

# Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

Pastor: Fr. Balaswamy Kommathoti

<https://blessedsacramentparishmammoth.org>

## St. Helen



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## St. Bartholomew



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## Blessed Sacrament



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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**

### Parish Board of Directors

Most Rev. Gerald Kicanas  
Fr Bala Kommathoti, President  
Manuel Navarro, Treasurer  
Carmen Trejo, Secretary

### 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 & Tues 8:00-12:00**

**Wed 9-11AM**

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Most Rev. Gerald Kicanas  
Fr Bala Kommathoti, President  
Suzy Molinar- Treasurer  
Jennie Seballos – Secretary

### Mass Times

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

Weekday Masses: -----

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

**Confessions Wednesday 5:00-6:00PM**

**First Saturday:**

**Rosary & Mass--- 9:00a.m**

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

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Knights of Columbus—Louie Madrid----- 268-5944

### 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: Genesis 2:7-9; 3: 1-7  
Romans 5: 12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

In today's Liturgy, the destiny of the human race is told as the tale of two "types" of men—the first man, Adam, and the new Adam, Jesus (see 1 Corinthians 15:21–22; 45–59). Paul's argument in the Epistle is built on a series of contrasts between "one" or "one person" and "the many" or "all." By one person's disobedience, sin and condemnation entered the world, and death came to reign over all. By the obedience of another one, grace abounded, all were justified, and life came to reign for all. This is the drama that unfolds in today's First Reading and Gospel.

Formed from the clay of the ground and filled with the breath of God's own Spirit, Adam was a son of God (see Luke 3:38), created in His image (see Genesis 5:1–3). Crowned with glory, he was given dominion over the world and the protection of His angels (see Psalms 8:6–8; 91:11–13). He was made to worship God—to live not by bread alone but in obedience to every word that comes from the mouth of the Father. Adam, however, put the Lord his God to the test. He gave in to the serpent's temptation, trying to seize for himself all that God had already promised him. But in His hour of temptation, Jesus prevailed where Adam failed—and drove the devil away.

Still, we sin after the pattern of Adam's transgression. Like Adam, we let sin in the door (see Genesis 4:7) when we entertain doubts about God's promises, when we forget to call on Him in our hours of temptation. But the grace won for us by Christ's obedience means that sin is no longer our master. As we begin this season of repentance, we can be confident in His compassion, that He will create in us a new heart (see Romans 5:5; Hebrews 8:10). As we do in today's Psalm, we can sing joyfully of our salvation, renewed in His presence. —Dr. Scott Hahn

**“At a time when people are often tempted by a sense of hopelessness, we have the essential mission as Christian messengers of hope, “to bring the Lord’s light into the darkest corners of the world.”**

**-Pope Leo XIV**

## Congratulations to our New Bishop

James A. Misko



On behalf of the faithful Tri-community St. Helens, St. Bartholomew, and Blessed Sacrament parishes, we extend our most heartfelt congratulations to our new Bishop James A. Misko. This is a momentous occasion, not only for the diocese but for the universal Church, May our good shepherd Jesus Christ guide you and lead you to shepherd our Diocese with wisdom, compassion, and unwavering faith.

Your steadfast dedication to the Gospel and years of selfless service are a testament to the Lord's preparation for this very moment. Embracing your motto, "Domine, tuus sum ego" Latin translates "Lord, I am Yours", we know you'll lead with that same total surrender to HIS will. May the Holy Spirit continue to illuminate your path as you lead our diocese forward, fostering a spirit of unity, inspiring new vocations, and facing the challenges of our days with both grace and courage. Know that you are surrounded by our prayers and unwavering support as you begin this journey. Wishing you with abundant blessings and the comforting presence of Christ today and forever.

In Christ, Father Bala & Tri-Community Parishes

**Tri Community Healing Mass**  
**Blessed Sacrament, Mammoth**  
**Friday March 6, 2026, 9:00AM**



**Tri Community First Saturday Devotion**  
**March 7, 2026, 9:00AM (Rosary & Marian Mass)**  
**St. Bartholomew-San Manuel**



## MASS INTENTIONS

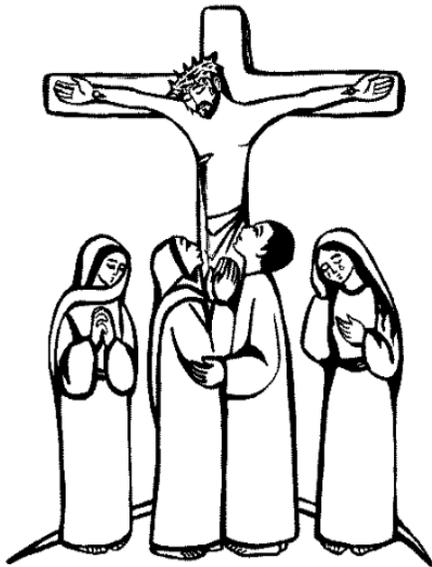
February 22 (Sunday) at 8:00AM-  
†Sylvia B. Verdugo † Manuel Tapia

February 22 (Sunday) at 12:30PM-  
†Refugio Huerta

## Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 27th at 5:30PM

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



St. Bartholomew Parish Hall  
Friday February 27, 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

## Weekly Offering Blessed Sacrament

2/15/26- \$788.00



Blessed Sacrament Parish Donor Box is now active online. To make your donations, Visit our website at:  
<https://blessedsacramentparishmammoth.org>

Thank you for your Generosity!!

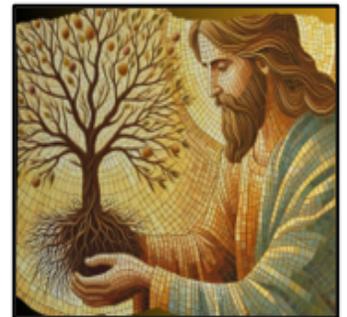
## Family Tree Healing Mass

Thursday March 5, at 6:00 PM

Generational Healing & Deliverance Prayers  
Through The Power Of Jesus Christ



Fr. Bala Kommathoti



Do you want to break free of generational health issues, addictions, cancer, depression, and other obstacles in your family tree?

Please join us for a life changing healing mass.

St Christopher Parish  
12101 West Moore Road  
Marana, AZ 85653

Invite your family & friends!

Prepare for this mass by downloading & filling out a  
**Genogram** from our web site:  
<https://stchristophermarana.org/>

Tri-Community Lenten Penance Service  
Tuesday March 17 at 5:30PM





**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 Armenta, Jerri Defoor, Nick Lopez, Ralph Montoya, Patsy Cota, Benny Cota, Rudy Lara, Rusty Kent, Frank Pierson, Dora Mendoza, Daniel Rodriguez, Matthew & Chris Defoor, Laurie Hernandez**

6 th Annual Conference Women Be Blessed 2026  
Saturday, March 7, 2026

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic  
Church Hall 844 Sullivan St., Miami, AZ 85539  
Phone: 928-473-3568 or 928-425-3137

Speakers: Patricia Klein, M.Ed.  
Dr. Anne Borik

8:00 am - Registration & Continental Breakfast  
9:00 am - Opening Prayer and Conference activity  
2:00 pm - Closing Prayer and Departure

Cost is \$20.00 per person

**Celebrating Saints:**

February 23-St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

February 27-St. Gregory of Narek,  
Abbot & Doctor of the Church

**A Journey from Grief to Healing  
Cancelled March 6 & 8**

**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**