

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

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Masses / Misas

Saturday / Sabado 5:30 pm English
Sunday / Domingo 7:30 am English
9:00 am English
10:45 am Español
12:30 pm English

Sacrament of Penance / Confesiones

Saturday / Sabado 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Baptisms / Bautismos:

Please call the office one month in advance. Instructions for parents and sponsors are required.

Favor de llamar a la oficina con un mes de anticipacion. Instrucciones preparativas son obligatorias para padres y padrinos.

Marriages / Matrimonios:

Please call the rectory at least 6 months in advance.

Comuniquese con el parroco con un minimo de 6 meses de anticipacion.

Anointing of the Sick / Uncion de las Enfermas:

Every first Saturday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Mass.

In case of emergency call the office.

Cada primer sabado del mes durante la misa de 5:30 p.m. En caso de



Parish Priest:

Fr. Juan Mendez

Deacons:

Michael Illerbrun

Leonard Martinez

Juan Ortiz

Ralph Vigil

Office Hours / Horas de Oficina

Monday-Friday / Lunes-Viernes

9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon & 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

We welcome all new parishioners to our parish family.

If you are not registered, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the office.

Bienvenidos a todos los nuevos feligreses a nuestra familia parroquial. Si usted no esta registrado, favor de llenar el formulario aqui abajo y pongalo en el cesto de la colecta o bien mandela por correo a la officina.

Name / nombre :

Last / apellido

First / nombre de pila

Spouse / conyuge

Address / direccion:

Zip/codigo

New Parishioner / nuevo feligres

Phone / telefono:

Home / hogar

Work / trabajo

New Address / nueva direccion

New Phone / nuevo telefono

Moving, please remove from mailing list/ me voy a mudar, favor de borrarne de la lista.



**WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR**

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!

We wish to thank the many persons who assisted during the Advent Season in preparation for Christmas: Our Choir's, Altar & Rosary Society (for cleaning and decorating the Church). Thanks to the Youth who set up the Luminarias for Christmas Eve Masses. Thanks to those who assisted with the children's play. Special thanks to Lenore Koslowski for organizing and leading the children. We thank the children who acted in the play and those who sang in the choir. Thanks to Robin Casey for organizing the children's choir. We thank the Knight's of Columbus and the Catholic Daughter's for organizing the children's Christmas party last Sunday. We also thank the families who hosted our Parish Posadas in their homes. Special thanks to our Deacon's for going to the homes to lead us in prayer at the Posadas. Thanks to St Vincent de Paul Society for taking care of the poor throughout the year. Thanks to the Lion's Club for helping those needing glasses. Thanks to our Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Power Point experts, Collection Counters, CCD teachers and the many others who assist us in different ways throughout the year. God bless each and everyone of you!!

CALENDARS: All the calendars have been distributed. There are no more. We wish to thank our sponsor for the Calendars this year: Betty Jo Stafford from Sadie's Restaurant 6230 Fourth St NW (peoples Choice Award New Mexican Food) The Stafford Family appreciates your Patronage.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

ACA

The goal for our parish for the year 2011 has been \$70,500.00. The pledges amount to \$75,858.00., however the amount contributed through the pledges is \$67,746.00. We are short \$8,112.00. If you have not fulfilled your pledge for ACA, please do your best to do so before the end of the year, otherwise the parish will have to come up with the difference by December 31st. If you are considering an end of the year donation to a church or charity, please consider the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). Thank you!!

END OF THE YEAR DONATIONS TO CHARITY

Many people wait until the end of the year to make substantial contributions to charity. Keeping in mind that tax season is coming up early next year, please remember your parish when making these donations. Remember that our parish does not charge for any services such as: Religious Education, Funerals, Baptisms, Weddings, or the use of the hall after funerals. They are all free. To provide these services we depend on your contributions. Thanks for your consideration!

THANKS TO THE MANY OF YOU WHO REMEMBERED OUR PARISH IN YOUR END OF THE YEAR DONATIONS TO OUR CHURCH OR CHARITY. MAY THE LORD REWARD YOU!

These are some of the bills we paid this week

Bills will be posted next week due to the holiday and bulletin deadline which was Monday.

December 18, , 2011

Sunday Collection.....	\$17,014.80
Building Fund.....	\$878.00
St Vincent de Paul.....	\$259.00

We thank you for your contributions which make possible the ministries of our parish. Please use your offering envelopes when making any donation to our parish. If possible use checks. Temporary envelopes are provided at the entrances of the church in case you forget your envelope.

Collection Counters

December 25th Wilma Wilcox
January 1st: Henry Sanchez
January 8th: Ernie Gurule
January 15th: Benny Martinez
January 22nd Cecilia Zamora

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

From the staff and catechists at Nativity parish, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas. May this blessed season remind us of the love of our Lord, who sent his only Son to conquer death and sin through his resurrection! May each one of you each experience the love of Jesus in your lives.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

There will be NO CLASS on December 28th and January 1st because of the Christmas break. We will resume class on January 4th with a Christmas party.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

THANKS to Lenore and Robin who spent many weeks preparing the kids for our wonderful Christmas pageant! Thank you to all of the children and parents who volunteered their time and made it possible for us to have another beautiful Christmas Eve Mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE CLOSED

Father Mendez has graciously allowed us to close on December 26th and December 30th to spend time with our families during the Christmas break. We will be open on December 27-29 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and resume normal hours after New Year's.

NATIVITY PRE K & K CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nativity is now enrolling for School Year 2012. Must be 4 years or 5 years prior to September 1, 2012. Also, please renew your Rewards Card at Smith's with the Earn & Learn Program. Sign up is Easy, simply present the letter that was given outside of church a few weeks ago. Use your Rewards Card at Smith's and help our school. Earn and Learn will in no way affect any other points you may be earning, fuel or other programs. For more information, please call Stephanie Martinez @ 898-5253 ext 3

**THE PARISH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26th
AND
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30th**

**Attention Parishioners
Bulletin Ads**

Jennifer Solis from Liturgical Publications, Publishers of our Bulletin will be here again next week to take Ads for the bulletin. We ask those of you who have a business to consider advertising through our bulletin. We distribute about 1200 bulletins each Sunday. Remember; this bulletin is possible through all those ads listed in the back of it. We also ask you to please support those who are already advertising. For more info., call Jennifer @ 315-8358 or the parish office@ 898-5253 ext. 0

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Nativity Parish bereavement Support Group meets every Thursday in the Pastoral Center at 6:15 p.m. If you have lost a loved one, we invite you to join us to share your story. For more information and questions, please contact Mary Kay @ 440-5397.

VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On February 3rd thru 5th 2012, there will be a retreat for men interested in learning more about the priesthood and information about seminary formation, etc. It will be held at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Santa Fe. Men between the ages of senior in high school and age 52. For more information and registration, please call the Vocations Office at the Archdiocese of Santa Fe @ 831-8143.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

APRIL 15-24, 2012

Spiritual Directors Fr. Nathan Libaire & Fr. Juan Mendez Visit and pray in all those places mentioned in the Gospels: Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Golgotha, etc., Mass will be celebrated daily. Limited number of participants. For more information and brochures, call the parish office at 898-5253 ext 0.

Advertiser of the week

**EL PINTO
Open daily 11am-9pm
10500 4th St NW
898-1771**



David Armijo**, Bailey Chavez***, Florentina Carrillo***, Jennifer Holdcroft***, Corine Martinez***, Jean Fink***, Dottie Smith***, Ben Gallegos***, Fred Flores**, Manuel Flores***, Luis Flores***, Jocelyn Abeyta-Laredo & Baby***. In Afghanistan: Natasha Juarez

Readings for the Week of December 25, 2011

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

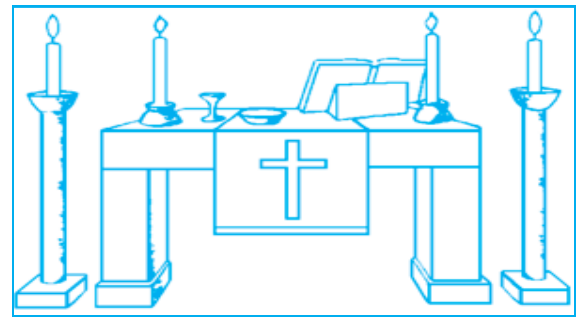
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

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"For today in the city of David, a savior has been born for you, who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD



MASS INTENTIONS

MON DECEMBER 26th, ST STEPHEN
9:00 AM MASS

TUES DECEMBER 27th JOHN APOSTLE
9:00 AM El Justo Juez Special Intention
+Della Garcia & +Virginia Benavidez by Family
+Felisha Chavez +Conrado & +Simorosea Garcia

WED DECEMBER 28th HOLY INNOCENTS
9:00 AM MASS

THURS DECEMBER 29th, THOMAS BECKET
5:30 PM +Alfreda Malczewsk
+Alfonso & +Dolores Duran by Family
+Elijio +Josefita +Conrad +Joe Mel Padilla by Family

FRI DECEMBER 30th, HOLY FAMILY
9:00 AM MASS

SAT DECEMBER 31 OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
5:30 PM +Annabel Garcia by Della Gurule
+Sarah Montoya by Cecilia Zamora
+Julian & +Nettie Baca by Daughters

SUN JANUARY 1ST, NEW YEAR'S DAY
7:30 AM Deceased families of all our choirs
+Telesfora Sanchez by Benny & Berna Martinez

9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners

10:45 AM +Beatrice & +Joe Lucero
+Felix +Lucy & +Peter Garcia by Family
+Sara +Clemente & +Steven Lucero by Family

12:30 PM +Brett Rosenau by Mom
+Zygmunt & +Alfreda Malczewska
+Annabel Garcia +Elias & +Cerialia Gurule by
Karen Roybal & Family

Sincere Sympathy to the family of George Martinez from your Parish Family. May the Lord comfort you and send peace and love into your hearts.