

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

Pastor: Fr. Balaswamy Kommathoti

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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

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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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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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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.

*“Whoever drinks the
water I shall give
will never thirst”*



Sanctuary Lamp

Alex Garcia Jr.

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



Sunday Gospel Reflection

Readings: Exodus 17:3-7

Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

The Israelites' hearts were hardened by their hardships in the desert.

Though they saw His mighty deeds, in their thirst they grumbled and put God to the test in today's First Reading—a crisis point recalled also in today's Psalm. Jesus is thirsty, too, in today's Gospel. He thirsts for souls (see John 19:28). He longs to give the Samaritan woman the living waters that well up to eternal life.

These waters couldn't be drawn from the well of Jacob, father of the Israelites and the Samaritans. But Jesus was something greater than Jacob (see Luke 11:31–32). The Samaritans were Israelites who escaped exile when Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom eight centuries before Christ (see 2 Kings 17:6, 24–41). They were despised for intermarrying non-Israelites and worshipping at Mount Gerizim, not Jerusalem. But Jesus tells the woman that the “hour” of true worship is coming, when all will worship God in Spirit and truth. Jesus' “hour” is the “appointed time” that Paul speaks of in today's Epistle. It is the hour when the Rock of our salvation was struck on the Cross. Struck by the soldier's lance, living waters flowed out from our Rock (see John 19:34–37).

These waters are the Holy Spirit (see John 7:38–39), the gift of God (see Hebrews 6:4). By the living waters the ancient enmities of Samaritans and Jews have been washed away, and the dividing wall between Israel and the nations is broken down (see Ephesians 2:12–14, 18). Since His hour, all may drink of the Spirit in Baptism (see 1 Corinthians 12:13).

In the Eucharist, the Lord now is in our midst—as He was at the Rock of Horeb and at the well of Jacob. In the “today” of our Liturgy, He calls us to believe: “I am He,” come to pour out the love of God into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. How can we continue to worship as if we don't understand? How can our hearts remain hardened?

—Dr. Scott Hahn

JOHN 4:13-14

Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

24th Priestly Ordination Anniversary



With immense joy and profound gratitude to God and our Blessed Mother, I cordially invite you to join me in thanking God for the wonders that He has done for me.

Eucharistic Celebration at 8:30AM Friday March 13, 2026

Breakfast will be served in the parish hall,

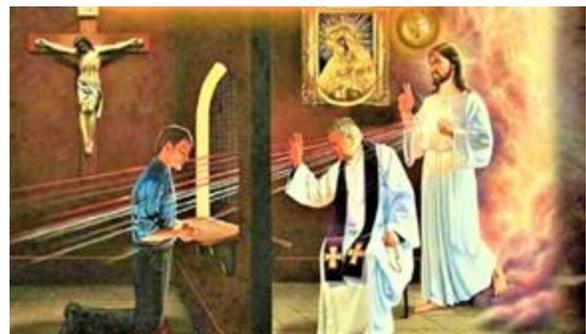
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Your loving Brother in Christ,
Fr. Bala Kommathoti

RSVP by March 9, 2026
Call the parish Office 520-896-2708

Tri-Community Parishes Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday March 17 at 5:30PM
Blessed Sacrament Church
Mammoth



“Don't be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus who forgives you.”

—Pope Francis

MASS INTENTIONS

March 8 (Sunday) at 8:00AM- †Alvaro Alvarez
†Maria Durazo de Torres †Ricky Sharp Jr.

March 8 (Sunday) at 12:30PM- Parishioners

Stations of the Cross

Joins us every Friday at 5:30PM
March 13th, 20th, 27th



St. Bartholomew Parish Hall
Friday March 13, 2026
From 3PM-6PM

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

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Grand Knight Louis Madrid 520-268-5944

All proceeds go to High School Scholarships

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<https://blessedsacramentparishmammoth.org>

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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.

Magnificat Meal

Hosted by the Mary, Cause of Our Joy Chapter of Magnificat

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Lunch 11:45 am – 2:30 pm

Doors open at 11:00 am for open seating

Guest Speaker: Erin Blanchette



Corpus Christi Catholic Church
3550 E. Knox Rd., Phoenix, (Auhwatukee) AZ 85044

Registration required contact:
Esther Ramirez 623-565-0304

Online Tickets

Tickets to the Meal are \$18.00 (+\$3.05 secure site service fee)



**Rachels
Vineyard**

Tucson Area Retreats 2026
May 15-17 & September 4-6
Rachelvineyardtucson.org



Please pray for the homebound

Please contact us email 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

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
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Celebrating Saints:

March 9- St. Frances of Rome, Religious

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

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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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