



Holy Nativity Catholic Church

The Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter

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+ Quinquagesima Sunday + 15 February AD 2026 +

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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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More than skin deep

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them.” Matt 5:17 NRSV-CE The Beatitudes must have seemed to invert the Law of Moses – a move that would be unthinkable to those who were listening to Him. However, it was not the Law of Moses that was being turned inside out. It was the additions and legalistic modifications applied by the religious rulers of the day that Jesus was condemning. It was their approach to keeping the law that had become no more than skin deep. Our adherence to the Law of God must come from the heart, indeed, from our very soul!

Jesus asks us to keep the true Law for the love of God and our neighbor. We are instructed not to count the cost, instead we are called to keep no count of wrongs, to forgive not once or seven times, but seventy times seven. We are called to remember that sin plants its seed in the heart and brings spiritual death to those who entertain such thoughts. I remember a birthday greeting card with a cartoon man on the front with a toothless grin, and the statement, “there isn’t any harm in looking”. The truth is there is a profound harm in looking if it causes the person to sin. There are no private sins. Many who believe that no one is harmed by their actions are the most deceived. Like a stone on the surface of a pond, the ripples of one’s actions can reach around the world.

So how are we to live? Jesus tells us that our righteousness must exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The only way to do this is to allow the Spirit of God to so fill our hearts and minds that we love, we forgive, and we obey the Law of God from a heart that is one with Him. We keep His Law through choosing to place God first in all that we are, in all that we do; by uniting our will to His. Let us begin each day by offering ourselves to His service. In so doing we will know, love, and serve Him throughout the day, and make our Christian lives more than skin deep.

Keeping the Law in the time of Jesus, for some, had become very similar to the masks worn in the Greek plays of the day. On the surface the Law was kept, for the sake of those who might be looking. Inside there was rage in dealing with the Roman soldier who forced them to carry their soldier’s kit for a mile. On the surface they would seem willing enough but inside wish mightily for the demise of the soldier.

February 15, Quinquagesima Sunday

7:20 am Rosary

8:00 am Mass

9:00 am Confessions

10:00 am Mass

Hymn: 570 All People That On Earth Do Dwell

Hymn: 669 We Walk By Faith

Chanted Responses from the Hymnal:

170 – Sanctus 174 – Agnus Dei

Readings:

First Reading – Sirach 15:15-20

Psalms -- Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

R: *Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

Second Reading –1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel –Matthew 5:17-37

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
- By check. Make your check out to "Holy Nativity Church" & mail to 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

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

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

Ash Wednesday: Mass 10 am & 6 pm. No Evening prayer

Thursday: Mass Noon. Rosary at 11:30 am; Adoration following Mass. *Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex*

Friday: Mass Noon. Rosary at 11:30 am/Soup and Stations 5pm

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday Lent I: Rosary 7:20 & 9:20 am, Mass: 8 am & 10am.

Please join us for fellowship after each Mass

Confession: One hour before every mass except the 6 pm Vigil and the 8 am Sunday Masses 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

Serena Grumbine – Healing

Linda B - Healing

Chris Balzer – Healing

Laurie Jackson – Healing

Cynthia Vieira – Healing

Brenda – Healing

Mike Mascatell – Healing

Mary Smith – Healing

Jarrett Grace – Healing

Deacon Tom – Healing

Bob Furst - Healing

Carmella Isabella – Healing

Gabriele Kabel – Healing

Larry Mashburn – Healing

Upcoming Events

Men's Group: THIS THURSDAY, Feb. 19, 6-8pm in the church hall. Michael Hidenblut will speak on purgatory. Open to all Catholic men. "Just show up!"

FLOCKNOTE: Please use the flyers in the narthex to join in parish communication an email or cell phone may be used. Contact Stephanie with any questions. 909-936-1965 misspiggy65@live.com

LENT IS HERE! If you have the Hallow app be sure to join the Lenten Pray40 challenge beginning Ash Wednesday. Details coming soon.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5 – 7 pm in the church hall

The 2026 Bishop's Appeal commitment weekend will be held next weekend, February 21-22. This is our opportunity as a Parish/Parochial Community to unite with our Ordinariate family to support our shared mission of evangelization. Our Parish goal is \$11,000. In the coming week, please take the time to prayerfully reflect on the gifts that you have been given by God and respond to Bishop Lopes' appeal as generously as possible. Your participation is essential to the success of the Ordinariate. Please join other Catholics from throughout the Ordinariate in supporting this very important appeal next week. Thank you for your support.

*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.