

**PARISH INFORMATION**  
**INFORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL**

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**Office Hours/Horas de Oficina**  
Monday - Friday/Lunes -Viernes  
9:00 am -12:00 pm & 1:00 –5:00 pm

**Masses/Misas**

Monday - Friday/Lunes - Viernes  
7:00 a.m. daily Mass/Misa diaria

Misa en Español  
Martes, Miércoles y Jueves 6 p.m.  
en la iglesia

1st Friday: 7:00 p.m. bilingual followed by Confession and Overnight Adoration.

1st Saturday: 7:00 a.m. bilingual following Benediction.

Anticipated Sunday Mass  
Misa Dominical anticipada  
Saturday/Sábado 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass  
Misa Dominical  
7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. (English)  
11:30 a.m. (Español)

**Adoration/Adoración**  
Mon. & Fri. 7:45 a.m.—2:30 p.m.  
T-W-Th. 7:45 a.m.—5:50 p.m.  
Closing with Benediction

Lunes y Viernes 7:45 am—2:30 pm  
Martes a Jueves 7:45 am—5:50 pm  
Terminando con Bendición

**Confession/Confesión**  
Monday through Friday  
Lunes a Viernes  
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday through Thursday  
Martes a Jueves  
5:00—5:45 p.m.

Saturday/Sábado  
3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

**Medjugorje Prayer Group**  
Tues. 7:00 p.m. St. Francis Chapel

**Rosary for the Sick**  
Wed., 5:15 p.m. Church

**Grupo de Oración en Español**  
Sábados, 6 p.m. el salón parroquial

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
**Iglesia Católica de San José**  
230 N. 3rd Street  
Grand Junction, CO 81501

**“We are Eucharistic Missionary Disciples of Jesus”**  
**“Somos discípulos misioneros eucarísticos de Jesús”**



**December 24, 2023**

**4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve**

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**4:30PM-**  
†Don Torline

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30AM-**  
†Kevin Fedler  
†Mary Pillai  
Maria Garcia—Birthday  
†George Martinez  
Souls in Purgatory  
Health of Ashley McCartney  
†Tyra Bowman  
†Geoge & Lucille Muzny  
†Lily & Louis Esquibel  
†Mary Wynn

**9:30AM-**  
†Frank & Myra Marie Carravetta

**11:30AM-**  
†Nora Elliott  
†Nemecio Gutierrez y Fidela Rojas  
Por la salud de Dolores Hernandez Bustos y Nasaria Esquibel  
†Camilo Landa Mendoza  
†Cesar Mendoza  
†Manuel Ortega  
†Ernesto Ortega

**4:30PM-** †Della Ehlers

**12:00AM-** †Jim Crespin

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:30 AM-** †Nicholas Abeyta

**11:30AM-** †Evangeline Avidyade Elizondo (Spanish)

**Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Sandra & Chelsey Vickerman

**6:00 PM—**Pro Populo

**Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Frank & Norma Yankovich

**6:00 PM—** Por la salud de Dolores Hernandez Bustos y Nasaria Esquibel

**Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Patty DeAnda— Birthday

**Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**  
†Gary Parrott

**Daily Mass Readings**

**Sun., 12/24/23**

**First Reading:** Second Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

**Second Reading:** Romans 16: 25-27

**Alleluia:** Luke 1: 38

**Gospel:** Luke 1: 26-38

**Mon., 12/25/23**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 52: 7-10

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 1: 1-6

**Gospel:** John 1: 1-18

**Tues., 12/26/23**

**First Reading:** Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 31: 3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17

**Alleluia:** Psalms 118: 26a, 27a

**Gospel:** Matthew 10: 17-22

**Wed., 12/27/23**

**First Reading:** First John 1: 1-4

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12

**Gospel:** John 20: 1a and 2-8

**Thurs., 12/28/23**

**First Reading:** First John 1: 5 – 2: 2

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 124: 2-3, 4-5, 7b-8

**Gospel:** Matthew 2: 13-18

**Fri., 12/29/23**

**First Reading:** First John 2: 3-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6

**Alleluia:** Luke 2: 32

**Gospel:** Luke 2: 22-35

**Sat., 12/30/23**

**First Reading:** First John 2: 12-17

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 96: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10

**Gospel:** Luke 2: 36-40

Beloved Parish Family,

As we approach the wondrous celebration of Christmas, let us embark on a journey of rediscovery. Let us venture beyond the familiar narratives and delve deeper into the mysteries of Christ's birth. Just as the shepherds and the Magi sought our Savior in the humble manger, let us seek the profound meaning that lies within this miraculous event. Open your hearts to the transformative power of the Incarnation, allowing it to shape your lives and guide your actions. Embrace the joy, hope and love that emanate from the newborn King, and share His light with the world.

May this Christmas be a time of profound revelation and renewed faith.

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Estimada Familia Parroquial,

A medida que nos aproximamos a la maravillosa celebración de Navidad, embriquemos en un viaje de redescubrimiento. Aventurémonos más allá de las narraciones conocidas y profundicemos más en los misterios del Nacimiento de Cristo. Así como los pastores y los Reyes Magos buscaron a nuestro Salvador en el pesebre. Busquemos el profundo significado que encierra este milagroso acontecimiento. Abran sus corazones al poder transformador de la Encarnación, permitiéndole formar nuestras vidas y guiar nuestras acciones. Abraza la alegría, la Esperanza y el amor que emana el Rey recién nacido y comparte Su luz con el mundo.

Que esta Navidad sea un tiempo de revelación profunda y fe renovada.

In Christ's embrace/En el abrazo de Cristo,

Rev. Henry Wertin, Pastor



Principal: Jake Aubert

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### Finance Council/Consejo

#### Financiero

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### Pastoral Council/Consejo

#### Pastoral

Toni Moran  
Sharel Fedler  
Sherry Brandon  
Dale Thome



**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve Mass)**

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

**4:30 p.m. (English)**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Midnight Christmas Mass)  
Sunday, December 24, 2023 (Monday, December 25, 2023)**

**Midnight (English)**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day Mass)**

**Monday, December 25, 2023**

**9:30 a.m. (English)**

**La Natividad de Nuestro Señor (Misa de Navidad) - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day Mass)**

**Lunes, 25 de Diciembre del 2023 - Monday, December 25, 2023**

**11:30 a.m. (Misa en Español - Spanish Mass)**



**BINGO**

Knights of Columbus #1062 **BINGO** resumes the schedule of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month. Sales of bingo packets begin at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall, with BINGO starting at 6:30 PM. Packets are \$10 each. Light refreshments will also be served.

Caballeros de Colón #1062 programa **BINGO** reanuda el horario del segundo y cuarto viernes de cada mes. Las ventas de los boletos para el bingo comienzan a las 6:00 PM en el Salón Parroquial, con BINGO a partir de las 6:30 PM. Los paquetes de bingo cuestan \$10 cada uno. También se servirán refrigerios ligeros.

**“Sanación (uno a uno): comprensión, escucha,  
amor, acción”**

Nuestra Parroquia está implementando “el siguiente paso” que resultó del Congreso Eucarístico Diocesano. Se llama “Sanación (uno a uno): comprensión, escucha, amor, acción”. En este caso, la “sanación” involucra a feligreses que están dispuestos a ser “compañeros” que “comprenderán, escucharán, amarán y actuarán”.



Cualquiera que sienta que necesita apoyo en la línea de oración, o simplemente necesita alguien con quien platicar, puede llamar a la Oficina Parroquial al 970-243-0209 y se le conectará con un “compañero”.

Si se siente llamado a ser uno de los “compañeros”, llame también a la Oficina Parroquial al 970-243-0209 y háganos saber que está dispuesto a “comprender, escuchar, amar y actuar” con quienes piden apoyo.



Per the **IRS Publication 526**, we can only post your contribution in the **year we receive it**. Please make sure any contributions you would like to use towards your **2023 taxes** are received in the office or postmarked **by December 31st**.



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary**

Please join us for the 5th Sunday Rosary on Sunday, **December 31st** after the 7:30 am Mass in the St Therese room of the parish hall as we pray for our priests, our country, the sick, the intentions of the Holy Father, for vocations and seminarians and any other special intentions. All are welcome. Our country and our world need prayer. Come pray with us!



The **Coats for Kids** program has been started for the winter season by the Knights of Columbus. Now through January 28th, the Knights will be collecting girls, boys, and adult coats to help families and children of all ages struggling to make ends meet. The collection box is located in the Church Narthex. Please participate by donating new and/or slightly-used CLEAN coats of all sizes, from infant to all ages. Many adult sizes are also needed. Thanks!



**Mary Mother of God**  
**Sunday, December 31, 2023**  
**4:30 p.m. (English)**



**Mary Mother of God**  
**Monday, January 1, 2024**  
**9:30 a.m. (English)**

**Maria, Madre de Dios - Mary Mother of God**  
**Lunes, 1 de Enero del 2023 - Monday, January 1, 2024**  
**11:30 a.m. (Misa en Espanol - Spanish Mass)**

"...each according to his abilities."

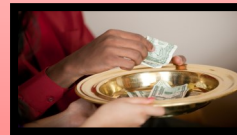
I would like to take this opportunity to "Thank You" for your Financial Support of our Parish and at the same time, I need to make this request:

In order to stay current on our increased operational expenses, and our Diocesan monthly Advanced Missionary Discipleship (AMD) Assessment of \$12,213.89, along with large maintenance projects, an increase of 15% in the Collection of tithes and offerings is needed and would make it possible to maintain a healthy financial position for our Parish.

The Good Lord is certainly blessing our Parish in every way, and may he continue to bless you and your family as we work together.

"...each according to his abilities."

Sincerely, Fr. Wertin



"...cada uno según sus capacidades".

Me gustaría aprovechar esta oportunidad para dar "gracias" por su apoyo financiero a nuestra parroquia y al mismo tiempo necesito hacer esta solicitud:

Para mantenernos al día con nuestros mayores gastos operativos y nuestra Evaluación Diocesana mensual de Discipulado Misionero Avanzado (AMD) de \$12,213.89, junto con grandes proyectos de mantenimiento, se necesitaría un aumento de 15% en la Colecta de diezmos y ofrendas para mantener una posición financiera saludable para nuestra Parroquia.

El Buen Dios ciertamente está bendiciendo nuestra Parroquia en todos los sentidos y que continúe bendiciendo a usted y a su familia mientras trabajamos juntos.

"...cada uno según sus capacidades".

Atentamente, P. Wertin

### Chant Masses for Advent 2023

Thursdays, 7:00 PM, will be the regular rehearsal time for the upcoming **Chant Masses** which will begin the First Sunday of Advent at the 7:30 AM Sunday Mass.



For more information contact: Joseph W Henry at: [jwhenry46@charter.net](mailto:jwhenry46@charter.net) or 727-773-5735



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – for the Parish Hall Building Loan Fund

A BIG **Thank You** to all the parishioners who donated to the recent 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Parish Hall Building Loan Fund. Due to your generosity the debt is slowly but surely declining. The balance now stands at \$83,199.74. Hopefully we can pay it off fully in 2024. We humbly ask that you continue to support our efforts to retire the loan.

### **“Healing (one on one): understanding, listen, love, action”**



Our Parish is implementing “the next step” that has resulted from the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. It is called, “Healing (one on one): understanding, listen, love, action.” In this case, “Healing” involves Parishioners who are willing to be “companions” who will be “understanding, listen, love, action.”

Anyone who feels that they need support along the lines of prayer, or just need someone to talk to, can call the Parish Office 970-243-0209 and they will be connected with a “companion.”

If you feel called to be one of the “companions” also call the Parish Office 970-243-0209 and let us know that you are willing to “understand, listen, love, action” with those who call in for support.



### **Practice Makes Perfect**

#### **Practice Your Faith -Learn the Rosary**

Come and pray the Rosary with us each Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Community Room of the Parish Office Building on the corner of 3rd St. and White Ave. St. Padre Pio called the Rosary the weapon for these times. Find out why it is so powerful. All are welcome - just show up. No experience necessary.

Call Teresa Gill for more information. (970) 243-0209 ext. 209. OR Cell: (251) 408-7851.

### **Physical GOALS**

—Pay off Parish Hall Loan:

**\$83,199.74 as of 12/1/23**

—Pay off Old Diocesan Ministry

Fund

—Pave Parking Lot



***Let us pray to the Lord...***



### **Reboot of ‘The Chosen’ from a Catholic Viewpoint**

Season 4 of ‘The Chosen’ is due out in theatres (and later by streaming) about February 1, 2024. Are you ready for this new season which is being touted as a real turning point in the story of Jesus’ ministry? The experience of Jesus and His followers will certainly become more serious as events lead up to His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Now is a great time to review videos of seasons 1-2-3 which detail the arc of the calling of His disciples as well as the joys and sorrows of belonging so intimately to Jesus and His mission.

Study guides with Scripture references, discussion questions and further ‘deep dive’ resources will be provided at each episode’s viewing. These come totally from a Catholic viewpoint, as presented by a Catholic parish in their study of ‘The Chosen’ and its importance to the Catholic faith. Great learning tools to explore and better understand Jesus’ life and plan for our salvation.

**We meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in the parish hall. All are welcome. And bring a friend! Lite refreshments provided.**