

# Holy Nativity Catholic Church

*"Knowledge, love and service to God."*

## Weekly Schedule

**Monday Mass:** Noon

**"Let your compassion come to me, Lord, that I live.."**

**Tuesday Mass:** Noon

**"Blessed is the man who You chasten, O Lord!"**

**Wednesday Mass 10 am**

**"The righteous shall dwell on Your holy mountain, O Lord."**

**Thursday Mass:** Noon

**"The poor man cried, and the Lord heard him."**

**Friday Mass:** Noon

**"Blessed is the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commandments."**

**Saturday No Mass**

**Sunday Mass:** 10 am

Followed by fellowship in the parish hall

**Confession:** one hour before every mass and as requested. *Don't hesitate!*

**Holy Hour:** The Holy Eucharist will be unveiled for adoration one hour before each of the weekday masses.

## Announcements

**Parish Council Meeting** There will be a Parish Council Meeting on February 19th at 4 pm in the parish hall.

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1414 North Easy Street, Payson, Arizona 85541

The Most Rev. Steven J Lopes—Bishop

The Rev. Fr. Joseph F Vieira—Pastor

The Rev Mr. Tom Fox —Deacon

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*A Catholic Church under the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter*



## SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

**FEBRUARY 16, 2020**

**SUNDAY, 10:00 AM**

# Sexagesima Sunday

February 16, 2020

Rev. Fr. Joseph F. Vieira, Celebrant

## Responsorial Psalm

“Blessed are those who walk in the Law of the Lord!”

### Tract

Thou hast moved the land, O Lord: and divided it.

## Hymns

856-- Abide With Me

702 -- Prayer of St. Francis

618 -- I Sing the Mighty Power of God

## Communion is taken by intinction

The Host is dipped in the Precious Blood and placed on the tongue.

If you wish NOT to receive the Precious Blood, place your finger over your lips.

When the Priest comes to you, he will give you the Host only.

## Prayer Requests

For all members of the Armed Forces Deployed in harm's way.

To place requests call Fr. Vieira at 512-815-4760

or email at frvieira.holynativity@gmail.com

### Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship following Mass in the parish hall.

## A message from Father Vieira.....

More than skin deep

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them.” Matt 5:17 NRSV-CE  
The Beatitudes must have seemed to invert the Law of Moses – a move that would be unthinkable to those who were listening to Him. However, it was not the Law of Moses that was being turned inside out. It was the additions and legalistic modifications applied by the religious rulers of the day that Jesus was condemning. It was their approach to keeping the law that had become no more than skin deep. Our adherence to the Law of God must come from the heart, indeed, from our very soul!

Jesus asks us to keep the true Law for the love of God and our neighbor. We are instructed not to count the cost, instead we are called to keep no count of wrongs, to forgive not once or seven times, but seventy times seven. We are called to remember that sin plants its seed in the heart and brings spiritual death to those who entertain such thoughts. I remember a birthday greeting card with a cartoon man on the front with a toothless grin, and the statement, “there isn't any harm in looking”. The truth is there is a profound harm in looking if it causes the person to sin. There are no private sins. Many who believe that no one is harmed by their actions are the most deceived. Like a stone on the surface of a pond, the ripples of one's actions can reach around the world.

So how are we to live? Jesus tells us that our righteousness must exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The only way to do this is to allow the Spirit of God to so fill our hearts and minds that we love, we forgive, and we obey the Law of God from a heart that is one with Him. We keep His Law through choosing to place God first in all that we are, in all that we do; by uniting our will to His. Let us begin each day by offering ourselves to His service. In so doing we will know, love, and serve Him throughout the day, and make our Christian lives more than skin deep.

## Who Are We?!

**Holy Nativity Catholic Church** is a member of an administrative structure [“ordinariate”] under the Roman Catholic Church offering one of three forms of the Mass in the Latin Rite. With guidance and encouragement of Pope Benedict XVI, we were formed to accommodate the traditions of the Anglican communities as they entered in the Catholic Church, in full communion with Rome. All Catholics are welcome!

