

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 18, 2022



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Saturday & Sunday Masses

Weekday Masses

- * Monday—Friday: 7:30AM & 12:00 Noon
- * Saturday: 8AM

Saturday Vigil Masses

- * St. Gertrude's Missions: 4:00PM

Sunday Masses

- * Spanish Mass: 9:00AM
- * English Mass: 11:00AM
- * English Mass: 5:00PM

Confessions: Saturday: 3:00PM-4:00PM
Sunday: 30 minutes before all Masses



Celebration of Sacraments

Baptism: Parents may register their child for baptism at the parish office. Please turn in necessary paperwork two (2) weeks prior to class. Classes are on the 1st Friday of the month. Baptisms are done on the first Sunday of the Month.

Marriage: Contact Parish Priest/Office at least six (6) months before the proposed wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Priest /Office when a parishioner is seriously ill and/or is scheduled for major surgery. Emergency phone-505-835-0199

Sunday Collection for

December 11, 2022 : \$2,852.56
(Envelopes:\$2,424.00 Loose: \$428.56)
Envelopes used: 88
Retirement: \$647.79
IC: \$642.00

Altar Society:

December 19, 2022
Inez Abeyta & Frances Torres

A Christmas Prayer

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Robert Louis Stevenson



DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN IS: TUESDAY
AT 12 PM IN WRITING, PLEASE!

SATURDAY— December 17 Vigil Mass

- 4PM Mass** **Celebrant Fr. Dale Craig**
 + Guillermo & Ramona Martinez /by Family
 + Elvira F. Martinez /by J. Ernest Martinez
 + For the Souls of Martin & Phillip Romero & Eufelia Lucero /by Margaret Romero
 + For the Souls of David & Betty Romero & Maclovia Fernandez /by Margaret Romero

SUNDAY—December 18 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9AM (Spanish) Mass** **Celebrant Fr. Jim Mulligan**
 + Gabrielle Cordova, Steven Cordova & Alfonsito Cordova
 + Soul of Lupita Montoya /by Sr. Mary Teresa
- 11AM Mass** **Celebrant Fr. Dale Craig**
 + Jim Conway & Eloisa Archuleta /by Alice Conway
 + Senaida & Eugenio Martinez, Frank Martinez & Leroy Abeyta /by Willie & JoAnn
 + Eric Vigil, Marvin Vigil & Charlie Garcia /by Willie & JoAnn Martinez

- 5PM** **Celebrant Fr. Paul Grala**
People of the Parish
 + Drucilia Martinez /by Albert & Frances Martinez
 Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

- MONDAY— December 19** **7:30AM Mass**
 + Gabrielle Cordova, Steven Cordova & Alfonsito Cordova
 + Ernest, Jeannine Martinez & Our Departed Family Members /by Amy & Mae
 12:00PM Mass
 + Elvira F. Martinez /by Geraldine & Paul
 + Barnabe Vigil Jr. (Anniv), Bernabe, Eugenia Vigil & Angelica Garcia /by Willie & JoAnn
 Jgs 13:2-,24-25a Ps 71:3-4a,5-6b,16-17 Lk 1:5-25

- TUESDAY— December 20** **7:30AM Mass**
 + Gabrielle Cordova, Steven Cordova & Alfonsito Cordova
 12:00PM Mass
 + Manuel Benavidez (B-day), Ernestine Benavidez & Amelia Gonzales /by Mike & Rosalita Benavidez
 Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38

- WEDNESDAY— December 21** Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church
7:30AM Mass
 + Gabrielle Cordova, Steven Cordova & Alfonsito Cordova
 + Birthday Blessings for Mikaela Lujan /by Mom, Dad & siblings
 12:00PM Mass
 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21 Lk 1:39-45

- THURSDAY — December 22** **7:30AM Mass**
 + Gabriella Cordova, Steven Cordova & Alfonsito Cordova
 12:00PM Mass
 1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8 Lk 1:46-56

- FRIDAY— December 23** Saint John of Kanty, Priest **7:30AM Mass**
 + Gabrielle Cordova, Steven Cordova & Alfonsito Cordova
 12:00PM Mass
 Mal 3:1-4,23-24 Ps 25:4bc-5ab,8-10,14 Lk :57-66

- SATURDAY— December 24** **8AM Mass**
 + Gabrielle Cordova, Steven Cordova & Alfonsito Cordova
 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,6 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Lk 1:67-79

SATURDAY— December 24 Vigil Mass

- 6PM Mass** **Celebrant Fr. Paul Grala**
 + Devin Candelaria /by Grandma Viola
 + Larry Johnson, Johnny Johnson & Bengie Torres /by Edmond & Margie Romero
 + Soul of Lupita Montoya /by Sr. Mary Teresa

11PM Mass **Celebrant Fr. Dale Craig**
People of Our Parish

Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27,29 Acts 13:16-17,22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

SUNDAY—December 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

- 10AM Mass** **Celebrant Fr. Dale Craig**
 + Ricardo & Mauricia Romo /by Nicanora, Donna & Albert
 + Deacon Ray Cordova (Christmas Present)
 + Leroy Salas
 + Gabrielle Cordova, Steven Cordova & Alfonsito Cordova
 + Ida Romero (B-day) /by Family
 + Richard Lucero (B-day), Mary & Joe Lucero /by Inez
 + Roy Juan Antonio Valdez /by Mom & Dad

Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Are you a young adult between the ages of 18 and 35? Do you want to hang out with others around your age, have a lot of fun, and grow in your faith at the same time? If so, come join the missionary volunteers for our young adult nights! We meet every Tuesday in the blue room of the Pastoral Office and will have both board game nights and Bible Studies. Come join us!

Board Game Nights: From 7pm to 9pm on Tuesday 1/3, 1/17, 1/31 (Bring a game and snacks or a drink to share)

Bible Studies: From 7:30pm to 8:30pm on Tuesday 12/27, 1/10, and 1/24 (Bring a Bible, notebook and pen/pencil.)

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Masses:
6pm & 11pm

Christmas Day Mass:
10am



Adoration Chapel: The Chapel is now open. It will be open 24 hours. Anyone who wants to devote an hour of adoration please contact Deacon Eloy at 505-948-6887.

Cemetery Plots: All plots need to be prearranged by Mission Mayordomos or the Church Office. Also please clean & maintain your family member's plot.

Charitable Giving: Charitable Giving is on Monday's from 10-12 & 1-3pm..

Legion of Mary: Each of you are invited to grow in your faith. Join the Legion of Mary every Tuesday at 8:50am at the Pastoral Center.

Men's Group: Men's group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7pm in the Chapel.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society will be praying the rosary at 8:30 on the first Sunday of every month.

WINGS: Women in Need of God meets every Thursday at 10am in the Pastoral Center.

Ministry Schedule

December 24th 6pm

Lector: Ellen Hagaman
Choir: MC Sandoval
Server: Paul H, Haley & Justina
EU Minister: Clarence Montoya

December 24th 11pm

Lector: Fidel Trujillo Jr.
Choir: San Manuel
Server: Marcus V., & Adult Servers
EU Minister: David Rael

December 25th 10am

Lector: Phyllis Martinez
Choir: Santa Maria
Server: Gabriel, Cory, Ysabel & Nieves
EU Minister:



First Confession-First Communion - Our Nativity Play will be held on Sunday, December 18 at 3pm. We will have class at the school on Tuesday, December 20 from 3:45-5pm. There will be No Class December 27th and January 3rd.

Confirmation I & II: You are expected to assist with the Nativity Play on Sunday, December 18 at 3pm in place of class. No Class December 25th and January 1st.

Family of Faith: We are inviting all children in the Parish to participate in our **Nativity Play**. Interested children of ALL ages are invited to be a part of the stable animals. Also, mark your calendars now for an **Epiphany Celebration on the first week of January**.



Join us for **High School** youth group every Wednesday from 7pm-9pm!

Join us for dinner, fellowship and fun!

December 21st—Christmas Party
January 11th—2nd Semester Social Kick Off

Join us for **Middle School** youth group every other Friday from 5:30pm-7:30pm!

January 13th—2nd Semester Social Kick Off



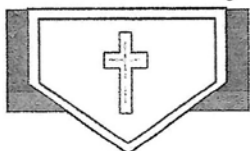
Poinsettia's In Remembrance of Our Beloved Deceased Family Members!



Please turn in your intention forms and/or donations into the office.



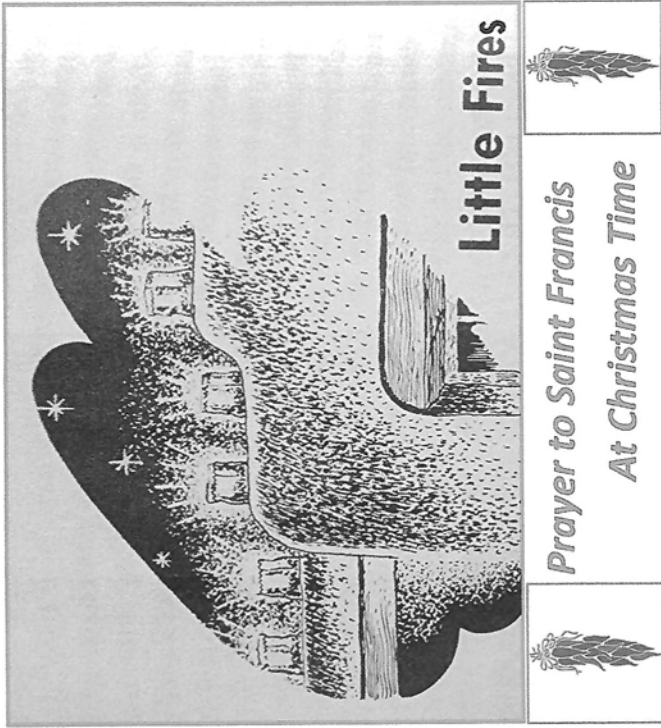
Altar Society



The Altar Society is asking for volunteers to help clean the altar and wash linen. If you have any questions please call the office or contact Frances Martinez at 575-387-5535.



—Legion of Mary: A Call to Arms—
Calling all Women & Men of the Parish to join the ranks of Our Lady's Army. Come & See how the soldiers of Mary serve the church



Little Fires

Prayer to Saint Francis

At Christmas Time

Francis of Assisi, gentle Saint—
 Who loved your brother men,
 Who loved all brother creatures—
 Francis, Little Brother,
 Who loved the Feast of Christmas
 And fashioned, long ago, a Christmas manger,
 That your brother men and birds and beasts
 Might see and live the beautiful story
 Of the birth of the little Lord Jesus—
 Might join in worship and praise—
 Little Brother of us all,
 Come, walk the earth once more!
 Come, with your eagerness and joy,
 To show earth's children how to live
 And laugh and sing, in love, together—
 Gentle Francis of Assisi,
 Come, teach us how to fashion
 And keep within each heart
 A Christmas manger!
 —Dorothy A. Linney

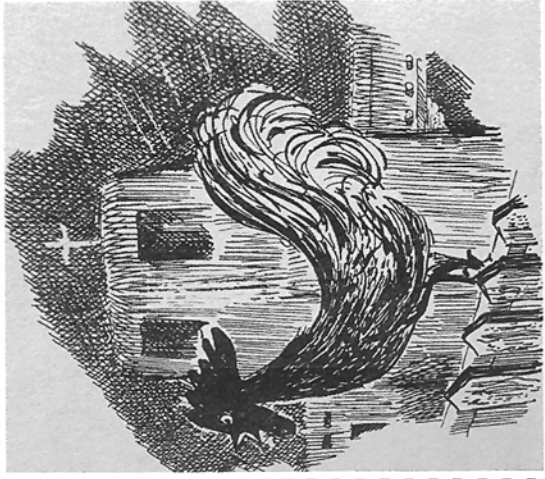


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La Noche Buena

This is Christmas Eve
 by Peter Ribera Ortega

Note: The following story is excerpted from
Christmas in Santa Fe
 by Peter Ribera Ortega
 Chapter 4, pages 25-28

Christmas traditions in Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado are a unique merging of Spanish and Indian cultures unique to the United States of America. Please read this story to your loved ones, especially your children and grandchildren. We so often take for granted the rich cultural stories that have been handed down to us.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Healthy New Year.



“ In Northern New Mexico, Christmas Eve is a special time for friends and family to gather and celebrate the birth of Christ in Mass: The real Son of God by nature became Man that men might become sons of God by adoption. The Christian background of these lonely, pioneering Europeans came to the fore. It was the ‘Good Night’—Christmas Eve—and bonfires of celebration were lighted (*luminarias*), and there was music and singing, and at midnight everyone went to *La Misa del Gallo*!

People who know enough Spanish to be able to translate *la Misa del Gallo* into ‘the Mass of the Rooster’ sometimes wonder just what connection a rooster has to do with Christmas Midnight Mass. Since *los animales de Dios*—as *San Isidro*, the Farmer, used to call all the animals of creation—undoubtedly have a reason to praise God by their very existence and their harmonious relation with nature itself, the Spanish people never thought it strange to associate the rooster with Christmas...The Spanish “in general, “ enjoy fixing up elaborate crèche scenes for the Christmas season, and barnyard fowl have just as much a right to be represented at the Manger as a camel.” It seems that on the night Jesus was born, since there weren’t any visitors to the crib, the *animalitos* took it upon themselves to

make up for the lack of human kindness. Inside the cave, quietly doing their part, were the ox and the donkey, both providing warmth for the Christ Child with their breath, and outside the nativity-cave-stable, a



rooster flew up to the highest point he could find near the Manger and raising his crown proudly up in the cold and night air, he began to announce the good tidings of Christ’s birth. This rooster in his best voice sang out loud and clear *Cristó nació!*, which means: ‘Christ has been born!’ And, the folklorish story continues, another rooster answered the cry with his contribution. The second rooster crowed happily: ‘En Belen! which translates into the prophetic answer truly Messianic in scope: ‘In Bethlehem!’ And so, putting the happy crowing of two roosters together, the

Spanish-speaking people believe that for Almighty God nothing is impossible and especially at the birth of God’s Divine Son. Thus the legend of the rooster (Christ has been born! In Bethlehem!) became a handy tale to hinge onto the liturgical name of one of the masses celebrated at Christmas: the Midnight Mass and the Mass of Dawn (undoubtedly the origin of letting a crowing rooster announce the beginning a new day)... *La Misa del Gallo* is the climax of the joyful Christmas celebration, and *La Noche Buena*, is the proximate preparation for a worthy reception of the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist. Attendance at one of the Christmas masses...is the highlight of *La Navidad*, and then it is that the Spanish speaking enjoy singing that famous traditional *villancico* (Christmas carol) which is ever so old and yet always so new:”



“*Vamos todos a Belen*
Con amor y gusto.
Adoremos al Señor,
Nuestro Redentor.”

“*Lets all go to Bethlehem*
With love and great joy.
Let us all adore our Lord,
Who is our Redeemer.”



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 ~ Jeremiah 1:5

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Pray for the people on our parish prayer list.