

# Catholic Kid's Corner

♥ And kids at heart! ♥  
 "Let the little children come to me." Matthew 4:19

John the Baptist knew that his job was to prepare the way for Jesus. When John saw Jesus coming toward him, John acknowledged him as the Lamb of God and knew that it was time to announce the work that Jesus would do: take away the sin of the world.

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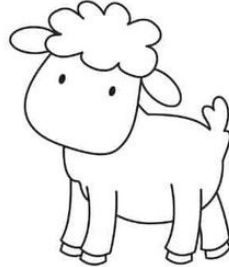
**Kids K-5th Grade!**  
 Join us for  
 Children's Liturgy  
 of the Word  
 at the  
 9:00am & 11:00am  
 Masses!



John 1:29

## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the  
 sins of the world,  
 have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you take away the  
 sins of the world,  
 have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you  
 take away the sins  
 of the world,  
 grant us peace.



LI is for  
 lamb

The next day John  
 saw Jesus coming  
 toward him and  
 said, "Look, the  
 Lamb of God, who  
 takes away the sin  
 of the world!"

John 1:29

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# RISEN SAVIOR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE

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**January 18, 2026**

*The Second Sunday In Ordinary Time*

## Clergy

Rev. Charles Ugochukwu, Pastor  
 Deacon Mark Bussemeier  
 Deacon Manuel Garcia  
 Deacon Tim Parker

## Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.

First Fridays: 7:00 a.m.

*Holy Days are Announced*

## Reconciliation

Tuesday & Thursday: 11:00 a.m.  
 until the beginning of Mass

Saturday at 3:00pm

## Sacramental Preparation

Baptism Classes: Contact the parish office  
 to register for the next scheduled date.

Please contact the parish office or visit the  
 parish website for more information on all  
 other Sacraments

## Anointings

Please contact the Parish Office.

## Parish Office

Hours: Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Closed from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

Email: [hope@risensaviorcc.org](mailto:hope@risensaviorcc.org)

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Visit us at  
[www.RisenSaviorCC.org](http://www.RisenSaviorCC.org)

## John 1:29-34

*John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.*

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.



BEHOLD the LAMB of GOD



# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday, January 17th**

**4:00pm** - + Mary Catherine Fordice, + Arthur L. Ortiz,  
+ Magdalena Valdivia, + Evelyn Orosco & Mel Torres,  
+ Vernon & Helen Orr

**Sunday, January 18th**

**7:00am** - + Mary Jo Rodriguez

**9:00am** - + Eloisa Q. Cisnerous, + Ralph Conway,  
+ Angelo Leblanc, Anastasia Thomas, & Alice Pinard

**11:00am** - + Bill Eastham, + Natividad & Vicente Tuason,  
For the health of Linda Walker

**Monday, January 19th**

**Tuesday, January 20th**

**11:30am** - + Roger Baca, + Javier A. Lucero, For the health  
of Jacob & Consuelo Salmons

**Wednesday, January 21st**

**7:00am** - Communion Service

**Thursday, January 22nd**

**11:30am** - + William Hansen

**Friday, January 23rd**

In anticipation  
of Catholic  
Schools Week  
January 25th-31st!



We Pray ♥ We Play  
We Learn ♥ We Love



Risen Savior Catholic Preschool is the only stand-alone,  
half-day preschool in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe that  
serves **3 and 4-year-olds**.

- All teachers are licensed through the NMPED.
- Most subjects are taught in English and Spanish.
- The preschool is in a secure building.
- All preschool standards are taught.
- Low student to teacher ratio.
- Scholarships are available.
- May Qualify for Childcare Assistance through ECECD
- Extended Care Program available for families

Registration for new families is now open!

Please contact the Preschool for more information or a private  
tour. 505-821-1571, ext. 112 or preschool@risensaviorcc.org



*We ask our faith community to keep these individuals in your prayers:*

Agatha St. Louis-Leon · Trish Quintana · Johnny Manual Gonzales · Myrna Ofelia Daguro · Stacy Herman ·  
Leonard Aragon · Abel Ortega · Joanne · Armando Mares · Anthony Rios · Monica Sandoval ·  
Monica Sandoval · Karen · Angela Sandoval · Tom Matuszak · Donna Harris · Peter Maioriello ·  
Sr. Maria Luisa Vasquez · Marianne Nichols · Virginia Ginn · David Sonnenberg · Paulette Sonnenberg ·  
Daniel Miranda · Raquel Rodriguez · Sofia Blackwood · Tomoe Ohno Peele · David Cooper Peele ·  
Koa Banez · Natalie & Riley Banez

*To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the office, or submit your request through our website.  
The names remain in the bulletin for four weeks.*

## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Monday, January 19th • OFFICE CLOSED**

*K of C Meals on Wheels, off-site*

**Tuesday, January 20th**

*Confessions 11:00am*

*Mass 11:30am*

*Alcoholics Anonymous 12:00pm, Rm 4*

**Wednesday, January 21st**

*Communion Service 7:00am*

*Seasons of Hope Grief Support 3:30pm, Youth Center*

*Child & Youth Faith Formation 5:30pm-7:00pm*

*OCIA 6:00pm, Library*

**Thursday, January 22nd**

*Confessions 11:00am*

*Mass 11:30am*

**Friday, January 23rd**

*Alcoholics Anonymous 12:00pm, Youth Center*

*Bridge 12:00pm, Rm 3*

**Saturday, January 24th**

*Confessions 3:00pm*

*Gambler's Anonymous 3:30pm, Rm 4*

*Mass 4:00pm*

**Sunday, January 25th**

*Masses 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am*

*Young Adults Lectio Divina 12:15pm, Youth Center*

*Conf. & Conf. Prep Parent/Teen Meeting 3:00pm, Church*

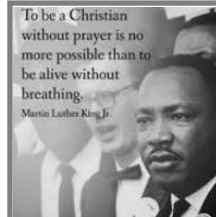
## Non-Perishable Food Donations at Risen Savior

**DONATE  
FOOD  
HERE**



Thank you to all that continuously bring  
non-perishable items to Risen Savior for  
St. Felix Pantry! Your generosity is greatly  
appreciated by so many. Non-perishable  
items can always be brought to the  
parish lobby or office.

We ask you to please keep in mind the dignity and  
respect of those less fortunate and not donate  
expired or used food.



**The Risen Savior Parish Office will be  
closed on Monday, January 19th  
in observance of  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

## Weekly Votive Intentions

**January 17th-23rd**

**Saint Michael the Archangel**  
*Special intention for all healthcare workers*



*St. Michael, St. Francis, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph,  
Our Lady of Grace, Sacred Heart of Jesus and  
Immaculate Heart of Mary PRAY FOR US!*

## Votive Candles

We have votive candles available for your intentions at our seven statues  
in the Church. The dedicated votives will burn from Saturday through  
Friday and will be replaced every Saturday. Contact the parish office.



"Heavenly Father, in the sacrament  
of Baptism, you have given us the gift  
of new life. Through your son our  
Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit,  
you have made us your own. Help us  
to recognize the gift of human life as  
a sign of hope in our world. Reveal to  
us the places where your precious

gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend  
life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to  
the elderly and dying. Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from  
discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope,  
filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from  
your love." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Prayer for Hope"

To learn more about Risen Savior's Respect Life Ministry,  
please contact us at [rsrespectlife@gmail.com](mailto:rsrespectlife@gmail.com).



## Seasons of Hope

Our next meeting will be held on Jan. 21st at 3:30pm in the  
Youth Center. Please contact the Armijo's via email for more  
information [juli.koleske@gmail.com](mailto:juli.koleske@gmail.com).

This ministry is for anyone who  
has experienced the death of a  
loved one. We pray, read scriptures  
and share our stories.



**SAVE THE DATE**



*And your appetite!!!!*

**NEXT WEEKEND!**

**The Risen Savior Knights of Columbus will be  
hosting a burrito and pancake breakfast on  
Sunday, January 25th after all the Masses.**



The Knights will be accepting  
donations during the breakfast  
that will go directly to their  
community and Catholic  
outreach programs.



## THE CATHOLIC CORNER

### The Eucharist

The Church calls the Eucharist the "source and  
summit" of the Christian life, which means that  
everything about our life is meant to revolve  
around it. This is because the Eucharist, as you  
have learned so well, is Jesus Christ Himself.

When we receive Jesus in holy Communion, it might taste like bread  
and wine, but it's really and truly Our Lord himself. What a miracle!  
You probably remember this from your sacrament preparation clas-  
ses, but the Eucharist renews, strengthens and intensifies our bond  
with Jesus Christ. This bond that begins at our baptism — another  
good day to know and remember — is one that we have to work at  
every day in order for us to be who we were created by God to be —  
that is, to become saints who live with Jesus forever in heaven.

Every time we receive the Eucharist, we repeat that desire with our  
"Amen." which means "Yes! I believe." We are saying we believe in  
Jesus Christ and that He is truly present in front of us. We are saying  
we believe in the Catholic Church, which we know is Jesus' body. We  
are saying we believe everything that Christ has taught us.

Really believing these things means that we will live in a special way.  
If we believe in Jesus and want to be like Jesus, we know we should  
act as He did and as He taught us. We need to be kind and generous,  
loving and forgiving. We need to tell the truth. We need to be obedi-  
ent to God and to our parents. We need to avoid hurting other peo-  
ple with our words or our actions.

We also need to understand what is so special about going to Mass.  
Going to Mass is not the same thing as attending a basketball game  
or a music concert. We are not meant to go in, watch and leave  
again. Instead, we are totally involved in the celebration. As Christ's  
body, we give ourselves to Him. In return, we receive the great gift of  
the Eucharist to be strengthened for our mission, which is to tell the  
world about Jesus! The Eucharist has been called the "beating heart"  
of the Church. How cool is that?

As we grow, we might hear different things about the Eucharist. You  
might hear some people say that it's not really Jesus or that it's just a  
symbol of Jesus. You might hear some people say that anyone has  
the right to receive the Eucharist at any time, even if their soul isn't  
in a state of grace. Maybe you will see people who don't genuflect in  
front of the tabernacle or who disrespect the Eucharist in other  
ways. These words and actions are lies that the devil wants you to  
believe. Don't believe them.

Another important thing that many people seem to forget is how  
to receive Jesus in the Eucharist— we need to remember to **RECEIVE**  
Jesus, and **not take** Jesus when we receive him at Mass. Many peo-  
ple grab Jesus during the distribution of holy communion. It is very  
important to remember as we were taught as children to make a  
throne in your hands worthy of receiving Christ.

Trust in Jesus. Read the Bible with your family.  
Read the stories of the saints. See the differ-  
ence that God has made in the lives of others.  
Like these holy people, get to know Jesus, love  
Him and follow Him.

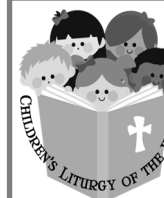
Finally, a good way that we can work at being  
better friends with Jesus is by talking to Jesus'  
mother, Mary. She was the very first believer  
in Jesus, and she loves to help people get to  
know her Son. Let's ask for her help so that we  
can love Jesus better and become the saints  
He calls us to be. Amen!



## 2025 Year End Tax Statements

If you would like a tax statement regarding  
your 2025 donations, please contact the  
Parish Office **after January 15th**.

Statements will not be automatically sent out.



## Youth Volunteers Needed!

We need youth Aides for Children's Liturgy of  
the Word for both the 9:00am and the 11:00am  
Masses on Sundays. Serving is a beautiful way  
to grow in faith and give back to our parish.

If you are available and willing, please call  
or email Tes in the office.