



Holy Nativity Catholic Church

The Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter

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+ First Sunday in Lent + 18 February AD 2024 +

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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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At the end of Basic training both the Army and the Marine corps have an event that culminates all the weeks of training in a grueling week of events designed to test the trainees to the fullest. When they complete the week, they are fully confident in the training they have received.

When our Lord was sent by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness for 40 days, the test was extreme, but necessary. It was not necessary for our Lord to be convinced of His Divinity, or His strength, but for our instruction. Those who have converted to the faith and now joyfully step forward into the life of faith can often find themselves encountering hardships from every quarter. The first reaction might be to step back and ask if we made a mistake.

Our Lord had been baptized in the Jordan river, the voice of the Father had declared His pleasure in His Son, and now we are told He was driven into the Wilderness. It cannot be suggested that somehow our Lord was an unwilling or unwitting participant in this event. In this case “driven” would most likely be as one who is passionate, even excited, about the task ahead. Like the trainees wanting to test their mettle against the coming challenges.

Consider the test of Lent, give up chocolate and chocolate will be at every corner. Commit to increasing the time of daily prayer or adding a rosary and every distraction in the world will suddenly be present. What are we to do? Stand up! Pray for the grace of God to fill us with the Holy Spirit more and more each day as we fight doggedly to achieve what we have committed ourselves to do for the Kingdom of Heaven. If we falter, all is not lost, calmly stand up and renew your commitment to do what you intend for the Kingdom in the strength of the Lord. The battle is the Lord’s, He is the victor!

First Sunday in Lent

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.

February 18th, First Sunday in Lent

7:20 am Rosary

8:00 am Mass

9:00 am Confessions

10:00 am Mass

Hymn 352 – Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Antiphon: "All Your paths, O Lord, are mercy and faithfulness, for those who keep Your covenant."

Tract Response: Whoso dwelleth under the defense of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty

Hymn 683 – How Firm A Foundation
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

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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

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

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

This is the weekend for the annual Bishops Appeal. Please give generously using the giving forms and envelopes in the back of the church. This year's goal for Holy Nativity is \$11,000.