



# Holy Nativity Catholic Church

The Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter

Bishop Steven J. Lopes  
Father Joseph F. Vieira – Pastor  
Deacon Tom Fox – Pastoral Assistant



+ Second Sunday in Lent+ 16 March AD 2025 +

Holy Nativity Catholic Church  
1414 North Easy Street + Payson, Arizona 85541

(928) 363-1028 / Fr. Vieira cell (512) 815-4760  
[holynativitypayson.org](http://holynativitypayson.org) + [holynativityaz.flocknote.com](http://holynativityaz.flocknote.com)

**Director of Music:** Rebecca Highstreet

**Altar Guild:** Kathy Belman / Cathy Branson

**RCIA:** Deacon Tom Fox (928) 277-9851

**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

If you watch YouTube, TikTok, Instagram, or videos on Facebook you are familiar with the phrase, “Watch until the end.” Or some other such advice. I often find them frustrating because they are merely trying to get you to stay with the video long enough for it to count as a hit and drive their numbers up. Often the “big finish” is a flop. Yet as our Lord walked with Peter, James, and John up Mount Tabor, He was about to give just such a message.

Our Lord’s ministry was rapidly approaching His crucifixion and death, part of the message to the Disciples was to be assured there was something greater than they could possibly imagine waiting beyond this life. They saw a bright light, and as their eyes adjusted, they could see our Lord talking with Moses and Elijah. Since there were no photographs in those days, there was likely a measure of Divine inspiration given that they recognized Moses and Elijah. Seeing our Lord and His two visitors shining with glory prompted Peter to try to capture the moment. “Lord, let us build three booths...” Who would not want to capture the moment and hold it in time? The coming of the cloud, a manifestation of the presence of God the Father, ended this thought and they heard the voice of the Father tell them “This is My beloved Son, Listen to Him.”

The statement, “Listen to Him” is important, and one could easily say, “until the very end.” One habit we sometimes have is to only hear part of what God is trying to tell us and, thinking we know where He is going with the message, run off on the assumption and completely mess up. Consider the conversation our Lord had on the way down the mountain, telling them He was going to the Cross. The message was so shocking they stopped listening even though He ended the statement with “...and rise again.” The good news was there was enough to console them that even Peter, after having denied our Lord at His trial, stuck around because of the hope imparted to him during the Transfiguration.

We need always to stay with our Lord to the End. There was a story of a woman who loved the desserts at the church potlucks and would always lean over to her neighbor and say, keep your fork, the best is yet to come. When she eventually died, she was buried with a fork in her hand to remind those at her funeral that “the best is yet to come.” The importance of hearing this message during Lent is to ensure that we do not become disheartened with minor setbacks and failures and stop exercising our Lenten Fast. The glory of Easter and the Resurrection is just around the corner, and if we are faithful to our Lord in the Fast, we will truly be able to rejoice in the Risen Lord.

## **March 16, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**7:20 am Rosary**

**8:00 am Mass**

**9:00 am Confessions**

**10:00 am Mass**

**Hymn 594** – Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

**Hymn 366** – All Glory, Laud, and Honor

**Chanted Responses from the Hymnal:**

170 – Sanctus    174 – Agnus Dei

### **Readings:**

**First Reading** – Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

**Psalm** -- Psalm 27:1, 8 -11. 15 - 16

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

**Second Reading** – Philippians 3:17—4:1

**Gospel** – Luke 9:28b-36

## **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](http://www.HolyNativityPayson.org)
- ☐ Mailing your check to the church at this address:

Holy Nativity Catholic Church

1414 North Easy Street, Payson, AZ 85541

## **Business Listings:**

**Total Fireplace Concepts LLC** – 928-301-7353

**Diversified Services** – Home Improvement/Hauling & Electrical – 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*

*Items for the Bulletin should be submitted by Wednesday noon.  
email: [jh.grace@gmail.com](mailto:jh.grace@gmail.com)*

# ***Holy Nativity Catholic Church***

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

## **Weekly Schedule**

**Monday:** No Mass

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

**Wednesday:** Mass at 10:00 am, Book study following  
Evening prayer at 4:30 PM

**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 – Rosary at 11:30 am  
Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm

**Saturday:** No Mass

**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

Ventia Stanley – Healing

Walter Obrecht – Healing

Sally Glemba – Healing

Cheryl S - Healing

Betty Gambrall – Repose

Brenda – Healing

Mike Mascatell – Healing

Mary Smith – Healing

Jarrett Grace – Healing

George Gambrall – Healing

Michael Isabella – Healing

Linda Parsons - Healing

## **Upcoming Events**

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

**Choir Practice:** Wednesdays 6:00pm.

**Men's Group:** 6 to 8 pm on **THIS THURSDAY** March 20.

**Lenten Soup Supper** Fridays following the Stations of the Cross.  
*Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please keep soup donations limited to 4, all serving utensils are provided.*

**Holy Nativity Recipe Book.** Coming soon! See Stephanie if you have a recipe to contribute. We have a lot of delicious recipes collected already, but there are still a few sections that could use some more.

**St Joseph's Table** Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm

*Holy Nativity will celebrate the solemnity by having a St. Joseph Table for viewing and serve a traditional pasta meal.*

*Wednesday March 19th, donations and help appreciated! Proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul food pantry to benefit the poor and needy of Payson.*

*Contact Angie Winston with questions 480.529.6681.*

**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.