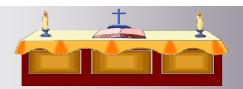


John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Matthew 3:1



MONDAY, December 5

8:15 AM + Maria Luisa Rodriguez By: Elvia Rodriguez

TUESDAY, December 6

8:15 AM + Maria Luisa Rodriguez By: Cordy Medina

6:00 PM All Souls in Purgatory By: Viola Anderson

WEDNESDAY, December 7

8:15 AM Our Parish Family

THURSDAY, December 8

8:15 AM + Tony Trujillo By: Gloria Lithgow

12:10 PM + Joe Lujan By: Harry and Alice Lujan

5:30 PM Breanna Fulton (Birthday) By: Grandparents

7:00 PM + Marcelino Estrada By: Misquez and Mulvihill Families

FRIDAY, December 9

8:15 AM + Bruno and Mary Trujillo By: Mannie Morales and Family

SATURDAY, December 10

8:15 AM + Frank Molina By: Molina Family

5:30 PM + Tacho and Guadalupe Archuleta By: Archie and Dolores

+ Jack Valencia By: Dan and Jude Montes

SUNDAY, December 11

7:30 AM + Estevan and Guadalupe Quintela By: Carlota Flores & Family

9:00 AM Our Lady of Guadalupe, Divine Mercy By: Hilario Zavala

11:00 AM + Juan A. Apodaca By: Apodaca Family

1:00 PM + Angel Flores and Eddie Ortega By: Family

Sunday Collection 11.20.2016 \$9,004.44

Campaign for Human Development \$1,228,22

Sunday Collection 11.27.2016

\$8,304.58

Central American Refugees

\$1,000.10

Additional deposits for this week:

Stewardship: \$665.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$60.00

Building Maintenance: \$55.00

As the Christmas season approaches and Advent helps to prepare our hearts, St. Genevieve Church invites all the parishes of Las Cruces Vicariate to participate in "La Gran Posada," which will be led by Bishop Oscar Cantú on Sunday, December 18th at 6:30 pm at the Downtown

> Plaza. This is an open event to the whole community in Las Cruces.

For more information or any questions please call St. Genevieve Church at 575-524-9649.



Sunday, December 4

12:20 p.m. Special Sacraments I Classes, Room 3 4:00 p.m. Youth Group, Religious Education Classes 7:00 p.m. Advent Mission with Julie Carrick, Cathedral

Monday, December 5

4:30 p.m. 9 am Choir Practice, Room 1 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting, Room 9-10 6:00 p.m. Guadalupe Drama Rehearsal, Finley Hall 7:00 p.m. Rosary Group, School Chapel

7:00 p.m. Bible Study with Msgr. Anderson, Room 105 7:00 p.m. Advent Mission with Julie Carrick, Cathedral

Tuesday, December 6

1:30 p.m. Faith Sharing Meeting, Room 115

5:00 p.m. RCIA Interviews, Library 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study, Room 8

6:30 p.m. RCIA Classes, Room 105 6:30 p.m. Spanish RCIA, Room 115

7:00 p.m. English Prayer Group, Room 109

7:00 p.m. Scripture Sharing Men's Group, Room 7

7:00 p.m. Spanish Men Meeting, Room 4

7:00 p.m. Advent Mission with Julie Carrick, Cathedral Wednesday, December 7

9:45 a.m. Faith Sharing Group, Room 9-10

6:30 p.m. Religious Education Classes, All Facilities

Thursday, December 8

Office Closed, Immaculate Conception Holy Day

Friday, December 9

6:00 p.m. Mariachi Choir Rehearsal, Room 1

6:00 p.m. Guadalupe Drama Rehearsal, Finley Hall

7:00 p.m. El Buen Pastor Spanish Prayer Group, Room 105

Saturday, December 10

The office will be closed on Thursday,

December 8th. in observance of The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. Holy Day of Obligation.

La oficina estará cerrada el jueves 8 de diciembre

conmemorando el día de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María.



Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;

Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30 Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;

Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Sunday:

Mt 11:2-11



Immaculate Conception
Holy day of obligation.
Thursday, December 8, 2016.

Mass Schedule:
8:15 am Mass
12:10 pm Mass
5:30 pm Spanish Mass
7:00 pm Mass



Christmas at Finley

Friday, December 16th from 6 pm to 9 pm
Finley Hall
Family Fun, Posada, Photos with Santa, Local
Vendors, and much more.
This event is being sponsored by IHMC Youth Group
and Youth Ministry.



The Advent Reconciliation Service will be on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 7 pm in the Cathedral.



El Servicio de Reconciliación de Adviento se llevará a cabo el jueves 15 de diciembre de 2016 at 7 pm en la Catedral.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL

Marc Griffin Hortencia V. Butler Pat King **Eloy Flores** Chris Gomez Toni Frietze Elena Amaral **Corrine Luchini** Jesus Montoya **Barbara Marony** Ray Fajardo Mia Nevarez Gloria Guzman Robert Perez Rose Altuna **Ruben Avalos** Erica Gomez Elizabeth Mendoza Steve Lucero Bertha Gallegos **Danny Gutierrez** Jerry Aragon J.C. Salcido Alice Salcido **Kim Morales Mary Martinez** Jack Hancock

If you would like to add a name to the list please call the parish office at 524-8563.

Religious Ed. Children's & Youth's Christmas Concert on Wednesday December 21st at 6:30 pm at Finley Hall

Isaiah 7:14"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Luminarias Sale on Sundays December 4, 11, 18 \$10.00 per bag, Luminarias to be placed around the Cathedral on Dec. 24th for the Christmas Eve Mass.

Please help the youth's fundraiser as they are planning to attend the Diocese Youth Rally and Steubenville 2017

John 8:12 "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said,

"I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never

walk in darkness but, will have the light of life."

Julie Carrick, Catholic Recording Artist, Speaker, Radio Producer, and host is coming to Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral for our Advent Mission entitled "International Disciples- Mary, The Apostles and Us".

Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, December 4, 5, and 6 beginning at 7 pm each evening.

There will be a mission for Advent featuring Music, Personal Witness, and celebration of our Catholic Faith reflecting the corporal works of mercy, reconciliation, and Eucharistic.

Julie Carrick is heard weekly on the Guadalupe Radio Network at Noon on Monday, as she hosts her program "We Sing Our Faith" and has been featured on EWTN Backstage and Life on the Rock and various Catholic TV and Radio outlets.

This is a POWERFUL Catholic Event!



All are invited, so come early and be inspired to Live Boldly as a Catholic!

All are welcome!

Es difícil para que usted pueda escuchar en la catedral debido a el ruido y el eco? Usa aparato para escuchar bien?

La catedral tiene ahora asistencia de dispositivos de audición disponibles. Los receptores cuestan \$ 80 y usted será dueño de su dispositivo.

Si no está seguro que va a trabajar para usted, puede probar uno. Para obtener un receptor auditivo por favor llame a la oficina de la iglesia al (575) 524-8563.

Para las personas con audífonos, es necesario tener

un tCoil activo en sus audífonos. No está seguro de lo que es? Pida un receptor con un lazo del cuello. Si el tCoil está activo, entonces escuchará directamente a través de sus audífonos. Si no, un audiólogo ha acordado activarlo (si los audífonos están equipados con ello) de forma gratuita. Sólo necesitamos su nombre y número de teléfono y ellos le llamarán para hacer una cita.

Please come to the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

THIS WEEK'S TOPICS: Students required to attend the Advent Mission Meet in Church

You don't have to be enrolled in these classes to come and hear about a topic!

Rooms 104, 105 in the Parish Center All are welcome!

Are you interested in becoming CATHOLIC? Are you an adult Catholic missing any of your sacraments? For information please call

Lynne Avitia at 575-640-8358



Is it hard for you to hear in the Cathedral because of all the reverberation and echo? Do you wear hearing aids?

The Cathedral now has Hearing Assistance devices available. The receivers cost \$80 and you will own your device.

If you are not sure if they will work for you, you can try one out. To obtain a hearing device please call the parish office at (575) 524-8563.

For those with hearing aids, you need to have a tCoil active in your hearing aids. Not sure what

that is? Ask for a receiver with a neck loop. If the tCoil is active, then you will hear directly through your hearing aids. If not, a local audiologist has agreed to activate it (if your hearing aids are equipped with it) for free. We just need your name and phone number and they will call you to set up an appointment.



Hearing Assistance Available Asistencia auditiva a su disposición Aide A L'audition

SAINT AMBROSE

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Feast day is December 7 Patron Saint of Candlemakers

After the early death of his father, the family returned to Rome, where Ambrose received a liberal education. In his late 20s he was employed in legal work at the imperial court, and at about 30 he was named governor of two provinces of northern Italy, in which capacity he resided at Milan. On the death of the bishop of Milan in 374, the people of the city demanded that Ambrose be made bishop, even though at that time he was not even a priest, and he reluctantly yielded.

When the Empress Justina attempted to wrest two basilicas from Ambrose's Catholics and give them to the Arians, he dared the eunuchs of the court to execute him. His own people rallied behind him. In the midst of riots, he both spurred and calmed his people with hymns. In his disputes with the Emperor Auxentius, he coined the principle: "The emperor is in the Church, not above the Church." He publicly admonished Emperor Theodosius for the massacre of 7,000 innocent people. Eventually the emperor did public penance for his crime.

Ambrose was essential in the conversion of St. Augustine a great doctor of the Church. Ambrose was a passionate little man with a high forehead, a long melancholy face and great eyes. He is often pictured as a frail figure clasping the codex of sacred Scripture.

Ambrose served as bishop of Milan for 23 years until his death in 397.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS MASS **SCHEDULE**

Saturday, December 24th 6 pm Mass Children 9 pm Mass

Sunday, December 25th 7:30 am Mass 9 am Spanish Mass 11 am Mass 1 pm Mass



ACTS Fundraiser

Do you love cookies? The ACTS Group will be selling Biscochos and Speculaas.

Will be sold December 17&18 in the church fover after all masses.

Les gustan las galletas? El grupo de ACTS estará vendiendo Biscochos y Especulas el 17 &18 de diciembre en el vestíbulo de la iglesia después de todas las misas.

Biscochos \$4.00 a Dozen \$4.00 la docena



Speculaas \$5.00 a Dozen \$5.00 la docena



Bereavement Ministry: "Blessed are those who weep and mourn for they shall be comforted."

The community of the Immaculate Heart of Mary sees a need to expand upon its Bereavement Ministry. We ask you to prayerfully consider whether God is calling upon you to offer your time and talent to a ministry of consolation and spiritual support to families who are grieving the death of a loved one. A successful Bereavement Ministry hopes to offer parishioners the opportunity for spiritual growth in loving response to our baptismal call to be prophets, priests and kings as children of God.

To ensure that your time and talent are respected and used wisely, the parish will provide training and resources. If you feel you might be called to serve others through this ministry, please contact Joan Staniswalis (575) 640-6930, or Fathers Bill or Marcel for information.

