

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday August 23, 2026

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil Mass--- 4:30p.m

Sunday: Holy Mass---11 a.m.

Weekday Masses: --- 9:00a.m.

Wednesday Rosary & 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: -----

Friday-- 6:00pm.

Friday confessions- 5:00-6:00PM.

Office hours: Sun 9-5 Mon 3:30-5:30PM

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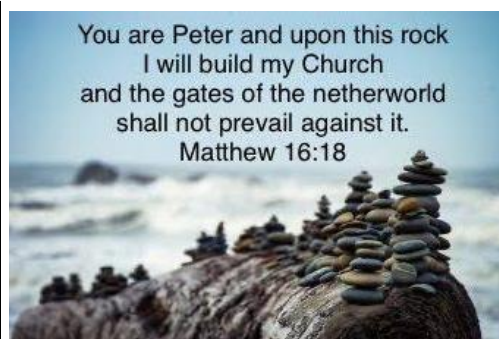
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Baptism & Reconciliations

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
Manuel (Nelo)

Navarro

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



Sunday Gospel Reflection

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!" Paul exclaims in today's Epistle. Today's Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter.

With Peter, we rejoice that Jesus is the anointed Son promised to David, the one prophesied to build God's temple and reign over an everlasting kingdom (see 2 Samuel 7). What Jesus calls "my Church" is the kingdom promised to David's son (see Isaiah 9:1–7). As we hear in today's First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David's kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God's people. Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom's keys (see Revelation 1:18; 3:7; 22:16). In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfills that prophecy, establishing Peter—and all who succeed him—as Holy Father of His Church.

His Church, too, is the new house of God, the spiritual temple founded on the "rock" of Peter and built up out of the living stones of individual believers (see 1 Peter 2:5). Abraham was called "the rock" from which the children of Israel were hewn (see Isaiah 51:1–2). And Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God (see Matthew 3:9).

The word Jesus uses—"church" (*ekklesia* in Greek)—was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament for the "assembly" of God's children after the Exodus (see Deuteronomy 18:16; 31:30). His Church is the "assembly of the firstborn" (see Hebrews 12:23; Exodus 4:23–24), established by Jesus' exodus (see Luke 9:31). Like the Israelites, we are baptized in water, led by the Rock, and fed with spiritual food (see 1 Corinthians 10:1–5). Gathered at His altar, in the presence of angels, we sing His praise and give thanks to His holy name.

—Dr. Scott Hahn



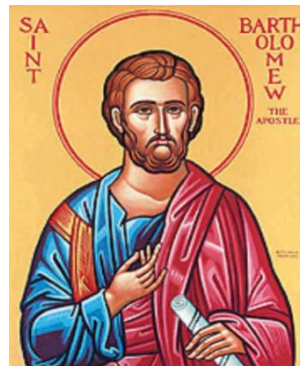
"I will go peaceably and firmly to the Catholic Church, for if Faith is so important to our salvation, I will seek it where true Faith first began, seek it among those who received it from God himself." —St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

St. Bartholomew Feast Day San Manuel

Monday August 24, 2026

Holy mass at 6:00PM

Fellowship meal to follow after mass



You are warmly invited to celebrate and honor **Saint Bartholomew**, an Apostle of Christ whose life and ultimate sacrifice as a martyr continue to inspire us on our own journey of faith.

Tri-Community Adoration & Holy Mass

St. Bartholomew Parish San Manuel
Thursday August 27, 2026 @ 6PM



Tri-Community CCD Teacher Retreat
St. Bartholomew Parish, San Manuel
Saturday, August 29, 2026 9:00am



MASS INTENTIONS

August 22 (Saturday) at 4:30PM-

J.D. & Kathy Stuart

**August 23 (Sunday) at 11:00AM- Ramona Romero
(Healing)**



**Saturday, September 12, 2026
Horseshoe Tournament**



Registration at 10:00 AM

Shoes Fly at: 11:00 AM

\$20.00 per Person

Blind Draw/Double Elimination
1st-3rd Place Trophies

Sponsored by:
La Familia Horseshoe club

For Information contact:
Carol 520-275-3209 or Robert 928-379-2687

Fiesta Mass at 3:00PM

Music 4-6PM by DJ Rocky

Mariachi Valenzuela 6-8PM

Special Guest:
Banda Suavecito 8-12AM

Games, Raffles, Food & Drinks

Weekly Offering St. Helen Parish



8/15/26 & 8/16/26 - \$934.00

St Helen's Parish Donor Box is now active online.

To make your donations visit our website at:

<https://www.sthelenparishoracle.org>

Thank you for your generosity!!

Religious Education Registration Begins

St. Helen Parish Oracle

Sunday August 30, 2026

After 11AM Mass

For more information contact Maria 520-609-4388

Tri Community

Healing Mass

St. Bartholomew Parish

San Manuel

Friday September 4, 2026

9:00AM

"I am the Lord who heals you"

Exodus 15:26



Memorial Candles

20 Memorial Candles are available to purchase

In the rear of our church, there are eternal remembrance candles. Three masses will be held during the year, and the memorial candles we purchase for our loved ones will be lit.

These candles are hybrid, meaning that although they are constructed of wax, the flame is powered by electricity. A metal plate bearing the name of your loved one is also included. One name costs \$150.00 annually, while a family name costs \$250.00 annually.



For more information contact:

Father Bala 520-349-1696 or Parish Office 520-896-2708



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, Rudy Lara, Rusty Kent, Frank Pierson, Olivia Nugent, Helen V Leavitt, Daniel Rodriguez, E.S., Trevor Bonat, Ron Marchetti, Scott Nugent, Irene Aguirre J. Ellsworth, Sue Simmons, Sue Armbrust, Johnathan David Beavis, Ofelia Delgado, Josie Mendoza, Helen Ramirez, Mary McClure, Jamie Nugent, Stefania Maraston, Karen Vasquez

A Journey from Grief to Healing

A grieving class will start on September 3, 2026 at St. Helen's Parish. There will be 5 sessions. The class will meet every Thursday, starting from September 3, through October 1. The sessions will run from 5:30 to 7:00. All 5 sessions will be at St. Helen's parish hall.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for anyone interested in the class.

The class will be facilitated by Joe Kelly and Janie Sanchez.



Rachels Vineyard

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

Upcoming Retreat: September 4-6th
Picture Rocks Redemptorist Retreat Center Tucson, AZ

Teresa at (520) 743-6777 or www.Rachelvineyard.org

Procedures to Report Suspected and Alleged Abuse within the Catholic Church

Call 911 to make a police report

Call the Victim Assistance Program 1.800.234.0344

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Some people think that choosing a modest memorial means sacrificing service. Our commitment to excellent service allows us to say that no matter what kind of a memorial you have in mind, we'll provide you with the best service available, bar none.

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Deadline for Bulletin Submissions is Thursday at 5:00p.m. In order to be printed for upcoming weekend masses.