

# Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Father Balaswamy Kommathoti

<https://stbartholomewparishsanmanuel.org>

## 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.  
**First Friday Healing Mass**

**Office Hours: Mon & Wed-Fri 2-5PM**

### 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**

**Office hours: Mon & Tues 8:00-12:00  
Wed 9-11AM**

### Mass Times

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

Weekday Masses: -----

**Wednesday** 6:00pm.

**1st Saturday: Rosary & Mass---** 8:30a.m.  
Confessions----- 9:30a.m.

**Office hours: Sun 9-5  
Mon 3:30-5:30PM**

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### Baptism & Reconciliations

By appointment 520-349-1696

### Marriage Preparation

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



### Sanctuary Lamp

**Richard & Amelia  
Sanchez**

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



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

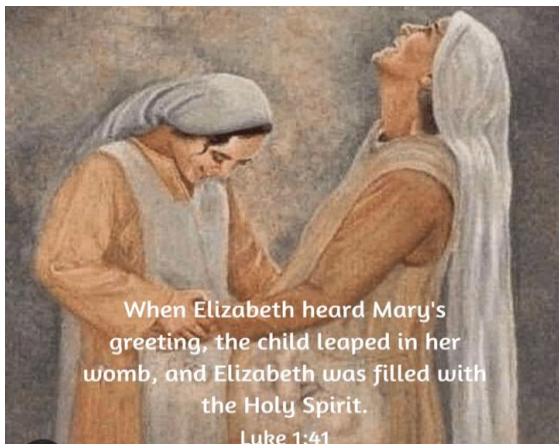
### “Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth.”

-Luke 1:39-43

The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary “blessed” for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady’s belief that “there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord” (Luke 1:45). Mary is “blessed” entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our “motherly” contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges: 1) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus’ presence. Pray: “Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her.” — Father John Muir



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.  
Luke 1:41

**4<sup>th</sup> candle-(Purple) The Candle of Love- The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us because he loves us!** (John 3:16-17)



Celebrating  
**Christmas**

**St Bartholomew Parish, San Manuel**

**Christmas Eve – Tuesday Dec 24th**  
Holy Mass at 6:00 PM

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Holy Mass at 9:30 AM

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### **Knights of Columbus Council 5542**

Welcomes three new members! Congratulations to Martin Madrid, Brian Mullens, & Refugio Ramirez. Thank you for accepting to serve God and his people through this ministry. May God Bless you.

## MASS INTENTIONS

December 21 (Saturday) at 6:00PM- +Lydia Molinar  
+Darlene Nelson

December 22 (Sunday) at 9:30AM- +Richard J. Najera  
+Raul & Sarah Hill +Alica Villalba

December 23 (Monday) at 9:00AM- +Altamirano Family  
+Ryan Sattler

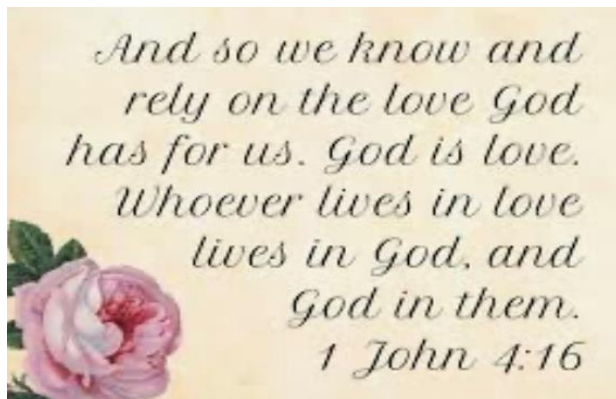
December 26 (Thursday) at 9:00AM +Vega Family

## Knights of Columbus Courtyard Flag

December's courtyard flag is flown in recognition of the Vega Brothers' U.S. military service.



Ladislao-20 years Army/Air Force  
Jose-Marines  
Domingo-20 years Air Force  
Bernardo-Army  
Rodolfo-Army



## Weekly Offering St. Bartholomew

12/14/24 & 12/15/24--Offering: \$2688.00

Bartholomew's Parish Donor Box is now active online. Make your donations, Visit our website at: <https://stbartholomewparishsanmanuel.org>



Thank you for your generosity!!



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## 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 Gómez-Ramos, Mia Vega, Gerardo Alcaraz, Richard Bencomo, Anita Garcia, Jesusita Borboa, Victor Borboa, Gonzalo Marco, Frank Martinez, Elivira Rendon, Nena Johnson, Dora Mendoza, Veronica Casillas Burrola, Tony Telles, Gabe Telles, N. Discher, Scott Helgeson, Patsy Armenta, Walter Henneman, Debbie Gallardo, Jerri Defoor

### Saints of the Day December 2024

Dec. 23...St. John Cantius...Poland...Priest

Dec. 24...St. Emiliana & Tarsila..Italy...Sisters

Dec. 25...Feast of the Nativity...Birth of Jesus...Christmas

Dec. 26...St. Stephen...Disciple of Jesus...First Martyr

Dec. 27...St. John the Evangelist.. Apostle...Patron of writers, editors, and publishers

Dec. 28...The Holy Innocents... Bethlehem...Martyrs

Dec. 29...St. Thomas Becket... Normandy...Archbishop of Canterbury...Martry



## A Journey from Grief to Healing

We are planning a loss and healing ministry for our parish. The purpose is to help the members of our parishes who may be suffering with grief because of the death of a love one (Mother, Father, Family Member, Spouse, Friend, etc.) There will be a general meeting to learn about the program on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5:30PM at St. Helen Parish.

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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Call 911 to make a police report  
Call the Victim Assistance Program 1.800.234.0344

**Deadline for Bulletin Submissions is Thursday at 5:00p.m. In order to be printed for upcoming weekend masses.**