



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## Monday, December 7th, 2015 - Anticipated Holy Day Mass.

6:00 p.m. †Arturo Salazar (Happy B-Day) by Art & Kathy Salazar  
†Clifford Brito by Emily Brito

## Tuesday, December 8th, 2015 - HOLY DAY.

12:10 p.m. †Leo Garduño by Patricia Garduño  
6:00 p.m. †Susan Osborn by Albert & Coby Sanchez  
†Andy Snider (2nd Ann.) by Family

## Wednesday, December 9th, 2015.

8:00 a.m. †Lilly Armijo (Happy B-Day) by Mary Ann Perry

## Thursday, December 10th, 2015.

8:00 a.m. †Maria Aragon by Colfita Sanchez & Family

## Friday, December 11th, 2015.

8:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE - Deacon Eddie

## Saturday, December 12th, 2015.

9:00 a.m. Special Mass - Our Lady of Guadalupe  
†Clifford Brito by Emily Brito  
5:00 p.m. †Eloisa Apodaca by Family  
†Ernie Lucero by Lucero & Niski Family  
†Cathy Bowman Family by John Bowman

## Sunday, December 13th 2015.

8:00 a.m. †Katy Lucero by Ray Lucero & Fam.  
Int. of Yvonne Sanchez (Happy B-Day) by Soila Moya & Fam  
9:30 a.m. Int. of Armando Martinez by Mom  
Int. of Lindsey Martinez by Mom  
†Lorraine Esquibel by Robert & Family  
11:15 a.m. †David DeHerrera by Family  
†Alexandria Barnes by Armijo Family  
Int. of Corrine Finch (Happy B-Day) by Legion of Mary Members

## COLLECTION REPORT:

November 29th, 2015

Our Lady of Guadalupe - \$5,653.77 Sangre de Cristo - \$1,914.00

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Are requested to register at the parish office.

## CONFESSIONS - SATURDAY FROM 3:30 to 4:30 P.M. OR BY APPOINTMENT

## MARRIAGES

Arrangements must be made with the parish priest at least 6 months prior to wedding date. For policy go to [www.archdiocesasantafe.org](http://www.archdiocesasantafe.org).

## INFANT BAPTISMS

Parents must make arrangements for the Baptism of their child in advance at the parish office, and all necessary paperwork must be completed by the 1st week of the month. Parents and Sponsors must attend ONE instruction class in preparation for Baptism. Sponsors MUST be registered for (3) months and active in the parish; married in the Catholic Church; and be baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church. Class instruction is on the 1ST SATURDAY of every month - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Baptisms take place on the 3RD SUNDAY of every month.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BLUE ARMY:** Rosary every Monday - 10:00 a.m. Any parishioner who would like to have the statue of the Blessed Mother in your home and join us in praying the rosary, you are asked to please call Rebecca Cordova - 869-2863.

**LEGION OF MARY:** Meet every Thursday, at 10:00 a.m., in the parish hall. We welcome new members.

**3RD ORDER SERVANTS OF MARY:** Meet on the last Sunday of the month to pray the rosary at 12:15 p.m. A meeting will take place following the rosary in the parish hall.

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**BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER @ OUR LADY OF GUDALUPE PAID BY IRENE PEREA FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF †JOSEPH & ERNESTINE DUPERRON.**

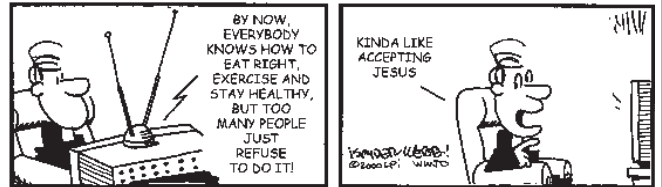
**BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER @ SANGRE DE CRISTO, PAID BY PATSY MAEZ FOR INTENTION OF PATSY MAEZ FAMILY.**

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## COLUMBIAN SQUIRES TRAVELING VOCATIONS

**CHALICE:** We invite all parishioners to sign up to take the chalice into their homes and to pray for vocations. Prayers are included with the chalice, but we encourage you to also include your own. If you have any questions, or are interested in having the chalice in your home, please call Elias Maez at 550-7817.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.  
The winding roads shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION STATEMENT:** In sharing with others our faith, experience, and earthly goods, we grow in faith and are living the missionary call by Our Lord Jesus Christ that goes out to all believers. Our pastor, Fr. Hoi Tran, our ministers, and all our parishioners extend our arms in welcome to all others not in our worshipping community to worship with us and to assist us with your prayers and charitable works as we walk our spiritual journey together.

## Readings for the Week of December 6, 2015

**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6  
**Monday:** Is 35:1-10/ Ps 85:9-14/Lk 5:17-26  
**Tuesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10/Mt 11:28-30  
**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1, 9-13/Mt 11:11-15  
**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mt 11:16-19  
**Saturday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18-19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
**Next Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

# PARISH NEWS

**PLEASE NOTE:** The parish will offer confessions for your convenience on Monday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall, with 4 Confessors. Please take this opportunity to go to confession. Your last opportunity to go to confession before Christmas will be Saturday, December 20th. There will be NO CONFESSIONS on Saturday, December 26th.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Fr. Hoi will offer a workshop and explain the parts of the Mass. Everyone is invited to attend the workshop. Fr. Hoi will offer this class on Monday, December 7th following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Tuesday, December 8th is a holy day of obligation, and so the Monday evening 6:00 p.m. Mass will count for your holy day obligation. Mass schedule for Tuesday is: 12:10 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. All Masses will take place at Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**PLEASE NOTE:** St. Nicholas will visit the children today.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FIESTA'S:** Will take place next Saturday, December 12th. To begin our Fiesta's, we will have a Mass at 9:00 a.m. Following Mass, breakfast burritos will be served. The main celebration will take place at the 5:00 p.m. evening Mass. Retired Bishop Arthur Tafoya will join us as Celebrant and homilist of the Mass, followed by a procession from the entrance of the Church going to Gurule Rd. and around to Don Abran and back to the Church. Dinner/Reception will follow.

**YOUTH MINISTRY - ANGEL WREATH:** The Youth Ministry is once again sponsoring the Angel Wreath to provide gifts to those less fortunate. Please take an angel from the wreath, you will find the age of the boy (blue), or girl (pink) or homebound senior; male or female (green). Please return to the parish hall no later than December 20th.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS AND DIOCESAN PRIESTS:** Next weekend, December 13th, throughout the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, a second collection will be taken up for the retirement funds for Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Priests, as well as Archdiocesan priests. One-half of this collection will go to the National Religious Retirement Office and one-half to the Archdiocesan Priest Retirement Fund. These Funds help with the basic needs of these women and men who have given their lives to God and the Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**NOVENA TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER/POSADAS:** Will begin on Wednesday, December 16th @ 6:30 p.m. in Valencia; Mass Thursday, December 17th, @ 6:30 p.m. in Valencia; Mass Friday, December 18th, @ 6:30 p.m. in Valencia; Communion Service; Saturday, December 19th, @ 5:00 p.m. Mass in Peralta Sunday, December 20th, @ 9:30 a.m. Mass in Valencia Monday, December 21st @ 6:30 p.m. in Peralta; Mass Tuesday, December 22nd @ 6:30 p.m. in Peralta; Mass Wednesday, December 23rd @ 6:30 in Valencia; Mass Thursday, December 24th @ 6:30 in Valencia; Christmas Eve Mass.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** Christmas Mass Schedule is as follows: Children's Mass - 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 24th in Peralta; 6:00 p.m. Mass in Valencia. Friday, December 25th - 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. both Masses will take place in Peralta.

**Q** Why is Luke's Gospel so prominent certain years in our Advent/Christmas Lectionary readings?

**A** The Lectionary, the collection of Scripture readings used during our liturgical celebrations, is divided into a three-year cycle of Sunday readings, Years A, B, and C. Each year is devoted to selected readings from one synoptic Gospel. Year A relies on Matthew; Year B draws from Mark; and Year C focuses on passages from Luke's Gospel.

Only Matthew and Luke give us infancy narratives, accounts of the birth and early life of Jesus. While they agree on a number of details, the stories are very different, usually emphasizing the key theological themes and concerns of the authors. Luke has Mary and Joseph involved in a difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where there is no room for them to lodge. There in a stable Mary gives birth to Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah, and places him in a manger.

Whether the details are historically accurate or not, the story beautifully captures the theological intent of the author. For Luke, Jesus is the savior come for all people, most especially the poor, homeless, and marginalized. Jesus is their source of comfort, nourishment for their hungers, and support in time of need. What better way to portray that than to have Jesus experience the life of the poor from the very moment of birth. Modeling ourselves on Jesus, how are we attuned to the needs of the poor around us?

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## 2nd Sunday of Advent

Every few years, Congress wrangles for months to enact a transportation bill. The latest version, signed into law on July 6, 2012, provides \$120 billion through fiscal 2014. In addition to providing funding for thousands of projects throughout the country, the law also ensures that nearly three million workers will remain on the job constructing and repairing the nation's roads, rails, and mass transit. At the time that the previous law was expiring (fiscal 2009) the American Society of Civil Engineers estimated that the country actually needed to spend about \$1.3 trillion on items covered in the transportation bill (plus another \$900 billion for other infrastructure needs) over five years. Clearly filling in valleys and making low the mountains and hills is not an inexpensive proposition. John the Baptist quotes the prophet Isaiah in today's Gospel. Isaiah's prophecy is based on the kind of roadwork that took place in the ancient world. Before a conquering general or king would arrive, the way was cleared before him. A rough road was made smooth (to allow for a rapid advance); a crooked, winding road opened up and made straight (to prevent an ambush). Isaiah's prophecy came near the end of the Babylonian Exile, when it was perceived that the LORD would once again take possession of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Luke uses the Isaiah prophecy not to portray John the Baptist as some kind of civil engineer, but rather to indicate that there is work and preparation involved in welcoming the LORD. We'll hear more about that next week. The cost of repairing and upgrading the nation's infrastructure is enormous, maybe more that we can afford. The cost of following Christ is also great. But the payment for that doesn't so much come out of our wallets, as out of our hearts. With just a little over two weeks to go before Christmas, what are you doing to make it easier for the Lord to enter your heart?