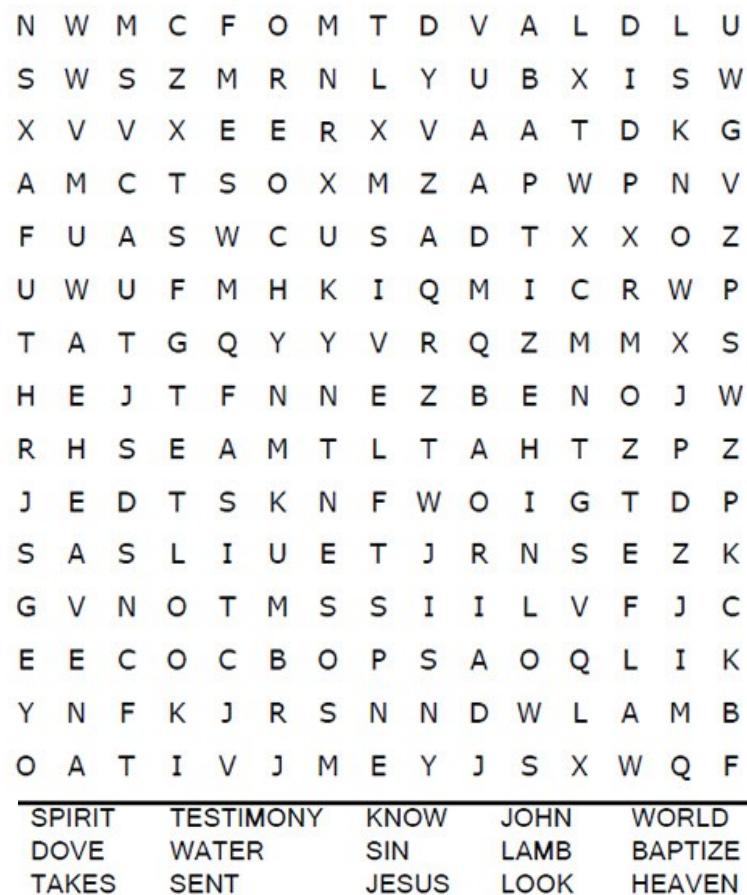


# Catholic Kid's Corner

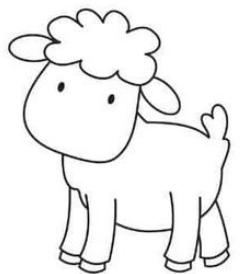
And kids at heart! ♥  
"Let the little children come to me." Matthew 4:19

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.



## Lamb of God

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



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

L is for Lamb

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# RISEN SAVIOR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE

7701 WYOMING BLVD NE  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87109



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,  
+ Magdelena 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!



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](mailto: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 Maiorillo · 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

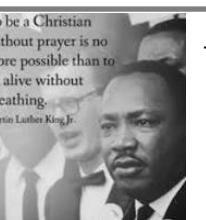
## Non-Perishable Food Donations at Risen Savior

### 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).



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

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).



## 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 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 classes, 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 obedient to God and to our parents. We need to avoid hurting other people 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 people 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 difference 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.



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Statement

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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.