

Holy Nativity Catholic Church

"Knowledge, love and service to God."

Weekly Schedule

Monday Mass: Noon

"Your saints, O Lord, make known the glorious splendor of Your Kingdom."

Tuesday Mass: Noon

"The Lord comes to judge the earth."

Wednesday Mass: 10 am

"Blessed are all who fear the Lord."

Thursday Mass: Noon

"I will bless Your name, Lord, for ever."

Friday Mass: Noon

"The earth is full of the mercy of the Lord."

Saturday: no Mass

Sunday Mass: 8 am and 10 am

Confession: one hour before every mass except the 8 am Sunday 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

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



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

AUGUST 23, 2020

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

August 23, 2020

Rev. Fr. Joseph F. Vieira, Celebrant

Responsorial Psalm

“Your mercy, O Lord, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.”

Hymns

Out of an abundance of caution we will not have congregational singing for the next few weeks. This does not exclude the Great Amen at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer and other responses to the end of prayers.

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 those working in the Hospital and Long Term Care Centers

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.

Fellowship will be suspended until further notice

A message from Father Vieira.....

The keys of the steward

Perhaps one of the most iconic images of St. Peter is of him standing at the gate of Heaven to admit or deny admission into Heaven. Have you ever wondered how he came to be represented this way? The book of Isaiah describes an unfaithful steward was replaced with another who would be faithful. The symbol of the transfer of responsibility was a key that was to hang from the shoulder of the new steward. So, in the Gospel of Matthew, Peter declares Jesus to be the “Christ, the Son of the Living God.” In turn, Jesus declares that Peter will have the “keys of the Kingdom.” This is the source of the Catholic doctrine that Peter is the first Pope.

What is significant for us is that Peter was not perfect. When Jesus named him the Steward of Heaven, Peter was yet to deny Christ three times during the Passion. Peter also was ready to turn his back on the Gentiles for fear of the Judaizers. They were those who wanted to mandate Gentiles become fully Jews before they became fully Christian. He tended to be impulsive and would speak without thinking. Witness his declaration on the mount of transfiguration, offering to build booths for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. This is not a detraction from Peter, rather it is an encouragement to us all. God can use us no matter what mistakes we make in our lives, as long as we return to the right path and make a good confession. Imperfections in our lives serve to remind us to be merciful to others even as we have received mercy. We are reminded that it is by the grace of God that we are saved, not through any merit of our own. Thus, we must depend fully on His strength and grace to accomplish all things. In so doing we will have nothing to fear when we present ourselves before the Steward of Heaven.

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!

