

Our Lady of the   
*Annunciation* Church

*Third Sunday of Advent*  
December 14, 2025

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found on YouTube at

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**MASS TIMES:**

Sundays:

7 AM (Live Streamed)

9 AM,

10:30 AM. &

12:00 Noon

Weekday Mass Schedule

Mondays-Fridays:

8:30 AM and 5:30 PM.

8:30 AM First Saturday

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturdays: 5:00 PM.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday's 3:00 — 4:30 pm.

Confessions are in the church.

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

*Our Lady of the Annunciation Roman Catholic Parish  
is a community living out our faith through the Holy Spirit,  
in the Eucharist, the Scriptures, prayer, and evangelization.  
Like Mary, we humbly say Yes to God's Will  
by continuing the radical mission of Jesus Christ,  
as we minister to all.*



*Weekly Mass Intentions & Readings*

**MON., 15TH: ADVENT WEEKDAY**

NM 24:2-7, 15-17A/MT 21:23-27

- 8:30 AM † JOHN PAUL ARRANAGA; † JIM LOEHR;  
(SI) ROSEMARY ROSE  
5:30 PM † SONIA SWIERSZCZ; † BERNADETTE TABOR  
(SI) MARTINEZ, TRUJILLO & GILLILAND FAMILIES

**TUES., 16TH: ADVENT WEEKDAY**

ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13/MT 21:28-32

- 8:30 AM (SI) SHEA REYES; † PETER TAFOYA; † LINO SANCHEZ  
5:30PM (SI) KERRIE SENA - BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS; (SI) TIM  
& CLIARE & GRANDCHILDREN; † GILBERT &  
DOLORES CANO

**WED., 17TH: ADVENT WEEKDAY**

GN 49:2, 8-10/MT 1:1-17

- 8:30 AM † RICHARD BAUMANN; † WILLIAM LANDGRAF;  
(SI)/† LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
LANDGRAF FAMILY  
5:30PM † WENZLER, RUDNIK & MAGGIO FAMILIES; † SONIA  
SWIERSZCZ; (SI) KERRIE SENA - BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

**THURS., 18TH: ADVENT WEEKDAY**

JER 23:5-8/MT 1:18-25

- 8:30 AM † GUADALUPE TAYLOR; † SHELLIE NICHOLS;  
(SI) MICHAEL ZAGADO & FAMILY  
5:30 PM † DEACON JOHN SHOULTA - BIRTHDAY MEMORIAL;  
† RICHARD BYERS; (SI) CECILIA JORDAN

**FRI., 19TH: ADVENT WEEKDAY**

JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A/LK 1:5-25

- 8:30 AM † H.P. PSOMAS; † AL VERMETTE JR. - 5TH  
ANNIVERSARY; † KEN BOWER  
5:30 PM † ANN POWERS AND PESSA MAJORS; † JOHN  
MAITO; (SI) INCREASING BAPTISM'S

**SAT., 20TH: ADVENT WEEKDAY**

Is 7:10-14/LK 1:26-38

- 5:00 PM † RUPERT BYERS; † GEORGINA EICHWALD;  
(SI) THANKSGIVING TO DIVINE MERCY

**SUN., 21ST: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Is 7:10-14/ROM 1:1-7/MT 1:18-24

- 7:00 AM † DODY PITRE; (SI) IN THANKSGIVING TO OUR  
MOTHER OF GUADALUPE; (SI) JOSEPH ANTHONY &  
MARIA MONIQUE  
9:00 AM † AGAPITA GOMEZ & ROSE RODRIGUEZ; † JOE  
MAITO; (SI) THE REGGIE CAMPTON FAMILY  
10:30 AM † JOSE CRUZ; † LAWRENCE PETERSON;  
(SI) ROSEMARY ROSE  
12:00 PM (SI) FOR THE PEOPLE

*This Week's Event*

**Sunday, December 14th,**

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|----------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 10:15 AM | Mid. School, Sac. Prep | ACS Classrooms     |
| 10:15 AM | Confirmaiton II        | Community Center   |
| 2:00 PM  | Couples Bridge         | St. Magdalene Hall |

**Monday, December 15th,**

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|---------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 9:00 AM | Marianites                  | St. Francis Hall   |
| 6:30 PM | St. Vincent de Paul Society | St. Magdalene Hall |
| 7:00 PM | Penance Service             | Church             |

**Tuesday, December 16th,**

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|---------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 6:00 PM | Young Adult Bible Study | St. Bakhita Hall   |
| 6:30 PM | OCIA                    | St. Magdalene Hall |

**Wednesday, December 17th,**

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|---------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 2:45 PM | Companions on the Journey | St. Bakhita Hall   |
| 4:15 PM | Elementary Religious Ed.  | ACS Classrooms     |
| 6:00 PM | Cub Scouts Den Meeting    | Community Center   |
| 6:30 PM | Troop Meeting             | Gym                |
| 6:30 PM | Adult Faith Formation     | St. Magdalene Hall |
| 7:00 PM | Kings Men                 | Off Campus         |

*Sangre de Cristo Parish*  
Place

**Thursday, December 18th,**

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|---------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 8:00 AM | ACS Rosary Group          | St. Magdalene Hall |
| 9:30 AM | Sunday Reading Reflection | St. Francis Hall   |

**Saturday, December 19th,**

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|---------|-------------|------------------|
| 9:15 PM | Mom's Group | St. Bakhita Hall |
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*Adoration Chapel*



Advent, the Season of Arrival Week Three - Gaudete Sunday  
The lighting of the pink candle signifies joy. The Lord is developing and preparing us through this time of waiting. We thank Jesus for these miracles, for these rays of hope. When we pray, allow his name to flood your heart and mind. Pray to allow Jesus to let you linger with him, especially in this season of waiting. Let's thank Jesus for the season of joy and light ahead.

**How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me? (Psalm 116:12)**

The Parish Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 (7/1/25 - 6/30/26) is based on the giving of our faith family for Fiscal Year 2025. The portion of our budget contributed in envelopes, checks, loose cash and online giving is \$1,891,760.00 or \$36,380.00 per week.

Contributions for the 23rd weekend of the fiscal year were \$48,086.00. In the 23rd week of our fiscal year, our budgeted goal for ministry programs and ordinary operating expenses were \$836,740.00, and our collections are \$791,023.00.

**Thank you for your continuing generosity.**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

THE LAST NIGHT FOR CLASS BEFORE BREAK IS DECMEBER 17TH AT 6:30 P.M. IN ST MAGDALENE HALL.

CLASSES WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 7TH. JUST A REMINDER - IF APS CANCELS SCHOOL FOR A SNOW DAY THEN WE WILL NOT MEET THAT EVENING AS WELL.

# From the Pastor

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is Latin for “rejoice” and is taken from the opening antiphon for today’s Mass from St. Paul’s Letter to the Philippians 4:4-5 which states: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near. In our first reading from Isaiah chapter 35, we are inspired by the Lord who comes to ransom us, moving us to sing for joy with gladness. We also hear from St. John the Baptist, once again, as the Lord Jesus’ cousin and immediate forerunner. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says in CCC #523: St. John the Baptist is the Lord’s immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. Prophet of the Most High, John surpasses all the prophets of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother’s womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being the friend of the bridegroom, whom he points out as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Going before Jesus in the spirit and power of the Elijah, John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion and through his martyrdom. Interestingly enough, Jesus points out in MT 11:11 that ...the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. How could that possibly be? Actually, St. John the Baptist died before Jesus established the Kingdom in the pascal mystery of his death and resurrection. Through our own baptism, we are adopted into Jesus’ Kingdom by God’s favor. Are we living the grace of our relationship with God in joy? Would this not bring others into the Kingdom by observing the love of Christians? We dearly need to listen to the prophets of our own time who remind us of our calling to make Jesus’ love a reality by our own example.



## CASA ANGELICA COLLECTION



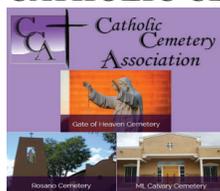
We will take up our annual collection for Casa Angelica next weekend, Dec. 20-21. Casa Angelica is the home for profoundly disabled children whom the Canossian Sisters have served since its foundation in 1967. Annunciation Parish has an equally long history of helping these dear children through our association with the Canossian Sisters and their mission of serving those most in need. As we await the celebration of the birth of the most precious Child Jesus, I invite you to join in supporting the work of Casa Angelica. Your gift makes a world of difference in the lives of Casa Angelica’s little ones. Grazie Mille!

## PENANCE SERVICES



Annunciation will host our Advent Penance Service this Monday, Dec. 15th at 7:00 p.m. in church. Risen Savior Catholic Church will host their Penance Service on Tuesday, Dec. 16th at 6:00 p.m. Do take advantage of these opportunities to cleanse the soul and make a way for the Lord into your life more fully in preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES



Mt. Calvary Cemetery and Gate of Heaven Cemetery are offering a 15% discount on pre-need purchases for the rest of December. The discount is limited to certain areas and is designed to help families plan now so that those left behind are not tasked with difficult decisions and costly expenses at a time of need. For more information, please call Mt. Calvary at 505-243-0218 or Gate of Heaven at 505-821-0800.

## FROM THE RELIGIOUS ED CORNER

Winter Break- The last day of class for Middle School and Sacramental Prep is 12/14. The last day of class for Elementary is 12/17, and the Third Grade class will be celebrating Las Posadas on this day.

Reminder: Third graders need to send in a wallet sized photo of themselves by 12/17. A school picture is great. Please write their name on the back side bottom corner and give it to the catechists or turn it in at the parish office.

**Luminarias** can still be pre-ordered for \$13 a dozen. Order by calling (505) 600-1599 and leaving your order by using voicemail. Leave your name, a phone number, and how many you want to order. Order forms may also be found in the church vestibule. Please preorder to ensure availability.

For those who have already pre-ordered, pick up will be after all the Masses December 13-14 and 20-21.

Sales help Family Scout Troop 280 and Crew 280 raise money for the youth to attend summer camp and national scouting events. Help Annunciation youth participate by supporting the Luminaria Sale.

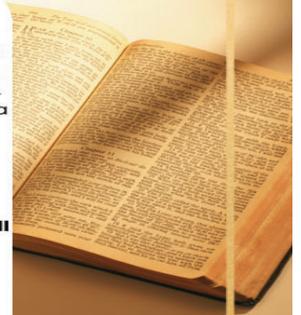
**The Scouts Thank you for your support!**



we are inviting married couples to be part of **Baptismal Preparation Ministry** share your gifts and talents in giving formation/training to parents and godparents who want their child to be Baptized in the Catholic faith. For more information call the Parish office - 505-298-7553

## Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina Prayer Group Forming  
Looking for a new way to pray?  
Described as a prayerful listening to the word of God, Lectio Divina invites us to meditate on the scriptures and receive what we need in the moment. Latin for "Divine Reading", Lectio Divina is a traditional way of praying and was developed and practiced by the early monks. We are planning to meet on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in St. Francis Hall (will start in January 2026)** If you are interested in joining this group, please contact either **Peggy Wilson at 505.903.4489 or Sr. Emma Ruth Ancheta at 505.299.9111**



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