

# Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday December 29, 2024

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Father Balaswamy Kommathoti

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## 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**

### Parish Board of Directors

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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

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 and Joseph find Jesus teaching in temple.”

-Luke 2:41-52

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, “Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us.” I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God’s grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary “after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers” (Luke 2:46). We don’t know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: “Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.” The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God’s presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— Father John Muir



### St. Helen Parish, Oracle

**New Year’s Eve- Tuesday Dec 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Holy Mass at 5:00 PM**

**New Year’s Day-Wed. Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Holy Mass at 11:00AM**

### Blessed Sacrament Parish, Mammoth

**New Year’s Eve- Tuesday Dec 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Holy Mass at 6:30 PM**

**New Year’s Day-Wed. Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Holy Mass at 8:00AM**

### St. Bartholomew Parish, San Manuel

**New Year’s Eve- Tuesday Dec 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Holy Mass at 8:00 PM**

**New Year’s Day-Wed. Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Holy Mass at 9:30AM**



“Be strong and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the **LORD**, your God, is with you wherever you go”  
Joshua 1:9

## MASS INTENTIONS

December 28 (Saturday) at 6:00PM- +Amanda Olmedo  
+Adela Lopez +Jose Lopez Sr.

December 29 (Sunday) at 9:30AM- Parishioners

December 31 (Tuesday) at 8:00PM-

January 1 (Wednesday) at 9:30AM-

January 2 (Thursday) at 9:00AM-

Mass intentions call the parish office, cost is \$10.00

## **New Year-2025**

### **Reflection and Prayer**

**As the old year ends and a new one begins,  
take time.**

**Time to remember the struggles you faced,  
And mistakes you might have made,  
And maybe even loved ones you lost.**

**In every year, you experience heartache.  
This one was no different.**

**And in remembering, find a seed of hope  
Hidden in yesterday.**

**Remember how you've been blessed.  
Relive when you found unexpected strength.  
Recall where you saw God's Great Spirit at work.  
And know his mercy kept you going all this time.**

**Recognize his mercy. Ask for his peace.  
The peace that pours out every moment of  
Every day from the wounds of Christ.**

**Prepare us Lord for the New Year.  
Lift us up and place in our hearts.  
A renewed desire to know and worship  
you more. Give us your abundant grace.  
Shower us with your healing love.**

**May your eternal Kingdom reign in our hearts  
and our lives. May the New Year show us once  
again your eternal mercy and glory**

**And let us sing your praises with great joy.**

**In Jesus name, Amen**

## **Weekly Offering St. Bartholomew**

**12/21/24 & 12/22/24--Offering: \$1149.00**

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



Thank you for your generosity!!

## **Knights of Columbus Courtyard Flag**

**January's courtyard flag is flown in thanks to:**

**Jason Sierra, United States Air Force  
Adam Sierra, United States Marine Corps**

*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 high  
wind days.*

## **Our Lady of Guadalupe & Nativity of the Lord**

We thank all the teachers, students, and parents  
For being involved in this glorious event. We  
appreciate all your time, talent, & treasure to glorify  
God.

Father Bala and Parishioners





## 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. Nick Lodez**

## **Saints of the Day Dec 2024/Jan 2025**

**Dec. 30...St. John Alcober...**

Granada...China...Dominican Priest...Martyr

**Dec. 31...St. Sylvester I....Bishop of Rome**

**January 1 Mary, Mother of God Feast of  
the Holy Family**

**January 2 St. Basil the Great.... Patron saint  
of hospital administrators...Doctor of the  
Church**

**January 3 Most Holy Name of Jesus**

**January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton...  
U.S.A...patron saint of in-law troubles and loss  
of children.**

**January 5 St. John N Neumann...Bishop of  
Philadelphia...Patron saint of children,  
immigrants, and Catholic education**

**Be Transformed**  
Romans 12:2

**WOMEN'S  
RETREAT**

ANNUAL WEEKEND OF WORSHIP  
A NEW YEAR FOR A NEW YOU!  
**JANUARY 24 & 25, 2025**

FRIDAY EVENING  
6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM  
SATURDAY  
9:00 AM TO 5:30 PM

**ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
ARIZONA ROOM/GYM  
1800 CAMINO PIO DECIMO - TUCSON

**COST: \$40.00**

"DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERN OF THIS  
WORLD BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE  
RENEWING OF YOUR MIND.  
THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST AND  
APPROVE WHAT GOD'S WILL IS -  
HIS GOOD, PLEASING, AND PERFECT WILL."  
ROMANS 12:2

Ladies, you are invited to join with other Sisters in Christ for this beautiful retreat that offers a time for fellowship, praise & worship, inspired teaching & healing prayer! Come and be transformed & renewed in God's love as we prepare our hearts to be transformed! Invite a friend to join you!

### 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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