

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday August 30, 2026

Twenty-Second 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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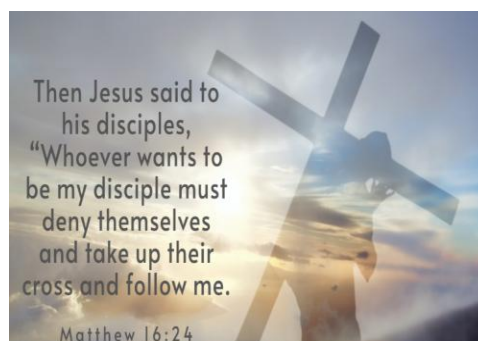
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Baptism & Reconciliations

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

Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach.

But God does not deceive—and Jeremiah knows this. God tests the just (see Jeremiah 20:11–12) and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials (see Hebrews 12:5–7). What Jeremiah learns is what Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself—your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His Gospel. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we must join ourselves to the Passion of Christ, to offer our bodies—our whole beings—as living sacrifices to God. By His Cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach: we owe to God all that we have.

God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in today's Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship, giving our lives to the service of His will (see Hebrews 10:3–11; Psalm 50:14, 23). Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter (see 1 Corinthians 1:23). This is our natural temptation, as well: to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan. That's how people think, Jesus tells us today.

But we are called to the renewal of our minds—to think as God thinks, to will what He wills. In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise (see Hebrews 13:15). We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives losing them, that with the riches of His banquet our souls will be satisfied.

—Dr. Scott Hahn

“In difficult moments, I will fix my gaze upon the silent Heart of Jesus stretched on the Cross and from the exploding flames of His merciful Heart, will flow down upon me power and strength to keep fighting.”

—St. Faustina



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 Guera

Mariachi Valenzuela 6-8PM

Special Guest:

Banda Suavecito 8-12AM

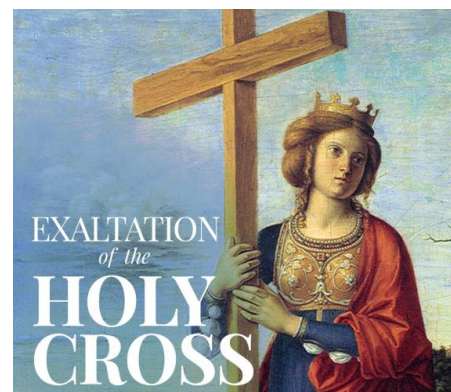
Games, Raffles, Food & Drinks

St. Helen Feast Day Oracle

Monday September 14, 2026

Holy mass at 6:00PM

Fellowship meal to follow after mass



MASS INTENTIONS

**August 29 (Saturday) at 4:30PM- Scott Nugent
(Healing)**

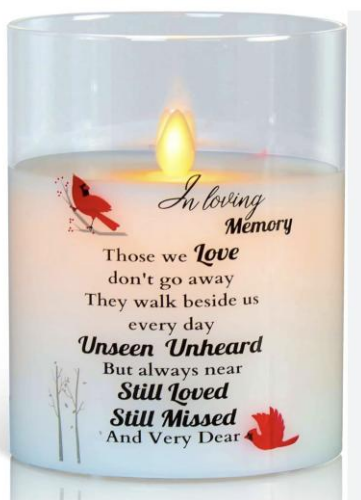
**August 30 (Sunday) at 11:00AM-
+ Rudolph & Patricia Malusa**

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

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.

Weekly Offering St. Helen Parish



8/22/26 & 8/23/26 - \$1490.00

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 September 6, 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**

Red & Green Chili & Bean Burro Sale

**St. Helen Parish (Oracle)
Pre Order by Friday September 25, 2026
Burro sale pick up will be on
Friday October 2, 2026**



**Call Cindy at 520-975-0579 or
The parish office 520-896-2708**

**Cost is \$8.00 for Red/Green or combo
Bean Burro \$5.00**

**All proceeds will go to St. Helen Parish
100th Anniversary Celebration**



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



Rachels Vineyard

Rachel's Vineyard offers a confidential weekend retreat for anyone experiencing emotional or spiritual pain after pregnancy loss through abortion or miscarriage. The retreat provides a safe, compassionate environment for healing, forgiveness, and hope.

Dates: Sep 4-6, 2026

Location: Tucson, Arizona

For information or to register, visit www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org or call (520) 743-6777.

Diocese of Tucson - Alive in Christ

Family Tree Healing Mass

Thursday September 10 at 6:30 PM

Generational Healing and Deliverance Prayers Through
The Power Of Jesus Christ



Fr. Bala Kommathoti

Lively praise & worship

Healing Prayers



Do you want to break free of generational health issues, addictions, cancer, depression, and other obstacles in your family tree? Please join us for a life changing healing mass.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Catholic Church

801 N. Grande Ave, Tucson

Invite your family & friends!

Prepare for this mass by downloading & filling out a **Genogram** from our web site: www.TucsonCCR.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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