

# Catholic Kid's Corner

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

During Advent, we prepare our hearts and minds for Jesus' coming. Many years ago, John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. John the Baptist tells us that we prepare the way of the Lord when we repent, or turn away from sin and back toward God. We can reflect on any poor choices we have made and ask God for forgiveness. We change our behavior by making good moral choices. In this way, we prepare our minds and hearts to welcome Jesus at Christmas.

L L H S N R E P E N T K O L B  
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John the Baptist



## Children's Liturgy

**Kindergarten through 5th Grade**

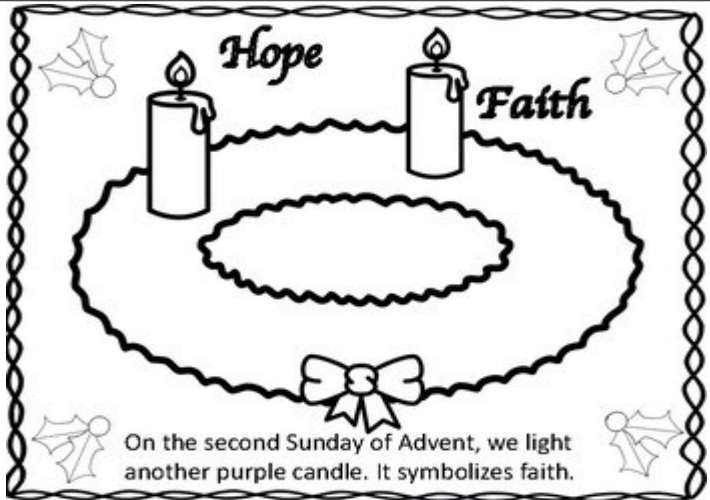
**Every Sunday at the 9am & 11am Masses**

Children's Liturgy of the Word will meet for the next two weeks, December 7th and 14th.

We will return in January.

Have a safe & Merry Christmas!

PREPARE	STRAIGHT	CLOTHES	LOCUSTS	REPENT
PATHS	BELT	LORD	KINGDOM	PROPHET
JOHN	DESERT	BAPTIST	HONEY	LEATHER
CAMEL	HEAVEN	PREACHING	HAIR	WILD



On the second Sunday of Advent, we light another purple candle. It symbolizes faith.

# RISEN SAVIOR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE

7701 WYOMING BLVD NE

ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87109

**December 7, 2025**

*Second 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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In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century. John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11). In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.



Where is God nudging you to "wake up" spiritually this season?

Matthew 3:1-12

## Mass Schedule

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 8th  
 7:00am, 11:30am, 6:00pm  
*Holy Day of obligation*

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, December 12th  
 11:30am





# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, December 6th**  
**4:00pm** - + Viola Martinez, + Ivelisse Cates, + Dolores Maehan, Special intention Katicic Matea

**Sunday, December 7th**  
**7:00am** - + Jim Bassett, + Trinnie Bridge  
**9:00am** - + Howard Clark, + Frank Dow, Paul, Edna, Paul Michael Tartaglia, and Parker Salazar, Birthday blessings for Florence & Dophie Vigil

**11:00am** - + Natividad Tuason, + Leon & Lee Chavez, Pete (Pedro) Lugo

**Monday, December 8th**  
**7:00am** - Special intention Katicic Matea  
**11:30am** - + Anna L. Ortiz, + Dennis Mahaney, + Roger Baca,  
**6:00pm** - + Lupe Sanchez, + Josie Galindo, Birthday blessings for Jaye Vargas

**Tuesday, December 9th**  
**11:30am** - + Tom Y. Smith Sr., + Priscilla Montoya, + Mary Catherine Fordice

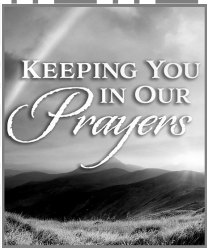
**Wednesday, December 10th**  
**7:00am** - + Milo & Janja Brcina, + Jim Bassett

**Thursday, December 11th**  
**11:30am** - + Isidro Armijo, + Pope Francis, + Cipry & H.B. Cordova

**Friday, December 12th**  
**11:30am** - + Lupe & Manuel Holguin, + Dolores & Eduardo Medrano, + Mark Maldonado, Special intention for Fr. Osuju

**Pray for the Faithful Departed**  
+ Tom Kelly  
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**Baptized in Christ**  
Luke Kenneth Gleason  
*Child of Timothy & Sara*  
Madolynn Grace Houda  
*Child of Joshua & Amber*  
*Welcome to the Risen Savior Parish Family!*



**We ask our faith community to keep these individuals in your prayers:**  
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 · Sofia Blackwood · David Miranda · Raquel Rodriguez · Slavica Katicic · Pete Banis · Rose Banis · Pat Dubois · Sophie Reyes · Paula Eastham  
*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 8th**  
*Knight of Columbus Meals on Wheels Off-site*  
*Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses*  
7:00am, 11:30am, 6:00pm

**Tuesday, December 9th**  
*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 10th**  
*Mass 7:00am*  
*Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church*  
*Child & Youth Faith Formation 5:30-7:00pm*  
*OCIA 6:00pm, library*

**Thursday, December 11th**  
*Confessions 11:00am*  
*Mass 11:30am*

**Friday, December 12th**  
*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 11:30am*  
*Bridge 12:00pm, Rm 4*

**Saturday, December 13th**  
*Confessions 3:00pm*  
*Gambler's Anonymous 3:30pm, Rm 4*  
*Mass 4:00pm*

**Sunday, December 14th**  
*Masses 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am*  
*Young Adults Lectio Divina after 11:00am Mass, Youth Center*

**Risen Savior Catholic Church**  
**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 Ivona*

**St. Joseph & the Child Jesus**  
*In memory of the Howley Family*

*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.



**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.

### Christian Women Outdoors Ministry

**Friday, December 12th, 9-10:30am.** Cottonwood Springs at Elena Gallegos. Easy trail that includes the renovated Nature viewing area. This is a reschedule from last week's bad weather cancellation. Cost \$1. at kiosk. For more information, contact kayhockey@comcast.net.



### Seasons of Hope

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.

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

### 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 at 4:00pm-5:00pm.



All are welcome to join!

## Shared Blessings

Parish Monthly  
**Income & Expenses**

**October 2025**  
Income: \$ 90,060  
Expenses: \$ 88,316



Donations to  
**St. Vincent de Paul**

**October 2025**  
available at later date

## THE CATHOLIC CORNER

### Second Sunday of Advent

After a chaotic year, there is comfort to be found when we pause to read, pray, and reflect over the course of the Advent season...a time when believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth.

The second Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare our hearts in faithful waiting, celebrate the birth of Jesus, and ready ourselves for his second coming.

It's a beautiful chance to reflect on the ways prophecy has been fulfilled and to ponder what the future will bring.

Psalm 46:10-11 says:

*...Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."*

During this second week of Advent, we pause to remember who God is and what He has done for us. When our lives are hurried, we only have the chance to focus on our to-do lists. Making space in our schedules for prayer and meditation helps us to better see God at work in our lives and in our world.

As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity, let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we faithfully await the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.



**The Gift of GIVING**  
Thank you for your wonderful response to St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Wish Program for the children who are less fortunate.

**You certainly have made their Christmas brighter!**  
**Thank you again and May God Bless You.**



### 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 or Birthright to May and have made December contributions to The Good Shepherd Center and Locker 505 as discussed at our last meeting.

### Finding Light in the Dark

*A Healing Conversation on Suicide Loss During the Holidays*



Monday, December 8, 2025, 6-7 p.m.  
Risen Savior, 7701 Wyoming NE Albuquerque, NM  
Presented by Deacon Mark Bussemeier

This discussion is for anyone touched by suicide loss: family members, friends, and supporters seeking comfort and connection.