

ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 14TH 2025

**A man named John was sent
from God. He came for testimony,
to testify to the light, so that
all might believe through him.**

John 1:6-7

A 3RD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT



PARISH STAFF

Rev. Fr. Camilo Garcia

Deacons:

Paul Henschied, Jose Medina & Tim Perrigot

Secretary & Bookkeeper: Nina Iturra

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DAILY LITURGY SCHEUDLE

Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri. ——— 8:00am

Thursdays — 8:30 am w/School during school year.

Thurs. ——— 6:00pm Spanish

Sat. ——— 8am (1st Sat. of Month)

SUNDAY LITURGY SCHEUDLE

English: Sat. 5:00pm & Sun. 9:00am

Spanish: Sat. 7:00pm & Sun. 12:00pm

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation / Confesiones

Thursday/ Jueves ——— 5pm

Sat. / Sábados ——— 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Or by appointment / o por cita.

Adoration/ Adoración al Santísimo:

Tue, Fri. 8:30am - 9:30am

Thu/Jueves: 9:30am - 5:45pm

Baptism /Bautizos

English class Jan. 12, 2026 at 6pm in the Parish Hall
Clases Enero 11, 2026 a las 3:30pm en el Salón Parroquial

Marriage / Matrimonios

Contact Priest 6-9 months in advance.

Contactar al sacerdote 6-9 meses de anticipación.

Funerals / Funerales

Please call the office / Por favor de llamar a la oficina

Quinceanera / Anniversaries / Other

Please call the office / Por favor de llamar a la oficina

EMERGENCIAS/ EMERGENCIAS

208-219-0664 or 208-670-0055 (leave a message)

Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday:

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
(see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and
7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18,
19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/
Mt 1:1-17

Thursday:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/
Mt 1:18-25

Friday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-
17/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

St. Nicholas School Endowment Foundation

PO Box 652, Rupert ID 83350

www.stnicholasrupert.org/endowment-board-donate

As the year comes to a close, we invite you to consider joining the Endowment with a one-time \$100 membership. Please also keep the Endowment in mind for a year end gift, funeral memorials and/or estate planning. Donations can be made via the Endowment Facebook page or the school website. Thank you.

A medida que el año llega a su fin, lo invitamos a considerar unirse al Fondo Patrimonial con una membresía única de \$100. También le pedimos que tenga en cuenta al Fondo Patrimonial para una donación de fin de año, memoriales



fúnebres y/o planificación patrimonial. Las donaciones pueden hacerse a través de la página de Facebook del Fondo Patrimonial o del sitio web de la escuela. Gracias.

THIS WEEK **ESTA SEMANA**

Mon. December 15th

- ◆ No Masses
- ◆ 6:30pm Penance Service
"St. Nicholas"

Tues. December 16th

- ◆ 8am Mass
- ◆ 7pm Posadas

Wed. December 17th

- ◆ 8am Mass
- ◆ 10am Prayer group/Spanish
- ◆ 6:30pm Penance Service/Jerome
- ◆ 7pm Posadas
- ◆ 6:30pm OCIA class

Thurs. December 18th

- ◆ 8:30am School Mass
- ◆ 9am-5:30pm Adoration
- ◆ 9:30-10:30am Confessions
- ◆ No 4:30pm Confessions
- ◆ 6pm Communion Service/Spanish
- ◆ 6:30pm Penance Service/Hailey
- ◆ 7pm Posadas

Fri. December 19th

- ◆ 8am Mass
- ◆ 5:30pm Guadalupe Meeting
- ◆ 7pm Posadas

Sat. December 20th

- ◆ 3:30pm Confessions
- ◆ 5pm Mass
- ◆ 7pm Mass/Spanish
- ◆ 7pm Posadas

Sun. December 21st

4th Sunday of Advent

- ◆ 9am Mass
- ◆ 10am Coffee Hr.
- ◆ 10:15am Religious Ed
- ◆ 12pm Mass/ Spanish
- ◆ 7pm Posadas

Lun 15 de diciembre

- ◆ No Misa
- ◆ 6:30pm Servicio de Penitencia
"San Nicolas"

Mar. 16 de diciembre

- ◆ 8am Misa/Ingles
- ◆ 7pm Posadas

Mier. 17 de diciembre

- ◆ 8am Misa/Ingles
- ◆ 10am Grupo de Oración
- ◆ 6:30pm Servicio de Penitencia/Jerome
- ◆ 7pm Posadas
- ◆ 6:30pm Clases de OCIA/Ingles

Jue. 18 de diciembre

- ◆ 8:30am Misa Escolar/Ingles
- ◆ 9am-5:30pm Adoración
- ◆ 9:30-10:30am Confesiones
- ◆ No Confesiones de 4:30pm
- ◆ 6pm Servicio de Comunión
- ◆ 6:30pm Servicio de Penitencia/Hailey
- ◆ 7pm Posadas

Vier. 19 de diciembre

- ◆ 8am Misa/Ingles
- ◆ 5:30pm Guadalupe Meeting
- ◆ 7pm Posadas

Sáb. 20 de diciembre

- ◆ 3:30pm Confesiones
- ◆ 5pm Misa/Ingles
- ◆ 7pm Misa
- ◆ 7pm Posadas

Dom. 21 de diciembre

4to Domingo de Adviento

- ◆ 9am Misa/Ingles
- ◆ 10am Hora del Café
- ◆ 10:15am Catecismo
- ◆ 12pm Misa
- ◆ 7pm Posadas

PRAYER LIST

Patricia Asher, Ester Barragan, Jerrie Lou Barrett, Silvia Benavides, Maria Castañeda, Soledad Casillas, Gloria Cruz, Teresa Cruz, Gaby Delgado, Leroy Dalsoglio, Ann Dewald, Melanie Foster, Carlos Juarez, Elsa Juarez, Dino & Jaime Galindo, Esther Garcia, Freddie Garcia, Gabriel Garcia, Jose Garcia, Rene Garcia, Isabella Gilcrest, Chayo Gil, Francisco Hernandez Lopez, Maria V. Hernandez, David Hurtado & Family, Becky Juarez, Kinley Kershaw, Pat Land, Tony Lara, Ramona Loya, Familia Magaña, Carlos Ochoa, Maribel Olivas, Marta Paz, Benjamin & Irma Navarrete, Jonathan Perce, Eduardo Perez, Elva Rangel, Joel Rivera, Socorro Rodriguez, Michael Ruiz, Thomas Ruiz, Valentin Ruiz Jr, Michael Rey, Jose Salinas, Lucero Salinas, Christopher Tena, Lidia Torres, Virginia Torres, Luis & Maria B. Urriolabeitia Rosa Vega, & Joseluis Villagrana.

MINISTRIES

SATURDAY, DEC. 20TH - 5:00PM MASS

Ushers: Fred Ahlin

Lector: Diane Brumley

Eucharistic Ministers: ?

Altar Server: Kierra, Antonio & Angelique

SUNDAY, DEC. 21ST - 9:00AM MASS

Ushers: Mike Wheeler & Mike Henscheid

Lector: Sandra Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: ?

Altar Server: Ezekiel & Issac

MINISTERIOS

SABADO 20 DE DICIEMBRE - MISA DE 7:00PM

Lectora: Simona Cruz

Hospitalidad: Abelardo & Sonia Gil

Eucaristía: Celia Tellez & Sol Calderon

DOMINGO 21 DE DICIEMBRE - MISA DE 12:00PM

Lector: Cristobal Barcelo

Monaguillos: Horacio Jose & Angelica

Hospitalidad: Chabelo Guevara & Rafael Gonzalez

Eucaristía: Jose & Ilda Silva

SAL Y LUZ RADIO

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Mexican breakfast! We had a wonderful turnout. All proceeds were donated to the Spanish Salt & Light radio station. Thanks to your generosity, we raised **\$3,735!**

¡Gracias a todos los que ayudaron con Nuestro desayuno mexicano! Tuvimos una participación maravillosa. Todas las ganancias fueron donadas a la estación de radio en español Salt & Light. Gracias a su generosidad, recaudamos **\$3,735.**



PENANCE
SERVICE



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

The services will start at 6:30pm.

SERVICIO DE PENITENCIA DE ADVIENTO

El servicio sera a las 6:30pm

December 15 - Rupert

December 17 - Jerome

December 18- Hailey

December 22 - Twin Falls



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

*** Dec. Thursday's**
Confessions "The Light is on for you"
9:30-10:30am & 4:30-5:30pm

*** Dec. 16th-24th**
Posadas 7:00pm

*** Dec. 15th**
Penance Service 6:30pm

*** Dec. 24th**
CHRISTMAS EVE
No 8:00am Mass
4:30pm Last Posada
5:00pm Mass / English
7:00pm Mass / Spanish
Midnight Mass / Bilingual

*** Dec. 25th**
CHRISTMAS DAY
9:00am Mass / English

HORARIO DE NAVIDAD

*** Los Jueves en Diciembre**
Confesiones "La Luz esta encendida para ti"
9:30-10:30am & 4:30-5:30pm

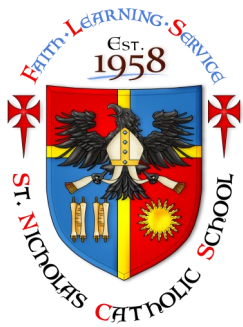
*** Diciembre 16 -24**
Posadas 7:00pm

*** Diciembre 15**
Servicio de Penitencia 6:30pm

*** Diciembre 24**
NOCHEBUENA
No Misa de 8am
4:30pm Ultima Posada
5:00pm Misa / Ingles
7:00pm Misa / Español
Medianoche Misa / Bilingüe

*** Diciembre 25**
NAVIDAD
9:00am Misa / Ingles

Congratulations to our St. Nicholas Catholic School Students of the Month!



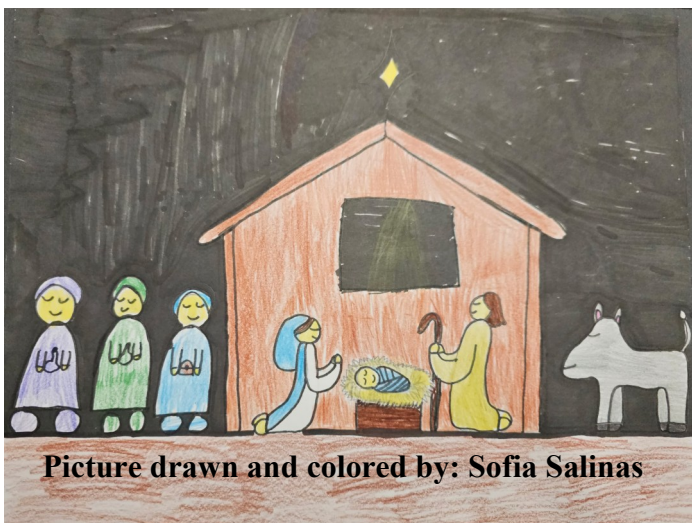
We are incredibly proud of these outstanding students for their commitment to academic excellence, their growing love for the Lord, and their joyful service to others. We celebrate their hard work, their hearts, and the light they bring to our school and parish community.

Pictured left to right Top Row: Kevin Garcia, Asher Randolph, Symphony Ortiz, Sloane Lynch, Allison Pound. Middle Row: Marshall Garner, Payten Jarolimek, Camila Salinas, Adalyn Porter, Jax Grimsman, and Piper Duffin. Bottom Row: Flynn McCaffrey, Jazlyn Casiano, Gigi Magana, Krew Blincoe, Saige Sharrar and Rowan Rodriguez
Not pictured: Henry Gil, Luna Munoz, Brea Brower and August Eudave



As we enter the holy season of Advent at St. Nicholas Catholic School, may our hearts turn toward Christ—our Savior, our Hope, our Peace, and our Love.

May this season draw us closer to Him and to one another as we joyfully prepare for His coming.



Picture drawn and colored by: Sofia Salinas

WE ARE HIRING

St. Nicholas Catholic School is accepting applications for the position of principal for the 2026-2027 school year. Applicants must be a practicing Catholic and hold a valid administration degree. Interested applicants are invited to submit an application to St. Nicholas Catholic School, PO Box 26, Rupert, Idaho 83350 by January 13th.



WIN A **FREE** ICYC REGISTRATION

Win a free trip to the 2026 ICYC retreat.
Ask your Confirmation teachers how to
enter....

Sponsored by :



GANAR UNA INSCRIPCIÓN DE ICYC **GRATIS**

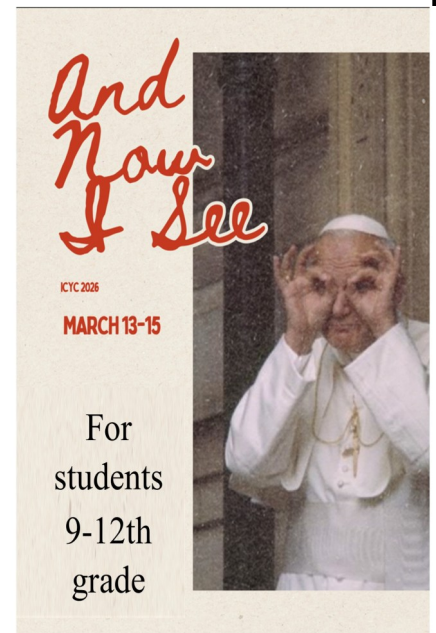
Gana un viaje gratis al retiro ICYC
2026. Preguntale a tu maestra de
Confirmación como puedes registrarte...

Patrocinado por:
Jose Lopez/Realtor

ICYC 2026

March 13-15

- Students 9th grade through 12th grade.
- All youth is welcome even if you are not attending class this year.
- All forms are due by on January 12th**
- Form are at the church or office
- Limited Seating available
- \$290 per student (Money is due February)**
- Estudiantes de 9° a 12° grado.
- Todos los jóvenes son bienvenidos incluso si no asisten a clase este año.
- **Entregan los formularios antes del 12 de enero**
- Los formularios están en la iglesia u oficina
- Espacio limitado
- \$290 por estudiante (el dinero debe ser entregado en febrero)**



FOOD ROOM

Wednesdays & Thursday from 11am - 1pm.

We offer free food for those in need, all are welcome to come.

***Accepting donations of:**

Cooking Oil, Flour, Maseca, Sugar, Cereal, Ramen, Jelly, bread, mayo, frozen food, eggs, baby food/
diapers, toilet paper, paper towels, & feminine hygiene products.



CUARTO DE ALIMENTOS

Los miércoles y jueves de 11am a 1pm.

Ofrecemos comida gratis para quienes lo necesiten; todos son bienvenidos.

Aceptamos donaciones de:

Aceite de cocina, harina, Maseca, azúcar, cereal, ramen, mermelada,
pan, mayonesa, comida congelada, huevos, comida/pañales para bebé,
papel higiénico, toallas de papel y productos de higiene femenina.

POPE INTENTIONS

December: For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

INTENCIONES DEL PAPA

Diciembre: Por los cristianos en zonas de conflicto.

Recemos para que los cristianos que viven en zonas de guerra o conflicto, especialmente en Oriente Medio, puedan ser semillas de paz, reconciliación y esperanza.



Idaho Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, January 31
Holy Apostles, Meridian
Online & Watch Party
at St. Nicholas, Rupert
8am - 3pm



**KEEP
YOUR
EYES ON
CHRIST**

FEATURING



Bishop Peter Christensen



Fr. Chris Alar, MIC



Justin Fatina



Fr. Chris Alar, MIC



SALT & LIGHT
LISTENER-SUPPORTED
CATHOLIC RADIO

Registration opens November 1
Early Bird Ends January 11
\$59 in person, \$29 online

- + Mass
- + Breakfast & Lunch
- + National Catholic Speakers
- + Confessions
- + Adoration
- + Vendors



IDAHCATHOLICMEN.ORG
or 208-344-4774

BAKED POTATO BAR

Knights Of Columbus

Saturday January 10th @ 5 – 8 pm

Parish Hall 802 F St Rupert . Proceeds from this event will go to support our Seminarians and Chalice funds.

Please attend and support Vocations in our Diocese.

In effort to keep cost down, please let us know if you would be able to donate any of the following item:
burger, bacon, shredded cheese, sour cream, chili, nacho cheese, salad, tortilla chips or your time and talent. Please contact Fred Ahlin at 208-550-4787.

BARRA DE PAPAS AL HORNO

Caballeros de Colón

Sábado 10 de enero de 5 – 8 pm

Salón Parroquial 802 F St Rupert. Los ingresos de este evento se destinarán a apoyar a nuestros seminaristas y los fondos del Cáliz. Por favor, asista y apoye las vocaciones en nuestra diócesis.

Con el fin de mantener los costos bajos, le rogamos que nos informe si puede donar alguno de los

siguientes artículos:

hamburguesas, tocino, queso rallado, crema agria, chile, queso para nachos, ensalada, totopos, o su tiempo y talento.

Por favor, comuníquese con

Fred Ahlin al 208-550-4787.



NOVEMBER-2025

Rest in Peace:

†Jennifer A. Cutler

†Gertrude Stuart

Quinceañeras:

“Jade Alvarez Cubarrubias”



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Posadas en México

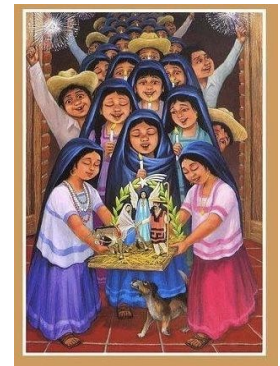
Origen, Tradición y Significado de esta Novena previa a la Navidad

En México, **diciembre** no solo marca el fin de un año, sino el inicio de una de las tradiciones más entrañables: **las posadas**. Su origen, profundamente ligado a la llegada de los españoles, se remonta a más de 400 años y sigue siendo un emblema de nuestra cultura.

Significado de Cada Día de las Posadas

Cada día de las posadas tiene un simbolismo espiritual, recordando virtudes que guían la vida cristiana:

- **16 de diciembre:** Humildad
- **17 de diciembre:** Fortaleza
- **18 de diciembre:** Desapego
- **19 de diciembre:** Caridad
- **20 de diciembre:** Confianza
- **21 de diciembre:** Justicia
- **22 de diciembre:** Pureza
- **23 de diciembre:** Alegría
- **24 de diciembre:** Generosidad



Estas virtudes, aunque de origen religioso, también invitan a reflexionar sobre valores universales que trascienden culturas.

Elementos Tradicionales de las Posadas

1. **El Rosario y las Letanías:** La celebración comienza con el rezo del Santo Rosario y el canto de letanías dedicadas a la Virgen María, fomentando la devoción y el ambiente de reflexión.
2. **Los Santos Peregrinos:** Imágenes de José y María son llevadas en procesión, a veces acompañadas por un niño vestido de ángel o un burro, para recrear el camino hacia Belén.
3. **La Piñata:** La piñata tradicional tiene forma de estrella con siete picos, que representan los **siete pecados capitales**. Romperla simboliza la lucha contra el pecado, y el palo utilizado representa la fortaleza de Dios. Al romperse, la piñata libera dulces y frutas, que simbolizan las recompensas espirituales.
4. **El Ponche y los Aguinaldos:** Durante la celebración se sirven jarritos de ponche caliente, hecho con frutas como tejocote, guayaba, caña de azúcar y ciruela pasa. Los «aguinaldos» son bolsitas de dulces, cacahuates y frutas que se entregan a los participantes como signo de alegría y abundancia.
5. **Villancicos y Festejos:** Tras conceder posada, se entonan villancicos y se realiza una convivencia con comida tradicional como tamales, atole, buñuelos y chocolate. La fiesta se complementa con cohetes y música popular.

The Latin American Tradition of Las Posadas

The Meaning of *Las Posadas*

Do you recognize any words in the traditional lyrics above? If you are familiar with the Christmas story of the birth of Jesus, you may recognize these words:

Nazaret – Nazareth

Carpintero – Carpenter

María – Mary

José – Joseph

Dios – God

La Historia Navideña / Story

As the story goes, Joseph (a carpenter) and his pregnant wife Mary left their town of Nazareth to be registered in the Bethlehem census. When they got to Bethlehem, they could not find a place to stay. All the inns were full, and they were turned away every time—until, finally, they received refuge in a stable.

Las posadas represent this journey.

La Posada Meaning

la posada is a noun that comes from the verb *posar*, which means to lay down or rest. Likewise, *dar posada* means to let someone stay with you for free, and *pedir posada* is to ask for a place to stay (rent free). The noun form, *la posada*, literally means "the inn," but when it refers to this Christmas tradition, it entails the reenactment of Mary and Joseph's search for a place to rest.

Celebration of Las Posadas/Origin

Las posadas are mainly celebrated through Mexico, Central America, and Cuba. For some, they have a deeply religious meaning, while for others, it's a treasured holiday tradition just like putting up a tree. The origin of *las posadas* is based in Christianity.

9 Day Posada

Las posadas occur every night for nine consecutive days before Christmas, a group of people from the Catholic church goes into the town and travels to a predetermined home. This particular one only happens for nine days to represent the nine months of Mary's pregnancy before the birth of Christ.

Process of Celebrating

Depending on the region, people may have two individuals dress up as Mary and Joseph, or they may carry their figurines on a platform. Mary and Joseph beg for a place to stay as each innkeeper denies them—until they realize that it's the Virgin Mary. Meanwhile, the innkeepers who reject them join them in the journey to the final house.

Pride and Privilege

For those involved, it is a special privilege to accept Mary and Joseph into their house during one of the nine nights, as it represents hospitality and generosity.

Traditional Comida

Once at the house, everyone sings carols, or *villancicos*, and shares in food and drink. In some areas, like Mexico, they also celebrate in the home by breaking a *piñata*.

See It for Yourself!

If you would like to see *las posadas* in real life, reach out to your local Latino Community. To learn more about *las posadas* and understand the meaning of the *villancico*, talk to one of our parishioners.