



Holy Nativity Catholic Church

The Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter

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+ Twentieth Sunday After Trinity (All Souls) + 2 November AD 2025 +

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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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Commemoration of All Souls

Today is a very special Sunday as only once every eleven years do we get the chance to celebrate this commemoration on a Sunday. This commemoration is our chance to take time to pray for the souls of the faithful departed. The faithful departed are those who have withstood the final trial and anticipate the joys of Heaven but still have some additional preparation before being able to enter the beatific vision. The teaching of Purgatory finds its roots in the books of Maccabees and other places in Sacred Scripture and is an integral part of the Catholic Faith. Purgatory is not a sad thing, but actually something that we might even be said to look forward to as an opportunity to shed those last impediments to our entry into Heaven. Remember nothing unholy can enter into the presence of God and this is our chance to cleanse those things away. Thus, we are able to see this as a mercy from God. However, Purgatory is not to be taken lightly. Father Fernandez tells us that "In Purgatory the soul experiences very intense suffering due to a kind of flame *more painful than anything a man can suffer in this life.*" (His quote from St. Augustine, Commentary on the Psalms 37:3). Yet we know that there is also great joy as Purgatory is experienced in the hope of Heaven. In his Divine Comedy, Dante describes the entrance to Hell as posting a sign warning "Abandon all hope ye who enter here." Those in Hell have no hope of Heaven. This is not the case for Purgatory. It is only a waypoint, not a destination.

What then, are we to take from this? First, those in Purgatory are said to not be able to pray for themselves so it is imperative that we pray for them. Second, there are prayers and efficacious acts of penance that we can do for them especially on days such as today, these works of mercy include the burying of the dead and praying for them. We can also pray the rosary at the graves of loved ones or even total strangers for their repose. If the graves of loved ones are not close at hand it is still valuable to pray a rosary for them. Remember, distance is not a problem for God.

When we consider the need of those who are in Purgatory it is noteworthy that we do not succumb to the temptation to mentally assign them to Heaven too quickly. I, for one, want as many as possible praying for my soul when I die because that can shorten our time in Purgatory. If a person is assumed to be in Heaven, they might be deprived of those prayers so necessary to shorten their time in Purgatory. Once a person has entered in to the Beatific vision, prayers on their behalf are not wasted, they are applied to those remaining, so never give up on the works of Mercy.

November 2, 20th Sunday After Trinity
(All Souls)

7:20 am Rosary
8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Confessions
10:00 am Mass

Hymn: 504 I For All the Saints
Hymn: 448 Holy, Holy, Holy
Chanted Responses from the Hymnal:
170 – Sanctus 174 – Agnus Dei

Readings:

First Reading – Wisdom 3:1-9

Psalm -- Psalm 23:1-6

R: *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want*

Second Reading – Romans 5:5-11

Gospel – John 6:37-40

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 & 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

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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 at 10:00 am, Book study following, Evening prayer 430 pm

Thursday: Mass Noon – Rosary at 11:30 am; Adoration following Mass until Noon on Friday
Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex

First Friday: Mass Noon

Saturday: No Mass

Sunday: Rosary 7:20 and 9:20 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	Brenda – Healing
Gary Bedsworth – Healing	Mike Mascatell – Healing
Ventia Stanley – Healing	Mary Smith – Healing
Walter Obrecht – Healing	Jarrett Grace – Healing
Anne M – Healing	George Gambrall – Healing
Linda Parsons – Healing	Deacon Tom – Healing
Judy Hansen – Healing	Arthur Conrad Clift – Repose
Linda B - Healing	Carmella Isabella – Healing
Chris Balzer – Healing	Gabriele Kabel – Healing

Upcoming Events

Choir Practice: Wednesdays 5:00pm.

Fellowship – We need more people to sign up for fellowship. If you can take on either the 8:00 or 10:00 – there's a signup sheet on the noticeboard in the church hall.

Commitment offering for Priest Formation – Envelopes available.

Thanksgiving Luncheon: Sunday November 23 after 10 am Mass. See the flyer in the Narthex and also the sign up sheet.

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

This Wednesday, I will not be able to lead our regular book study.... BUT I have made arrangements to have an exciting guest speaker, Beth Lynch — a woman who has had a powerful conversion to the Catholic Faith in her own life... and she's now the director of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville, NY

That's the site of the Martyrdoms of the Jesuit priests... and it's also the site of the birthplace of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first indigenous U. S. Saint

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.