

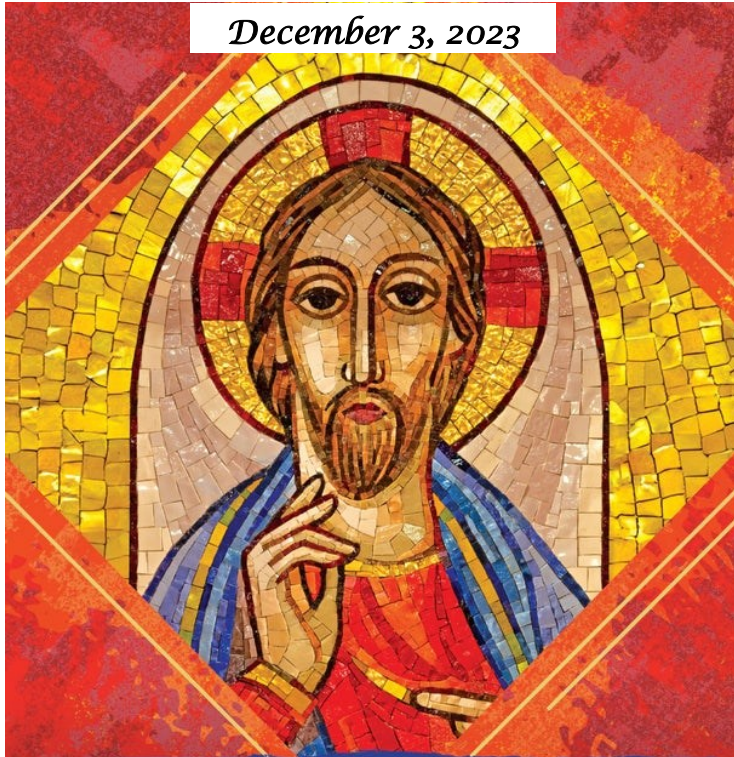
# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

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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 3, 2023



## 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."  
- Mk 13:36

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*A note  
from the pastor*

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is a four-week season in which we prepare for the celebration of the coming of the Lord. It is a dual anticipation in that we prepare for celebrating our commemoration of the Birth of Jesus over 2000 years ago in Bethlehem, and we also prepare for his Second Coming at the end of time. The word "advent" is derived from the Latin word "adventus," which means "coming." Advent is a time full of reflection, excitement, and hope. Advent is also 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!"

In addition to prayerful reflection and introspection, we see certain liturgical changes during the season of Advent. Most noticeable is that the priest and deacon wear purple (violet) colored vestments and the "Gloria" is omitted at Sunday Mass, although the "Alleluia Verse" is still sung just prior to the proclamation of the Gospel (unlike during Lent when the "Alleluia Verse" is omitted). In our church and in many homes, it is common to have an Advent Wreath.

Traditionally, the Advent Wreath is a circle of evergreen branches. Both the evergreen branches and the circular shape are symbolic of eternity. The circle, without beginning or end, reflects the eternal existence of God who is without beginning or end, and is a physical representation of God's eternal love for us. The Advent Wreath has four colored candles – three purple for the first, second, and fourth Sundays of Advent, and one rose (pink) candle for the third Sunday. Sometimes a fifth candle that is white is placed in the center of the wreath for Christmas. The candles represent coming as the light in the darkness. One candle is lit each Sunday until all four candles are lit. Each of the candles represents an aspect of preparation during the season of Advent. The First Sunday, a purple candle is lit and it is the Candle of Hope. On the Second Sunday, a second purple candle is lit and it is the Candle of Peace. On the Third Sunday, the rose (pink) candle is lit and this is the Candle of Joy. Finally, on the Fourth Sunday, another purple candle is lit and this is the Candle of Love. Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love – these are at the heart of the Advent season.

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

ANointing OF THE SICK - - - - - First Saturday after the  
7:30 AM Mass or by request

OFFICE HOURS - Monday through Thursday - 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM  
Friday - 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

*Advent Friday observances begin this week*

*"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."*  
~ Psalm 80

### Quotable Saints

“Prayer is the wing by which the soul flies to heaven, and meditation is the eye by which we see God.”  
– St. Ambrose

This time of year, we start seeing many classic holiday movies centering on the idea of “the magic of Christmas spirit.” At the end of many of these films, the antagonist is fundamentally changed for the better: the Grinch’s heart grows, Scrooge becomes generous, and dozens of films end with skeptics finding joy in the season. While most of these holiday classics are secular, they do touch on the idea that we as Catholics believe: Christmas changes things. The difference is that we don’t believe that Santa or magic is what causes these changes; rather, we know that Jesus’ coming is what changed everything.

During this preparatory season of Advent, we focus on paving the way for Christ’s coming, both at Christmas and at the Second Coming. Isaiah prophesies many wonderful changes when the Lord comes: the deaf will hear, the blind will see, tyrants will be gone. People will rejoice, reverencing and honoring God.

We also consider how welcoming Christ into our lives can change us.

### Readings for the week of December 3, 2023

**Sunday:** Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Corinthians 1:3-9/Mark 13:33-37

**Monday:** Isaiah 2:1-5/Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Matthew 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 11:1-10/Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Luke 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 25:6-10a/Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Matthew 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Isaiah 26:1-6/Psalms 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Matthew 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Genesis 3:9-15, 20/Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/Luke 1:26-38

**Saturday:** Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26/Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Next Sunday:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11/Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Peter 3:8-14/Mark 1:1-8

### 2024 Parish Calendars Available

The 2024 Parish Calendars are available at all Masses starting today. The calendars are offered to our parishioners free of charge while they last, but we ask that you please limit yourselves to one calendar per household.

#### Monday, December 4, Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- 6:30am** ♦Intentions of Luis Fabian Pinedo and Family (Alvarado-Pinedo Family)  
♦Intentions of Eduardo Pinedo and Family (Alvarado-Pinedo Family)
- 8:15am** †Frank and Jeanette Devoti (Family)  
†Matthew David Reitzel (Family)  
†Patrick Hundredmark (Pete and Louise Conlin)

#### Tuesday, December 5, Advent Weekday

- 6:30am** †Gloria L. Garcia (Family)  
†Jose and Lily Armijo (Armijo Family)

#### Wednesday, December 6, Saint Nicholas, Bishop

- 6:30am** ♦Intentions of Luis Fabian Pinedo and Family (Alvarado-Pinedo Family)  
♦Intentions of Eduardo Pinedo and Family (Alvarado-Pinedo Family)
- 8:15am** ♦Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima School Faculty, Staff and Students  
♦Intentions of Mrs. Knepper & the Family of Mrs. Eldredge  
†Dolores Hance (Carol Yarnall)

#### Thursday, December 7, Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 6:30am** ♦Intentions of Mateo Maes (Vicenti Family)  
†Lily and Jose Armijo (Armijo Family)

#### Friday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A Holy Day of Obligation)

- 6:30am** ♦Intentions of all Parishioners  
**8:15am** ♦Intentions of all Parishioners  
**5:30pm** ♦Intentions of all Parishioners

#### Saturday, December 9, Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

- 7:30am** †Billie Mae Yarnall (Carol Yarnall)  
†Charlie Chacon (Family)  
†Reyes, Deena and Felicia Gurule (Gurule Family)

#### *Anticipatory Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent*

- 5:30pm** ♦Intentions of all Parishioners  
♦Intentions of Julio Nunez-Happy Birthday (Family)  
♦Intentions of David Ortega-Happy Birthday (Nunez Family)

#### Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:30am** †Jimmy and Nestora Baca (Baca Family)  
†Fusako “Chiko” Jaramillo (Family)  
†Mike Mares (Richard Perovich)
- 10:00am** ♦Living and †Deceased members of the Women’s Guild  
†Edwina Schubert (Family)  
†Dolores Hance (OLF Women’s Guild)
- 12:00pm** ♦Intentions of Julio and Veronica Nunez (Carol Yarnall)  
†Bob Hawley (Lena Hawley)  
†Andrew Trace (Pat & Katie Abbott)

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### Friday, December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation



- Masses: 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM, 5:30 PM
- 6:30 PM Stations of the Crib 1 of 3
  - 6:30 PM –7:30 PM Confessions during Stations
  - After Stations, Advent Presentation for 30 Minutes in the Church
  - After Presentation Cocoa and Cookies in Fatima-Gallaher Hall hosted by the Women's Guild, Holy Name Society and Coffee and Doughnuts Ministries of the Parish.

### Saturday, December 9,

- Daily Mass at 7:30 AM-Anointing of the Sick
- Legion of Mary Annual General Reunion of 12 Presidia of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. 10:30 AM-Rosary in Church, 11:00 AM-Mass followed by a luncheon in Fatima-Gallagher Hall.
- Confessions from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
- Anticipatory Mass at 5:30 PM
- Retired Religious Special Collection

### Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent



- Masses: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM
- Retired Religious Special Collection
- 11:00 AM-12:30 PM-CCD Grades K-7 in School Building
- After the 12:00 PM Mass, Christmas Eve Children's Play rehearsal 2 of 3.

### Friday, December 15,

- Masses: 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM, 5:30 PM
- 6:30 PM Stations of the Crib 2 of 3
  - 6:30 PM –7:30 PM Confessions during Stations
  - After Stations, Advent Presentation for 30 Minutes in the Church
  - After Presentation Cocoa and Cookies in Fatima-Gallaher Hall hosted by the Finance Council, Parish Council and Choir Ministries of the Parish.

### Saturday, December 16,

- Daily Mass at 7:30 AM
- Confessions from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
- Anticipatory Mass at 5:30 PM

### Sunday, December 17, Third Sunday of Advent



- Masses: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM
- 11:00 AM-12:30 PM-CCD Grades K-7 in School Building
- 11:00 AM-1:00 PM-High School Year 1 & Year 2 Confirmation Classes in Room 1 and Library of FGH.
- 11:00 AM– Holy Name Society Meeting in Room 2 of Fatima-Gallagher Hall
- After the 12:00 PM Mass, Christmas Eve Children's Play rehearsal 3 of 3.
- 4:00 PM– High School Confirmation Classes Community Project to help set up/clean up for Las Posadas.
- 5:00 PM– Las Posadas starting in church with procession around parish grounds. After the procession please join us for a reception with posole, hot chocolate, cookies and a pinata for the children.

### Wednesday, December 20,

- Daily Mass at 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM
- 9:00 AM– School Confessions

### Friday, December 22,

- Masses: 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM, 5:30 PM
- 6:30 PM Stations of the Crib 3 of 3
  - 6:30 PM –7:30 PM Confessions during Stations
  - After Stations, Advent Presentation for 30 Minutes in the Church
  - After Presentation Cocoa and Cookies in Fatima-Gallaher Hall hosted by the Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers and Greeter Ministries of the Parish.





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### Saturday, December 23,

- Daily Mass at 7:30 AM
- Confessions from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
- Anticipatory Mass at 5:30 PM



### Sunday, December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Sunday Obligation Masses: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM.



### Sunday, December 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE

- Christmas Vigil Mass Schedule:
  - 4:00 PM begins with the Children's Play before Mass starts
  - 6:00 PM

### Monday, December 25 — CHRISTMAS DAY

- Masses at 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM (No Noon Mass)
- Parish Office Closed (12-25-23 and 12-26-23)

### Saturday, December 30,

- Daily Mass at 7:30 AM
- Confessions from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
- Anticipatory Mass at 5:30 PM

### Sunday, December 31, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- Sunday Obligation Masses: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM.

### Sunday, December 31-Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

- 5:30 PM Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.



### Monday, January 1, 2024, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

- Masses: 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM (No Noon Mass)



The Beneficiary of Our Lady of Fatima's Giving Tree this year is BIRTHRIGHT. This Christmas season they are asking for maternity clothing, baby toiletries and clothing for children from preemie to 12 months old. Birthright strives to help women make life-affirming choices. They offer a sympathetic ear, education, free pregnancy tests and resources to help care for the precious child they are carrying. Not all of the women who walk through the doors are in crisis, but all of them need someone to reassure them that they are capable and that their child is precious. Please help this important ministry serve Albuquerque mothers in need this Christmas.

Below is a list of the items that are in greatest need:

1. Cuddly blankets in neutral colors for intake rooms (Given to women when they have a positive pregnancy test)



2. Hooded bath towels and washcloths
3. Baby Toiletries: diaper cream and baby wash
4. Cotton footed sleepers, size preemie -12 months
5. Long sleeve onesies, size preemie -12 months
6. Solid color pants, size preemie-12 months
  - These can be difficult to find locally. Amazon has three or four packs of Simple Joys by Carters and Hanes Flexy.
7. Maternity clothes and diaper bags

Birthright of Albuquerque is in need of volunteers to help an increasing number of women seeking support during and after their pregnancies. Even a few hours of your time each week would be very beneficial. Call 505-262-2235 or stop by our office, at 3228 Candelaria NE (just west of Carlisle) to hear and see what we can do and consider becoming a "neighbor" to these women and their babies. (<https://birthright.org>)

## Coffee and Doughnuts Today

Join us for Coffee and Doughnuts  
after the 7:30am and 10:00am Masses.



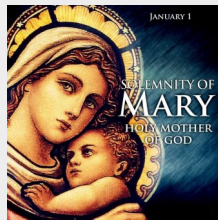
For parishioners who wish to make an end of year donation to the parish, please do so by Friday, December 22nd, 2023. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office during regular business hours. **The office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on December 25th and 26th, 2023.**



### December 8<sup>th</sup> –

#### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8, 2023, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be offered at 6:30am, 8:15am, and 5:30pm. The 5:30pm Mass will be followed at 6:30pm by our new Advent devotion – Praying of the “Stations of the Crib” followed by an Advent reflection by a member of the parish clergy. See the announcement on this page.



**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

**FOR OUR MAY & 100 MILE JUNE  
PILGRIMAGES**



**BY DEC 12<sup>th</sup> 2023**

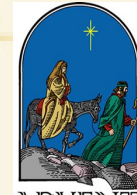


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## REHEARSAL FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE MASS CHILDREN'S PLAY TODAY AT 1:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

**\*All children are invited to join.\***

**The Christmas play will be performed  
before the 4:00 PM Mass  
on December 24th.**



**ADVENT**

We are adding something new to our parish activities this Advent. Given the popularity of Stations of the Cross during Lent, we are adding an Advent devotion attributed to the Franciscans called the Stations of the Crib. It is modeled on the Stations of the Cross and is presented as 14 stations from the Annunciation to the early childhood of Jesus. They will be held in the church each Friday during Advent (note that there is no 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of Advent this year) starting at 6:30pm. The Stations should take about 30 minutes. Folding cards with the Stations have been ordered for distribution to those in attendance.

Following the Stations, there will be a 20 to 30 minute Advent reflection by a member of the parish clergy. Confession will also be available during the Stations and reflection. Then, after the Stations/ reflection/confessions, there will be coffee, hot cocoa, and Christmas cookies served in the parish hall for those who wish to attend. The cookies will be provided by a different ministry each of the three evenings. This social time will begin about 7:30pm and last no later than 8:30pm including clean-up.

These three evenings are taking the place of an Advent parish mission as well as an Advent penance service. You are invited to participate in these Advent liturgies on December 8<sup>th</sup> (following the 5:30pm Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – a Holy Day of Obligation), December 15<sup>th</sup>, and December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Las Posadas

Posadas will be celebrated on  
Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>,  
beginning 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 a piñata for the kids, posole and other refreshments.