

PARISH

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH**

6:00 pm — Mass  
7:00 pm — procession to the Grotto  
7:30 pm — dances by the Matachines  
8:30 pm — personal devotions



People are encouraged to bring flowers to be presented to Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Grotto.

**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!



**COLLECTION FOR Nov. 18 & 19, 2023**

Church Collection: \$.....10,701.68  
Building Fund: \$.....97.00  
School Fund: \$.....323.00  
Children's Mass: \$..... 213.00

**COLLECTION FOR Nov. 23, 2023**

Thanksgiving: \$.....996.00

**COLLECTION FOR Nov. 25 & 26, 2023**

Church Collection: \$.....11,910.57  
Building Fund: \$.....145.00  
Children's Mass: \$.....85.00  
Human Development: \$.....1,674.00

**SANCTUARY & LINEN CLEANING**

**DECEMBER 2023**

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

**PILGRIMAGES FOR VOCATIONS (MEN & WOMEN)**

Registration is now open for the following:

**May 11, 2024 and 100 mile  
from June 2nd through 8th, 2024  
Register at:**



**asfp4v.org by Tuesday, December 12, 2024**

For more information, contact:

Vincent Trujillo at 505-927-0417, Carlos Trujillo at 505-927-1153 or Mary Cordova at 505-927-7434

**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.



**MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 2023**



**Altar & Rosary Society** — Tuesday, December 19th  
at 6:30 pm in Marian Hall

**ACTS** — Meeting on Wednesday, December 13th  
at 6:30 pm in Marian Hall

Mass Ministry on Sunday, December 10th at 12:30 pm

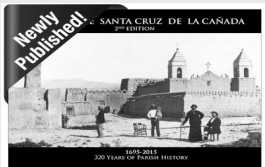
**Catholic Daughters** — Monday, December 18th  
6:00 pm Mass with Meeting at 6:45 pm in Meeting Room

**St. Vincent de Paul** — Thursdays, December 14th & 28th  
at 6:00 pm in Meeting Room

**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. There will be envelopes available at the church for your donation which may be placed in the collection basket.



Thank you to the many individuals who volunteered their time and skills in the construction of the new Lamp Posts and Planters in front of the main entrance of our Church. From the removal of old to the construction of the new.

To the following people who were instrumental in working on this project: Fr. Javier Gutierrez, Christopher Cortez, Jose Peres-Carrillo y Amigos, Danny Romero, Augustine Orozco, Eduardo Juarez, Raul & Maria, Caesar Delgado (Connie's Kitchen), Jesus Loya y Amigos, Michael Garcia, Ray Montoya, Dennis Quintana, Louie Jaramillo, Michael Duran, Frank Cordova, Joe Fresquez, Steve Quintana, Mark Chavez, Harold Martinez, Adonais Archuleta, Arnaldo Carrillo Construction from Santa Fe, Patrick Trujillo, Sebastian Trujillo, Emilio Saucedo, Daniel Duran and W. H. Moore Cashlumber.



**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.

The school is sponsoring a Christmas Fundraiser, with a variety of wooden (first or last name), Monograms. There is a 5.5" for \$10. and a 7.5" for \$15 in a choice of (birch, cherry, mahogany or walnut). All students are selling the ornaments. They may be placed on your Christmas tree, entry door to house, on a wreath or office. They are very attractive. To view more samples, you may stop by the school and parish office.



**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.

**On Sunday, December 10th, Posadas are scheduled for La Plaza de Santa Fe at 5:00 pm. Parishioners are asked to be there by 4:00 pm. There will not be transportation from Santa Cruz.**



**SCHEDULE OF POSADAS**

|              |                             |                                   |                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| December 15  | 6:00 pm Mass then Posadas   | Faith Formation                   | Marian Hall       |
| December 16  | 5:30 pm Mass then Posadas   | Catholic Daughters                | Marian Hall       |
| December 17* | 6:00 pm Posadas <u>ONLY</u> | Hermanos de La Santisima Trinidad | Morada de S.T.    |
| 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.    |

\*On Sunday, December 17th we will meet at Morada de La Santisima Trinidad, (we assume you have attended an earlier Mass).

**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.**

This tradition originated in Mexico and has been observed in our parish since the 1970's, Devoted parishioners and musicians from our faith community have made it their mission to play the music, year-after-year for this special Novena, performing for over 45years. **PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL NOVENA!**

Unfortunately, this year we will sorely miss Jerry Alarid. He passed away in May of this year. He was a talented musician and played the harmonica and guitar expertly. His steadfast faith and humble, but yet powerful role as a quiet leader, was notable! He participated in Las Posadas since 1986 or earlier, without fail. With prayerful remembrance, we dedicate this year's Novena to Jerry Alarid, a faithful servant of the Lord.

**RCIA** Advent is a time to recognize that *we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people; all our good deeds are like polluted rugs.* Our personal and social sins are many: hatred, violence, oppression, indifference, selfishness . . . Advent is a time of longing for Christ our Savior, a time in which we wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus. We look forward to the celebration of Christmas, the commemoration of Jesus’ birth, but we also look forward to the promise and hope of heaven which we want to live our lives for.

The longing for Jesus makes us want things to change for the better. We want God to find us *blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.* With Isaiah’s words in mind, we pray that Jesus might meet us doing right and to *increase our strength of will for doing good.*

Advent, then, is an expression of our faith in the possibility of a better world. We can do right in the areas of race relations, family obligations and personal responsibilities. We can do good for the poor, the elderly, the homeless and to all our brothers and sisters at home and far away. We can become blameless, a light in the world for social justice, examples of faith and love and true peacemakers. This is the justice Jesus came to bring by his entering our world.

The message of Advent is to be constantly on guard. We base this constant watch not on fear but on hope in God who promises us eternal life. The promise of Christmas is a joyful anticipation that the Lord *will shower his gifts and our land will yield its fruit.*

**Come to RCIA Wednesday evening as we prepare for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent.** Come to learn how you can celebrate the preparation time of Advent. Come to be transformed in the possibility of making this Christmas the most spiritual, most joyful, most meaningful ever for your family. You will share the sights, the sounds, the smells and the stories of the great Advent promise that a savior would be born on that first Christmas day. It will be a time for all to again realize that Jesus *wants to be born in our hearts each and every day.*

The Advent traditions which can be celebrated in your family include the praying before the Holy Family around the Advent wreath. Using Advent prayers, the family prays each night of Advent lighting the first candle for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (TODAY!!!!) and each week one more candle is added representing each week in Advent. Another part of family prayer is the inclusion of the stories of the feasts which occur during Advent:

- Feast of St. Nicholas on December 6
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Feast of St. Juan Diego on December 9
- Feast of St. Lucy on December 11
- Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12
- Novena of Las Posadas December 15-23 celebrated in the parish



During family prayer, you can celebrate the history of salvation by setting up a Jesse tree. Jesse was one of Jesus’ great grandparents. Scripture teaches us: *a flower shall bloom from the stump of Jesse.* This was the flower referring to Jesus after people had begun to lose hope when King David sinned and the promise God made that the Savior would be born of the house of David seemed lost. Each night of Advent, a family member tells the story of salvation beginning with the story of Creation and continuing with the stories of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob. . . up to the birth of Jesus. As each story is told, a symbol for that Bible story is hung on a tree branch. The Jesse tree will then be a central focus in the home where we recall the rich history of all the men and women who said “yes” to God so that Jesus Christ could be born to offer salvation to each one of us.



**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 Gule, 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, Frank Serrano, 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.

**We pray for physical and spiritual healing and safety.**

**Saturday, December 9, 2023 San Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**

- 5:30 P.M. Birthday blessing to Jake McVicker by Leo Wink & Audrey Hargrove-Wink  
†Orlando Quintana (birthday remembrance), †Teresina & †Mike Martinez by Matilde Quintana & Family  
†Joseph, Roland & †Brandon Garcia by Mark, Angela & Girls  
†Leocadia (birthday remembrance) & †Jose Ortiz by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Ortiz  
†Pedro Sr., †Herminia & †Pedro Lopez, Jr. by Anaya Family

**Sunday, December 10, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- 7:00 A.M. Health & well being of baby Ethan by Eloy & Lourdes  
†Fernando Duran (2yrs) by the Family  
†Mabel Duran (birthday remembrance) by the Family  
†Praxedez Martinez by Sylvia Martinez & Sons  
†David Lyon (3yrs) by Salazar Family
- 8:30 A.M. **Transmisión en vivo**  
†Laura Baros (9años) intención La Familia  
†Laura Martinez (recuerdo de cumpleaños) intención Jeanette Tixier  
†Abedon Vasquez y †Manuel Andrade intención La Familia  
†Adolfo Andrade y †Roberto Vasquez intención La Familia  
†Manuel Mendez intención La Familia
- 10:30 A.M. **Live streamed**  
For the People of the Parish  
Healing of the People & Land of our Community  
†Marcelino, †Yvonne & †Peter Calvert by Laura Calvert & Family  
†Dominic, †Isa & †Ventura by the Famiily  
†Edmund, †Cleo Lujan & †Serena Sandoval by Aggie Olsen & Family  
†Jerry (baptism blessing), †David Quintana & birthday blessing to Gilbert by Martinez Family  
†Pearl Vigil by Vigil & Maestas Families
- 12:30 P.M. †Manuelito Gabriel Martinez by Mom  
†Sylvia Rodriguez by Loretto Garcia & Family  
†Ernest Apodaca (8yrs) by Angela & Raynaldo Cordova & Family  
†Fabiola Cournoyer by Nelson & Family  
†Lucia M., †Juan De La Cruz-Borrego & †Trinnie B. Espinosa by Ross & Lydia Lopez
- 7:00 P.M. †Laura Martinez (birthday remembrance) by Senchen & Ashley Martinez  
†Enrique Salazar (birthday remembrance) by Tammy, Destiny & Kimberly  
†Lita & †Victoria Apodaca by Mel & Loretta  
†Julia Garcia



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** Life is full of uncertainties. We cannot know what will happen tomorrow. We cannot know who will come into our lives and when. We cannot know what opportunity will arrive out of the blue. So how can we prepare for what awaits us? In today’s Gospel, Jesus, speaking of his own return at the end of time, tells his disciples to always be ready. On this First Sunday of Advent, we think initially of Jesus coming into the world as an infant, born in a humble stable to the Virgin Mary. Today’s readings remind us that we should also stay vigilant for Jesus’ second coming at the end of time. But there is a third way in which we should expect Christ’s coming, and that is his coming into our hearts and lives at any time. Just last week we heard Jesus tell his disciples that at the end of time he will judge us by whether we have shown love and mercy to the least of our brothers or sisters, that what we do for them we do for him. As we count down to Christmas let us also prepare for encounters with Christ in our neighbor, when and where we least expect. **How can you prepare yourself for the moment when you see Christ in someone else?**



**NEW OFFICE HOURS** The parish office will be open from **9:00 am until 4:00 pm.**



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



**Confessions:** Saturdays 4:00 pm and by appointment



**Monday, December 4, 2023 Saint John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 A.M. †Clora, †Jean Archuleta & †Leonard Hirkala by the Family  
†Ben Martinez (birthday remembrance) by Isabelle Martinez  
†Donovan Atencio by the Family  
†Olgia Abeyta by the Family

**5:00 P.M. Patriotic Rosary**  
**6:00 P.M. Live streamed**  
Health & well being of Joseph & Fredrick Trujillo by Mom  
In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Padre Pio & St. Anthony by Susie Trujillo  
†Patricio R. Gurule (28yrs) by Connie Gurule & Family  
†Patricia Martinez  
†Dolores I. Roybal by Gabriella R. Sarver



**Tuesday, December 5, 2023**

7:00 A.M. †Alice Pacheco by the Family

**5:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**6:00 P.M. Transmisión en vivo**  
Familia, Padientes y Amigos, vivos y difuntos de Manuel y Erlinda Quintana  
†Salvador Orozco y †Adela Garcia intención Analilia Orozco



**Wednesday, December 6, 2023 Saint Nicholas, Bishop**

7:00 A.M. Ordination blessing to Fr. Sabastian Lee, S.F. (26yrs)  
†Brian Atencio by the Family

**5:15 P.M. Latin Rosary**  
**6:00 P.M. Live streamed**  
**Mass in honor of the Holy Family with Anointing**  
Living & deceased Oasis of Peace Youth Group Families & Jaramillo Families by Louie & Zelda  
Living & deceased members of Gabriel & Vangie Anaya  
†A.J. Mares (5yrs) by Grandma Mona  
†Marvin Martinez & †Donovan Atencio by Ben, Melissa Esquibel & RCIA Team



**Thursday, December 7, 2023 Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

**7:00 A.M.** †Leroy Atencio by His Children  
**6:00 P.M. Live streamed**  
†Tita (16yrs), †James & †Paul Archuleta by Bob & Vangie  
†Danielita, †Ricardo & †Johnny Quintana by Ralph, Susie Sanchez & Celina Coots

**Friday, December 8, 2023 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**7:00 A.M.** Special Intention upon Noelle Maestas by Binion Family  
In honor of Our Blessed Virgin Mary’s Immaculate Conception by Liz  
†Elva Rose Bryant (46yrs) by Leo Wink & Audrey Hargrove-Wink  
†Esquipula & †Maggie Archuleta by Kathy, Ross Garcia & Family  
†Patsy Martinez (2yrs) by Larry Martinez

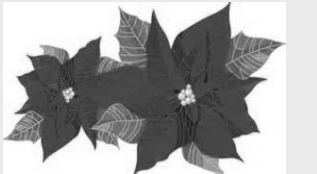
**8:30 A.M. Holy Cross Catholic School — Children’s Mass**  
**12:05 P.M.** Peace in the Middle East  
**6:00 P.M. Live streamed/Transmisión en vivo — Bilingual/bilingüe**  
Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life  
Elderly, Homebound & their Caregivers  
End to Abortion

*Holy Day of Obligation*



**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

**Tickets may be picked up at the Parish Office or on the bookshelf in the Church.**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** With her final words to the angel Gabriel (“May it be done to me according to your word” [Luke1:38]), Mary effectively resets humanity’s relationship with God, which had been damaged ever since Adam and Eve, by choosing rightly. The first humans, given free will and the opportunity and temptation to sin, had chosen wrongly. For centuries to come even those chosen by God to lead, to rule, or to prophesy occasionally chose disobedience, chose wrongly, But Immaculate Mary—who before she was conceived was chosen by God to be born without sin, who was destined to bear God’s Son to the world, and who faced a future impossible to imagine and difficult to accept—chooses to obey, chooses rightly. Because she did so, Jesus was born into the world, where he too accepted his mission, enabling Paul to write the Ephesians that in Christ, “we were also chosen, destined in accord with [God’s] purpose”(1:11). It is now our role to bear Christ to the world. Like Mary, our mother, we face an uncertain future, an awesome responsibility, and a difficult mission. May we choose rightly.



**In what way are you being challenged to say yes to God now?**

**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.”



My name is Erika Pavon, I am a new parish member but have been part of the SSA for over 8 years. Please contact me at 952-240-5213 with questions and to join the Seven Sister Apostolate.

**ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS**

Next weekend, **December 9th & 10th** we are reminded to turn in our envelope for **Retired Religious. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.** The Retirement Fund for Retired Religious distributes basic, supplemental and special assistance retirement grants from the fund to religious institutes based on a formula and criteria approved by the conference of major superiors and bishops. **The December retirement collection will be allocated 50/50 between the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) and the Archdiocesan Priest Retirement Fund (APRF).** Please be generous and give to those who have given a lifetime.

