# **Catholic Tri-Community Parishes Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Sunday, March 17, 2024

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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. (Thursday, Friday)

#### Parish Board of Directors

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#### Marriage Preparation

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



**Check Mass Schedule or** By appointment 520-349-1696

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Saturday: Vigil Mass---.6:00p.m. Confessions—7:15p.m Sunday: Holy Mass-9:30a.m. Weekday Masses: --- 9:00a.m. (Monday, Thursday, Friday)

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# Sanctuary Lamp **Rosendo Alvarez**

Please call the parish office to reserve. There is a \$5.00 charge in order to have Have the lamp burn in memory of your loved one.

#### INFANT BAPTISMS

Instructions for infant Baptisms are on the first and third Thursday of the month (after initial registration) at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall

It is mandatory that parents and Godparents attend.

#### **Blessed Sacrament**



 $1^{st}$  Saturday of the month Rosary & Mass-8:30a.m. Sunday: Confessions-----7:30a.m. Holv Mass-----8:00a.m. 12:30p.m. Wednesday: Confessions—5:30p.m. Holy Mass-6:00p.m.-

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# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

In today's gospel (Jn 12:20-33) the time for Jesus to draw all people to himself nears. Jesus' crucifixion will glorify God by making salvation available to anyone who believes and add innumerable souls to the kingdom. Some Greeks come to worship at the Passover Feast. They ask to see Jesus. He responds, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified .... unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." Jesus admonishes us to follow his example to eternal life. Whoever chooses the things of this world over the teachings of Christ will lose eternal life and whoever dies to the ways of the world will gain it. Whoever loves me will act as I do and "the Faither will honor whoever serves me." "Where I am, there also will my servant be." Jesus is "troubled" over having to face crucifixion but acknowledges it as the purpose he came for. At the crucifixion the Father will be glorified for the gift of salvation given to mankind. God's voice thunders: "I have glorified it [through signs] and will glorify it again" through the cross. His voice was heard for their sakes, so they may believe. Through the mystery of the cross Christ will draw everyone to himself.

Jesus has drawn us close by making us part of His family. We don't have to ask permission to see Jesus because we have constant access. The cross made our bodies worthy dwellings for the Holy Spirit. We are changed by Him through the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, Adoration, and prayer. We are connected to Him through these graces of salvation and the sanctification process (our crosses). We are fruitful when we die to selfcenteredness through practicing the Faith. Otherwise, we remain only a grain of wheat. Through detachment we discover a union with Jesus available to those who follow Him. The fruits of the Spirit manifest (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) and increase until they are second nature. When trouble comes, use the prayer Jesus said in the Garden: "Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done" (Lk 22:42). Then "where I am, there also will my servant be" gradually becomes a reality. We find ourselves more often in places where only the love of Jesus goes. Reaching out to those in need, caring about everyone (friend or foe), and pointing others to Jesus. "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1Thes. 5:16-18). Are you bearing fruit?

# **Lenten Adoration**

Blessed Sacrament Church Mammoth Friday, March 22, 6:00 PM



"The spiritual lives of our families are strengthened through our holy hour." - Saint John Paul II



Blessed Sacrament Church (Mammoth)

Palm Sunday March 24th, Holy Mass at 7:30 AM & 12:30 PM Celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

March 28th, Holy Mass at 6:00 PM
Commemorates the foot washing and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles.
March 29th, Commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus and His death at Calvary.
Stations of The Cross at 2:00 PM
Passion Of Christ at 3:00 PM
March 30th, Holy Mass at 7:00 PM
Dying He destroyed our death. Rising He restored our life.
March 31st, Holy Mass at 8:00 AM
Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and his victory over death.

-Diana Nussberger

### MASS INTENTIONS

March 17 (Sunday) at 8:00a.m.

Angela Buzan

March 17 (Sunday) at 12:30 P.M.

- Martin Casillas
- Eddie Garcia Jr.

### **Blessed Sacrament Church Fiesta**

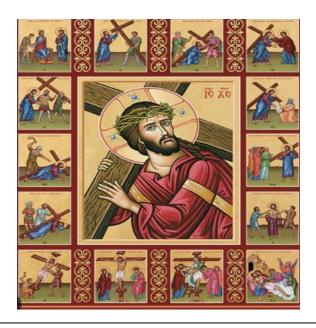
Will be on Sept. 14, 2024 4PM-Midnight Volunteers are needed Donations are appreciated

Our Blessed Sacrament Fiesta Committee is seeking volunteers to help with food booths for the upcoming Fiesta in September. If you are interested, add your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church and one of the committee members will respond with information.

Thank You and God Bless!!

# **Stations of the Cross** Friday March 22nd at 3PM

St. Bartholomew Church (San Manuel) Blessed Sacrament Church (Mammoth) St. Helen Church Oracle)



# Weekly Offering Blessed Sacrament

3/10/24--\$ 963.00



Thank you for your Generosity!

Blessed Sacrament Church Upcoming Sacraments

Confirmation will be on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM mass will be officiated by Bishop Weisenburger.

Holy First Communion will be on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM mass will be officiated by Father Bala.

**Everyone is invited!** 

# Thanksgiving



My dear Tri- community parishioners,

I would like to thank you for celebrating my 22nd priestly Ordination Anniversary on Wednesday March 13th. It was an amazing and blessed day that I hold in my heart forever with gratitude and also I appreciation and thank you all for your precious prayers wishes gifts and love in my life. I Thank you all who worked and dedicated your time and talent on beautiful music and delicious food from the planning, organizing, seating and decorating it was just right and beautiful. Thank you for making my Anniversary so memorable and wonderful. God bless you!

Fr Bala Kommathoti

#### Please pray for the homebound

#### Please contact us email sthelensmission@msn.com or parish office to add a name to our prayer list



Patsy Cota, Alan Rubinstein, Leo Gómez-Ramos, Mia Vega, Jackie Delgado, Jesusita Borboa Victor Borboa, Manuel Medina



St. Bartholomew Parish Hall

(Friday's during Lent) From 4PM-7PM Cost \$10.00

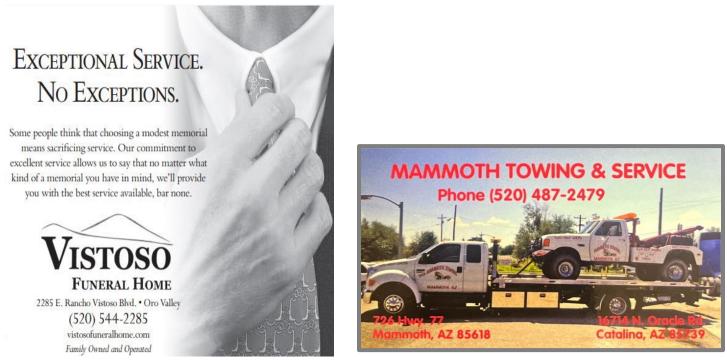


Dine in or Take Out



Procedures to Report Suspected and Alleged Abuse within the Catholic Church

- 1. Call 911 to make a police report
- 2. Call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson 1.800.234.0344



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