

Holy Nativity Catholic Church

"Knowledge, love and service to God."

Weekly Schedule

Monday Mass: Noon

"O Lord, do not deal with us according to our iniquities."

Tuesday Mass: Noon

"To him who orders his way aright, I will show the salvation of God."

Wednesday Mass 10 am

"Save me, O Lord, in Your merciful love."

Thursday Mass: Noon

"Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust."

Friday Mass: Noon

"Remember the wonderful works that the Lord has done."

Friday 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Soup

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

The Holy Nativity Men's Group meets THIS WEDNESDAY, March 11, [second Wednesday] in the church hall, 6-8pm. Greg Biltz will present "A Walk with Christ During Holy Week: An introduction to events leading to the crucifixion of Christ." The special 2-hour presentation is open to all parishioners and their guests.

Relevant Radio: We invite you to tune in to Fr. Rocky on KPIH 98.9 FM as he gives Lenten reflections on the Mass. Fr. Rocky is the CEO for Relevant Radio.

Financial Report to the Parish

	Income	Expense	Parish Reserve Fund
Jan	5994	4087	Target 100,000
Feb	5790	5190	Balance 59,159

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



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 8, 2020

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM

Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

Rev. Fr. Joseph F. Vieira, Celebrant

Responsorial Psalm

“Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.”

Tract

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

Hymns

692 -- I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

719 -- What Wonderous Love is This

170 -- Sanctus

174 -- Angus Dei

594 -- Immortal Invisible

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

The special intention for today's Mass is Mary Lynn Fox

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.....

As we journey deeper into Lent, it is important to reflect on the trials and temptations that we face each day. We are tempted to despair of ever overcoming our weaknesses. Often I have made the complaint to myself and God that striving to walk deeper in the Spirit results in the frustration of one step forward and two steps back. The Gospel we consider is the Transfiguration of our Lord on the mountain. It was about six days after the declaration by Jesus that He was to be crucified in Jerusalem. A crushing revelation for the Disciples, yet they were not without hope, He had said that He would rise again. Thus, Jesus now selected three of His disciples, Peter, James, and John to accompany Him to the mountain where He could pray. It is written in another Gospel that the disciples became sleepy. It reminds me of going to the museum with my parents when I was a child. They could take what seemed like hours at one exhibit, while I became restless, bored and yes, sleepy. Jesus was completely absorbed in His time with the Father, time seemed to stand still.

How often do we find ourselves chasing inner squirrels when we should be focusing on God? The pains and frustrations of life distract us and cause us to lose focus on God. We might even become upset with God for not intervening in whatever it is that distresses us. Then, in a moment, God reveals Himself to us, and, like the transfiguration, it is gone, leaving us with an imprint of eternity. It is by meditating on this imprint that we are encouraged to continue the journey.

We can draw lessons from this event in our lives as we remember. The Disciples experienced the sorrow, pain, and darkness for six days since Jesus told them that he would die before the consolation came. Only three of them were witness to this event, and they were sworn to keep it secret until the Lord's resurrection. As much as Peter wanted to savor the moment it was gone quickly, yet it was sufficient to keep Peter, James, and John through the darkness of the Garden and the crucifixion.

We all are assured that we will experience difficulty in our time on earth. It is the Beatific vision, the hope of Heaven, that gives us the courage to remain faithful to the Lord. The times that God reveals Himself to us, giving us hope, are consolations. They assure us that our struggle is not in vain, but we look forward to something greater beyond imagination. One requirement yet remains. The cloud of the Glory of God descended on the scene of the Transfiguration, and the voice of God gave a clear command. “This is My beloved Son, Listen to Him.” The way to truly be happy this Lent, and throughout our lives is through obedience to the Son of God. Let us know Him better through prayer and the study of Scripture, that we may be obedient to the Son.

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!

