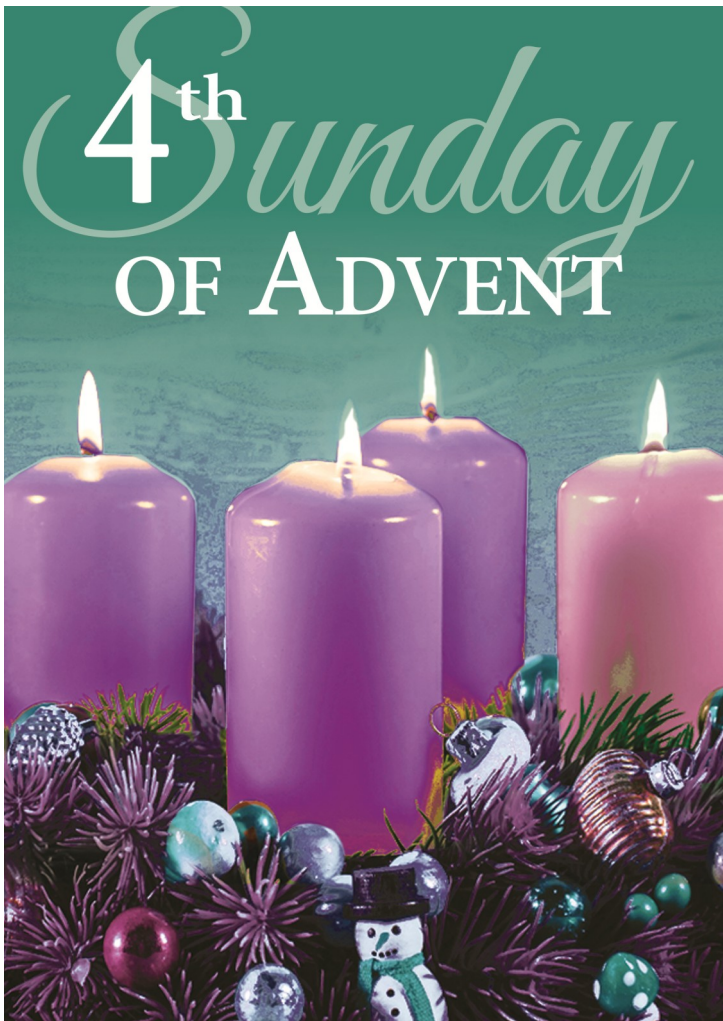


December 17 & 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
	10:00 a.m.
	7:00 p.m.
Tues—Fri	12:00 p.m.
Holy Days	12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Fridays 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.



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Monday—Thursday 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
~ The office does not close for lunch ~

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Food outreach (Mondays at 4:00 p.m.)

Utility & Rent Assistance (2nd & 4th Saturdays)

Gospel Reflection

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart?

Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.

God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.

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Readings for the Week

December 18, 2022

Sunday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Thursday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Saturday:	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79 Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Next Sunday:	

Observances for the week of December 18, 2022

Sunday:	4 th Sunday of Advent
Monday:	
Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	
Friday:	St. John of Kanty, Priest
Saturday:	Christmas Eve
Next Sunday:	The Nativity of the Lord

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Pray the Rosary
to End Abortion

Mysteries of the Rosary

- Sunday—Glorious Mysteries
- Monday—Joyful Mysteries
- Tuesday—Sorrowful Mysteries
- Wednesday—Glorious Mysteries
- Thursday—Luminous Mysteries
- Friday—Sorrowful Mysteries
- Saturday—Joyful Mysteries



December: Month of the Immaculate Conception



Father, you prepared the Virgin Mary to be the worthy mother of your Son. You let her share beforehand in the salvation Christ would bring by his death, and kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception. Help us by her prayers to live in your presence without sin. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ~ Amen.

Mass Intentions

For the week of December 19—25

Monday, December 19

12:00 P.M. — **NO NOON MASS**

Tuesday, December 20

12:00 P.M. — † Eva Aguilar by Terrazas Funeral Chapels
† Joseph Medran by Terrazas Funeral Chapels
Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Wednesday, December 21

12:00 P.M. — Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Thursday, December 22

12:00 P.M. — † Oscar Polanco by Corrine Ortega
† Gavino Gallardo & Elisa Correa by the Vasquez Family
Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Friday, December 23

12:00 P.M. — Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Saturday, December 24

5:00 P.M. — † Chano & Ernesto Triviso and Ricky Altamirano by
Jenny Crist & Family
† Jerardo Jimenez by Family
† Mary Dorcheus and Bernie & Joey Rael by Manuel
& Priscilla Vigil
† Deceased members of the Grijalba family by Esther
Grijalba

For an end to abortion by Sylvia Misqueu
For healing for victims of sex trafficking by Sylvia
Misqueu
For the President of the United States
Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Sunday, December 25

Midnight — † Bertha Benavidez and the deceased members of
the Rios, Archuleta, Moreno, & Benavidez families
by Rebecca Benavidez

8:00 A.M. — † Lily Salaiz by Robert Salaiz
Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

10:00 A.M. — † Mariana and Raul Padilla by Family
Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

7:00 P.M. — Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

*Please remember to notify the office if someone
on the prayer list needs to be removed. Thank you~*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Doris Ann & John Walsh
Sam & Mando Medina
Maggie Simpson
Eddie Carbajal, Jr.
Sam Silva
Pat & Barbara Lambert
Keegan Browning
Gus & Martha Alatorre
Rodney Tschirhart
Luisa Carbajal
Gene Panick
Albert & Martha Jimenez
Tommy Ogas

Barbara Smith
Belle Kempf
JC Robinson
Joe Conway
Marilyn Zeilinger
Margaret Ogas
Vicki Ogas
Collin Christian
Matthew Leyba
Delia Barajas
Jay Ortiz
Lucinda Saucedo
Mary Lou Ortega

Jesse Montes
Johnny "Cyborg" Marquez
Dave Egan
Gilbert Miera
Albert Kelly
Ava Cardoza
Patty O. Alvarado
Margaret R. Alvarado

*Pray for our military
serving around the world
~~~~~ and ~~~~~  
for the President of the  
United States*

## Liturgy Schedule

### December 24 & 25

**Saturday, December 24—5:00 P.M.**

Lectors— TBD

Eucharistic Ministers: Host— TBD

Cup— **TBA**

Music— Rosie & Friends

**Sunday, December 25—8:00 A.M.**

Lectors— TBD

Eucharistic Ministers: Host— TBD

Cup— **TBA**

Music— Lorraine & Friends

**Sunday, December 25—10:00 A.M.**

Lectors— TBD

Eucharistic Ministers: Host— TBD

Cup— **TBA**

Music— TBD

## Dates to Remember

December 23 thru January 3—Office Closed

December 24—5:00 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at the **Fine Arts Theater**

December 25—Midnight Mass, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Mass

January 6—12:00 First Friday Mass

January 12—6:00 Baptism Class

(please call the church if you plan to attend)

## On-Going Events to Remember

### Baptism Classes

Every second Thursday of the month  
from 6:00—9:00 p.m.

*Please call the office to have your name added to the list.*

### Altar Bread & Wine for December

*is for the souls of Bobby, Senaida, & Daniel A. Lopez,  
Chris & Marsha Christensen, and Mildred Anderson  
By the Villagran & Lopez Families*

### REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

*If you, or someone you know, has been the victim of  
sexual abuse by clergy or church personnel, contact the  
Victim's Assistance Coordinator at the Diocese of Las  
Cruces at (575) 523-7577, or vac@rcdlc.org.*



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Stewardship

#### COLLECTIONS

See December 4 bulletin for November 14—27 total.  
Please note that deposits will be made every 3 to 4 weeks. Thank you for your patience.

*Thank you for your continued generosity~*



#### ~ FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED ~

The pantry is in need of ramen, crackers, canned mixed vegetables, pasta, tuna, fruit, detergent, soap, toothpaste, feminine hygiene, all cleaning products, and any "Just for You" items from Albertson's that you don't want. **Thank you!**

They also need volunteers on Monday afternoons and on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 8 -10 a.m. If you can help, please contact Dotty at (575) 313-2817.

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Thank you for your continued generosity!  
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~ Wedding Anniversary Masses ~

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their Paper (1st), Silver (25th), Gold (50th) or 50 plus wedding anniversary in 2023, are invited to attend a Mass at St. Peter Parish in Roswell on Saturday, February 11, 2023, or at the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Las Cruces on Saturday, February 25, 2023, and receive a blessing from Bishop Peter Baldacchino.

Couples wishing to celebrate these milestone anniversaries must register with their Parish Priest **no later than January 10, 2023** and provide him with a Certificate of Marriage from the Catholic parish where the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony was celebrated, or a recent Baptism Certificate (within the last 6 months) with notations on the back of the Certificate indicating the marriage is recognized by the Church. For questions, call the Parish Office.

December 18, 2022

Other Parish Information

Mission Statement

Called in Baptism and rooted in our Catholic faith, we at St. Francis Newman Center Parish of the Diocese of Las Cruces are welcoming and compassionate people. We strive to be disciples of Christ with a special ministry to the Western New Mexico University community. The dynamic and diverse nature of our parish invites us to be open to spiritual formation and the values of charity. Nourished by the Word of God and the Holy Eucharist and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we reach out to all, encouraging active participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith within our families, our parish, our diocese and our world. (Approved: January 4, 2012)

Baptisms

Parents and Godparents must complete the Baptism Application (available in the office) and take the Baptism class prior to scheduling a Baptism. Godparents must have all sacraments to be able to serve as Godparents. Contact the Parish Office for complete details.

Marriages

Marriages must be arranged 6 months in advance.

Parish Membership

All parishioners 18 years or older are urged to register— as a member of the Catholic Church, registration is required. As a registered member of our parish you are invited to participate as a volunteer in assisting the various ministries our parish offers.

Volunteer Ministries

St. Francis Newman Center has many ministry opportunities in which Parishioners can serve. Please call or stop by the office to inquire as to where you can best serve our Parish.

~ Second Collections ~

January 8 —Building Fund
January 15— St. Francis Associates
January 22—Church in Latin America / Hurricane Relief



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve : 5:00 p.m.

~ at the Fine Arts Center Theater ~

Midnight Mass 12:00 a.m.

~ at the Newman Center ~

Christmas Day Masses:

8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.