

# Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Fr. Balaswamy Kommathoti

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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.  
**First Friday Healing Mass**

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

### Mass Times

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass---.6:00p.m.  
Confessions---7:15p.m

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

Weekday Masses: --- 9:00a.m.  
**Monday & Thursday**

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

### Mass Times

**Sunday:** Confessions-----7:30a.m.  
Holy Mass-----8:00a.m.  
12:30p.m.

Weekday Masses: -----  
**Wednesday** 6:00pm.

**1st Saturday: Rosary & Mass---**  
8:30a.m. Confessions----- 9:30a.m.

**Office hours: Sun 9-5  
Mon 3:30-5:30PM**

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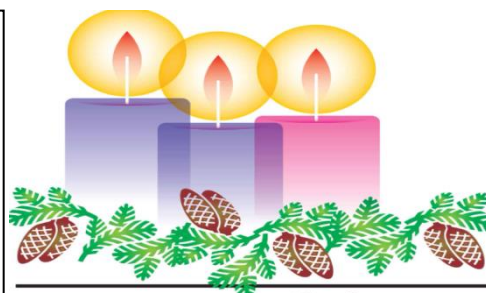
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### Baptism & Reconciliations

By appointment 520-349-1696

### Marriage Preparation

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

### Sanctuary Lamp

**Rosendo Alvarez**

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



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

**“Rejoice in the Lord always, For the Lord is near”**

**-Philippians 4:4-7**

On a bright spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, “What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?” The Saint responded, “I’d keep hoeing this row of beans.” Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus’ glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment. This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize “with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Luke 3:16).

Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus’ coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It’s so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don’t know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That’s what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: “Jesus, if it is your will, helps me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming.” Then make the appropriate changes.

— Father John Muir



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

## Advent Penance Service

**Blessed Sacrament, St. Bartholomew, St. Helen’s Parish  
Tuesday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM**

My Dear Spiritual Family,

Once Pope St. Pius said, “It is an excellent thing to go to confession often because the Sacrament of Penance, besides taking away sin gives the graces necessary to avoid sin in the future.”

Jesus came to call sinners (Mark 2:16); He welcomed them and ate with them (Luke 15:2); He listened to people unburden themselves of guilt. He spoke words of healing, “our sins are forgiven” (Mark 2:5).

It’s good to prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas and welcome Jesus into our hearts. I encourage you to never miss this opportunity.

With Lots of Love,  
Father Bala Kommathoti



Celebrating  
**Christmas**

**Blessed Sacrament Parish, Mammoth**

**Christmas Eve – Tuesday Dec 24th**

**Holy Mass at 6:00 PM**

**Christmas Day – Wed. Dec 25th**

**Holy Mass at 8:00 AM**

**New Year's Eve – Tuesday Dec 31st**

**Holy Mass at 6:30 PM**

**New Year's Day – Wed. Jan 1st**

**Holy Mass at 8:00 AM**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

December 15 (Sunday) at 8:00AM- +Harold Ortiz  
+Benny & Frances Clark

December 15 (Sunday) at 12:30PM-Martha Gallego Hong



## **A Journey from Grief to Healing**

We are planning a loss and healing ministry for our parish. The purpose is to help the members of our parishes who may be suffering with grief because of the death of a love one (Mother, Father, Family Member, Spouse, Friend, etc.) There will be a general meeting to learn about the program on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5:30PM.

## **Weekly Offering Blessed Sacrament**

12/8/24- \$ 804.00



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<https://blessedsacramentparishmammoth.org>

Thank you for your Generosity!!



Dec 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM

## **Blessed Sacrament Church Mammoth**

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-G)
- Salads (H-M)
- Desserts (N-S)
- Bread (T-Z)

*We are looking forward to celebrating with you!*

## **PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO Honoring our Lady of Guadalupe**

**7 Days: March 31-April 6, 2025**

**Visiting: Mexico City, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Teotihuacan, Puebla, Tlaxcala (the Lourdes of Mexico), Ocotlan, Taxco**

**Hosted by: Erin Blanchette,  
Director of Vine of Grace Ministry**

**Spiritual Director: Father Bala Kommathoti**

**Cost: \$2599 per person from Phoenix**

## **Prayer for December**

Dear Lord, we pray that this last month of the year will be filled with your peace, presence and hope. Help us to remember what is important during this season. May we find joy in simple pleasures and treasure each opportunity to gather with family and friends. We pray for comfort for all who are going through difficult times. We ask for your healing hand to be upon all who are ill. We pray for provision for all who are in need. We pray for protection for all who are in need. We pray for protection for all who are in harm's way. Please bless us and use us, so we can be a blessing to others. We thank you for our Savior Jesus in whose name we ask these things. 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

**Patsy Cota, Alan Rubinstein, Leo Gómez-Ramos, Mia Vega, Gerardo Alcaraz, Richard Bencomo, Anita Garcia Jesusita Borboa, Victor Borboa, Gonzalo Marco, Frank Martinez, Elivira Rendon, Nena Johnson, Dora Mendoza, Veronica Casillas Burrola, Tony Telles, Gabe Telles, N. Discher, Scott Helgeson, Walter Henneman, Patsy Armenta, Debbie Gallardo**

**Saints of the Day December 2024**

**Dec. 16...St. Adelaide...**Burgundy...Patron Saint of abuse victims and brides.

**Dec. 17...St. Olympias...**Constantinople...widow and deaconess

**Dec. 18...Bl. Anthony Grassi...**Italy...Oratorian Father...

**Dec. 19...St. Thomas De & Companions...**Vietnam...Dominican...Martyr

**Dec. 20...St. Dominic of Silos...**Spain...Benedictine...Patron Saint of pregnant women, shepherds and prisoners

**Dec. 21...St. Peter Canisius...**Holland. Germany. Jesuit priest...Doctor of the Church...Patron Saint of the Catholic Press,

**Dec. 22...St. Flavian...**Patriarch of Constantinople...Martyr



**The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring food drive now through Christmas.**

**All donations can be left at the back of the church.**

**Your donations are greatly appreciated.**

**For more information contact:  
John Cota**

Procedures to Report Suspected and Alleged Abuse within the Catholic Church

Call 911 to make a police report  
Call the Victim Assistance Program 1.800.234.0344

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