



Holy Nativity Catholic Church

The Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter

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+ 3rd Sunday after Epiphany + 26 January AD 2025 +

Holy Nativity Catholic Church

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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.

JMJ

The tension in the air must have been palpable, as our Lord rolled up the scroll and handed it back to the attendant in the synagogue. He had just read the words “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” Our Lord was proclaiming the mission statement for His earthly ministry. When He sat down, it was not because He was finished speaking, rather the rabbi’s taught from the “seat of Moses” in the synagogue. Our Lord’s teaching is to inspire those listening to prepare for the freedom promised to the people of God. How are we to prepare?

We prepare by learning. The first reading from Nehemiah tells of the finding of the Book of the Law of Moses during the rebuilding of the Temple following the return from exile. The priest Ezra stood up and read it aloud to the people who were gathered to hear its reading. When it was finished, they wept for the sins they had committed and their ignorance of the Law of God. While we might be tempted to think we are beyond those who wept in Nehemiah’s day with our access to the internet and a plethora of books, that knowledge is worthless if we have not read and truly comprehended it.

We prepare by “hanging on our Lord’s every word”. Some of this knowledge comes from the perennial traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church which should be regularly reviewed by the people of God. We cannot be satisfied with a basic knowledge of our faith. One of my greatest sadnesses was watching young people leave the Confirmation Mass never to return, convinced they “knew it all”. They couldn’t be more wrong. While some of the great saints of the church could not formulate a defense of the Faith after the manner of St. Thomas Aquinas they constantly sought to grow in their understanding of the Faith. St. Anthony of the Desert would routinely observe the life of holy people and then seek to emulate the holiness in their lives. He learned from the living books of those around him. The Apostle Paul instructed the people to emulate his life of holiness in order to grow in the faith. While we cannot observe his life directly, we are able to study and imitate the lives of all the saints. May the Lord grant us the grace to learn of Him, and live the lives that bring Him glory,

January 26, 3rd Sunday After Epiphany

7:20 am Rosary

8:00 am Mass

9:00 am Confessions

10:00 am Mass

Hymn 709 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymn 692 – I Heard the Voice of Jesus

Chanted Responses from the Hymnal:

170 – Sanctus 174 – Agnus Dei

Readings:

First Reading – Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm -- Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel – Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Who We Are

Holy Nativity Catholic Church is a member of the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, a diocese in the Roman Catholic Church, offering one of three forms of the Mass in the Latin Rite. With the guidance and encouragement of Pope Benedict XVI, we were formed to accommodate the traditions of Anglican communities as they entered the Catholic Church in full communion with Rome. All Catholics are welcome.

Contributions. You may donate to the church by:

- ☐ Using the plate at the back of church
- ☐ Clicking the *Donate Now* button at www.HolyNativityPayson.org
- ☐ Mailing your check to the church at this address:

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Business Listings:

Total Fireplace Concepts LLC – 928-301-7353

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

Home and Business Cleaning – very good references – Lupe (928-951-1107)

Rim Country Guns – Catholic owned and operated, 928-474-8000

Payson Produce – Now at Noley's (103 East AZ 260) Thursdays thru Mondays
Contact Reuben 928-418-8114

Looking for good listening? Try Rim Country Catholic Radio 98.9 FM

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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 10:00 am

Thursday: Mass Noon – Rosary at 11:30 am; Adoration following Mass until Noon on Friday.

Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex

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

Confession: One hour before every mass except the 8 am Sunday Mass and as requested.

Holy Hour: The Holy Eucharist will be unveiled for adoration one hour before each of the weekday masses.

Announcements

Prayer List:

Dan Heath – Healing

Gary Bedsworth – Healing

Mike Mascatell – Healing

Mary Smith – Healing

Walter Obrecht – Healing

Sally Glemba – Healing

Brenda – Healing

Robert Hendershot – Healing

Ventia Stanley – Healing

Linda Parsons – Healing

Jarrett Grace – Healing

Upcoming Events

Women's Gospel Encounter group: 10 am on 1st and 3rd Saturdays
Contact Cynthia at 512-865-7707

Sisters in Christ meets from 5 to 7 pm on 2nd and 4th Thursdays

Choir Practice: Wednesdays 6:00pm.

Men's Group: 6 to 8 pm on 3rd Thursday.

The Choir needs more voices! You don't need to be able to read music, just be able to carry a tune. Contact Jarrett 617-827-5256

*Items for the Bulletin should be submitted by Wednesday noon.
email: jh.grace@gmail.com*

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.