

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

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Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil Mass--- 4:30p.m

Sunday: Holy Mass---11 a.m.

Weekday Masses: --- 9:00a.m.

First Friday Healing Mass

Saturday Confessions: 3:30-4:30pm

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

Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil Mass---6:00p.m.

Sunday: Holy Mass---9:30a.m.

Weekday Masses: --- 9:00a.m.

Monday & Thursday

Saturday Confessions: 7:00-8:00pm

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

Mass Times

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

Weekday Masses: -----

Wednesday-- 6:00pm.

Wednesday confessions- 5:00-6:00PM

First Saturday:

Rosary & Mass--- 9:00a.m

Office hours: Sun 9-5 & Mon 3:30-5:30

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Sunday Gospel Reflection

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

John questions Jesus from prison in today's Gospel—for his disciples' sake and for ours. He knows that Jesus is doing "the works of the Messiah," foretold in today's First Reading and Psalm. But John wants his disciples—and us—to know that the Judge is at the gate that in Jesus our God has come to save us.

The Liturgy of Advent takes us out into the desert to see and hear the marvelous works and words of God—the lame leaping like a stag, the dead raised, the good news preached to the poor (see Isaiah 29:18-20; 61:1-2). The Liturgy does this to give us courage, to strengthen our feeble hands and make firm our weak knees. Our hearts can easily become frightened and weighed down by the hardships we face. We can lose patience in our sufferings as we await the coming of the Lord.

As James advises in today's Epistle, we should take as our example the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Jesus also points us to a prophet—holding up John as a model. John knew that life was more than food, the body more than clothing. He sought the kingdom of God first, confident that God would provide (see Matthew 6:25-34). John did not complain. He did not lose faith. Even in chains in his prison cell, he was still sending his disciples—and us—to our Savior.

We come to Him again now in the Eucharist. Already He has caused the desert to bloom, the burning sands to become springs of living water. He has opened our ears to hear the words of the sacred book, freed our tongue to fill the air with songs of thanksgiving (see Isaiah 30:18). Once bowed down, captives to sin and death, we have been ransomed and returned to His Kingdom, crowned with everlasting joy. Raised up, we now stand before His altar to meet the One who is to come: "Here is your God."

-Dr. Scott Hahn

"Joy is prayer, joy is strength, joy is love, joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls" - Mother Teresa



3rd candle-(pink) The Shepherd Candle or The Candle of Joy- the Angels sang a message of JOY!
(Luke 2:7-15)

Celebrating Christmas Tri-Community Parishes



Blessed Sacrament Church, Mammoth

Christmas Eve – Wednesday December 24
Holy Mass at 5:30 PM

Christmas Day – Thursday December 25
Holy Mass at 8:00 AM

St. Bartholomew Church, San Manuel

Christmas Eve – Wednesday December 24
Holy Mass at 7:00 PM

Christmas Day – Thursday December 25
Holy Mass at 9:30 AM

Saint Helen Church, Oracle

Christmas Eve – Wednesday December 24th
Holy Mass at 6:00 PM

Christmas Day – Thursday December 25th
Holy Mass at 11:00 AM

St. Bartholomew Parish, San Manuel

New Year's Day- Thursday Jan. 1st
Holy Mass at 9:30AM

FOOD DRIVE



The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring now through December 31, 2025.

All donations can be left at the back of the church or the Parish Hall.

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS

December 13 (Saturday) at 6:00PM-

†Guadalupe B Bejarano

December 14 (Sunday) at 9:30AM-

†Rosario Llamas†Irma Estelle Navarro

December 15 (Monday) at 9:00AM-Parishioners

Knights of Columbus Courtyard Flag December's courtyard flag is flown in honor

Thanks of the Vega Brothers'
Military service



Ladislao - 20 years Army/Air Force

Jose - Marines

Domingo - 20 Years Air Force

Bernardo - Army

Rodolfo - Army

A Prayer for the Unborn

Heavenly Father, in your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom. You have given the gift of life. Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today. Help them to see that the child they carry is made in your image, as well as theirs, made for eternal life. Dispel their fear of selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever, and ever. Amen



Catholic Devotions By Month

Learn, live, and proclaim

Instructor: Fr Bala Kommathoti

Zoom Family Meeting: ID# 850 3759 3111 Passcode 671585

Thursday, December 18, 2025 - From 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Message: The Immaculate Conception



"If Christ is the day that never fades, Mary is its dawn, shining with beauty. Chosen in advance to be the Mother of the incarnate Word, Mary is at the same time the first-fruits of his redeeming action."

— Pope St. John Paul II

Weekly Offering St. Bartholomew

12/6/25 & 12/7/25 --Offering: \$3070.00



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<https://stbartholomewparishsanmanuel.org>

Thank you for your generosity!!

Tri-Community Parishes



St. Helen Church Oracle

Sunday, Dec 21st at 2:00PM

There will be a potluck feast in the parish hall. All Tri-Community Parishes are invited! We have created an alphabetic list to what type of dish to bring by parishioner last name:

- Side Dishes (A-M)
- Desserts (N-Z)

We are looking forward to celebrating with you!

Pope's December Prayer Intention

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Pope Leo XIV's Christmas message

Focus on hope, unity, and love, urging a preparation of hearts for Jesus, building bridges between people and faiths, and seeing Christ in the vulnerable, especially amidst global conflicts like Gaza, emphasizing that God's song of love (Jesus) calls us to be peacemakers and to live authentically by serving others.

Memorial Candles

For more information contact:
Wanda Helgeson 208-755-5161

Only 4 candles are available for purchase



Please pray for the homebound

Please contact us email sthelensmission@msn.com or parish office to add a name to our prayer list
Nick Lopez, Ralph Montoya, Toni & Joey Cittadini, Patsy Cota, Benny Cota, Rudy Lara, Rusty Kent, Frank Pierson, Freddy Cota, Dora Mendoza, Eddie Valenzuela, Daniel Rodriguez, Eleanor Vigil,

Arizona Catholic Tuition Support Organization



Announcement 3

SOMETHING GREAT JUST GOT BETTER!

Taxpayers contributed over \$13 million dollars to Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) last year and provided tuition scholarships for students in schools throughout the Diocese of Tucson. Thank you! For additional information brochures are in the vestibule or visit www.ctso-tucson.org for online giving.

Pilgrimages

Mexico City May 1-8, 2026
Eastern Europe/Poland Nov. 3-14, 2026

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