

# Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Third 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)

### Parish Board of Directors

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger  
Fr Bala Kommathoti, President  
Manuel Navarro, Treasurer  
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### 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)

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### 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.



### Reconciliation/Confession

Check Mass Schedule or  
By appointment 520-349-1696



### Sanctuary Lamp

#### Leobardo Rodriguez

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.



### 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.*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

In the gospel (Jn 2:13-25), Jesus shakes up the sacrificial system of animal offering and puts his Father's house in order. The Temple was the most important building in Jewish life. A place God instructed his people through Scripture and received their worship. Jesus found the Temple lacking reverence for God and quickly made a whip out of cords and drove all the merchants and their animals out of the temple area. He overturned their tables and spilled the coins of the money changers. To those selling doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." In calling God his Father Jesus reveals his true relationship (Son) to God and implies his authority to correct the situation. The disciples remembered the Scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me;" the reason Jesus was crucified. The priests respond: "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The priests take this to mean the structure (the Temple), but Jesus spoke about his body as God's temple and his death and resurrection as the sign that God sanctioned everything Jesus said and did. The apostles didn't understand this until the Holy Spirit recalled the Scripture "Zeal for your house will consume me" after the Resurrection. It caused them to believe all the Scripture and words Jesus had spoken. Jesus remained for the feast of Passover. Many started to believe in Jesus due to "signs" he did. Jesus did not trust himself to them because he "knew them all" and understood human nature well. They believed Jesus because of the miracles but had no interest in the message of salvation.

Looking back at the Cleansing at the Temple knowing what happened afterward, it's easy to see Jesus replaced the Temple as the center of worship and the animal sacrifices with His single sacrifice for all on the cross. Jesus was the temple of God then; now our bodies are temples for the Holy Spirit if we believe in redemption through Christ and are baptized. Just as Jesus put things in order at the Temple, Scripture and the Holy Spirit continue to change our wrong ideas of Faith and cause us to believe and act on His word. The Holy Spirit draws us into a deeper, more fruitful relationship with Christ so that we increase in zeal for the kingdom and put our salvation above any other priority. The gospel directs us to repent of sin done through our body (house of God), recognize Jesus' divine authority, be cleansed by repentance and reconciliation, and allow grace to increase obedience to His word in our life. How is the Holy Spirit prompting you to clean house?

-Diana Nussberger

## Lenten Penance Service

St. Bartholomew Church  
San Manuel

Thursday, March 14, 5:30 pm



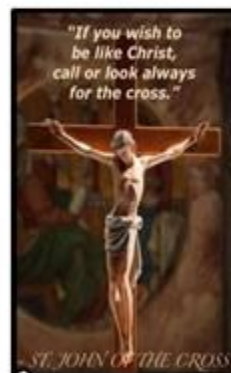
**"Don't be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus who forgives you."** - Pope Francis

Alive in Christ

ADORE & CONTEMPLATE 

Thursday March 7 at 6:45 PM

***We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world***



- ❖ Deepen your Lenten journey
- ❖ Lively Praise & Worship
- ❖ Pray for all your intentions



Fr Bala Kommathoti

Bring your family & friends!

- Attend in person at: Our Lady of La Vang Parish, at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson
- Also, on Zoom at: Meeting ID: 814 4930 0841  
Passcode: 352734



## MASS INTENTIONS

March 2 (Saturday) at 6:00PM

- Guadalupe Bejarano

March 3 (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

*Flags are flown in rotation with other flags for at least a year, or until unfit to fly.*

*In order to extend the life of the flags, they are lowered on high wind days.*

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

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

St. Bartholomew Parish

Holy sacrifice mass 5:30PM

Potluck Dinner will follow after the mass

Side Dishes (A-J)

Salad (K-P)

Dessert (Q-U)

Bread (V-Z)



- ◆ 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)



## Weekly Offering St. Bartholomew

2/24/24, & 2/25/24--Offering: \$1269.96

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

## Stations of the Cross

Friday's at 6PM

March 8

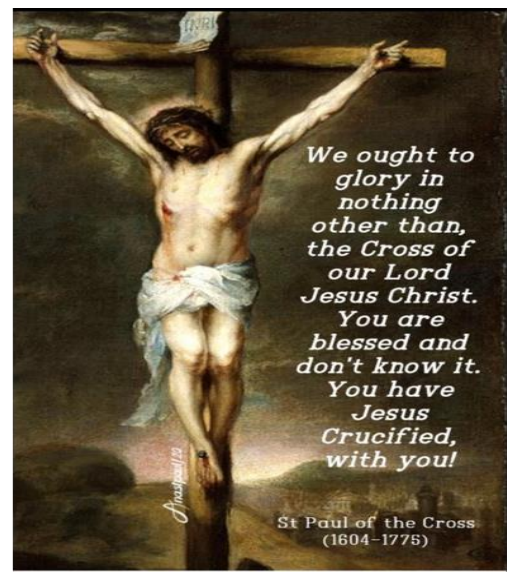
March 15

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**

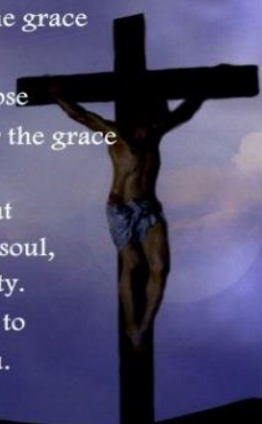
**Colossians 3:23-24**

“Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.”

If you are unsure of how to serve the Lord, this is the perfect opportunity! The Blessed Sacrament Fiesta Committee is seeking volunteers to help with food booths for the upcoming Fiesta in September. The tentative date for the fiesta is Saturday, September 14, 2024. If you are interested, the following booths need volunteers, add your name, number, and one of the committee members will respond with information.

*A Prayer for Lenten Grace*

Loving God,  
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.  
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.  
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity.  
May this season be grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.  
*Amen.*



**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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