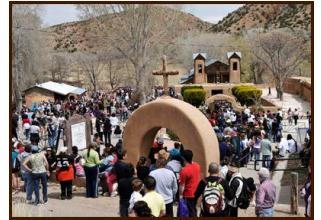




# Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Religious Education Newsletter

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## Prayer of the Week (Presidents Day)

God of justice, you inspired George Washington and Abraham Lincoln to help create a nation where all men and women, regardless of race or religion, could live in freedom and equality. Help us to remember their ideals and root our own efforts in your justice. Bless this meal, and through it give us strength to work for what is right and fair. Amen

### **WELCOME BACK**

It is only two short weeks until Spring break. Please buckle down and study for these two weeks, so we can learn more about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, before our next break!

### **BAPTISM CLASSES**

NEXT WEEK, I will begin to pull kids from their normal catechism classes to instruct them on the Sacrament of Baptism. These kids will all be receiving their baptism at the Easter Vigil on 23 April. If your child is in need of baptism, please contact Debra at 898-5253 x 1 to register!

### **BIBLE –PLAQUE PRESENTATIONS**

Presentations of bibles and plaques to our 1045 and Wednesday confirmation candidates will occur on 5 March at the 5:30 Mass. Please be there early.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO SANTUARIO**

Confirmation candidates – We will depart Nativity at 7:30 am on 5 March and return by 4:30 pm. We will walk approximately 3 miles to get to the Santuario and then attend Mass before stopping for lunch. Please bring a sack lunch or money to purchase food at one of the two restaurants near the Santuario. Cost for the bus is \$15 per person. We are limited to 56 seats, so reserve yours soon. Parents – If you plan to drive and take your children, please let us know so we can give their seat to someone else.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

We are beginning to plan for our summer Pandamania VBS program. This year we intend to offer class from 8 am to 12 noon from 6 – 10 June. Classes will be open for 4 yr old Pre-K through 10 yrs old. We will also need adult volunteers to help us with the program. If you are interested in helping us, please call us at 898-5253 x 1.

We will open registration in May, so please keep us in mind!

### **SCHEDULING CHANGES FOR 2011-2012**

We will be starting classes in the fall on 21 and 24 August. This is earlier than last year and will allow us to have a week for introductions and a week to accomplish the "Protect our Children" program before the Labor Day and fiesta break. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

### **CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE CHANGES**

We are making changes to the Confirmation schedules for the fall. Instead of following the other three session times, Confirmation will meet each week for the 12:30 Sunday Mass and then proceed to the Pastoral Center for class until 3 pm. This will allow them to come for Confirmation at the same time, regardless of whether they are coming for class or for Youth Group. Mass attendance is not optional. All Confirmation students will also need to attend Mass. Please keep this in mind as you prepare to register your kids for Confirmation next year.

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURES**

For those of you who are available during the day, there will be an Echoes of Faith training program on 8 March from 9 am to 3 pm.

This program will be presented by Jason Rodarte at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church. Assumption is located at 811 Guayamas Place NE, Albuquerque.

Jason Rodarte is an expert on the scriptures. If you have never heard him speak, this is a great opportunity to learn much about our Holy Word. He is very knowledgeable and entertaining.

The cost for the entire day is only \$10. Lunch is on your own. For more information or to register, call Jason at 256-9818

**Mass Schedule – Saturday – 5:30pm, Sunday – 7:30, 9 am, 1045 (Spanish) and 12:30pm**