

# Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Fourth 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

**Luis Alvarez**

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.*

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

In the gospel (Jn 3:14-21) Jesus teaches Nicodemus about the two paths available to mankind (light and darkness). He begins, just as Moses lifted up the image of the serpent on a pole so that the Israelites that looked upon it were healed from the punishment (snake bites) for their sin (Num 21:4-9), likewise, the Son of Man must be lifted up (crucified) so all who believe in Him might not perish but have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (3:16). Jesus clearly states, "Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned," because they did not believe in the "name of the only Son of God." For belief leads to following the ways of Christ. Here is the verdict: the light (Jesus) came into the world, but those who rejected Jesus chose darkness over light because their works were evil. The wicked hate the light and do not come toward it so their works are not exposed. Whoever "lives the truth" comes to the light (Jesus) so that "his works may be clearly seen as done in God." Coming to Jesus causes us to turn away from sin and embrace the way of love and imitation of Christ.

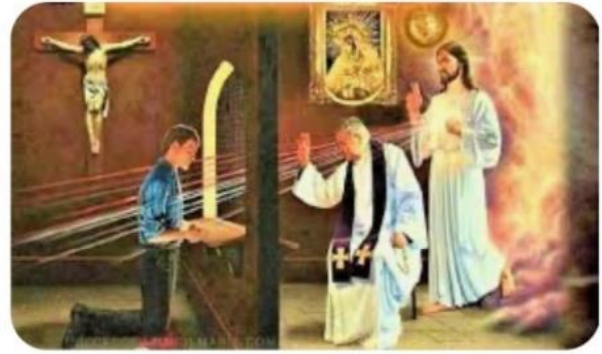
Today we see a pattern of belief in God's solution (the serpent pole and Christ), acknowledging sin (looking at the serpent pole and repentance), and redemption (healing and salvation through Christ). We are children of the light who are striving to "live the truth" (the Faith). We make many mistakes and wrong choices but bring them to Jesus by means of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Apostle John said, "but if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins (1 Jn 2:1-2). The love of God the Father surpasses any love we have experienced here, and his fervent desire is that we have eternal life. We accept His gracious forgiveness and return to loving others "in deed and in truth (1 Jn 3:18). "This is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another" (1 Jn 3:18). Is there anything you need to bring to Jesus?

-Diana Nussberger

## Lenten Penance Service

St. Bartholomew Church  
San Manual

Thursday, March 14, 5:30 pm



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

"Confession is an act of honesty and courage and act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God." - St John Paul II

## Sacrament of Reconciliation steps include:

- Sign of the Cross
- State your last confession
- Confess your sins
- Ask pardon for forgotten sins
- Listen to the priest's advice
- Act of Contrition
- Absolution
- Words of praise and blessing



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

March 9 (Saturday) at 6:00PM

- Parishioners

March 10 (Sunday) at 9:30a.m.

- Parishioners

Knights of Columbus Courtyard Flag

*March's courtyard flag is flown in honor of*



**Andres Xavier Valenzuela**

*United States Navy*



At the request of the Jose & Gloria Lopez Family

## ***Weekly Offering St. Bartholomew***

3/2/24 & 3/3/24--Offering: \$1873.00



Thank you for your Generosity!

## **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**

St. Bartholomew Parish Hall

(Friday's during Lent)

From 4PM-7PM

Cost \$10.00



Dine in or Take Out

Congratulations  
Fr. Bala's 22<sup>nd</sup> Priestly Ordination  
Anniversary

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

St. Bartholomew Parish

Holy sacrifice mass 5:30PM

The Tri  
Community  
Parishes thank you  
for the years that  
you've spent  
leading our church.  
Congratulations on  
your anniversary  
and we thank you  
for choosing to  
teach us by the  
graces of God



Side Dishes (A-J)

Salads (K-P)

Dessert (Q-U)

Bread (V-Z)

Potluck Dinner will follow after the mass

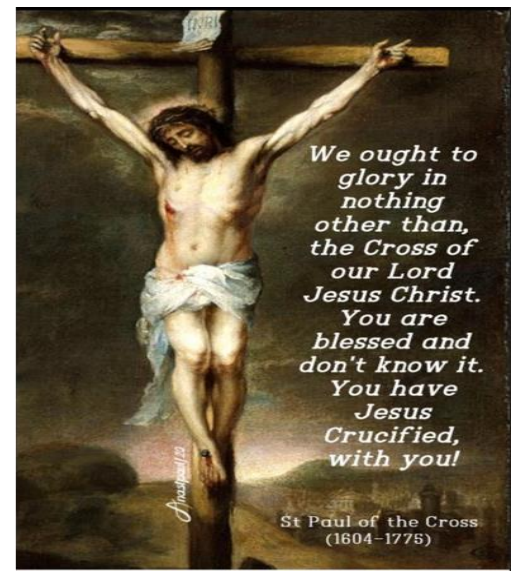
## **Stations of the Cross**

Friday's at 6PM

March 15

March 22

**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

**Blessed Sacrament Church Fiesta**  
Will be on Sept. 14, 2024  
4PM-Midnight  
Volunteers are needed  
Donations are appreciated

Our Blessed Sacrament Fiesta Committee is seeking volunteers to help with food booths for the upcoming Fiesta in September. If you are interested, add your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church and one of the committee members will respond with information.

Thank You and God Bless!!

Dear St. Bartholomew Parishioners,

St. Bartholomew's has been notified that the Catholic Foundation Grant Committee and the Catholic Foundation's Board of Directors, including Bishop Weisenburger, approved funding of our 2024 grant request. The award funds will be used towards the rectory kitchen upgrades.

**Thank you** to the Catholic Foundation Grant Committee and the Catholic Foundation's Board of Directors, including Bishop Weisenburger!

**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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