

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 14th, 2015.

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

Tuesday, December 15th, 2015.

8:00 a.m. Int. of Parishioners

Wednesday, December 16th, 2015 - NO 8:00 a.m. Mass - Posadas

6:30 p.m. †David DeHerrera by Family
 †Pedro Trujillo (8th Ann.) by M/M Lawrence Esquibel

Thursday, December 17th, 2015 - Posadas.

6:30 p.m. †Archie Vigil by Gloria & Family
 †Rupert Vigil by Gloria & Family

Friday, December 18th, 2015 - Posadas.

6:30 p.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE** - Deacon Eddie

Saturday, December 19th, 2015.

5:00 p.m. †Julian Barela by Daughters
 †Deliria Barela by Daughters
 †Ruben Barela by Sisters

Sunday, December 20th 2015.

8:00 a.m. †Flora Carabajal by Frank Carabajal & Family
 Int. of Amy Viramontes (Happy B-Day) by Dad & Mom
 †Mickey Sanchez by Colfita Sanchez
 9:30 a.m. †Cuca Apodaca by Lorenzo & Sally Perea & Fam.
 †Eugene Apodaca by Lorenzo & Sally Perea & Fam.
 †Perfecto Perea by Lorenzo & Sally Perea & Fam.
 11:15 a.m. †Ben Armijo by Judy Armijo
 †Patty Armijo by Judy Armijo
 †Alexandria Barnes by Darlene Armijo

COLLECTION REPORT:

December 6th, 2015
 Our Lady of Guadalupe - \$6,031.01 Sangre de Cristo - \$2,952.50

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.

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.

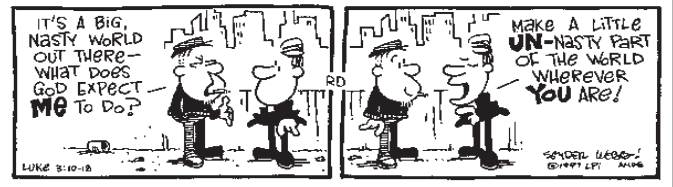
BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER @ OUR LADY OF GUDALUPE PAID BY IRENE PEREA FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF †JOSEPH & ERNESTINE DUPERRON.

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

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.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:15-16a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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 13, 2015

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85:9-14/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-6, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE NOTE: The parish will offer confessions for your convenience this 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 19th. There will be **NO CONFESSIONS** on Saturday, December 26th.

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: Aging religious need your help. In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

POSADAS - NINE DAY NOVENA TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER:

Wednesday, December 16th: 6:30 p.m. - Sangre de Cristo: Hosted by Youth Ministry, Home Homebound - Juan & Fila Chavez.

Thursday, December 17th: 6:30 p.m. - Sangre de Cristo: Hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew (Janelle) Otero.

Friday, December 18th: 6:30 p.m. - Sangre de Cristo: Hosted by Niski/Lucero Family.

Saturday, December 19th: 5:00 p.m. - Our Lady of Guadalupe: Hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Phillip (Amelia) Lucero.

Sunday, December 20th: 9:30 a.m. - Sangre de Cristo: Hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Alex (Selma) Lopez.

Monday, December 21st: 6:30 p.m. - Our Lady of Guadalupe: Hosted by Faith Formation.

Tuesday, December 22nd: 6:30 p.m. - Our Lady of Guadalupe: Hosted by Knights of Columbus.

Wednesday, December 23rd: 6:30 p.m. - Sangre de Cristo: Hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Estevan (Reneé) Sisneros.

Thursday, December 24th: 6:00 p.m. - Sangre de Cristo: 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.

PLEASE NOTE: It is that time of year again when there are individuals looking to take your valuables from your car. We remind you to leave your valuables at home and lock your car. Thank you!

YOU DID IT FOR ME: Fedencio Chamorro is a family coffee farmer in the borderlands of Colombia and Ecuador, a gold mine for high-quality coffee. With recent violence from armed groups in the area, growing and selling coffee has been difficult. Coffee farmers like Chamorro are experiencing the negative effects, but with the help of CRS, a 5-year project is helping 3,200 family farmers sell their coffee to high-end customers.

Q How were the prophets able to predict the coming of Jesus, the Messiah?

The first reading for the Sundays of Advent is taken from Old Testament prophetic literature (with the exception of the reading from Samuel on the Fourth Sunday of Advent in Cycle B).

These passages, along with most other prophetic literature, weren't intended as predictors of Jesus' birth, life, and mission.

A It is unfortunate that prophecy is commonly understood as predicting the future. A more accurate way to understand prophetic literature is to see it as addressing social, political, and religious issues of the day. By taking on the mind and heart of God, prophets call people to more faithful covenant living. Modern-day prophets such as Gandhi, Martin Luther King, or Dorothy Day do the same.

So there are no predictions of Jesus in the Jewish Scriptures; rather, what we have is the reinterpretation of prophetic texts by followers of Jesus who understood these texts in a new light as a result of their Jesus experience and belief. The original texts, written at a specific time to address specific issues, were later reinterpreted and understood to contain other meanings.

The process continues to our own day as we strive to apply the Scriptures to our twenty-first-century faith reality. This is what makes the Bible a living text through which God continues to speak. Let us listen with open minds and hearts.

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3rd Sunday of Advent

Holiday magazines are well known for providing quick, practical ideas for trimming the house, welcoming guests, and preparing enticing food. The suggestions that are offered are designed to help the host and hostess show off a stunning atmosphere without spending days and weeks preparing for a party or dinner that may only last an hour or two. Often everyday items are transformed with a swatch of fabric, a candle, or some evergreens. Ingenious cutting makes plain vegetables or ordinary hors d'oeuvres into holiday delights. The operative concepts in getting people to buy these idea books and read them are: **quick, easy, and practical.**

In the Gospel today, John the Baptist offers quick, easy, and practical ideas for those who would prepare for the coming of the Christ. As St. Luke tells us, people in his day were filled with expectation. John was pretty straightforward in what he thought they should do: **If you have two coats, give one away to somebody who doesn't have one; be equitable in your dealings with others; don't push people around; don't lie about people.** In modern parlance, we might say that John the Baptist was asking people to **act justly in the world.**

Unfortunately, today we don't often think of justice as quick, easy, or practical. Our understanding of justice is more often colored by the contemporary legal system than by the divine laws of the covenant that binds God and his people. There was a reciprocity and equanimity in the covenantal relationship. There were duties to be fulfilled on each side. John was asking that those who were filled with expectation for the coming of the Messiah would set themselves aright with one another so that God's covenant would find full expression in the relationships that bind people to God and to one another. Justice is really about leveling things out. And when you think about it, that is pretty easy. If you have more, then you share.

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