

# Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday, February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

Pastor: Fr. Balaswamy Kommathoti

## St. Helen



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### Mass Times

Saturday: Confessions—4:00p.m.  
Vigil Mass--.4:30p.m.  
Sunday: Holy Mass---11 a.m.  
Weekday Masses: --- 8:00a.m.  
(Thursday, Friday)

### Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil Mass---.6:00p.m.  
Confessions—7:15p.m.  
Sunday: Holy Mass—9:30a.m.  
Weekday Masses: --- 9:00a.m.  
(Monday, Thursday, Friday)

### Mass Times

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month Rosary &  
Mass-8:30a.m.  
Sunday: Confessions-----7:30a.m.  
Holy Mass-----8:00a.m.  
12:30p.m.  
Wednesday: Confessions—5:30p.m.  
Holy Mass—6:00p.m.-

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### Marriage Preparation

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



### Sanctuary Lamp

#### Milo Candelaria

Please call the parish office to reserve.  
There is a \$5.00 charge in order to have  
Have the lamp burn in memory of your loved one.



### Reconciliation/Confession

Check Mass Schedule or  
By appointment 520-349-1696

### INFANT BAPTISMS

Instructions for infant Baptisms are on the  
first and third Thursday of the month (after  
initial registration) at 7:00 p.m. in the Church  
Hall.

*It is mandatory that parents and Godparents attend.*

## First Sunday of Lent

Lent is a time of alms giving, prayer, and fasting to prepare for the celebration of the Pascal Mystery (the death and resurrection of Christ) and continue the process of conversion. A time of repentance that brings us closer to God so that His desires become ours. When thinking about almsgiving, remember what is important to God: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own (Isaiah 58:7-10). Today we reflect on the temptation of Christ (Mt 4:1-11). Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days and nights to prepare for His ministry. Prayer and fasting are a powerful combination against wickedness and a source of spiritual strength. Surely, this is why Satan tempted Christ to break His fast by turning stones into bread and, causing Christ to turn away from God's plan of salvation. Jesus used the scripture to answer every suggestion the devil made and remained faithful to God. He was tempted in every respect yet did not sin so he can sympathize with our weaknesses (Heb 4:15). Satan twisted the meaning of the scripture to serve his purpose. After Jesus repeatedly resisted the devil, he left. It is what scripture teaches us to do when the devil comes. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). Finally, angels came to minister to Christ. Just as God sent angels to tend to Christ, we too can count on divine consolation from God.

Overcoming temptation allows us to experience and walk in the fruits of the Holy Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) giving us the ability to serve God better and truly enjoy life. Jesus is our example; fast, pray, resist, speak, and know the word so not to be deceived. Prayerfully reading and meditating on the daily readings renews the mind and provides powerful words to ward off the enemy. Prayer connects us to God and fills us with power from the Holy Spirit to overcome. "For the weapons of our warfare are not worldly but have divine power to destroy strongholds" (2 Cor 10:4). Fasting shows repentance, subdues fleshly desires, and strengthens our Spirit. Frequent repentance and reconciliation restore grace, give power, and reduce sin's influence. Finally, following Isaiah 58:7-10 in alms giving, caring for the needy, our neighbor, and families bring our actions in line with the will of God and provide divine strength (Jn 4:32). How will you prepare during Lent?

– Diana Nussberger

## Commitment Weekend February 17-18, 2024



The calling to make sure the works of the Church continue is at the core of our mission as followers of Jesus Christ. Your generosity has a powerful impact on our ability to carry out the works of the Church -- building a strong Catholic presence across our Diocese and taking care of our parishes, schools, and those in need in our communities.

As the Annual Catholic Appeal launches in parishes across our Diocese, please prayerfully consider the vital charities, ministries, and services that YOU make happen. For these are the way we live, care for one another, and share the GOSPEL with the world today! Please make a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, today.

Together, let us *Live the Mission with a Generous Heart!*

Make your gift today at  
[www.cathfnd.org/donate](http://www.cathfnd.org/donate)

## Marriage Anniversary Mass 2024

Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger

cordially invites you to

a special Mass celebrating Marriage Anniversaries for couples that have received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and are celebrating the following anniversaries:

1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> - 50<sup>th</sup> - 60<sup>th</sup> or longer

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2024**

Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.

St. Augustine Cathedral, 192 S. Stone Ave., Tucson

If you have any questions, contact Ofelia James [ojames@diocesetucson.org](mailto:ojames@diocesetucson.org)

**PLEASE REGISTER BY: Wednesday,  
February 21, 2024**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION:**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/KmvdLX6Kbi>

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

February 17 (Saturday) at 6:00PM

- Parishioners

February 18 (Sunday) at 9:30a.m.

- Parishioners

## ***Weekly Offering***

2/10/24, & 2/11/24--Offering: \$1340.00

Thank you for your Generosity!



Knights of Columbus Courtyard Flag

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Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

St. Bartholomew Parish Hall

(Friday's during Lent)

From 4PM-7PM

Cost \$10.00



Dine In or Take Out

**FIND US READY LORD!  
DAY OF REVIVAL  
For men & women**

**SATURDAY – APRIL 20, 2024  
9:00 am – 9:00 pm**

**St Francis de Sales Catholic Church  
Gymnasium  
1375 South Camino Seco, Tucson**

**Speakers:**

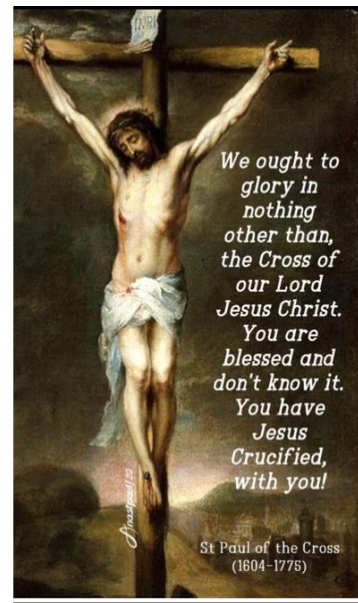
**Dr. Mary Healy, Kathleen Beckman, Brendan Case,  
Fr. Amal Sebastiar, Fr. Bala Kommathoti**

You are invited to join men and women throughout the diocese for this exceptional conference which will include teaching from internationally known speakers & authors, times of praise & worship, mass, adoration, and a healing service! This day promises to be a life changing experience of spirit filled evangelization! For schedule information, speaker biographies, and to register

visit [www.vineofgrace.org](http://www.vineofgrace.org) or call 520.631.1408.

**Stations of the Cross  
February 23 (Friday) at 6PM**

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



**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*

**Patsy Cota, Alan Rubinstein, Leo Gomez-Ramos, Mia Vega**

**February 17-18, 2024**

As we journey during this Lenten Season, let us take time to reflect on our marriage. What can we do to make our marriage even better? Enrich your marriage by taking part in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on April 6-7, 2024 in Tucson. For more information visit our website at: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

- ◆ Love is in the air! No matter how long you have been married, you can still have romance in your marriage.
- ◆ The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the tools to keep your marriage alive and vibrant.
- ◆ Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on April 6-7, 2024
- ◆ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)



***Women Be Blessed 2024***

**Conference + Lenten Retreat**  
*All Adult Christian Women Invited*



**Believe**  
**\*\*Mosaic**  
**\*\*True Presence**  
**\*\*Unveiled**

**Presenters:** Rev. Martin Bosco Ormin, Deacon Rich LeMieux  
**February 24, 2024**  
*Julie Madrid, Coordinator*

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Hall  
844 W. Sullivan St., Miami, AZ 85539  
928-473-3568

7:00 – 9:00 AM - Registration & Continental Breakfast  
Noonish – Lunch  
Concludes at 3:30 PM  
\$20.00 donation per person  
includes Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Gift Bag & More.  
*This event is for Christian women 18 and over, no children please.*

**Procedures to Report Suspected and Alleged Abuse Within the Catholic Church**

1. Call 911 to make a police report
2. Call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson, 1.800.234.0344

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