

December 11, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY

of

*Advent*

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Jesus said,  
“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight,  
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,  
the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

Matthew 11:4-5



## Mass Schedule

### MONDAY, December 12

8:15 AM Our Lady of Guadalupe

### TUESDAY, December 13

8:15 AM + Cass Gonzales By: Gonzales Family  
+ Jesus (Chuy) Rodriguez By: Bobby and Norma Medrano  
6:00 PM + Tillie and Cruz Nevarez By: Cecilia Monje

### WEDNESDAY, December 14

8:15 AM Our Parish Family

### THURSDAY, December 15

8:15 AM Health and well being of Bishop Oscar Cantú By: Loretta and John Funk

6:00 PM + Jose Rodriguez By: Rodriguez Family

### FRIDAY, December 16

8:15 AM Lee Marquez (Birthday) By: Mickey

### SATURDAY, December 17

8:15 AM + Roberto Saavedra By: Gallegos Family  
5:30 PM + Bennie Salazar By: Tina and Family

### SUNDAY, December 18

7:30 AM Our Parish Family  
9:00 AM + Avelardo Rey By: Familia Rey  
11:00 AM + Jose Villanueva, Sr. and Jose Villanueva, Jr. By: Family  
1:00 PM + Ramon and Louisa Almanzar By: Ernie and Vicky Garcia



### Sunday, December 11

12:20 p.m. Special Sacraments I Classes, Room 3  
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, Religious Education Classes

### Monday, December 12

4:30 p.m. 9 am Choir Practice, Room 1  
7:00 p.m. Rosary Group, School Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study with Msgr. Anderson, Room 105

### Tuesday, December 13

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

### Wednesday, December 14

9:45 a.m. Faith Sharing Group, Room 9-10  
6:30 p.m. Religious Education Classes, All Facilities

### Thursday, December 15

10:00 a.m. Faith Sharing, Room 115  
5:30 pm. Living in the Eucharistic Meeting, Room 9-10  
5:30 p.m. Pro-Life Meeting, Room 105  
7:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation Service, Cathedral

### Friday, December 16

8:00 a.m. Youth Group, Christmas Celebration  
6:00 p.m. Mariachi Choir Rehearsal, Room 1  
7:00 p.m. El Buen Pastor Spanish Prayer Group, Room 105

### Saturday, December 17

## Sunday Collection 12.04.2016

**\$10,979.22**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**\$3,662.51**

## Additional deposits for this week:

**Stewardship: \$2,627.50**

**Building Maintenance: \$32.00**

There will be a second collection on the weekend of December 17-18, 2016. It will be for Retirement Fund for Religious.

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Se tomará una segunda colecta el fin de semana de 17 y 18 de diciembre. Será para el Fondo de Jubilamiento para religiosos.

## Bread and wine for the week of



**December 11-17, 2016 is  
for:**

**Franzoy Family**

**By: Medina Family**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,  
or any readings from the Common of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712  
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;  
Mt 21:28-32  
Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;  
Lk 7:18b-23  
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b;  
Lk 7:24-30  
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36  
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;  
Mt 1:1-17  
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Spanish Choir (Once a month) would like to invite any one who is interested in joining us in singing for our Lord.

Practices are every Monday at 4:30 pm. We sing the first Sunday of the month.

Please contact Vanessa Ramirez at (575) 649-3713 for more information.



### Christmas at Finley

Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 9 pm  
Finley Hall

Family Fun, Posada, Photos with St. Nicholas,  
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

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

*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 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."





From Pope Francis in the encyclical **Laudato Si** (2015) paragraph 142 / presented by Social Justice Ministry of C-IHM

If everything is related, then the health of a society's institutions has consequences for the environment and the quality of human life. "Every violation of solidarity and civic friendship harms the environment". In this sense, social ecology is necessarily institutional, and gradually extends to the whole of society, from the primary social group, the family, to the wider local, national and international communities. Within each social stratum, and between them, institutions develop to regulate human relationships. Anything which weakens those institutions has negative consequences, such as injustice, violence and loss of freedom.

## *Catedral del Inmaculado Corazón de María*

Experiencia de Adviento 2016

Presentador: Padre Alfredo García

Domingo, lunes y martes, Diciembre 18, 19 y 20

6:30-8:30 pm

Plática y Misa

Su ofertorio será agradecido



**REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE** If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual abuse by clergy or church personnel; contact Deacon David McNeill, Victim's Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Las Cruces, at (575) 523-7577.

**REPORTE EL ABUSO SEXUAL** Si usted o alguien a quien usted conoce ha sido víctima de abuso sexual por parte del clero o personal de la iglesia, póngase en contacto con el Diácono David McNeil, Coordinador de Asistencia a Víctimas de Abuso Sexual de la Diócesis Católica de Las Cruces, llamando al (575) 523-7577.

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

Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

**THIS WEEK'S TOPICS:**  
**Mystical Body of Christ; People of God; the Kingdom of God; Separated Brethren**

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



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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.



## SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

1542-1591

Patron Saint of Mystics

Feast day is December 14th



Ordained a Carmelite priest at 25 (1567), John met Teresa of Jesus (Avila—October 15) and like her vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. John engaged in the work of reform in the Carmelite Order.

Within his community there was dissension about the REFORM that John was promoting. Some of the friars kidnapped him and imprisoned him in a very small cell within the friary. There was a tiny slit window high on the wall, two or three inches wide. He was able to read the divine office only in short periods when a ray of sunlight penetrated through. His friar-jailer treated him with hatred; he was half-starved and was regularly flogged in chapter to force him to change his mind. He had no means of writing but in the last few weeks in prison, a friendlier jailer allowed him writing materials and a candle. Under these conditions of stress and privation John developed great spiritual insight and composed some of his finest poems. After eight and a half months of imprisonment he managed to escape.

John's ideas focused on: The cross leads to resurrection, agony to ecstasy, darkness to light, abandonment to possession, denial to self to union with God, and if you want to save your life, you must lose it.

He died at 49.

Two of his major works were *The Dark Night of the Soul* and *The Spiritual Canticle*.

### Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

Señor y Dios mío, fuente y dador de la alegría, abre mi corazón para recibir tu alegría. A medida que continúa el Tiempo de Adviento, ayúdame a vivir con un espíritu de expectativa y de vigilia esperando ver en todo momento cómo Cristo continúa viniendo al mundo; con un espíritu de alegría enraizada en el conocimiento de que eres fiel a tus hijos e hijas. Amén.

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## ACTS Fundraiser

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

Will be sold December 17&18 in the church foyer 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



### Living God's Word

Dear God, source and giver of joy, open my heart to receive your joy. As the Advent season continues, help me to live in a spirit of anticipation and watchfulness for how Christ continues to come into the world, a spirit of joy rooted in the awareness that you are faithful to your children. Amen.

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## 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

