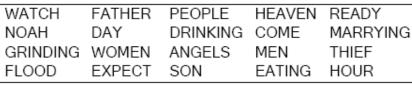
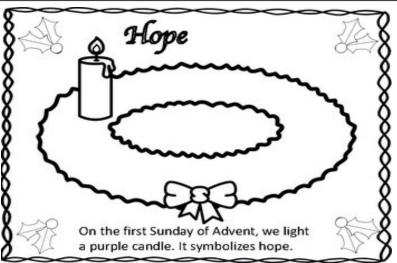
♥ And kids at heart! ♥ **Let the little children come to me.** Matthew 4:19

When we know something important is going to happen, we prepare for it. Today is the first day of Advent, the season in which we prepare our hearts and homes to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. We also prepare for something else—the day of the Lord, when Jesus will return in glory. Even though we do not know when Jesus will return, he tells us that we are to be prepared. We prepare for the day of the Lord by being good Christians everyday. We pray. We follow the Ten Commandments and we live as Jesus has taught us to live.

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# RISEN SAVIOR **CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE

7701 WYOMING BLVD NE ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87109



## November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man. Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory. The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be. The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord

that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord

is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

## 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**

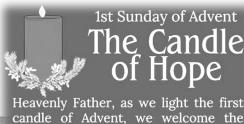
Please contact the Parish Office.

## 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 Phone: 505-821-1571 Fax: 505-857-0065

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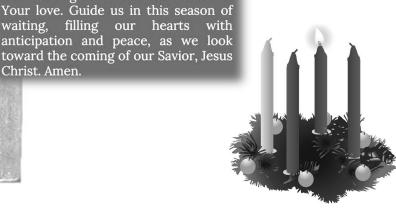


hope of Your promise. May this light

remind us of Your presence in our

lives and ignite a steadfast trust in

Christ, Amen.





#### Saturday, November 29th

**4:00pm** - + John Saine & Evelyn Orosco, + Bernie Metzgar, + Mary Catherine Fordice, + Jim Bassett

#### Sunday, November 30th

7:00am - + Deceased members of the Jozapovic family, Special intention for Katicic Matea

9:00am - + Frances & M.E. Sanchez, + Ralph Conway

11:00am - + Marty Martinez

#### Monday, December 1st

#### Tuesday, December 2nd

11:30am - + Bob Bridge, + Harry Barnes, + Robert Metzgar, Special intention for Jacob & Consuelo Salmons

#### Wednesday, December 3rd

7:00am - + Prudence Ceasar, + Egypt West, + Joseph Lucas, + Galillea Skogan, + Eugene Schiess

#### Thursday, December 4th

8:30am - + Mel Torres, + Evelyn Orosco, + Roger Baca & family, + Sylvia Salas, Birthday blessings for Tina Gonzales

#### Friday, December 5th First Friday

7:00am - + Luis Malcom Kaviratni, + Leon & Lee Chavez

## Pray for the Faithful Departed

+ Steve L. Gonzales

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.



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

#### Our next meeting will be held on Dec. 3rd from 3:30-5pm in the Youth Center

Contact Dave and Juli Armijo if you have any questions or comments at juli.koleske@gmail.com.

#### PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Monday, December 1st

Knight of Columbus Meals on Wheels Off-site

#### Tuesday, December 2nd

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church Divine Mercy 10:00am, Rm 4 Adult Book Study Group 10:00am, Youth Center Confessions 11:00am Mass 11:30am Alcoholics Anonymous 12:00pm, Rm 4

#### Wednesday, December 3rd

Mass 7:00am

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church Season's of Hope Grief Support 3:30-5:00pm, Youth Center Child & Youth Faith Formation 5:30-7:00pm OCIA 6:00pm, library

#### Thursday, December 4th

Confessions 11:00am Mass 11:30am

#### Friday, December 5th

First Friday Mass 7:00am, followed by Adoration Bridge 12:00pm, Rm 4 Benediction 4:00pm

#### Saturday, December 6th

Confessions 3:00pm Gambler's Anonymous 3:30pm, Rm 4 Mass 4:00pm

#### Sunday, December 7th

Masses 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am Young Adults Lectio Divina after 11:00am Mass, Youth Center



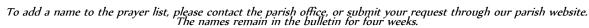




# Preparing the way....

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

Mauricio Sanchez · Mike Goldmann · Debbie Robertson-Huffmon · Haydee Mata · Gayle Gardner · Zack Holly Donna Harris · Marianna Nichols · Peter Maioriello · Sr. Maria Luisa Vasquez · Armando Mares · Joann · Monica Sandoval · Angela Sandoval · Peter Peterson & family · Vince Cordova · Jeff Campos · Stacy Herman





## Weekly Votive Intentions November 29th - December 5th

Our Lady of Guadalupe William & Esmeralda Perea

Sacred Heart of Jesus Special intention for Ivona

**Immaculate Heart of Mary** In memory of Mary Austin

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!



## Sunday, **December 7th** Time: 10:00am-4:00pm

**Location: 7701 Wyoming Blvd NE Risen Savior Marian Center & Youth Center** 

TWO BUILDINGS OF VENDORS TO SHOP FROM THIS YEAR!!



Food Trucks! Photos with

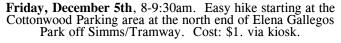
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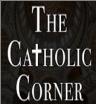
Liturgical Ministers that attended the training sessions, but didn't attend the Commissioning masses, please call the front office to add your name to the next commissioning list. The date will be determined later, more information to follow.

#### **Christian Women Outdoors Ministry**

Tuesday, December 2nd, 2-3:30pm. Walk around the hang glider park and dam off Eubank. Park at Altamont Little League Baseball Park off Eubank.



For more information about these events and Christian Women Outdoors contact Kay at kayhockey@comcast.net or call the parish office.



#### Advent: What is it and how should it be celebrated?

Advent begins this year on Sunday, Nov. 30th. Most Catholics, even those who don't often go to Mass know that Advent involves a wreath with candles, possibly a 'calendar" of hidden chocolates, and untangling strings of Christmas lights. But Advent is much more than that.

#### What is Advent?

The people of Israel waited for generations for the promised Messiah to arrive. Their poetry, their songs and stories, and their religious worship focused on an awaited savior who would come to them to set them free from captivity and to lead them to the fulfillment of all that God had promised. Israel longed for a Messiah, and John the Baptist, who came before Jesus, promised that the Messiah was coming and could be found in Jesus Christ, God's Son, the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

Advent is a season in the Church's life intended to renew the experience of waiting and longing for the Messiah. Though Christ has already come into the world, the Church invites us to renew our desire for the Lord more deeply in our lives and to renew our desire for Christ's triumphant second

Advent is the time in which we prepare for Christmas, the memorial of Jesus Christ being born into the world. Preparations are practical, like decorating trees and gift giving, but they're also intended to be spiritual.

During Advent, we're invited to enter more frequently into silence, into prayer and reflection, into Scripture, and into the sacramental life of the Church — all to prepare for celebrating Christmas.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says the goal of Advent is to make present for ourselves and our families the "ancient expectancy of the Messiah ... by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming.

Advent is the season of arrival: the arrival of Christ in our hearts, in the world, and into God's extraordinary plan for our salvation.



'Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"

For more information about Risen Savior's Respect Life ministry, please contact us at rsrespectlife@gmail.com.



We will be collecting: oranges, bananas & tortillas for HopeWorks. Please bring your donations to Church Lobby December 6-7th after all Masses

Casserole Pans/Recipe will also be available November 29-30th in the Lobby.

Please return cooked and frozen casseroles on December 6th & 7th after masses.

Thank you for your continued support in feeding the homeless!



### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Every Christmas, Risen Savior places Christmas flowers in the sanctuary in memory of loved ones. For your convenience, the purchase of the flowers has been pre-arranged. If you would like to donate in memory of your loved ones, their names will be placed in the sanctuary during the Christmas season. Please stop by the office starting December 8th-December 18th to make arrangements.