



Holy Nativity Catholic Church

The Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter

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+ Third Sunday After Trinity + 16 June 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.

Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done

How often we pray these words in the Lord's Prayer, but do we truly consider the implications of what we have just said. We want God's presence in our lives, and we want to be like some of the great saints. Personally St. Francis, St. John of the Cross, and St. Padre Pio all loom large in my spiritual hero list. I can also say that I have yet to bi-locate or read the soul of a penitent. Such spirituality is the result of special graces and a total surrender to our Lord's will.

The first reading for today, from the prophet Ezekiel, describes God taking a tender shoot from the very top of a tree and planting it where it could thrive, produce fruit, and grow to invite all the world into its shelter. In the Gospel, the Lord describes the growth of the seed scattered by the farmer. A seed that grows according to the way it was created. The farmer enjoys the harvest but knows that it was indeed a miracle of Heaven that a harvest was enjoyed. So it is with the spiritual life. The farmer cannot cause the seeds to grow any faster by sheer force of will; rather, the farmer must abide by the plan of God. Fr. Bartunek, in his book, *The Better Part*, enumerates the following characteristics of spiritual growth. First, spiritual growth comes from God and not ourselves. Second, growth in holiness is a gradual process. Lastly, it takes time.

Looking at the end of the Gospel reading we find that our Lord spoke to the crowds only in parables but explained everything to the disciples, those He had called personally. It is spending that quiet and recollected time in the presence of the Lord that gives us some of the most profound insights. If our only encounters with the Lord are those in Mass on Sundays, we doom ourselves to a very shallow faith that is not fruitful. The faith must be lived daily, hourly, and moment by moment.

When we are tempted to give up on the spiritual life, when we do not find our lives transformed in the first days of our effort, we forget the second rule of spiritual development—it is gradual. We would be like the plant in another parable that sprang up quickly because it had a shallow root, but quickly wilted because it was not yet ready to deal with its environment.

Closely related to the principle of gradual growth is the fact of time. Experience often carries the day when faced with youthful exuberance. Experience only comes with time. Our spiritual growth, when carefully nurtured with daily prayer and meditation, will bear its greatest fruit only when the Lord determines that we have "ripened". For some this seems to take longer than for others. May the Lord grant us the grace to be drawn to Him, to patiently wait at His feet for Him to speak, and to trust that in His good time we will be the saints He has called each to be.

Third Sunday After Trinity

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.

June 16th, Third Sunday After Trinity

7:20 am Rosary

8:00 am Mass

9:00 am Confessions

10:00 am Mass

Hymn 609 – For The Beauty Of The Earth

Antiphon: "It is good to give thanks to You, O Lord."

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.

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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 will be evening prayer this week at 4:30pm.

Announcements

Prayer List:

Dan Heath - Healing

Brenda – Healing

Gary Bedsworth - Healing

Bev Furst – Healing

Robert Hendershot – Healing

Kevin – Healing

Deacon Tom – Healing

Mike Mascatell – healing

Ventia Stanley – Healing

Needed for our Parish Library donation of books, CDs, and Movies.

You may put these items in the box, next to the bookshelves for new items so they are labeled by Cindy West and her daughters, also a catalog of all these items will be online on our Parish site. Much time is being put into this and thank you to all. Please return anything you borrow to the library, no checkout, on the honor system.

Holy Nativity Men's Group

The Holy Nativity Men's Group meets **THIS THURSDAY**, June 20, 6-8pm, in the church hall. Open to all men! Please join us! Discussion topic: "Preparing our homes for a crisis event." The men's group meets every third Thursday. "Just show up!"