

# Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Pastor: Fr. Balaswamy Kommathoti

<https://stbartholomewparishsanmanuel.org>

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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

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



## Sunday Gospel Reflection

Readings:

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Ephesians: 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind. The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin," he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ.

As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth (see Genesis 2:7), Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay (see John 9:11). As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "Sent."

Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will (see John 9:4; 12:44). He is the new source of life-giving water: the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism (see John 4:10; 7:38-39). This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king David in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him (see Exodus 3:1; Psalm 78:70-71), David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come—Jesus (see John 10:11).

The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. By His death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church. In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing.

With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord." "The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light," trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father. —Dr. Scott Hahn

"Spiritual blindness is more grievous than physical blindness; seek the light of Christ."

—St. Thomas Aquinas

"The healing of the blind man shows us the transformative power of divine love."

—St. Hildegard of Bingen

## Tri-Community Parishes Lenten Penance Service

**Tuesday March 17 at 5:30PM**  
**St. Bartholomew Church**  
**San Manuel**



**"Don't be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession,  
where you will meet Jesus who forgives you."  
—Pope Francis**

## Holy Week & Easter Schedule St Bartholomew Parish, San Manuel

**Saturday Vigil Mass March 28, at 6:15 PM**



**Palm Sunday March 29**

Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

**Holy Mass at 9:00 AM**



**Maundy Thursday April 2**

Commemorates the foot washing and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles.

**Holy Mass at 6:00 PM**



**Good Friday April 3**

Commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus and His death at Calvary.

**Passion & Liturgical Rites at 1:00 PM**



**Easter Vigil Saturday April 4**

Dying He destroyed our death.  
Rising He restored our life.

**Holy Mass at 8:30 PM**



**Easter Sunday April 5**

Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and his Victory over death.

**Holy Mass at 9:30 AM**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

March 14 (Saturday) at 6:00PM-†Luis M Valencia  
†Cecilia M Hernandez  
March 15 (Sunday) at 9:30AM- Parishioners  
March 16 (Monday) at 9:00AM-†Maria S. Valdez  
March 19 (Thursday) at 9:00AM †Darlene M. Nelson  
†Elmer & Josephine Johnson

### **Knights of Columbus Courtyard Flag**



### **March's courtyard flag is flown**



in honor and thanks for  
Juan Daniel "J.D." Sanchez, United States  
Navy Reserve Seabee Builder,  
at the request of the Jose Lopez family.

### **Pope's Intentions for March**

#### **For disarmament and peace**

Let us pray that nation's move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



### **Rachels Vineyard**

Rachel Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion.

You can help: Pray for this ministry, leave flyers in public places, and quietly recommend them to someone who needs healing from the effects of abortion.

Help Publicize their retreats:  
May 15-17, Sept. 4-6, 2026

Call Teresa at 520-723-6777 or [www.rachelvineyard.org](http://www.rachelvineyard.org)



### **Make a Good Marriage Better**

The mission of Worldwide Marriage encounter is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world.

Weekend Retreats in both the Tucson & Phoenix areas  
[www.tucsonccr.org](http://www.tucsonccr.org)

### **Weekly Offering St. Bartholomew**

3/7/26 & 3/8/26 --Offering: \$2406.00



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

Thank you for your generosity!!

### **Stations of the Cross**

**Joins us every Friday at 5:30PM**  
**March 20th, 27th**



**St. Bartholomew Parish Hall**  
**Friday March 20, 2026**  
**From 3PM-6PM**

**Cost is \$12.00 a plate**  
**Dine In, Take Out, or Delivery**

Contact Jose 520-483-3049 or  
Grand Knight Louis Madrid 520-268-5944  
All proceeds go to High School Scholarships



## 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,

**Annual Drawing to Support Local Charities**  
**May 2, 2026**

**We're Giving Away \$30,000!**

**Cash Prizes**  
\$10,000.00  
\$7,000.00  
\$5,000.00  
\$3,000.00  
\$2,000.00  
\$1,000.00  
\$500.00 (4)

Donation \$5.00 per ticket  
\$20.00 per book of 5  
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Must be 21 years or older to participate. Any person winning \$600 or more will be required to provide a completed IRS W-9 Form within 30 days of being notified to receive the prize. See Charity Raffle Guide for complete rules at: <https://kofc-az.org/home>

## Celebrating Saints:

- March 17- St. Patrick, Bishop
- March 18- St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- March 19- St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- March 23- St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- March 25- Annunciation of the Lord

"True sight comes from understanding and accepting God's grace in our lives."

-St. Frances de Sales

## 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

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