



# Nativity of the Lord





# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## Monday, December 21st, 2015 - Posadas, OLOG.

6:30 p.m. †Billy Martinez by Family  
†Larry Artiaga (5th Ann.) by Marta Artiaga & Family

## Tuesday, December 22nd, 2015 - Posadas, OLOG.

6:30 p.m. †Jerry Perry (Happy B-Day) Mary Ann Perry  
Int. of Michael Aragon (Happy B-Day) by Patricia Garduño

## Wednesday, December 23rd, 2015 - Posadas, Valencia.

6:30 p.m. †Magdalena Archuleta by Cindy Williams

## Thursday, December 24th, 2015 - Christmas Eve Mass.

4:00 p.m. †Katy Lucero by Ray Lucero & Family  
†Lucy Lucero by Ray Lucero & Family  
†Angie Gutierrez by Mark & Ida Pohl & Family  
6:00 p.m. †Tommy Martinez by Mom & Family  
†Deceased Members of Savadra Family by Family

## Friday, December 25th, 2015 - Christmas Day.

8:00 a.m. †Benny Albers by Isabel Albers  
†Arthur Montoya by Family  
†Adam Montoya by Family  
10:00 a.m. †George Moya Sr. by Vangie Moya & Family

## Saturday, December 26th, 2015.

5:00 p.m. †Charles Koenig (3rd Ann.) by Angela Koenig & Fam.  
†Juan "Johnny" Aragon (3rd Ann.) by Angela Koenig & Family  
For the Health & Well Being of Carlos Garcia by Family

## Sunday, December 27th 2015.

8:00 a.m. †Joseph Duperron (Happy B-Day) by Irene Perea  
†Josie Marquez by Karen, Sadie & Pat  
†Irene Montaño by Donald & Edwina Garcia & Family  
9:30 a.m. †Mary Perea by Lorenzo & Sally Perea & Family  
†Adriano Perea by Lorenzo & Sally Perea & Family  
11:15 a.m. †Bernard Carlucci by Lucy Lucero

### COLLECTION REPORT:

December 13th, 2015  
Our Lady of Guadalupe - \$5,248.00 Sangre de Cristo - \$1,129.00  
Religious Retirement Fund - 2,059.80

### 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.

CHRISTMAS



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

**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 20, 2015

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45  
Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Lk 1:46-56  
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Lk 1:57-66  
Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Lk 1:67-79  
Friday: Vigil: 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  
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-3, 11-13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17/Mt 10:17-22  
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52

# PARISH NEWS

**PLEASE NOTE - SPECIAL CLASSES FOR 1ST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:** Please take home a copy of the bulletin and pass along the information found in the insert concerning those who have not received the sacraments of 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation, and are over the age of reason.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The parish office will close on Thursday, December 24th and will re-open on Tuesday, January 5th.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU!!** To our outgoing Fiesta Padrinos, Mr. & Mrs. Frank (Ana) Parada and Mr. & Mrs. Warren (Margaurette) Miller who did such a wonderful job with our Fiestas. Welcome to our new Padrinos, Mr. & Gilbert (Lupe) Duncan and Martin Moya. Thank you for accepting this honor as serving as our Padrinos.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS AND DIOCESAN PRIESTS:** Religious give thanks. "We cannot begin to repay all who contribute," writes a Catholic sister. "So we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you." Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!

**POSADAS - NINE DAY NOVENA TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER:**

- 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.

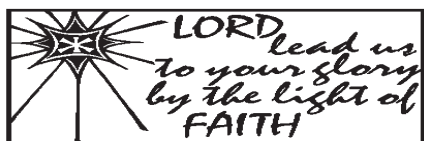
## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**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!

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH:** We will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family next weekend. Four families of the parish will be honored to represent the Holy Family.

**A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU FROM FR. HOI TRAN AND THE STAFF!!**



**Q** Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

**A** Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to do both give and receive. Gift giving serves as the day's aspect of judgment. The special foods, customs, decorations and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.

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### The Nativity of the Lord

It is the festival of our Savior's birth, the day we celebrate that salvation has dawned upon the world. Christ is born, and we rejoice that he has come among us in the flesh, our God made visible in an infant child who would one day give up his life for us. This is the heart of the Christmas mystery: that Christ is born for us today. This feast is so much more than a historic anniversary. Christmas celebrates the coming of God among us, born as a human person. Christ's birth has an effect in our lives today. His birth transcends history and changes us. He brings us light and life. Think of the symbols of the season. The crèche tells us the Gospel stories: first from Luke, which details the human birth in a lowly stable and the angels' message to shepherds about the birth of a Savior; and later from Matthew, which describes the arrival of Magi who signify that God's salvation extends to all. The wreath made of evergreens reminds us that God is one, without beginning or end, and even though we celebrate the human birth of Christ, he remains God, begotten of the Father before all ages. The tree stands as a symbol of life, its green branches unfading even in the winter cold, just as God's life remains in us even though our human form should die. The candles we burn at this time of year recall the birth of him who is forever the light of the world, showing us the way to the eternal Father. The angels stand as heralds of the good news, an emblem for each of us on this solemn feast of our own duty to spread the message that Christ is born and saves us from our sins.

We rejoice this day in the birth of Christ! We renew our faith in his power to save as he joins earth and heaven through his coming in the flesh.