



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary *Partners in Faith Newsletter*

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WEEKLY PRAYER

Lord, as we celebrate your mother's Immaculate Conception and the feast of San Juan Diego, may we always remember the constant gifts of grace that you provide for our needs. Bless us with your love and grant us your mercy that we may always consider you first in our lives. We pray for your strength and compassion every day. Amen.

LUMINARIA SETUP

You may remember that our parish had a wonderful picnic at Haynes Park in Rio Rancho this past June. The normal fee for using their park is \$600.00. Because we are a church, they agreed to waive the fee if we would, in turn, help them in some way this fall. Well the hens have come home to roost. The event they chose for us to help them with is their luminaria setup for their City Center location. This Saturday, we will be

leaving from the Pastoral Center for the Star Center in Rio Rancho at **6:30 AM** to help them set up luminarias for the Christmas display, beginning at 7. I will be taking several confirmation students to setup. Since this is a parish event, if you would like to help pay off this "debt" please meet us either at the Pastoral Center at 6:15 or at the Rio Rancho City Center at 7. Look for me. I will be the one with the lost look on my face!

HOLY DAY

Don't forget that tomorrow is a Holy Day of Obligation to celebrate the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother for the Catholic faithful. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish will be offering Masses at 9 am and 12:15 am.

CONFIRMATION COLLECTION FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER

Our confirmation candidates will be visiting the Good Shepherd Center on 14, 21 and 28 January. We will be touring the facility, serving the homeless and meeting with the rehabilitation clients. This is a wonderful way for our young people to experience the issues involved with addiction and homelessness. Our young people would like to go one step further and provide help to the center in the form of socks, toiletries, mittens and hats. IF POSSIBLE we would like each

child in our catechism program to provide one item for the confirmation kids to take to the Good Shepherd when they visit. Please bring travel size shampoo, soap, toothpaste and mouthwash as well as combs, disposable razors, men's socks, gloves and hats to the Religious Education office on 18 December or 4, 8, or 11 January. The Confirmation candidates will deliver them in the name of everyone in the program, when they do their service visit. THANK YOU for your generosity!

WEEKEND MASSES AT NATIVITY

5:30 on Saturday / 7:30, 9, 10:45 (Spanish) and 12:30 on Sunday