

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday September 15, 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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.
Monday & 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

Mass Times

Sunday: Confessions-----7:30a.m.
Holy Mass-----8:00a.m.
12:30p.m.

Weekday Masses:-----

Wednesday 6:00pm.

Saturday : Rosary & Mass--- 8:30a.m.
Confessions----- 9:30a.m.

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Marriage Preparation

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



Sanctuary Lamp

Alvaro 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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

“You are the Christ. The Son of Man must suffer greatly,”
---Mark 8:27-35

This morning I received a text message that a member of my extended family will likely die of cancer within the next few hours. His name is Luke. He is 45-year-old husband and father of six. Though I am not as close to him as my sister (she is his sister-in-law and knows him well), I wonder: how can we, including Luke himself, manage such a terribly awful and unfair situation?

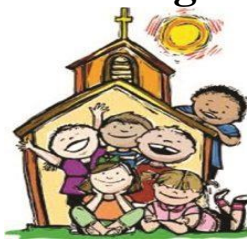
The words of this Sunday’s Gospel offer a powerful and challenging path, Jesus says, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me” (Mark 8:34). Today I see with new freshness the starkness and strangeness of the words take up. The cross stands for suffering which is unjust, absurd, seemingly hopeless, and humiliating. Jesus doesn’t say “accept” or “endure” or “tolerate”, but “take up”. Embrace it, actively. Choose it and lift it up for others to see what terrifies and sickens us. But somehow, for Jesus this is the path to “saving one’s life.” A new world is breaking in, one in which love is everything, when no relationship can be wounded or die. I trust that in the embraced suffering of Luke and his loved ones, Jesus is taking up his cross and saving us all.

By the time you read this, barring a miracle, Luke will have died. He will be carrying his cross no longer. But we all still face suffering. This week let’s not just endure, but take up our crosses, big and small. That’s our only hope for saving our lives.

---Father John Muir



St. Bartholomew’s Religious Education 2024/2025 Registrations



C.C.D.
Cultivating Catholic Disciples

Will be on the following Sunday’s
after 9:30AM Mass:

September 15th

Our program offers catechism & sacrament preparation classes for 1st through 12th grade.

We also offer sacrament preparation classes for adults.

Contact DRE Frances Madrid
For more details (520) 709-6387

St. Helen Parish



Saturday, October 5, 2024
4:00PM-11:00PM

Entertainment:

Mariachi Alma Mexicana: 4PM-6PM

DJ Johnny Hernandez: 6PM-8PM

Live Band: Hold My Beer
8PM-11PM

Food Booths, Games, & Dancing.
Fun for the Whole Family.

MASS INTENTIONS

September 14 (Saturday) at 6:00PM Parishioners

September 15 (Sunday) at 9:30AM + Prakash Raju
Kommathoti

Knights of Columbus Courtyard Flag

*September's courtyard flag is flown
In honor of*



Rick Ramirez, 33 years
US Army,
&

Daughter Christi Ramirez, eight years,
US Navy,

At the request of wife and mother, Denise

Thank you and your family for your dedication
and sacrifice.



I will say of Jesus....

He is my refuge.
He is my place of safety.
He is my fortress, my defense.
He is my God, in whom I trust!

Surely He will deliver me from trouble.
His faithfulness will be my shield and my
protection.

A thousand may fall at my side, ten thousand at my
right hand,
But harm will not come near me.
Because I have made Jesus the Christ my dwelling
place,

And I acknowledge His Name.

Therefore no harm will befall me.

For He will command His Angels to protect me
wherever I go!!

“But what about you?” Jesus asks.

Weekly Offering St. Bartholomew

9/7/24 & 9/8/24--Offering: \$1490.00

Bartholomew's Parish Donor Box is now active
online. Make your donations, Visit our website at:

<https://stbartholomewparishsanmanuel.org>



Thank you for your generosity!!

Arizona Bishops Urge “NO” On Proposition 139

If passed, this initiative threatens to enshrine a
constitutional right to virtually unrestricted
abortion in Arizona...it would likely:

- Remove most safeguards for girls and
women that are currently in place at
abortion clinics.
- Permit a minor to obtain an abortion
without parental involvement or
permission.
- Allow for painful late-term abortions of
viable pre-born children.
- From bishops-
[https://azcatholicconference.org/columns-
and-statements/catholic-bishops-of-
arizona-statement-opposing-prop-139/](https://azcatholicconference.org/columns-and-statements/catholic-bishops-of-arizona-statement-opposing-prop-139/)

**VOTE NO ON
PROP 139!**



servicearizona.com
Scan to register to vote
against Prop 139.
Deadline: Oct. 7

**Please join us in our fight
to protect women and the pre-born!**

Please pray for the homebound

Please contact us email sthelensmission@msn.com or parish office to add a name to our prayer list



**Patsy Cota, Alan Rubinstein, Leo Gómez-Ramos, Mía Vega, Gerardo Alcaraz, Richard Bencomo, Anita Garcia
Jesusita Borboa, Victor Borboa, Gonzalo Marco, Frank Martinez, Elivira Rendon, Nena Johnson, Dora Mendoza**

**Catholic School 2nd Collection
September 21 & 22, 2024**

As you know, this annual collection helps the Department of Catholic Schools provide the necessary support to our 23 Catholic schools, approximately 548 educators, and 6592 students in the following areas:

- **Adult Ministry Certification**
- **Coordinated Health consulting services**
- **School Counseling consulting services**
- **Standardized Assessments**
- **Scholarship Management Support**
- **School leadership support and coaching**
- **Support and resources for pastors of parish schools**
- **Accreditation training and support**
- **Elementary Tucson sports league**
- **Support for Diocesan CARE Student Intervention Process**
- **Policy Guidance**
- **Federal Title Programs**

**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

**EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE.
NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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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