

# Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday December 28, 2025

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

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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: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
Colossians 3:12-21, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Underlying the wisdom offered in today's Liturgy is the mystery of the family in God's divine plan.

The Lord has set father in honor over his children and mother in authority over her sons, we hear in today's First Reading. As we sing in today's Psalm, the blessings of the family flow from Zion, the heavenly mother of the royal people of God (see Isaiah 66:7, 10-13; Galatians 4:26). And in the drama of today's Gospel, we see the nucleus of the new people of God—the Holy Family—facing persecution from those who would seek to destroy the child and His Kingdom.

Moses, called to save God's first born son, the people of Israel (see Exodus 4:22; Sirach 36:11), was also threatened at birth by a mad and jealous tyrant (see Exodus 1:15-16). And as Moses was saved by his mother and sister (see Exodus 2:1-10; 4:19), in God's plan Jesus too is rescued by His family. As once God took the family of Jacob down to Egypt to make them the great nation Israel (see Genesis 46:2-4), God leads the Holy Family to Egypt to prepare the coming of the new Israel of God—the Church (see Galatians 6:16).

At the beginning of the world, God established the family in the "marriage" of Adam and Eve, the two becoming one body (see Genesis 2:22-24). Now in the new creation, Christ is made "one body" with His bride, the Church, as today's Epistle indicates (see Ephesians 5:21-32). By this union we are made God's chosen ones, holy and beloved. And our families are to radiate the perfect love that binds us to Christ in the Church.

As we approach the altar on this feast, let us renew our commitment to our God-given duties as spouses, children and parents. Mindful of the promises of today's First Reading let us offer our quiet performance of these duties for the atonement of our sins.

-Dr. Scott Hahn

## The Most Holy Family

"The Lord sets a father in honor over his children; A mother's authority he confirms over her sons. He who honors his father atones for sins; He stores up riches who reveres his mother." Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14



We extend a special welcome to our  
New Bishop James Misko



Holy Father Pope Leo XIV appoints  
Reverend James Misko as Bishop of  
Tucson on December 22, 2025

WASHINGTON – Pope Leo XIV has appointed Reverend James A. Misko, a priest of the Diocese of Austin, as the Bishop of Tucson. Father Misko currently serves as vicar general and moderator of the curia for the Diocese of Austin. The appointment was publicized in Washington, D.C. on December 22, 2025, by Cardinal Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

The following biographical information for Bishop-elect Misko was drawn from preliminary materials provided to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

Father Misko was born on June 18, 1970, in Los Angeles, California. He received a bachelor's degree in communications from St. Edward University in Austin (1993). Between 1991 and 2000, he had a career in the restaurant industry. He earned a Master of Arts in theological studies, a Master of Divinity, and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology in 2007 at the University of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Seminary in Houston. Father Misko was ordained to the priesthood on June 9, 2007.

Bishop-elect Misko's assignments include: parochial vicar of St. Elizabeth of Hungary parish in Pflugerville (2007-2010); administrator (2010-2011) and then pastor (2011-2014) of Christ the King parish in Belton; and pastor of St. Louis King of France parish in Austin (2014-2019). Since 2019, he has served as vicar general and moderator of the curia for the Diocese of Austin. From March to September 2025, he also served as diocesan administrator for the diocese. Bishop-elect Misko is a native speaker of English and is proficient in Spanish.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

December 27 (Saturday) at 6:00PM- Parishioners

December 28 (Sunday) at 9:30AM- Grahmann Family  
+ Ruth Romo

December 29 (Monday) at 9AM- Elle & Tim Burns

January 1 (Thursday) at +Jenaro Najera Sr.

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

Thanks of the Vega Brothers'  
Military service

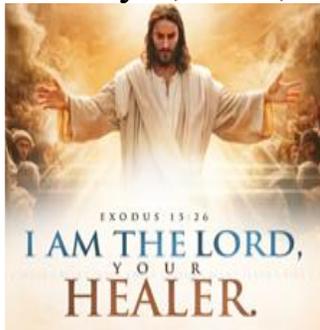


Ladislao - 20 years Army/Air Force  
Jose - Marines  
Domingo - 20 Years Air Force  
Bernardo - Army  
Rodolfo - Army

## **Tri Community Healing Mass**

St. Helen Parish, Oracle

Friday January 2, 2026, 9:00AM



## **Tri Community First Saturday Mass** **Blessed Sacrament Parish-Mammoth**

**January 3, 2026, 9:00AM**



*Then Mary said*  
Behold  
the maidservant  
of the Lord!  
Let it be  
to me  
according  
to your  
word

Therefore, if anyone  
is in Christ, he is a  
**new creation;**  
old things have  
passed away; behold,  
all things have  
become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17



## **Weekly Offering St. Bartholomew**

12/20/25 & 12/21/25 --Offering: \$1086.00



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online. Make your donations, Visit our website at:  
<https://stbartholomewparishsanmanuel.org>

Thank you for your generosity!!

## **Tri-Community Parishes** **New Year Masses 2026**

### **Blessed Sacrament Parish, Mammoth**

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

### **St. Bartholomew Parish, San Manuel**

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

### **St. Helen Parish, Oracle**

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



My Dear Spiritual Family,

Our church invites us today to start our calendar year by recalling Mary's Motherhood. The mystery of "Emmanuel- God with us" was foreshadowed long before in the first formal blessings in the Bible, that of Aaron to the children of Israel. We find it in our first reading today that the face of God shines on you and brings you peace.

"The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them." (Numbers 6: 24-27).

I assure my prayers for you and for your families. I wish you a happy and very fruitful New Year 2026.

With prayers and blessings,

Fr. Bala Kommathoti



### 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,

### 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)

### A Journey from Grief to Healing

St. Bartholomew Parish Hall

San Manuel

Friday, January 9th @ 10:00AM

Sunday, January 11 @ 5:00PM

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed to spirit.” *Psalm 34:18*

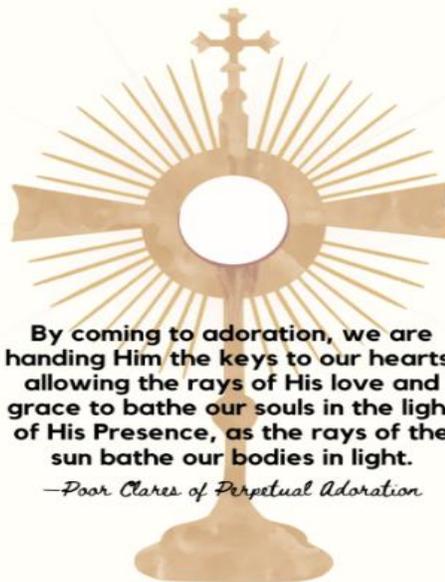
### New Year

### Tri-Community Parishes Adoration

St. Bartholomew Parish

San Manuel

Friday January 9, 2025, 6PM



By coming to adoration, we are handing Him the keys to our hearts, allowing the rays of His love and grace to bathe our souls in the light of His Presence, as the rays of the sun bathe our bodies in light.

—Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration

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