

# Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Fr. Balaswamy Kommathoti

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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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### Baptism & Reconciliations

**Fr. Bala Kommathoti**  
**By appointment 520-349-1696**

### Marriage Preparation

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



### Sanctuary Lamp

### Rosario Llamas

**The lamp burns in**  
**memory of your loved one**  
**for 7 days,**  
**Cost is \$5.00.**



## Sunday Gospel Reflection

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14, Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-24

The mystery kept secret for long ages, promised through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, is today revealed (see Romans 16:25–26). This is the “Gospel of God” that Paul celebrates in today’s Epistle—the good news that “God is with us” in Jesus Christ. The sign promised to the House of David in today’s First Reading is given in today’s Gospel. In the virgin found with child, God Himself has brought to Israel a savior from David’s royal line (see Acts 13:22–23).

Son of David according to the flesh, Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Spirit. He will be anointed with the Spirit (see Acts 10:38), and by the power of Spirit will be raised from the dead and established at God’s right hand in the heavens (see Acts 2:33–34; Ephesians 1:20–21). He is the “King of Glory” we sing of in today’s Psalm. The earth in its fullness has been given to Him. And as God swore long ago to David, His Kingdom will have no end (see Psalm 89:4–5).

In Jesus Christ we have a new creation. Like the creation of the world, it is a work of the Spirit, a blessing from the Lord (see Genesis 1:2). In Him, we are saved from our sins, are called now “the beloved of God.” All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter into the House of David and kingdom of God, the Church. Together, through the obedience of faith, we have been made a new race—a royal people that seeks for the face of the God of Jacob.

He has made our hearts clean; He has made us worthy to enter His holy place, to stand in His presence and serve Him. In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, the Advent promise of virgin with child—God with us—continues until the end of the age (see Matthew 28:20; Ezekiel 37:24–28).

-Dr. Scott Hahn



**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 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. 1<sup>st</sup>**  
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 20 (Saturday) at 6:00PM- Parishioners

December 21 (Sunday) at 9:30AM- Ben & Eileen Stuart  
Thomas & Monica Levario (Wedding Anniversary)

December 22 (Monday) at 9AM- Tracy Cauble

December 23 (Tuesday) at 9AM- Tyrena Mitchell

December 24 (Wednesday) at 7PM- Elle & Tim Burns

December 25 (Thursday) at 9:30AM- Maria Giordani

December 26 (Friday) at 9AM- Heather Fitzgerald

## **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



## **Weekly Offering St. Bartholomew**

12/13/25 & 12/14/25 --Offering: \$5178.25



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**Thank you for your generosity!!**

## **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.

## **I wish you & your Families**



**Blessings & Prayers, Fr. Bala Kommathoti**

May the joy of Jesus' birth fill your heart with peace and love this Christmas. Wishing you a blessed Christmas as we celebrate the Savior's arrival. May the light of Christ guide you through the holiday season and beyond. Rejoice in the miracle of God's gift to the world—His only Son, Jesus. As we honor the birth of our Lord, may His grace abound in your life. Merry Christmas! Let the story of the manger remind us of God's infinite love. May the peace that Christ brings fill your home this holy season. Celebrating the true meaning of Christmas: the birth of our Redeemer. Wishing you a Christmas filled with the warmth of God's unending mercy. May the spirit of the season draw you closer to the heart of Jesus. Amen



## 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**  
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 4

#### **YES, YOU CAN STILL DIRECT YOUR TAX CREDITS TO ARIZONA'S CATHOLIC TUITION SUPPORT ORGANIZATION**

Continue to support deserving students by taking advantage of the tax credit. If filing as a single taxpayer you can give up to \$1,535, and a married couple filing jointly can contribute up to \$3,062. Please pick up a brochure in the vestibule that will explain how you can get a dollar-for-dollar tax credit or visit the CTSO website at [www.ctso-tucson.org](http://www.ctso-tucson.org).

## Pilgrimages

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

For more information call Erin Blanchette  
Vine of Grace Retreat Ministry 520-631-1408  
[www.vineofgrace.org](http://www.vineofgrace.org)

## Memorial Candles

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

Only 4 candles are available for purchase

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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.**