

Catholic Kid's Corner

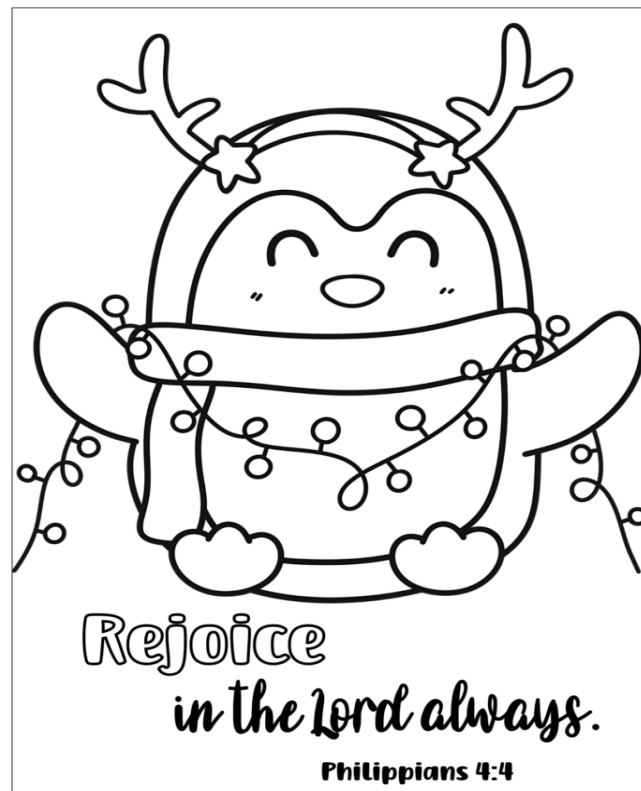
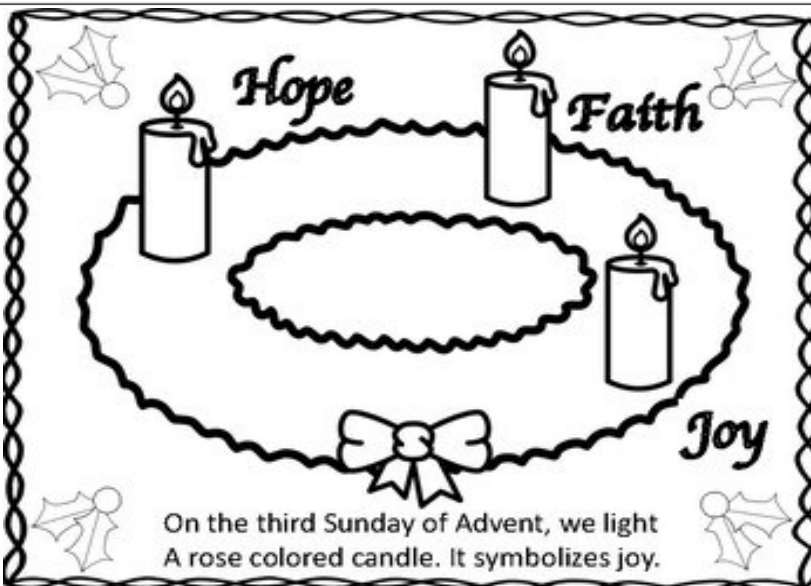
♥ And kids at heart! ♥
"Let the little children come to me." Matthew 4:19

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. This Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice."

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist asks Jesus a question. Jesus' response tells us why we, as his followers, can rejoice. Jesus answers the question by naming some of the wonderful things he has been doing, which are signs of God's salvation. We rejoice in knowing that Jesus is the Messiah. He saves us from our sins and gives us eternal life in heaven with him. We can share our joy with others by being helpful and kind to others, just as Jesus was.

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BLIND	LAME	HEARD	DEAF	HEAR
GOOD	PREACHED	POOR	CHRIST	DEAD
RAISED	SEE	LEPROSY	PRISON	JOHN
NEWS	CURED	SIGHT	WALK	HEAR



RISEN SAVIOR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE

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December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

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.

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Matthew 11:2-11

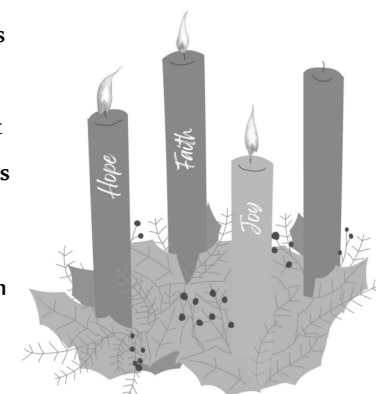
Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.



Posole on Sunday

**December 14th
Parish Social
after the 11am Mass**

Confession on Tuesday

**December 16th
Advent Penance
Service at 6pm**



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, December 13th

4:00pm - + Scott Bridge, + Grace Zamora, + Andres, Oralia, Tobias, and Matthew Martinez, + Ambrosio Corrasco

Sunday, December 14th

7:00am - Special intention for Katicic Matea, Special intention for the Montoya Family, Birthday blessings for Nadine Quintana

9:00am - + Michael Sawyer, + Floyd & Orlando Correa, + Harry & Dinah Salas

11:00am - + Gay Tierney & Christian Picado, + Joe A. Lucero & Sophie Armijo, + Manuel Melenrez

Monday, December 15th

Tuesday, December 16th

11:30am - + E.J. & Frances Martinez and deceased family members, + Mary Catherine Fordice, + Aurora & Isidoro Lujan, Special intention for Fr. William Young

Wednesday, December 17th

7:00am - Special intention for Katicic Matea, Special intention for Fr. Scott McKee

Thursday, December 18th

11:30am - + James Skogen, + Horace Manzanares, + Melinda Lacasscyne, + Mary Kay Wakefield, + Fortino & Josefita Ortiz and deceased family members

Friday, December 19th

Just a reminder, the parish office will be closed from December 23rd-January 2nd.



This weekend there will be a second collection benefitting the Annual Appeal for Retired Religious

Visit retiredreligious.org for more information



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

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 · Sofia Blackwood · David Miranda · Raquel Rodriguez · Slavica Katicic · Pete Banis · Rose Banis · Pat Dubois · Sophie Reyes · Paula Eastham · Cindy Johnson · Mike Durant ·

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

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, December 15th

*Knight of Columbus Meals on Wheels Off-site
Women's Guild Meeting 1:00pm, Marian Center*

Tuesday, December 16th

*Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church
Divine Mercy 10:00am, Rm 4
Adult Book Study Group 10:00am, Youth Center
NO CONFESSIONS, Join us at the Penance Service
Mass 11:30am*

*Alcoholics Anonymous 12:00pm, Rm 4
Advent Penance Service 6:00pm, Church*

Wednesday, December 17th

*Mass 7:00am
Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church
Child & Youth Faith Formation 5:30-7:00pm
OCIA 6:00pm, library*

Thursday, December 18th

*Confessions 11:00am
Mass 11:30am*

Friday, December 19th

Bridge 12:00pm, Rm 4


Saturday, December 20th

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

Sunday, December 21st

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

Risen Savior Catholic Church
There will be no 11:00am, Tues. & Thurs. Confessions next week.



ADVENT

Penance Service

Tuesday, December 16th at 6:00pm

Risen Savior Parish Pastoral Council

Posole Social

Sunday, December 14th After the 11:00am Mass



Please join us in the Marian Center for friends & fellowship. All are welcome!

Weekly Votive Intentions December 6th-12th

**Our Lady of Guadalupe
William & Esmeralda Perea**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary
Special intention for all parents**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus
Special intention for Ivona**

*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.



Women's Guild Upcoming Event

The Women's Guild will meet on Monday, December 15th at 1:00pm in the Marian Center for their Christmas luncheon. Note the date was changed from Sunday, December 7th, due to a conflict with our church activities. Please bring a salad to share with the group.

We have moved our donations for Birthright to May and have made December contributions to The Good Shepherd Center and Locker 505 as discussed at our last meeting.

Christian Women Outdoors Ministry

The Christian Women Outdoors Ministry will be taking a break until the week of January 12th.

We wish you all a very blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!



Seasons of Hope

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. 17th at the home of Juli & Dave Armijo. Please contact the Armijo's via email for more information juli.koleske@gmail.com.

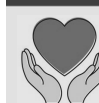
Calling All Children and Youth!

Would you like to sing in the Christmas Eve Choir at the 4:00 pm Mass on December 24th in the church?

We will have choir practice on Wednesday, December 17th at 5:45pm in the church and Sunday, December 21st from 4:00pm-5:00pm.



All are welcome to join!



thank you for your kindness



Through the very generous support of our parish family, we collected the following donations to help feed the needy last week:
God Bless You!

71 Casseroles
31 bunches of bananas
89 dozen tortillas
143 pounds oranges
42 pounds apples

THE CATHOLIC CORNER

Rejoice in the Lord. Be happy. Rejoice.

Rejoice in the Lord. Be happy. Rejoice. Today is a special Sunday. Traditionally we call that Laudate Sunday, or Rejoice Sunday, because Laudate is Latin word which means rejoice. We are called to be joyful people. Catholics and believers, we are called to rejoice. God created us to be happy, and God wants us to be happy. Today is rejoice Sunday. Joy belongs to the Christian and is a fruit of the

Holy Spirit. If there is no joy among Christians, something is missing in the proclamation of the gospel. As Christians and believers we are joyful people.

Now, you may wonder why the Church calls this third Sunday of Advent, Rejoice Sunday. Why we should be happy? What is the secret to be happy? What is the cause of this joy? And how to be happy in the midst of the violence, pandemic, and poverty in the world? Saint Paul tells us that we should be happy, we should rejoice always in the Lord because the Christ is near. "Rejoice always in the Lord.....Be happy..."

We should be happy not because everything is going well with us right now, not because our health and finances are in great shape, not even because someone gave us a big Christmas present, but simply because the Lord is near.

Paul's message is powerful. He is teaching us not only by word but by example as well. Because he wrote this message when he was in prison in Rome for preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ. In spite of the conditions in which he found himself, Saint Paul tells us that we should not be worried we have to trust God and bring everything and every situation to God no matter what the problem we are facing. What beautiful advice from Saint Paul for us in this time of Advent.



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.

"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free." USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"

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



Thank you to all that supported our Fifth Annual Arts & Crafts Fiesta!

And a special "Thank You" to St. Nicholas for stopping by to spend time and take photos with everyone!!!