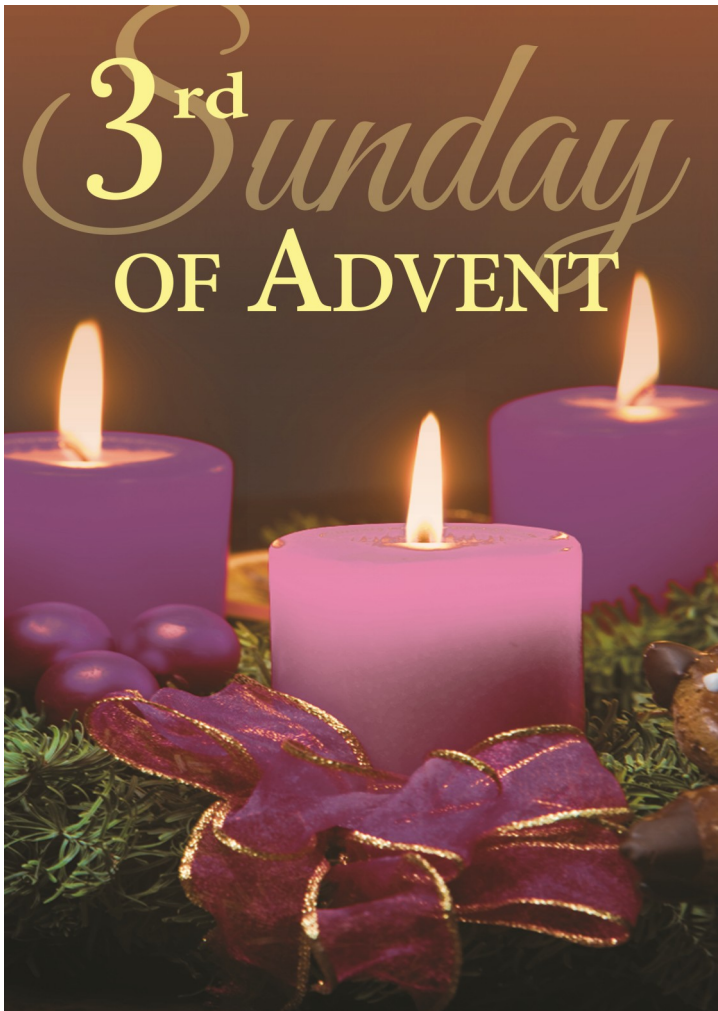


December 10 & 11, 2022

Third 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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Office Hours

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 ~	

Other Contacts

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

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

Gospel Reflection

Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarking one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light.

"Be strong, fear not!" Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life's roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life's unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God's merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us.

We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God's child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist's message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this?

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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

Readings for the Week

December 11, 2022

Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/ Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
Monday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36
Saturday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Next Sunday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Observances for the week of December 11, 2022

Sunday:	3 rd Sunday of Advent; St. Damasus I, Pope
Monday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday:	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Wednesday:	St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	
Friday:	
Saturday:	
Next Sunday:	4 th Sunday of Advent

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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.

Please Note:

All Mass intentions must be requested at least one day prior to the day you want the intention read to ensure that it is included in the daily intentions.

Mass Intentions

For the week of December 12—18

Monday, December 12

12:00 P.M. — **NO NOON MASS**

Tuesday, December 13

12:00 P.M. — † Benny Montes by Carol Montes
† Michael Deming and Al Pelochos by Jenny Crist
Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Wednesday, December 14

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

Thursday, December 15

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

Friday, December 16

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

Saturday, December 17

5:00 P.M. — † Mark Fernandez Laguna and Adrian Fernandez
Esparza by Anita
For an end to abortion by Sylvia Misquez
For healing for victims of sex trafficking by Sylvia
Misquez
For the President of the United States
Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Sunday, December 18

8:00 A.M. — † Joseph Rodriguez by Richard & Virginia Rodriguez
† Cruz L. Bustillos by Cruz & Clara Bustillos
Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU
10:00 A.M. — † Ruben Gomez by the Saenz Family
Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU
7:00 P.M. — Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

Altar Bread & Wine for December

is for the souls of Bobby, Senaida, and Daniel A. Lopez
By the Villagran & Lopez Families

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Doris Ann & John Walsh	Tommy Ogas	Lucinda Saucedo
Sam & Mando Medina	Barbara Smith	Mary Lou Ortega
Maggie Simpson	Belle Kempf	Jesse Montes
Eddie Carbajal, Jr.	JC Robinson	Johnny "Cyborg" Marquez
Sam Silva	Joe Conway	Dave Egan
Pat & Barbara Lambert	Marilyn Zeilinger	Gilbert Miera
Keegan Browning	Margaret Ogas	
Gus & Martha Alatorre	Vicki Ogas	
Rodney Tschirhart	Collin Christian	
Luisa Carbajal	Matthew Leyba	
Gene Panick	Delia Barajas	
Albert & Martha Jimenez	Jay Ortiz	

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

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

## Liturgy Schedule

### December 17 & 18

**Saturday, December 17—5:00 P.M.**

Lectors— Kathie Gilbert and Sue Vento

Eucharistic Ministers: Host— Janet Wallet-Ortiz

Cup— **TBA**

Music— Rosie & Friends

**Sunday, December 18—8:00 A.M.**

Lectors— Jay Garard and Cynthia Bridgeman

Eucharistic Ministers: Host— Jo Ann Salcido

Cup— **TBA**

Music— Lorraine & Friends

**Sunday, December 18—10:00 A.M.**

Lectors— Rosalina Alvarado and Dotty Pfeifer

Eucharistic Ministers: Host—Lupe Flores

Cup— **TBA**

Music— TBD

## Dates to Remember

December 11—3:00 Hi-Lo Silvers at First Presbyterian Church

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.

### 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.



## Third 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.

***Thank you to everyone who gave food for the Thanksgiving baskets...because of your generosity, we were able to feed 40 families instead of the original 30 we had projected!!!***

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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 11, 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 ~

December 11—Retirement Fund for Religious  
December 18—St. Francis Associates  
January 8 —Building Fund



#### 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.***