

# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

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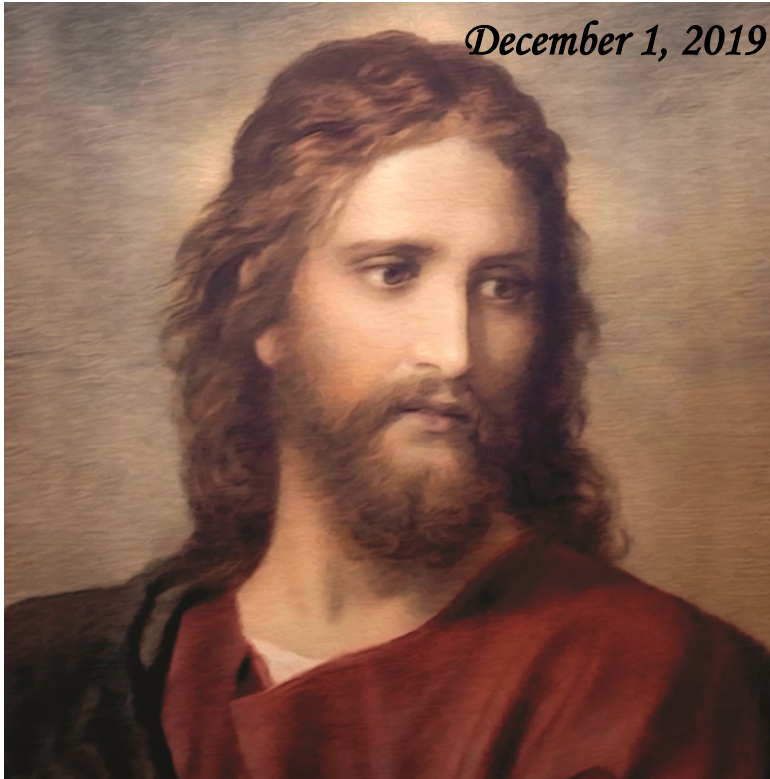
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*At Our Lady of Fatima Parish we are committed to know, love and serve God through Word and Sacrament, through our shared experience as the Mystical Body of Christ, and through the call to full, conscious and active participation in parish life.*



December 1, 2019

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:44

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Mass - - - - - 7:30 AM

Saturday Anticipatory Mass for Sunday- - - - - 5:30 PM

Sunday Mass- - - - - 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Weekday Mass-

Monday, Wednesday and Friday - - 6:30 AM and 8:15 AM

Tuesday and Thursday - - - - - 6:30 AM

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

6:30 AM, 8:15 AM and 5:30 PM *UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED*

CONFESSION Saturday- - - - - 3:30 to 5:00 PM or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION- - - - - Mondays 8:45 AM to 5:45 PM

ANOIDING OF THE SICK- - - - - First Fridays after the  
6:30 AM & 8:15 AM Masses

OFFICE HOURS- - Monday through Thursday- 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

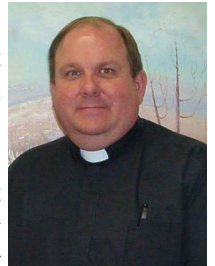
Friday - 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

### NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is a period of preparation in which we await the celebration of the Birth of the Lord. Waiting is never a passive exercise. It always involves commitment on our part. Would we invite a guest to our home for dinner and then be surprised – and unprepared – when the guest shows up? No. We would clean the house and make preparations for a grand meal. When we say we are waiting for something, we cannot live as if we are waiting for nothing. Our waiting is a dedication and a preparation. Our Advent waiting dedicates us and prepares us for the coming of Christ. Advent is a season in which we should be particularly mindful of our need for repentance and good works as we listen to the long-ago cry of John the Baptist: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

The prayers and Scripture Readings for the First Sunday of Advent are eschatological in nature, meaning that they focus on the "end times." The end of the world is a fascination shared by many people. Predictions about how and when the world might end are commonplace. In today's Gospel, even Jesus offers a scenario as to how the world might end and then he warns his listeners to remain alert and vigilant, steadfast in faith and persistent in strength. If we knew the world were going to end today, what would our priorities be in those final hours? What would be important for us to accomplish in the time that was left?

The First Sunday of Advent also marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. In a sense, today is "New Year's Day" for the Church. Every year people make New Year's resolutions that they hope to implement in their lives as we begin a new calendar year. I think we would all be wise to spend a little time now making some **spiritual** "New Year's resolutions" as we begin the new Church year. Perhaps we should resolve to attend Sunday Mass more regularly, to go to Confession more regularly, to pray more often, to read from the Bible daily, or to have more patience with our family and friends. Now is the time to make an honest assessment of your spiritual life and resolve to strengthen it in the coming year with the help of God's grace.



**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - December 9...see page 3**



“Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”  
Matthew 24:43-44

**Monday, December 2, Advent Weekday**

- 6:30 AM** ♦Intentions of Rosa Jurado Trujillo (Nunez Family)  
♦Intentions of Patsy Schlaegel and Family (Vicenti Family)
- 8:15 AM** ♦Intentions of Fredrick Vargas (Gina Cardinali)  
♦Intentions of OLF Women’s Guild (Karon Dial & Rene and Sharon Fernandez)  
♦In Thanksgiving to Jesus and Mary for favors granted (Jenny Vigil)

**Tuesday, December 3, St. Francis Xavier, Priest**

- 6:30 AM** †Msgr. Francis X. Eggert (Nunez Family)

**Wednesday, December 4, Advent Weekday**

- 6:30 AM** ♦In Thanksgiving for our Ministry Volunteers
- 8:15 AM** ♦Intentions of Wade & Patsy Schlaegel & Family  
♦Intentions of Gerard & Cathy Coffey (OLF Faculty, Staff and Students)  
†Tim and Nicole Lardner (Jude Quintana)

**Thursday, December 5, Advent Weekday**

- 9:00 AM** ♦Intentions of All Parishioners

**First Friday, December 6, Advent Weekday**

- 6:30 AM** ♦Intentions of Fr. Schultz and Fr. Hallada (Karon Dial and Rene and Sharon Fernandez)  
♦Intentions of Rosa Jurado Trujillo (Nunez Family)
- 8:15 AM** †For all those on the memorial plaques and for all intentions for which votive lights are lit  
♦Intentions of Ignacio & Rose Moreno (Roselyn Calderon)  
†Delores and Jim Weber (Family)

**First Saturday, December 7, St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

- 7:30 AM** †Gilbert Martinez (Lowe Family)  
†Living & Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
- 5:30 PM** ♦Intentions of All Parishioners  
♦Intentions of Roselyn Calderon and Family  
†Rocco & Filomena Dushi (Grace Hanosh & Family)

**Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent**

- 7:30 AM** †Ramon & Delfinia Sanchez (Joe & Sally Sanchez)  
†Jimmy and Nestora Baca (Baca Family)  
†Fusako “Chiko” Jaramillo (Family)
- 10:00 AM** †Albinita P. Rael (Ed and Pauline Rael)  
†Kathryn Garcia (Ed and Pauline Rael)  
†Eloy R. & Cecelia Gutierrez (Bill and Joanna Boothe and Family)
- 12:00 PM** †Joseph Mateju (Jackie Orr)  
†Ernest and Lucy Romero (Lena Hawley)  
†Billie Mae Yarnall (Carol Yarnall)

**PLEASE NOTE: Meeting and event times and dates are subject to change.**

**12/2 Monday’s Schedule:**

- 8:45 AM to 5:45 PM— Adoration in the Church

**12/3 Tuesday’s Schedule:**

- 6:30 PM—First Reconciliation for 3rd Graders in the Church with reception following in FGH

**12/4 Wednesday’s Schedule:**

- 6:30 PM—Adult Faith Formation in FGH Room 1
- 6:30 PM—RCIA in the Library
- 7:00 PM—Pre-Baptism Class in in FGH Room 2

**12/5 Thursday’s Schedule:**

- 10:00 AM—Adult Faith Formation in FGH Room 1
- 3:00 PM—Legion of Mary in Parish Conference Room
- 6:30 PM—Choir practice in the Church

**12/6 Friday’s Schedule:**

- After 8:15 AM Mass—Active Adults Monthly Birthday Breakfast

**12/7 Saturday’s Schedule:**

- 4:30 PM—Children’s Choir Practice in Music Room

**12/8 Sunday’s Schedule:**

- Coffee, donuts and burritos after the 7:30 AM and 10AM Masses in Fatima-Gallagher Hall.

**Readings for the week of December 1, 2019**

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 1]/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/  
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/  
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/  
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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*Quotable Saints*

“O Lord, your hand of love is always outstretched towards me, even when I stubbornly look the other way. And your gentle voice constantly calls me, even when I obstinately refuse to listen.”

— St. Teresa of Avila

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# Around the Archdiocese

## Are you looking for a motivational, wholesome Christian concert for the Advent/Christmas seasons?

Join us at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church at 9502 4th St. NW at 10:45AM on December 8. Marty Rotella will sing and tell stories of his own journey of faith! We will be experiencing this uplifting concert of love in our Pastoral Center. . . And everyone is welcome! Please bring your family for a great experience of Advent and Christmas. Before the concert or when the concert ends at noon, wander over to our parish hall to experience the wonder of hundreds of Nativity sets on display. Drinks and snacks will be available.

## Retrouvaille A lifeline for troubled marriages.

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? We believe **Retrouvaille** can help. Retrouvaille will teach you a meth-od to re-establish communication. This three phase program consists of a week-end experience, a series of 7 follow-up sessions over a three-month period, and a monthly meeting for lifelong sup-port. The next program will be **February 7-9, 2020**, now in both *English & Spanish*. For more information or to register, please call 505-890-3495 in Albuquerque or 1-800-470-2230. You can also find us on the Web at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

**BIRTHRIGHT**, a pro-life crisis pregnancy center, is looking for volunteers (Bilingual and English speaking—we especially need Spanish speaking volunteers).

Volunteers are needed with mentoring clients or assisting at the front desk. If interested please call 505-262-2235 Monday thru Thursday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

## NMLB—No Man Left Behind: Reigniting Catholic Men

Are you comfortable? You shouldn't be. As Catholic men we are not called to be comfortable—we are called to be challenged. Today, more than ever, men need to step up and be the men God has called us to be. Men by the thousands are losing their faith due to a lukewarm prayer life, addiction, and discouragement. It is time for all Catholic men to now God is calling each of us.

We are a group of men on a journey of self-improvement and in the pursuit of virtue. We seek these things in order to serve the Church, strengthen our marriages/relationships, and find meaning in our own lives. We will attain growth through prayer, fasting, ascetic practices, self-sacrifice, fraternity, and the study of The Ladder of Divine Ascent. Our Journey will begin on January 12, 2020 and will end Easter 2020.

**Are you up for the Challenge?** Join us at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church, 1837 Alvarado Dr. NE. Program Kickoff on Saturday, December 7th 2019 at 7:30 AM. Questions?? Call Sebastian Martinez at 505-480-4056 or email at [nomanleftbehindnm@gmail.com](mailto:nomanleftbehindnm@gmail.com)



## Priesthood Discernment Retreat

Have you or someone you know considered becoming a Catholic Priest? Without obligation, you are invited to attend a Discernment Retreat to learn more about a priestly vocation in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. This is a weekend for single Catholic men, from high school seniors to age 50, to explore and learn about a life serving God and His Church as a Priest.

The weekend retreat will be held at the Madonna Retreat Center in Albuquerque next to St. Pius X High School. It will begin at 5:00 pm on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, and end at 1:00 pm on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is no charge to attend. For more information or to register, please contact Fr. John Trambley, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe at 831-8143 or register online at <http://www.archdiosf.org/vocations>.

A warm

*Welcome*

to all our guests.

We are so happy you are here to celebrate with us!!

## **New to Our Lady of Fatima Parish?**

Drop a Visitor envelope in the basket with your information or call us at 265-5868 to register.

## “Best Advent Ever”

Sunday, December 1, 2019, is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas, but we often get distracted and busy. Don't let this Advent pass you by. Slow down and focus on what matters most with “BEST ADVENT EVER,” a free email program developed by Dynamic Catholic that will help you prepare for Christmas in a way that will allow you to have a Christmas as memorable and joyful as when you were a child. When you sign up for this free email program that begins on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, you will receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips about incorporating the season of Advent into your daily life, and real-life stories of hope. Discover how to slow down and find joy in preparing for Christmas. Let this be the “Best Advent Ever!” Sign up at [www.dynamiccatholic.com/best-adventever](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/best-adventever).

## Holy Land Handicrafts TODAY!!!

After Masses today representatives from Holy Land Handicrafts will be selling religious woodcarvings that have been made in Jerusalem and Bethlehem by Christian craftsmen working with olive wood. The quality of the work is exceptional and the grain lines of the olive wood give real character to the pieces. Come by and take a look. They make wonderful Christmas presents! Your purchase will help Christians in the Holy Land to provide for their families.



**Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!**

- **Evan Lucero**
- **Morgan Lucero**

**We are blessed that you have joined our parish family.**

# MINISTRIES

## How is God Calling you To Serve?

### Active Adults—Coordinators: *Currently Vacant*

The first Friday of every month, everyone is invited to gather for breakfast after the 8:15 AM liturgy to celebrate the birthdays of the month. The Active Adults group also sponsors field trips.

### Altar Servers—Coordinator: *Theresa Irvin*

A great opportunity for 4th graders and above to serve at the Celebration of the Eucharist. High school and college age parishioners are especially encouraged to serve.

### Blessed Mother Rosary Guild—Coordinator: *Jahna Wilmott*

The Guild handcrafts rosaries for free distribution to various ministries world-wide in order to promote Our Lady's cause for devotion to her son, Jesus Christ, and world peace.

### Choir—Coordinator: *Consuelo Chavez OFS*

Opportunities are for adults and children to lead the people in joyful worship by singing and playing musical instruments.

### Coffee and Donuts—Coordinator: *Susan Koller*

Facilitate fellowship by helping to serve coffee, donuts and burritos after the 7:30 AM and 10 AM Masses on Sundays.

### Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors and Commentators—

#### Coordinator: *Teresa Bennett*

As extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist you can distribute Holy Communion during Mass or Proclaim the Word of God and introduce the Mass intentions and announcements.

### Greeters—Coordinator *Pat Abbott*

Cheerfully welcome people to the Celebration of the Eucharist and make visitors feel at home in our parish.

### Holy Name Society—President: *Louis Puccini*

The Society purpose is to give public devotion and honor to the Holy Name of Jesus, and provide for the spiritual growth and enrichment of the men of the parish 18 years of age and older. A Corporate Mass is held at 10 AM the third Sunday of each month and a meeting follows.

### Legion of Mary—Coordinator: *Frances Holmes*

This is an international organization ministering to the spiritual needs of the parish community.

### Birthright—Coordinator: *Odelia Beach—Office-262-2235*

Helps any girl or woman regardless of age, race, creed, marital or economic status, who feels distressed by a pregnancy, allowing her to ask questions and explore her options without pressure and without being judged.

### Ministry of Care/Outreach—Coordinator: *Mary Ann Lopez*

The home-bound Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring the Body of Christ to the parishioners who cannot attend the Celebration of the Eucharist.

### St. Vincent de Paul—President: *Margaret M. M. Trace*

Members grow spiritually through service to people in need and are dedicated to helping with food, utilities and rent.

### Ushers—Coordinator: *James Willis*

Offer support to people by assisting in seating, taking up offerings, distributing the bulletins and newspapers.

### Women's Guild - President: *Gina Joyner*

Women's parish organization open to all women of the parish. Our purpose is to coordinate and offer service to the parish community and to encourage spirituality, friendship and support to its members. Our corporate Mass is held every third Sunday of the month followed by a short meeting. No meetings May—August.

### Parish Council -

Chairman: Christopher Joyner; Vice-Chairman: Steven Montiel; Secretary: Christine Martinez


#### Members:


Laura-Martinez Sanchez, Roger Martinez, Veronica Nunez (School Rep.), Barbara Posler, James Willis, LaVonne Yazzie . (Two Vacancies)


Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Parish Dining Room.

**CALL 265-5868 TO GET MORE INFORMATION  
ON ANY OF OUR MINISTRIES**

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

 **CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE INSTRUCTION (CCD) for Kindergarten through 7th Grades**—This is a home-based program with parish support. Attendance at a monthly formation meeting will be required.

 **CONFIRMATION—CRE: Mrs. Josephine Roe**  
A two-year program of catechesis and preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation that is open to students in grades 8 through 12 who have been Baptized and have received First Communion. The first year "Pre-Confirmation" class is for 8<sup>th</sup> graders as well as any older students who have not completed it. The second year "Confirmation Prep" class is for students in grades 9 thru 12.

 **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**—This is a program for individuals interested in becoming Catholic and receiving the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 PM.



**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**—Couples must contact the parish office at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date. They must participate in a Weekend for Engaged Couples and attend an introductory class in Natural Family Planning.

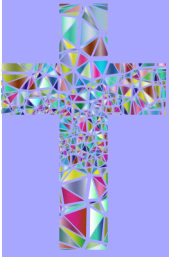


**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**—The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is offered the third Sunday of the month after the 12:00 PM Mass. Arrangements are to be made in person at the parish office. A birth certificate is required. Parents and godparents must attend a Baptism class that is offered the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in Room 1 of Fatima-Gallagher Hall. *Pre-registration for the class is required.* Godparents must be at least 16 years old, confirmed and actively practicing their Catholic faith. If Godparents are married, they must be married according to the norms of the Catholic Church.

**Our Lady of Fatima Website: [www.fatimachurchabq.org](http://www.fatimachurchabq.org)**  
**Vatican Website: [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)**  
**Archdiocese of Santa Fe Website: [www.archdiosf.org](http://www.archdiosf.org)**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA SCHOOL**  
**Pre-K through 8th grade**  
**Ms. Melinda Mader, Principal**  
**School Office: (505) 255-6391 School Fax: (505) 268-3279**  
**Website: [www.fatimaschoolabq.com](http://www.fatimaschoolabq.com)**





### **OLF Parish Advent Mission**

Our Lady of Fatima will be having an Advent Parish Mission from Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Presentation at 6:30 PM and Confessions at 7:15 PM

### **Preparing for the Coming of Our Lord: An Eastern Christian Approach to Advent**

Join us for a special walk through Advent with Father Christopher Zugger, from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church. Using insights from both the Byzantine and Latin Rites, we will embark on a special journey to meet the Christ Child, His Blessed Mother, and His Protector, Saint Joseph so as to prepare well for the great feast of Christmas.



### **Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges Due**

Just a reminder that pledges made last February for the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) Campaign should be paid before the end of December.

If you have not yet fulfilled your pledge, please make every effort to do so before the end of this month.

### **Second Collection for Retired Priests and Religious**

On the weekend of December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, there will be the annual second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Half of what is received in the collection will be for The Archdiocesan Priest Retirement Fund which provides benefits for the retirement of the incardinated priests of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

The other half of what is received will be for The Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) which helps provide funding for the retirement care of over 34,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please be generous in helping to provide for the retirement needs of these men and women who have faithfully served the Catholic Church.



### **OLF School Christmas Musical**

Mark your calendars now for the 2019 Our Lady of Fatima School Christmas Musical Program to be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 19, 2019, at Fatima-Gallagher Hall.

**Come and enjoy  
performances by our  
talented students!**



### **December 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

Monday, December 9, 2019, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because it is celebrated on a Monday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

**Masses will be offered at the regular daily Mass times of 6:30 am and 8:15 am. December 9<sup>th</sup> will also be Deacon Bill's 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination as a Deacon. Happy Anniversary Deacon Bill!**



### **The International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be visiting our parish on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

There will be a procession into the church with the statue at 7:30 am, followed by Mass. During the Mass, the caretaker of the statue will give a presentation on the history of the statue and where it has travelled to.

After Mass the Rosary will be prayed. Then every hour on the hour from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, the Rosary will be prayed (rotating the Mysteries) followed by a period of silent prayer until the next hour. Parishioners are encouraged to sign up with the Parish Office to lead the recitation of one of the Rosaries throughout the day. The statue will leave the church in procession after the 5:30 pm anticipatory Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent.



### **Posadas will be celebrated on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**The celebration will begin at  
5:00 pm in the church.**

We will then continue in procession to various doors on the parish campus as Joseph and Mary seek a place to stay. The procession will conclude at Fatima-Gallagher Hall where there will be music, a piñata for the kids, posole and other refreshments.

**POSOLE FOR SALE AFTER EACH MASS THE  
WEEKEND OF SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14  
AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15.**

**THERE WILL BE A LIMITED  
AMOUNT AVAILABLE.  
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.**



### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**COME AND SPEND AN HOUR IN PRAYER.  
MONDAYS -8:45 AM TO BENEDICTION AT 5:45 PM**

**Please join us in Fatima-Gallagher Hall  
for coffee, donuts, burritos  
and conversation  
after the 7:30 and 10 AM Sunday Masses.**

