



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

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La Constancia, Tavalopa, El Cerro Mission South, Casa Colorada,
Salomon Estates, San Fernandez and Rio Communities

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Saturday (Closed Mondays)
9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Martha Sanchez, DRE, (505) 865-4220
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MASS SCHEDULES

SATURDAY

5:30 P.M. MASS in ENGLISH

SUNDAY

8:00 A.M. MASS in SPANISH

10:00 A.M. MASS in ENGLISH

WEEKDAYS

9:00 A.M. MASS TUESDAY – FRIDAY

Casa Colorada Mission 12:00 noon

Every 4th Sunday of the Month

CONFESSIONS

4:00 P.M. Saturdays in the Chapel or by
Appointment

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday
starting December 3rd after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Holy Hour at
11:00 am followed by Benediction at 12:00 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In order for children to be enrolled in the CCD program it is
necessary that the parents/guardians be registered.

All students must attend Mass regularly.

SACRAMENTS ADULT INITIATION (RCIA)

Process of Initiation for non-baptized individuals, Christians of
other faiths wishing to become Catholic, Catholics who have not
received Holy Communion, or Confirmation and for Catholics
who are interested in deepening their faith.

SPECIAL SACRAMENTS (RCIC)

Process of initiation into the Catholic Church for baptized children under
the age of 15 and children over the age of 8 who have not yet received
their first Holy Communion.

CONFIRMATION

Contact the CCD office.

HOLY COMMUNION

Children must have completed the two year preparation process to enter
the Sacramental class in the third grade.

MARRIAGE

For registered parishioners 1) Interview with parish priest six months
before the wedding. 2) Diocesan marriage preparation program.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish office to make arrangements for the Sacrament
of Baptism. Registration of three months required.

CARE OF THE SICK

For Holy Communion and Anointing, for seriously ill or homebound
parishioners, please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

MINISTRY OFFICERS:

Finance Council Chairperson: Anna Moya Troyer

Parish Council Chairperson: Victoria Zamora

Lectors: Theresa Johnson

Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist

Anthony Furnari

Eucharist to Homebound:

Youth Altar Servers:

Tanisha Mora Gutierrez

Adult Altar Servers:

Lawrence Johnson

Music 5:30 p.m.:

Ron Vigil

8:00 a.m.:

Monica Padilla

10:00 a.m.:

Angela Norman

10:00 a.m. (1st Sun)

John Duran (Youth Choir)

Park:

Ramon Torres

Cemetery:

Flavio Perea

SVDP:

Erica Chavez

Flowers:

Angela Norman

Knights of Columbus:

Dominic Villella

Mayordomos: 5:30 p.m. Ambrose & Jeanette Padilla

8:00 a.m. Adrian & Maria Delgado

10:00 a.m. Aaron & Melanie Hahn

CC:

12:00 p.m. Ramon & Carmelita Baca

Mission Statement

*Our faith-family of Immaculate Conception and
its rich history and traditions, invite all Catholics
to help them grow and mature as faithful followers
of Jesus Christ.*

December 19, 2021
 First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a
 Psalm: 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
 Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
 Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

MASST
 INTENTIONS

Mon. Dec. 20 - No Service

Tue. Dec. 21
 9:00 am +Bennie Gonzales (Birthday Blessings) by Rene Gonzales
 +Peg Sjostedt (Anniversary) by Peggy Gutjahr
 +Steve Jordan by the Family

Wed. Dec. 22
 9:00 am +Ralph A. & +Dan M. DeBaca by the DeBaca Family
 For the Body & Soul of Jay & Daysay Kortsch
 +Felis R. Chavez & +Elias Chavez by Mabel Pena & Family

Thu. Dec. 23
 9:00 am +Michael & +Lisa Gabaldon by Ruth Lucero
 +Berthila Madrid by the Madrid Family
 +Avedona Benavidez (Anniversary) by Clara Jordan

Fri. Dec. 24
 5:30 pm Immaculate Conception Parishioners
 8:00 pm Immaculate Conception Parishioners

Sat. Dec. 25
 10:00 am +Gillie, +Freddie, +Brian & +Karen Zamora by Stella & Family
 +Pete Garcia by the Family
 +Joan, +Fredy & +Clemente Romero by the Family

Sun. Dec. 26
 8:00 am +Amarante Zamora (Anniversary) by Rene Gonzales
 +Paul & +Mary Jo Moya by the Moya Family
 +Francisca Moya by the Moya Family

10:00 am +Richard Schultz by Amy & Family
 +Robert Gomez & For Healing & Comfort for the Gomez Family
 by Joseph & Patricia Ruiz & Family
 +Joe T. Garcia by Dolores
 Immaculate Conception Parishioners

Beginning the month of January Baptism class will be held on the second Sunday of the month. Class will start at approximately 11:00 a.m. (after the 10:00 a.m. Mass) in one of the classrooms. Baptisms will continue to be on the third Sunday of each month after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Collections:
 12/12: Not Available



Counters:
 12/26: Melissa, Frances, Melanie 1/2/22: Sandra, Norma, Mary Ann
 1/9: Kristy, Mary Ann 1/16: Leeanna, Sylvia, Andy
 1/22: Melissa, Frances, Melanie 2/1: Sandra, Norma, Mary Ann

Online Giving the easy way to keep current with your envelopes; sign on to online giving on the website.

Quote from Pope Francis: "Dialogue is our method, not as a shrewd strategy but out of fidelity to the One who never wearies of visiting the marketplace, even at the eleventh hour, to propose his offer of love (Mt 20:1-16). The path ahead, then, is dialogue among yourselves, dialogue in your presbyterates, dialogue with lay persons, dialogue with families, dialogue with society. I cannot ever tire of encouraging you to dialogue fearlessly. The richer the heritage which you are called to share with *parrhesia*, the more eloquent should be the humility with which you should offer it."

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe entered into Chapter 11 Reorganization during the first week of December 2018. The utmost concern is for the victims of abuse. Our prayers are with them. The Annual Catholic Appeal Foundation is not part of the Chapter 11 filing. ACA is separately incorporated and funding is not available for legal claims. ACA remains a significant source of funding for the ministries and services of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe throughout this process and beyond. Christ's loving work must endure through this. Thank you for continuing to support these efforts.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

There are no announcements for the week.
 No Confessions Saturday, December 25th.



With compassion and concern, we offer our prayers for our community and especially for the sick of our parish:

Eliana Alderete, Martin Alderete, Chance Apodaca, Joe S. Aragon, Jaime Armendariz, Annette Baca, Jeff Baca, Michelle Baca, Antoinette Bencomo, Assunta Berry, Justin Beyerl, Elaine Bland, Jennie Brown, Jerry Buffington, Luga Calles, Gloria Castillo, Helen Chavez, Joseph Cook, Ernestine Cordova, Roselyn Cordova, Mary Crespín, Renee DeBaca, Flora Eylicio, Ernest Fresquez, Maria Garcia, Yolanda Gallegos, Patricia Gardner, Dolly Glass, Joel Gutierrez, Isabel Jacquez, Allen Kenyon, Eileen Krug, Diana Lara, David Lopez, Robert Frank Lopez, Dayna Lozano, Rita Lozano, Abel Lueras, Dayjah Lueras, Sally Lynch, Aryel Maldonado, Anna Marie, Connie Marquez, Prudencio Marquez, Manuel Montoya, Waylon Moore, Chester Moya, Phil Moya, Charli Orgas, Jose C. Ortega, Conrado Otero, Tonia Pena, Gene Perez, Freddie Peralta, Erlinda Rael, Herman Rael, Jose Rael, Benjamin Rispoli, Ray Rivera, Dennis Rodriguez, Connie Rodriguez, Eduardo Rodriguez, Nicario Romero, Steve Romero, Virginia "Jennie" Romero, Michelle Ruiz, Anthony Salcido, Isaiiah Sanchez, Mariah Sanchez, Marty D. Sanchez, Proceso Sanchez, Tamara Sanchez, Michael Sandoval, Alex Santacruz, Mara Segal, Marcella Silva, James Sneed, William "Bill" Taylor, Angelica Torrez, Jose Luis Villa

Please call the office to add or remove a name. Thank you.

Preparacion Matrimonial en Espanol—29 y 30 de enero 2022. Para mas informacion llame al 505-831-8147 o ebecerra@archdiosf.org. El formulario para inscribirse se encuentra en el siguiente enlace: <https://form.jotform.com/212585009064150>. Invitamos a todas las parejas que se estan preparando para recibir el Sacramento de Matrimonio. La cooperacion para este retiro virtual es de \$50 por pareja.

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at respectlife.org/support-her.

"Tal vez una de tus amigas haya quedado embarazada inesperadamente. Como alguien que ha pasado por eso, te animo a que apoyes a tu amiga en su nueva senda de ser madre". Enterate de diez consejos en es.respectlife.org/support-her.

Notes from our Pastor:

Dear Friends,

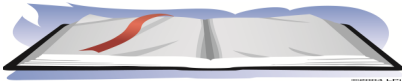
As we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent we hasten to the Birth of our Lord. In the days ahead we prepare more eagerly for so great a celebration. Come Emmanuel, God with us!

Christmas is a special time of family celebration and family traditions. This reality is true of the Church as well. It is a time for us to celebrate as family, to celebrate the rich heritage of our faith, to echo with the generations that have gone before us the great joy of the Incarnation.

Many pastors have served before me and I am honored to follow in their footsteps. In looking through various boxes and items, I am happy to say, we found a chalice that belonged to Fr. Mueller. It is the chalice he was given for his ordination in 1921. This year marks 100 years and, for that reason, I am pleased to use his chalice this Christmas Eve, as he no doubt did in Christmases past.

We are blessed by the venerable heritage of our parish. Centuries of memories, traditions, celebrations, and holiness have passed these walls and prayed in the pews of this church. May we always cherish the gift of Faith handed on to us, and generously share it with one another. Perhaps the greatest gift we can offer one another this Christmas is found not in boxes with bows but rather in that tiny babe born of Mary. May we always treasure the gift of Christ. Amen.

God bless,
 Father Michael



Fourth Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us that a Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes. Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came in the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.



Schedules:

Youth Altar Servers:

- 12/24: 5:30 p.m. — Anistacia Aragon, Zaylon Zamora, Zane Zamora
- 12/24: 8:00 p.m.— Lainey Racette, Lyla Gallegos
- 12/25: 10:00 a.m.— Matthew , Adrian & Monique Chavez & DaniRae Zamora
- 12/26: 10:00 a.m. — Maurize, Madison & Mariangeli Aragon

Adult Altar Server:

- 12/26: 8:00 a.m.— Adrian Delgado

Lectors

- 12/24: 5:30 p.m.— Leeanna Torres
- 12/24: 8:00 p.m. — Rick Yzuierdo
- 12/25: 10:00 a.m. — Annette Lucero
- 12/26: 8:00 a.m. — Leticia Garibo
- 12/26: 10:00 a.m. — Dustin Duenas

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 12/24: 5:30 p.m. — Ann Garcia
- 12/24: 8:00 p.m.— Marianne Holmes
- 12/25: 10:00 a.m.— John Duran
- 12/26: 8:00 a.m.— Eileen Chavez
- 12/26: 10:00 a.m. —Annette Lucero



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ARCHDIOCESE WORKSHOP—ABUSE AWARENESS

IMPORTANT: For several years we have urged all of our members who are in a ministry to take the class on “Protecting God’s Children”. Many have not done so. The Archdiocese of Santa Fe mandates that this class be taken. This is for your protection. Please do not let this next year go by without taking this class. If you feel that there is a reason that you are unable or care to take the class, please call the office; otherwise we expect you to comply. It takes only 45 minutes to take the class online. In order to be in a ministry or volunteer in any capacity, this is mandatory.

Question: Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer: Epiphany means “manifestation,” or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew’s infancy narrative differs from Luke’s account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph’s long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

CCD Classes will not be held December 19, 26 & January 2nd for Christmas break. They will resume on January 9 as usual.

RCIA, Bible Study & Youth Group meetings will resume on January 11th, 12th and 13th, respectively. Have a wonderful Christmas break.

Sale of church properties:

Phase II of the properties to be sold will be on November 2021. To register to bid online before the auction begins, for more information on the properties, and terms and conditions of the sale, go directly to the auction website at www.ASFbankruptcyauction.com. The auction company is SVN Auctions Services, LLC; 954-931-0592.

OUR PARISH



Telephone : (505) 865-7495. Meetings are held every 4th Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted. Food distribution is on Wednesday beginning at 10:00 and Saturday beginning at 11:00. Requests must be called in before the days of distribution. Phone messages are accessed daily and responded to within 24 hours.

The Knights of Columbus meet on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. They start by praying the Rosary at 6:30. If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus Padre Pio Council 10629 in Tome, please contact Domonic Villella, at (505) 550-0755.

Divine Mercy meets each Thursday after Daily Mass in the Classroom. Join them in praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

For anyone interested in joining the Legion of Mary, we meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. The Legion of Mary would like to have the Pilgrim Virgin visit the homes of parishioners or anyone interested in having her for a week. Please contact Cecilia at 859-0547 or 864-7182 or Clara at 865-8488.

The Youth Choir practice is on the last two Wednesdays of the month. Practice will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Due to Covid-19 this is temporarily suspended.



First Friday Blessed Sacrament Devotions will resume December 3rd. Hours for Exposition—After 9:00 am Mass until Noon. Holy Hour at 11:00 a.m. Benediction at 12:00 noon. There will be a sign-up sheet at the front entrance of the church. Please sign up early. Someone must be present at all times during the Exposition.