

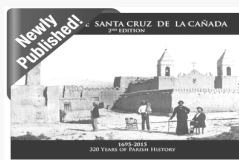
PARISH

FAROLITO SALE: Contact a youth group member or stop by the parish office to purchase a farolito in memory of a loved one or for a special intention to be displayed for Christmas Eve. Farolitos are \$2.00. Thank you!



**LA IGLESIA DE SANTA CRUZ DE LA CAÑADA
2ND EDITION HISTORICAL BOOK**

We are now making the historical books available at the church, school or parish office for any donation amount that you would like to give back to the church. A donation envelope is being provided for your convenience. All fundraisers currently being done by the church will all be going to support the cemetery project.



SANCTUARY & LINEN CLEANING

DECEMBER 2023

TEAM 10 — Josette Borrego - Olga Garcia
Jeannie Abeyta - Angela Sanchez
Evelia Gonzales - Griselda Garcia

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY The Altar and Rosary Society would like to thank the following parishioners for assisting us in decorating the church for Christmas:

Thank You!

Deacon Ernest, Paul Redman, Ray Montoya, David Redman, Enrique Trujillo, Pete Chielo, Mark Chavez, Ron Huerta, Fred Velarde and Vince Trujillo. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Fr. Gabriel is inviting all to join him in praying the Latin Rosary on Wednesdays at 5:15 pm in the church

ROSARY IN LATIN

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 pm and by appointment

DRESS FOR MASS: Dress modestly for Mass, please remember you're coming to see Jesus. Thank you.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH**

English at 6:30 pm in Church

Spanish at 6:30 pm in the Meeting Room

Call the office to pre-register.

**BAPTISM
CLASSES**

MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 2023

MEETINGS

Catholic Daughters — Monday, December 18th
6:00 pm Mass with Meeting at 6:45 pm in Meeting Room

MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 2024

ACTS — Meeting on Wednesday, January 10th
at 6:30 pm in Marian Hall
Mass Ministry on Sunday, January 7th at 12:30 pm

Catholic Daughters — Monday, January 15th
6:00 pm Mass with Meeting at 6:45 pm in Meeting Room

St. Vincent de Paul — Monday, January 8th & 22nd
at 6:00 pm in Meeting Room

**POINT OF CONTACT FOR NEW MEMBERS
OF PARISH MINISTRIES**

St. Vincent de Paul — Sylvia Williams at 692-9900

Homebound Ministry — Alice Lucero at 747-9176

Oasis of Peace Youth Group — Noelle Maestas at 753-3345

Altar & Rosary Society — Joyce Sandoval at 753-9418

Catholic Daughters — Robin Dominguez at 929-3844

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL — 753-4644**

If you are interested or have any questions in regards to the School, contact Angela at the School Office.

Office hours Office hours are 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

PRE—K TO 8TH GRADE: We continue to register and welcome new students to our school. 2023-2024 School Year.

SchoolStore.com **ATTENTION ONLINE HOLIDAY SHOPPERS** - Holy Cross Catholic School is ONCE AGAIN PARTICIPATING in a fundraiser through School Store. The school receives a percentage of your online purchases made through schoolstore.com. There are over four hundred vendors including Wal-Mart, Macy's, Tractor Supply and others to choose from. All you do is go online and type Schoolstore.com, enter the school's name "Holy Cross Catholic School", and click "Continue", choose merchants and start shopping.



The school is still **collecting aluminum cans**. You may bring your aluminum cans to the school office, anytime during school hours.

**SCHEDULE OF "LAS POSADAS"**

December 18	6:00 pm Mass then Posadas	Priests & Acolytes	Marian Hall
December 19	6:00 pm Mass then Posadas	Mayordomos of La Puebla	La Puebla Chapel
December 20	6:00 pm Mass then Posadas	Oasis of Peace Youth Group	Marian Hall
December 21	6:00 pm Mass then Posadas	Mayordomos of La Mesilla	La Mesilla Chapel
December 22	6:00 pm Mass then Posadas	Spanish Community	Marian Hall
December 23	6:00 pm Mass then Posadas	Hermanos de Nuestro Padre Jesús	Morada de S.C.

All those who are hosting the Posadas are responsible to find youth (preferably) to represent Joseph and Mary. They should be dressed in appropriate outfits and prepared.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR POSADAS!

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS (Vigil Mass): Over the last week we may have invoked the O Antiphons, seven titles of the child whose birth we celebrate today, each describing an important attribute: Wisdom, Lord, Root of Jesse, Key of David, Dayspring, King, Emmanuel. That final antiphon is one of the two names for Mary's infant son we hear at the end of this evening's Gospel. *Emmanuel* comes from Isaiah, and as Matthew helpfully points out, it means "God is with us" (1:23). The passage from Isaiah that we hear first, however, is from a much later era, when the prophet rhapsodizes after he and the Israelites finally return home after years in exile. Once more does God delight and rejoice in the now-victorious Chosen People. They have been saved. This brings us to the second name Matthew mentions, the name by which we know him best: Jesus. This name, which comes from the angel who visits Joseph, means "Jehovah (God) is salvation." In Jesus, whose birth we celebrate this evening, God remains with us and saves us, enabling us to be with the Lord now and forever, in this life and the next. For this Christmas gift beyond compare, we give praise and thanks to God.



**In Jesus we have been given God's presence and salvation.
How can you keep that realization foremost in your life?**

RCIA The Theme of the 3rd Sunday of Advent is **“HOPE . . . our LIVES as PROPHETIC MESSENGERS to OTHERS.”** We continue to grow in understanding and practice of the Advent period of time given us through the Church to prepare the way of the Lord . . . then at Christmas, we will arrive ready to celebrate our Savior’s birth. Praying and waiting during Advent allows us to welcome Jesus into our hearts and to strengthen our faith in him.

We need prophets to teach us to “watch” and “listen.” Often we are prophets for each other. Belonging to the Church makes us a community of believers. Within that community are prophets who help us discover God’s presence and his will in our lives. When we are faithful to the presence of God in Scripture, we become prophets for each other.


John the Baptist knew and taught that the Lord’s coming . . . the 1st Advent . . . would bring justice and peace . . . *“Make ready the way . . . welcome him eagerly . . .”* Roll out the carpet because with his coming we receive wholeness, forgiveness and power. St. Paul, a Jewish apostle, reminds us to *“Rejoice, give constant thanks, don’t give up hope.”* Paul was convinced that the coming of Jesus would bring peace and perfection in holiness and wholeness of spirit and body and mind.

Isaiah teaches of being sent “. . . to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners.” In Luke 1, we read Mary’s song: *“The hungry he has given every good thing, while the rich he has sent empty away.”*

We are waiting for our salvation . . . we are waiting for Jesus’ second coming. The salvation we wait for with joy will free each one of us as well as the community of believers, but the focus of this salvation will be the poor and the lowly, not the rich and the powerful. Jesus comes so that our lives may no longer be scarred with poverty and oppression. He comes to give us hope for our spirits, souls and bodies.

“Jesus is here among us **right now**, but it takes faith to see him. He is in the people we meet every day—our family, our neighbors, our friends. He is the stranger who needs our welcome, the poor who need our kindness and understanding, the hungry who need a share of our food, the homeless who need shelter, the lonely who need our companionship, the sick and the dying, the outcasts who need our help in finding self-respect. If we don’t recognize Jesus in these people, we aren’t worthy to call ourselves his followers.” (P. Fischer)

Pray with your family around the Advent wreath. If you don’t have an Advent meditation book, read the story of the Nativity in the Bible, the story of St. Nicholas (it is December 6), the Church’s teaching on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8, holy day), the Feast of St. Juan Diego, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Lucy (December 13). Then with a Jesse Tree (a simple tree branch in a pot of sand) put up close to the wreath, start telling the story of our salvation, beginning with Creation, the story of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob all the way to when Mary said “Yes” to the angel which led to our Savior’s birth, and make and hang a symbol for each of these stories. Have your own Family Posadas beginning on the 16th and ending on Christmas Eve. *So many ways to prepare for Christmas!*



PRAYER LIST — Small miracles born to addicts, the end to abortion, all persons suffering from any virus and all struggling with addictions. The Homebound, Elderly and their Caregivers. First Responders and Essential Workers.

Fr. Ron Carrillo, Fr. Luis Picazo, Sr. Thomas Estelle, Maria Plans, Ronnie Lucero, Genaro Martinez, Penny Salazar, Charles Stover, Natividad Manzanares, Anna Verley, Louie, Helen, Pete & Lydia Fresquez, Treah Jaramillo, Gonzalo Medina, Paul Redman, Max Martinez, Diego, Michael & Judy Salazar, Angela, Steven & David Montoya, Gertrude Calvert, Eloy, Isaac & Noelle, Tracy Thomas, Elisa Valdez, Nelson Cournoyer, Emma Rose Valdez, Sherry, R. Baca, Divina Torres, Loretto Garcia, Zachary & Matthew Salazar, Patricia & Joshua Garduño, Yvonne, James & Antonio Salazar, Zulema Martinez, Thomas Martinez & Family, Debbie Montoya, Tim & Theodora Valdez, Ernie Medina, Marek Trujillo, Matthew Maestas, Kohen Roybal & Family, Debbie Gurule, Elmer Lucero Jr., Teofilo & Amelia Martinez, Matthew Montoya, Debbie Vigil, Leonard Chavez, Ryan Maestas, Maria Carmen Sandoval, Rita Porras, Jeanette Ramos, Isabel Torres, Judy Perez, Amy & son, Tony Sanchez, Silviano Quintana, Manuel Quintana, Alice Martinez, Carmela Martinez, Dawn Gallegos, Dollie, Sherry, Peggy Valdez, Nicholas J. Lopez, Armando Montoya, Fidel Duarte, Bryant Romero, Amiel Elizio, Daisy, Gladys, Nora Archuleta, Jacqueline Montoya, Anita Olivas, Andrea, Terrance Padilla, Terry Martinez, Tonita Chacon, Margie Martinez’ Family, Suzie Coriz, Charlotte Garcia, Fredrick Trujillo, Amanda Salazar-Gallegos, Armando (Hack) Lucero, John Arriola, D. Herrera, Carla Montoya, Kat Fishmen, Anthony Bustos, Eddie Pacheco, Judy Perez, Amy Sanchez, Stacia, Lillian Lucero-Montoya, Angela P. Trujillo, Mabel Jaramillo, Frances Hoover, Cynthia Martinez, Esther Velasquez, Dolores Martinez, Gary Archuleta, Estrella C., Celine Maestas, Gracelyn Danielle, Harold & Vangie Archuleta, John & Jordan Foster, Robert Olguin, Nichole Paña, Doris, Robert Griego, David Maestas, Suzan Roybal, Tim Gonzalez & Pearl Gutierrez.

We pray for physical and spiritual healing and safety.

Saturday, December 23, 2023 Saint John of Kanty, Priest

2:00 P.M. Quinceañera — Ruby Gaytan

5:30 P.M. Mass (church) — Live streamed followed by Posadas at Morada de Nuestro Padre Jesús — Hermanos


†Joseph, Roland & †Brandon Garcia by Mark, Angela & Girls

†Manuel & †Elsie Manzanares by the Family

†Mary Estrada & †Mercedes Rael by Maria & Richard Rieckenberg

†Johnny C. Herrera, Jr. “Cake” (4yrs & birthday remembrance) by Cathy & Family

†Matilde Ortiz & †Eloisa Hernandez by Anaya Family



Sunday, December 24, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:00 A.M. For all those suffering from tragedies of war throughout the world

8:30 A.M. Transmisión en vivo

Por la paz en nuestros corazones, familias, comunidades, nación y el mundo

10:30 A.M. Live streamed

For the People of the Parish

Healing of the People & Land of our Community

4:00 P.M. Live streamed

Christmas Eve (re-enactment)

Special Intention to the Holy Family by Maestas Family

†Chris Valdez (2yrs), †Marcos Garcia (2yrs) & †Lorenza Martinez (1yr) by Valdez Family

†John P. & †Helen S. Montoya by the Family

†Martin E. Martinez (anniv) by Dennis, Cora Roybal & Sons

†Gertrude & †Lalo Baros by the Family

8:00 P.M. Live streamed

Christmas Eve (Midnight Mass)


†Pat, †Frances & †Frank Valerio by the Family

†Aurelia Virginia, †Aurelio Martinez & †Celia Redman by Paul & Lisa Redman


†Eva, †Ivan & †Eloy Lopez by Paul & Lisa Redman

†Frank Lucero by Shelley Olguin & Family

†Bobby, †Antonia & †Natasha Serrano by Serrano Family




FOURTH SUNDAY OF Advent



HOLY NIGHT

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Rejoice! From the entrance antiphon (“Rejoice in the Lord always” [Philippians 4:4] to the first reading (“I rejoice heartily in the Lord” [Isaiah 61:10]), from the psalm (“My soul rejoices in my God”[61:10b]) to the second reading (“Rejoice always” [1 Thessalonians 5:16]), we hear this word again and again on this Gaudete Sunday. But why does Paul add the word *always*? Who can be joyful always? Many of us may not be joyful right now. We may be mourning the death of a loved one, or anxious about the health of a family member, or disappointed about the raise we didn’t get, or struggling with all that we need to do this week to be ready for Christmas. How can we rejoice when our life is not joyful? John the Baptist points to the answer; it’s the one he testified to, who now has come, God’s greatest gift: Jesus Christ. In Christ, we can always find joy. For he came to share in our losses, our anxieties, our disappointments, and our struggles and, in so doing, revealed the kingdom of God, where we receive the glad tidings, the healing, the liberty, the justice, the consolation, and the salvation that Isaiah proclaimed. After all, Jesus himself testified that he fulfilled this passage.

What difficulty is hindering your joy? Can you see Christ bring you joy in its midst?




THIRD SUNDAY OF Advent

HOLY FAMILY COROS

- The Mass in honor of The Holy Family will be celebrated on **Sunday, December 31st at 12:30 pm.**
- If there is any Coro that has new members, or if you have questions, contact Debbie Montoya at 753-6438.
- Please bring your Holy Family Capillas to the Mass.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul! Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul at peace in You.




PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, December 25, 2023

thru Monday, January 1, 2024


For anointing or to schedule a funeral, come to the Rectory.



NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday

9:00 am until 4:00 pm





Monday, December 18, 2023

- 7:00 A.M.

†Fr. Jose Maria Blanch, S.F. (birthday remembrance)
†Lucas Martinez (12yrs) & Poor Souls in Purgatory by Ernest & Tina Garcia
†Connie C de Baca by Michael & Mary Ellen Redman
- 5:00 P.M.

Patriotic Rosary
- 6:00 P.M.

Mass (church) — Live streamed followed by Posadas at Marian Hall — Priests & Acolytes
†Sergio & †Erlinda Acosta by Gloria Acosta
†Anthony Jose Martinez (1yr) by Miguelita & Family
†James C. Maes (5yrs) & †David Maes by Rose Maes
†Donovan Atencio by Deacon Ernest & Christine Salazar



Tuesday, December 19, 2023

- 7:00 A.M.

†Joe & †Belle Becker by Michael & Mary Ellen Redman
†Frank Serrano & †Irene Salazar by Ed & Marie Millsap
- 5:00 P.M.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 6:00 P.M.

Misa (iglesia) — Transmisión en vivo seguida de Posadas — Capilla en La Puebla
Familia, Padientes y Amigos, vivos y difuntos de Manuel y Erlinda Quintana
†David Castañeda intención Marie Castañeda y Familia
†Robert Eugene “Bobby” Ross (recuerdo de cumpleaños) intención Leo Wink y Audrey Hargrove-Wink
†Larry D. Neusch (48años) intención Leo Wink y Audrey Hargrove-Wink



Wednesday, December 20, 2023

- 7:00 A.M.

†Jerry & †Anita Torres by Michael & Mary Ellen Redman
†Frank Serrano by Michael & Mary Ellen Redman
- 5:15 P.M.

Latin Rosary
- 6:00 P.M.

Mass (church) — Live streamed followed by Posadas at Marian Hall — Oasis of Peace Youth Group
†Donovan Atencio by Anita, Nina, Andrew & Athena
†Patricia Martinez by Leo & Maria Gallegos
†Carlos Archuleta by Mom & Dad
†Juanita (Tina) Ortega
†Angelica Roybal



Thursday, December 21, 2023 Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

- 7:00 A.M.

Birthday blessing to Matias Trujillo by Grandma
†Phyllis Garde & †Henry Trujillo by Michael & Mary Ellen Redman
†Frank Serrano by Leo & Maria Gallegos
- 6:00 P.M.

Mass (church) — Live streamed followed by Posadas at Marian Hall — La Mesilla Chapel
Living & deceased members of Santa Clara Pueblo
Anniversary blessings to Lloyd & Terry Wink by Leo Wink y Audrey Hargrove-Wink
†Sarabeth Montoya, †Matt Sisneros, Jr. & †Amy Vigil by Sam, Debbie & Andrea
†Jenny R. Chavez (5yrs), †Jacklyn Perez (2yrs) & birthday blessing 96 yrs to Tia Rose Montoya by Isabel Trujillo
†Joe H. Jaramillo (4yrs) by Steven & Mabel Jaramillo

Friday, December 22, 2023

- 7:00 A.M.

†Judith Quintana by Naomi & Floyd
- 6:00 P.M.

Mass (church) — Live streamed followed by Posadas at Marian Hall — Spanish Community
†Carmelita Q. Gurule (birthday remembrance) by the Family
†Victor N. (birthday remembrance) & †Esquipula Archuleta by Bob & Vangie Archuleta
†Irene (28yrs), †Esquipula Chavez & †Anthony Abeyta by Pita & Family
†Emma (5yrs) & †Johnny Borrego by Mary Lovato
†Roman & †Mary E. Martinez by Berlinda Ortiz



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE — IGLESIA DE SANTA CRUZ DE LA CAÑADA
1st prize: Black Angus Steer 600 pounds all natural grass fed donated by Salazar Ranching
2nd prize: “Ray of Light” Quilt - (Queen) by Naomi Archuleta
3rd prize: Celebrating with Family & Friends donated by Chito & Geri
4th prize: Holy Cross Church Oil Painting by Juanito Roybal
5th prize: Taste of New Mexico donated by Chito & Geri
6th prize: Flaming Heart of Mary Staff made of cedar wood by Mark Chavez
7th prize: Cooking with Temp-tation donated by Chito & Geri
8th prize: Pottery Vase donated by Trujillo’s Weaving
9th prize: Pendleton Blanket & Décor donated by Chito & Geri
10th prize: Hand Carved Framed Mirror by Juanito Roybal
11th prize: My Little Red Truck donated by Chito & Geri
12th prize: Afghan by Rose Quintana
13th prize: 2nd Edition Historical Book of La Iglesia de Santa Cruz de La Cañada
\$5.00 donation — Drawing on Monday, December 18, 2023 after Posadas at Marian Hall

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE LAST BULLETIN
BEFORE THE HOLIDAY CLOSURE IS AS FOLLOWS**

Week of January 8th — 14th, 2024 will be transmitted on Thursday, December 21st at 10:00 am

QUESTIONS ABOUT VEILING AT MASS
Why do Catholic woman wear chapel veils at Mass? The veil is meant to be an **external** sign of a woman’s **interior desire** to humble herself before God, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. As women, we are symbols of the Church—the Bride of Christ—and, as a priest once said, “the veil is meant to be a visible reminder of the perfect submission of the Church to the loving rule of Christ.” “The veil is a visual sermon . . . a public proclamation before the Lord that He IS the Lord and that we love Him and that we are ready to obey him. It’s a totally counter-cultural statement proclaiming obedience in the midst of a culture that is totally permeated with this article of ‘I will not serve’” The veil is also a sign of the great dignity inherent to a woman, who has the potential to receive life within herself . . . both human life and the supernatural life of God. This is an important message the world needs to hear, now more than ever!

When should I wear my chapel veil? Wear your veil anytime you are in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, whether in a Catholic church for Mass or simply passing through.

Do I have to wear a lace mantilla? What about hats and other types of head coverings? When we say “veil,” we simply mean “covering” of any kind. Although many women choose lace mantillas because of their femininity, more important than the type of veil we use is the need for a **proper interior disposition**. Similar to a religious habit, your veil is a public proclamation of your desire to submit to the will of God for your life, and of your commitment to answering the universal call to holiness and continual conversion. Keep these things in mind when you wear a veil in the presence of God.

St. Joseph Manyanet Catholic Radio KSHF 96.7 FM

THE SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE
“In strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole Church . . . Strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation, you strengthen everything in the Church.” — Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P.
Would you like to pray one holy hour a week for Father Gabriel or Father Juan? “The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a” holy wasting” (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.”
Contact Erika Pavon at 952-240-5213 with questions and to join the Seven Sister Apostolate.