



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Religious Education Newsletter

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CONFIRMATION



When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the spirit enabled them to proclaim. Acts 2:1-4 While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Acts 10:44-46

WELCOME BACK

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas celebration and vacation from the daily grind of school. It is hard to believe that the school year is half over! We are looking forward to the next semester and we will be learning many new things about God and his special relationship with us, his people.

CHRISTMAS SEASON

We have now completed the season of Advent and have entered the season of Christmas. This is a fairly short season, lasting from Christmas day until our celebration of Epiphany, also known as Three Kings Day on 6 January. As part of our joyful celebration of the birth of our Lord, we are having a Christmas party this week in all classes. Please remember to bring your snacks or drinks with you this week so we can all share in the wonderful bounty God has provided for us.

THANK YOU!

Once again our collection efforts for the poor and needy were a tremendous success because of your generous nature and giving hearts. We provided coats to the Storehouse for those who were cold, toiletries to the Good Shepherd for the homeless, baby items to Birthright in Rio Rancho for mothers in need and toiletries to Casa Angelica for their residents. Your generosity is Christlike!

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Reconciliation schedule:

Saturdays from 3 – 4 pm

Nativity Mass schedule:

Saturday – 5:30 pm. Sunday – 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:45 am (Spanish), 12:30 pm.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Thank you to all who helped over the Christmas break with the many worthy events. We had candidates help with the St Vincent de Paul food distribution, building luminarias for the Knights of Columbus, running the games for the children's Christmas party and placing the luminarias around the church on Christmas Eve. We also had groups visit with the residents of Casa de Rosa retirement home, bringing joy into their lives by singing Christmas carols, delivering gifts and treating them as the valued members of Christ's people that they are.

Don't forget: Our next Saturday Christian service event is 23 January at the Roadrunner Food Bank. Put it on your calendars now so you don't miss it! We will provide you more information as soon as we confirm the times with Roadrunner.

LET'S SAY GRACE

(Epiphany)

All loving God, today we remember how you sent a bright star to guide the wise men to Jesus. As a sign of their love, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Help us to follow our guiding stars as they lead us to you. May this meal strengthen us on our journey and bring us closer together in love. Amen.