



Holy Nativity Catholic Church

The Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter

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+ Fourth Sunday of Advent + 21 December 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.

JMJ

There is an old adage... "If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans." Often, we lay out the path our lives will take, only to discover that God has other plans. Joseph discovered that Mary was pregnant, and now he was faced with the unexpected. Father Bartunek tells us "...God is not obliged to act within the parameters of our personal comfort zones." The blessing is that God sent an angel of the Lord to explain what Joseph was to do, "do not fear to take Mary to your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit..." Father Bartunek does note that God's instruction was very short term. It was not a complete roadmap; it did not even go as far as the flight into Egypt. Yet we are told that Joseph woke up and immediately did what he was told.

We learn that we need to trust God when He brings the unexpected events into our life. We have no idea where God will take us tomorrow, let alone next year. The unquestioning obedience of Joseph is instructive to us. Our default response is to ask God why, to ask for a detailed plan, yet our most important response is to simply begin to follow God with one step at a time. Our Lord asked this of the Apostle Peter after His resurrection when He told Peter to "follow Me." Peter was concerned about what Jesus' plan was for John who was tagging along behind them and was told to not worry about John.

When I was growing up, there was a hymn we used to sing that had a portion which said, "...though none go with me, I still will follow..." Joseph demonstrates to us that we need to trust God in all our plans even when He changes them. He also teaches us that we do not need to know all the plans of God, rather, if He points us in a particular direction then we move forward trusting that He has our best interests at heart. So, as we enter this final week of Advent, we rejoice that Joseph was willing to obey without question and that he was willing to do everything he was told without worrying about the final outcome.

December 21, 4th Sunday of Advent

7:20 am Rosary

8:00 am Mass

9:00 am Confessions

10:00 am Mass

Hymn: 297 People Look East

Hymn: 316 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Chanted Responses from the Hymnal:

170 – Sanctus 174 – Agnus Dei

Readings:

First Reading – Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm -- Psalm 24:1-6, 9-10

R: *Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory.*

Second Reading – Romans 1:1-7

Gospel – Matthew 1:18-24

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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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

Highstreet Designs – custom laser engraved gifts, <http://etsy.com/shop/highstreetdesignsllc>

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, Christmas Eve: Family Mass 6:00pm
“Midnight Mass” 10:00pm

Thursday, Christmas Day: Mass 10:00am.
No Adoration this week

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

Gary Bedsworth – Healing

Ventia Stanley – Healing

Anne M – Healing

Linda Parsons – Healing

Judy Hansen – Healing

Linda B - Healing

Chris Balzer – Healing

Laurie Jackson – Healing

Brenda – Healing

Mike Mascatell – Healing

Mary Smith – Healing

Jarrett Grace – Healing

Deacon Tom – Healing

Arthur Conrad Clift – Repose

Carmella Isabella – Healing

Gabriele Kabel – Healing

Larry Mashburn - Healing

Upcoming Events

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

Choir Practice: Wednesdays 5:00pm.

Men's Group: Meets 3rd Thursdays, 5 – 7 pm. All Catholic men welcome

Hallow Advent Challenge the App is free to all parishioners download and join Holy Nativity for the 25 day prayer journey.

At the close of Advent, Sunday December 21 after 10am mass Fellowship, the Hall will be decorated for Christmas. Please sign up to help transform our hall into a beautiful and festive space. Many hands make light work, please sign up to help.

Family Game Night Sunday the 21st from 4pm to 8pm in the parish hall. Bring

*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.