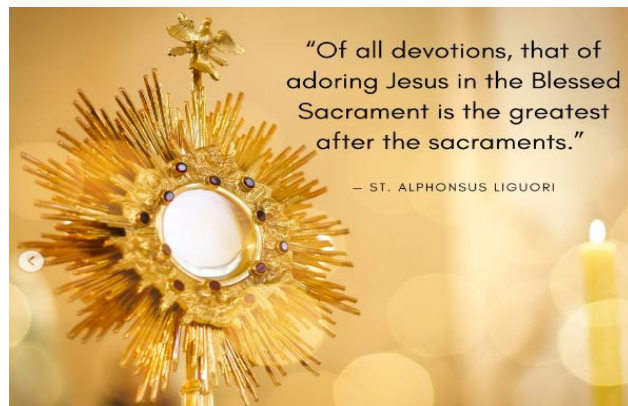


Easter Sunday April 5  
Holy Mass at 11:00 AM

## Divine Mercy Adoration

St. Helen Parish Oracle

Thursday April 17, 2026, 6PM



“Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments.”

— ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

“Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest.”

—Matthew 11:28

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

March 28 (Saturday) at 4:30PM-†Ralph Pisano

March 29 (Sunday) at 11:00AM-(Healing)  
Richard Cross & Margarita Gonzales-Cross

### **The Meaning of the Veiling the Saints and Images with Purple during Lent**



1. **Focus on the Passion:** By covering the statues and images, we shift our attention away from specific saints and direct our focus on the profound mystery of Christ's sacrifice.
2. **A "Visual Fast":** Just as we fast from food, we "fast" from the visual comfort of images in the church, reminding us that we are in a time of penance and anticipation.
3. **Reflection on Jesus' Hidden Divinity:** According to, the practice reflects that Christ veiled his divinity to suffer in his humanity for the redemption of the world.
4. **Anticipation for Easter:** The veils are not permanent. Their removal, as discussed by in a Saint Paul the Apostle article, before the Easter Vigil represents the resurrection when the world is unveiled and Christ's glory is fully revealed.

### **St. Helen's Upcoming Events**



**Holy First Communion will be on April 19th at 11:00AM mass will be officiated by Father Bala. Everyone is invited!**

### **Weekly Offering St. Helen Parish**

3/22/26 & 3/23/26 \$1783.00



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Thank you for your generosity!!

## **CRISM MASS**

**Saint Augustine Cathedral**

Date: Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> Time: 2pm



Join us as Bishop Misko Blesses the oils used for the Sacramental life of the local Church



## **Rachels Vineyard**

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.

Help Publicize their retreats:  
May 15-17, Sept. 4-6, 2026

Call Teresa at 520-723-6777 or [www.rachelvineyard.org](http://www.rachelvineyard.org)



## **Make a Good Marriage Better**

The mission of Worldwide Marriage encounter is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world.

Weekend Retreats in both the Tucson & Phoenix areas  
[www.tucsonccr.org](http://www.tucsonccr.org)



## 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, Sue Simmons, Sue Armbrust, Laurie Bryant, Johnathan David Beavis

**Annual Drawing to Support Local Charities**  
**May 2, 2026**



**We're Giving Away \$30,000!**

**Cash Prizes**  
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 \$1,000.00  
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 \$20.00 per book of 5  
 \$100.00 for 30 tickets



**Knights of Columbus**  
 Arizona State Council

Must be 21 years or older to participate. Any person winning \$600 or more will be required to provide a completed IRS W-9 Form within 30 days of being notified to receive the prize. See Charity Raffle Guide for complete rules at: <https://kofc-az.org/home>

## Memorial Candles

Memorial Candles are available to purchase  
 In memory of your loved  
 Individual \$100.00 or Family \$200.00



For more information contact: Father Bala 520-349-1696

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