

Holy Nativity Catholic Church

"Knowledge, love and service to God."

Weekly Schedule

Monday Mass: Noon

Tuesday Mass: Noon

Wednesday Mass 10 am

Discussion following Mass

Thursday Mass: Noon

Friday Mass: Noon

Stations of the Cross— 6 PM (soup potluck following)

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

Please welcome any visitors to Holy Nativity!

Check out our announcements in the newspaper and on KPIH
98.9FM

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



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 31, 2019

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019

Rev. Fr. Joseph F. Vieira, Celebrant

Responsorial Psalm

“O taste and see that the Lord is good.”

Tract

They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion: which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

Hymns

521 -- O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

530 -- Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

532 -- Loving And Forgiving

Communion is taken by intinction

The host is dipped in the wine and placed on the tongue.

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

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

Prayer Requests

Jennifer Gregory—unspoken request

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 Fr. Vieira.....

Come Home to the Father

The parable of the Prodigal Son is probably one of the best known of Jesus' Parables. The youngest son tells his father in essence, “you are worth more to me dead”, demanding his inheritance. He then leaves home and squanders everything he has to the point that he is left feeding pigs and wanting to eat some of what they were eating. This parable was told in the context of the “faithful” who were upset that Jesus was giving attention to those who were “tax collectors and sinners”. The first point of the parable is the way in which selfishness can lead us rapidly to sin. The enemy lures us with the notion of an easy path, the thought that “no one will know”, as evidenced by the son going to a “far country”. Then when all our strength and resources are consumed, Satan will seek to convince us that we have no worth in The Father's eyes, better to stay where we are, in the pit of despair.

During the season of Lent it rapidly becomes evident that we are not always successful in keeping our resolve. The resolve to give up between meal snacks brings an almost overwhelming urge to eat, and to justify every reason in the world why it should be okay. Now the enemy has us where he wants us; we have been compromised. He whispers those words in our ears telling us that we could not even keep a little thing like this, how will God ever be pleased? Better to just give it up as a bad idea and remain where we are. Instead, let us draw hope from the young son in the story and entrust ourselves to the mercy of the Father, and know the joy of having been to confession, of returning our feet to the path.

Have you walked down dangerous paths far away from the Father? Today is the day of Salvation, now is the acceptable time to come home. No longer fear what you have done, trust solely in the mercy of the Father, in His eager desire to forgive. He has never stopped loving you and wanting you to come home.

For those who have not left the path, it is of eternal importance to pray for the lost, seek the lost, and join in the celebration when they return.

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!

