



# Holy Nativity Catholic Church

The Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter

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+ Quinquagesima Sunday + 11 February AD 2024 +

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**Call the Parish Office if you wish to. . .**

+ become a Registered Member of Holy Nativity Catholic Church + explore the possibility of becoming Roman Catholic  
+ 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).**

**If you are not a Catholic, 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.**

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“If You will, You can make me clean.”

With these words of faith, a man suffering with leprosy cast himself upon the mercy of the Lord and begged for healing. He did not offer money or other items; he came with nothing but faith. He was willing to commit himself to God's will, “If You will...” in saying this he acknowledged the divine initiative of our Lord either to heal, or not to heal. Yet he knew deep in his soul that our Lord would answer his prayer. He not only healed the man but touched him physically in the process. In the time of our Lord's sojourn on earth such a move was unthinkable. Imagine the love and compassion of our Lord that must have swept over this man who had undoubtedly yearned for a human touch for who knows how long. Now fully healed our Lord sent him to obey the law of Moses by showing himself to a priest, to offer sacrifice to God, and to keep it quiet. That last part proved too much, he told everyone! However, our Lord surely knew this would happen, yet by admonishing the man to silence our Lord demonstrated that what He did was for the sake of those who were in need, not simply to gain the praise of men.

Over the life of the Church, we have come to see the disease of leprosy as an image of what sin does to the soul. Mortal sin separates us from God and must be removed by the sacrament of confession to restore the penitent to eternal life. This is a free gift that awaits us in the Sacrament of Confession. St. Peter tells us that the Lord “is forbearing toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9b RSV-CE. We are also told, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9 RSV-CE

However, it is also important to confess Venial sins as well. They are like the bed bugs you pick up in the hotel. They won't kill you outright but will make life miserable until they are gone. They can lead to serious illness if untreated. The great saints made a habit of frequent confession not due to mortal sins, but to keep the venial sins at bay. While most parishes offer penance services at Advent and Lent that should be seen as the court of last resort. I strongly encourage much more frequent confessions for all the faithful. If you want to be healed (of your sins), you must ask in faith, and He will heal you.

## Quinquagesima 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](http://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](mailto:fr.joseph.vieira@ordinariate.net). God Bless.

## February 11th, Quinquagesima Sunday

7:20 am Rosary

8:00 am Mass

9:00 am Confessions

10:00 am Mass

Hymn 680 – Amazing Grace

Antiphon: "You are a hiding place for me; you surround me with deliverance."

Hymn 672 – O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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:

Total Fireplace Concepts LLC – 928-301-7353

Diversified Services – Home Improvement/Hauling – 928-970-1873

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

## Weekly Schedule

**Monday** No Mass:

**Tuesday Mass:** Noon– Rosary at 11:30 am

**Ash Wednesday Mass and imposition of ashes: 10 am and 6pm**

**Thursday Mass:** Noon– Rosary at 11:30 am

**Friday Mass:** Noon

**Saturday No Mass :**

**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

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 sign up sheet is at the back of the church.

**Holy Nativity Men's Group** meets this Thursday from 6-8pm. Bill Heath will discuss "An insider's view of insurance."