

### **Holy Nativity Catholic Church**

The Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter
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### + Septuagesima Sunday + 28 January AD 2024 +

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+ schedule a Wedding or a Baptism + talk about the Annulment process + schedule a Confession by appointment

#### Welcome to Our Visitors

Thank you for sharing in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with us today. Please introduce yourself after Mass.

If you are a Catholic, we at Holy Nativity receive Holy Communion kneeling and by intinction (both species on the tongue).

<u>If you are not a Catholic</u>, during Communion we invite you either to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest, or fingers across your lips, and receive a blessing from the Priest or Deacon, or remain in your pew and reflect on the presence of Christ.

JMJ

"For we are not contending against flesh and blood..."

There are those who would tell us that we are now a people of science and reason, and only that which is measurable and visible can affect us. These are the ones who would have us look only to science and to political, legislative solutions for the ills of this world. The ills are not just ones that can be prevented with a vaccine, they are the societal ills of broken families and broken relationships. The moral decay of society pervades each and every corner where it does not meet resistance.

We are called to be that resistance. The Apostle Paul in Ephesians 6:10 and following speaks of the armor of God each member of the faith is to make their own. His call is a stern reminder that our fight against the spirit of this age is frighteningly real. We ignore it to our peril. There are those, even within the Church who would try to write off Satan and the demons as mental illness or some other issue. Like Ebenezer Scrooge willing to write off Jacob Marley as a bit of spoiled beef there are those who would claim that the enemy is not real. In so doing they disarm the Army of God and cause us to turn our backs on our enemy. This would ignore the Gospel lesson from Mark 1:21-28. Our Lord had multiple encounters with those who were possessed by unclean spirits, the reality of these encounters was unquestionable. He also never said for us to be afraid. At the name of Jesus, the demons tremble. Their pride in announcing Him as the Son of God was that of a child claiming a win at "hide and seek". Yet His humility conquered their pride and demanded their silence. His praise must not come from the enemy, but from those who love Him.

So, what are we to do in the face of the enemy? We step forward in confident humility trusting in our God and King. We put on the armor of God to conquer fear and spiritual weakness. We encourage our fellow Christians to recognize the source of our attack and to forge ahead in boldness to spread the Gospel. God is the answer to all, let us turn to Him in Faith, Hope, and Love.

### Septuagesima Sunday

On-Line contribution amounts are entered in the weekly *Regular Offering*. On-Line contributions can be made by clicking the "Donate Now" button at www.holynativitypayson.org or you may mail your contribution to Holy Nativity Catholic Church 1414 N Easy St., Payson, AZ 85541, if you are unable to attend Mass. If you have questions please contact Fr. Vieira at fr.joseph.vieira@ordinariate.net. God Bless.

### January 28th, Septuagesima Sunday

7:20 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass 9:00 am Confessions 10:00 am Mass

Hymn 618 – I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

Antiphon: "Make me to know your ways, O Lord."

Hymn 614 – How Great Thou Art

**Chanted Responses from the Hymnal:** 

170 – Sanctus 174 – Agnus Dei

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection 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 all the evil spirits who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

#### **Business Listing:**

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"Knowledge, love and service to God."

### **Weekly Schedule**

**Monday** No Mass:

Tuesday Mass: Noon-Rosary at 11:30 am

Wednesday Mass: 10 am

Thursday Mass: Noon-Rosary at 11:30 am

First Friday Mass: Noon

First Saturday Noon Mass: Rosary at 11:30am

**Sunday:** Rosary 7:20 am Mass: 8 am and 10 am. **Please join us for fellowship after each Mass** 

Women's Gospel Encounter group: 10 am on 1st and 3rd Saturdays Contact Cynthia at 512-865-7707 Holy Nativity Women's Group: 10-noon every second Saturday

**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.

**Evening Payer:** There is evening prayer every Wednesday at 5 pm.

### Announcements

#### **Prayer List:**

Karl Klee - Healing
Dan Heath - Healing
Brenda – Healing
Gary Bedsworth - Healing
Chris Allen – Healing
Bev Furst – Healing
Robert Hendershot – Healing
Kevin – Healing
Deacon Tom – Healing
Cheryl S – Healing
Mike Mascatell – healing

# There will be 24 Adoration this week. Please consider an hour with our Lord.

HOLY NATIVITY PARISH Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Please join us in the Parish Hall Tuesday February 13, 2024 5 PM – 7 PM Homemade Pancakes, with all the decadent fixings (whip cream, strawberries, chocolate chips) will be available, along with breakfast sausages, and of course a King Cake!

Suggested donation of \$3 per person, but don't let that stop you from joining the parish family for a fun, delicious celebration before we enter the Lenten season.

Remember the Stations of the Cross and Lenten Soup Supper begins Friday February 16. Soup signup sheet is at the back of the church.