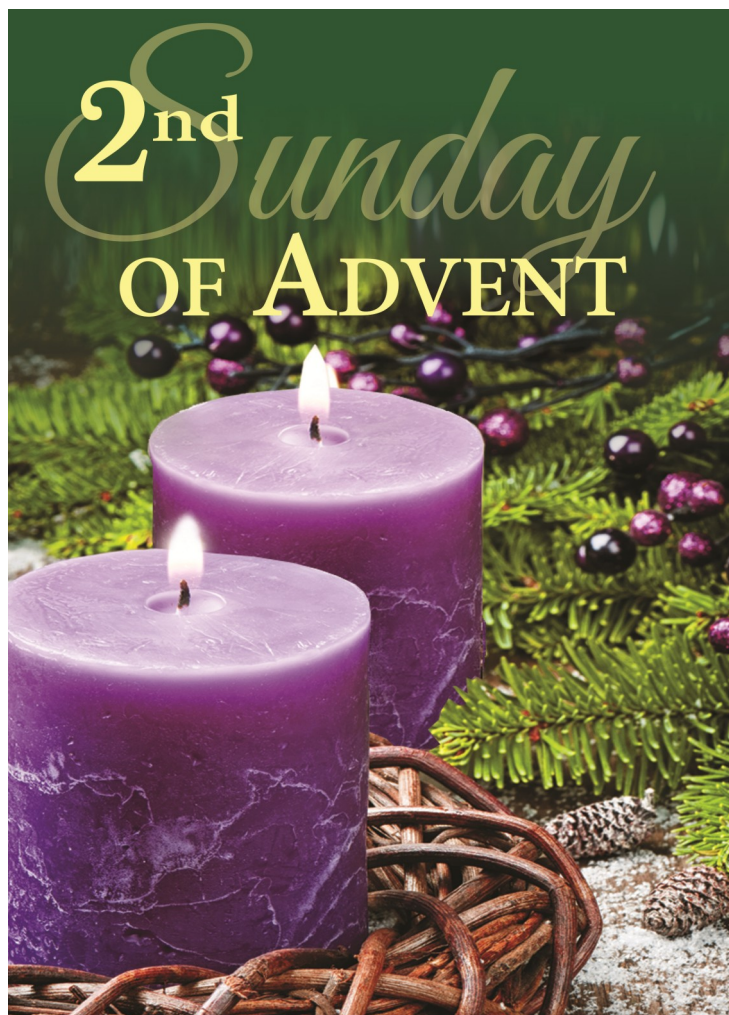


**December 3 & 4, 2022**

# **Second 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.
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## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

First Fridays	1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
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## **St. Francis Newman Center**

914 W. 13th Street  
Silver City, NM 88061

### **Administrator:**

*Bartholomew Ezenwelem, Pastor*

### **Secretary:**

*Danna Lopez*

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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**

### ***Director of Religious Education***

Sylvia Misquez (575) 574-7505

### ***Lector Coordinator***

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### ***St. Francis Associates***

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

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

# Gospel Reflection

At sixty years of age, Maria and Paul had a beautiful life. High school sweethearts, they had four children, five grandchildren, a successful business, good friends and a fabulous beach house. They felt very blessed. Their strong faith in God saw them through some difficult challenges. Without warning, Paul died suddenly. Maria was devastated. Why did God do this? Why did God allow this to happen? An indescribable depth of sadness weighed heavily upon her heart. She felt betrayed by the God she thought was looking out for her. She was overwhelmed by despair. Have you ever experienced such incredible and deafening sadness? Where is God in all of the pain?

We often want God to fix things or intervene and change nature's course. When He doesn't act as we desire, it shakes our faith. We do not always understand or appreciate why things happen as they do. There is much that is beyond our control. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and Jesus is the way to God. There is something more going on in life than what we can see with human eyes. We are on a sacred path, and God is with us. God is with us in our confusion, suffering, doubts, and intense sadness. Jesus announced God's vision for humanity and taught people to see God and themselves for who they are. There is a way through and beyond all hardship and suffering. God does not abandon us.

God has a clear vision for the future, both for us individually and for our world. It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one and the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb." God is not indifferent. He is the God of "endurance and encouragement." In God, we see what we may be, what may come and who we can become. When Maria opened herself to God's creative presence, she learned to trust. She began to realize that she could endure more than she had imagined. She also discovered a spark of encouragement, bringing her through the sadness to where she could be. In retrospect, Maria knew that God's reassuring presence was with her.

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## Readings for the Week

### December 4, 2022

Sunday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday:	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11- 12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/ Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15- 16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/ Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

### Observances for the week of December 4, 2022

Sunday:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent; St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Monday:	
Tuesday:	St. Nicholas, Bishop
Wednesday:	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday:	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Saturday:	Our Lady of Loreto
Next Sunday:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent; St. Damasus I, Pope

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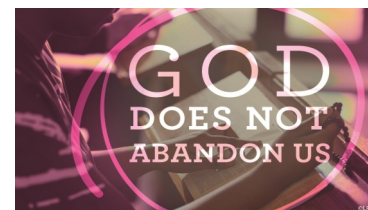


Pray the Rosary  
to End Abortion



### 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.*

## 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 5—11

#### Monday, December 5

12:00 P.M. — **NO NOON MASS**

#### Tuesday, December 6

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

#### Wednesday, December 7

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

#### Thursday, December 8

12:00 P.M. — † Herbert Trejo by Irma Trejo, Family and Friends  
Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU

#### Friday, December 9

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

#### Saturday, December 10

5:00 P.M. — † Raul Padilla by Friend  
† Mark Fernandez Laguna and Adrian Fernandez  
Esparza by Anita  
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 11

8:00 A.M. — † Ray Grijalba, Hope Arrington, Lily Carrillo, and  
Lucy Ogas by Esther Grijalba  
Students, Staff, Faculty, and Alumni of WNMU  
10:00 A.M. — † Chris Christensen and Senaida Lopez by the  
Lopez and Villagran Families  
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

## Liturgy Schedule

### December 10 & 11

#### Saturday, December 10—5:00 P.M.

Lectors— Gabriel Partido and John Tafoya

Eucharistic Ministers: Host— Jenny Crist

Cup— **TBA**

Music— Rosie & Friends

#### Sunday, December 11—8:00 A.M.

Lectors— Robert Salaiz and Jo Ann Salcido

Eucharistic Ministers: Host— Silvia Madrid

Cup— **TBA**

Music— Lorraine & Friends

#### Sunday, December 11—10:00 A.M.

Lectors— Maureen Craig and Amadita Diaz

Eucharistic Ministers: Host— Craig Pfeifer

Cup— **TBA**

Music— TBD

## Dates to Remember

December 8—6:00 Baptism Class

(please call the church if you plan to attend)

December 9—7:00 Hi-Lo Silvers at First Presbyterian Church

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

December 23 thru January 2—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



## 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.*



## Second Sunday of Advent

### Stewardship

#### COLLECTIONS

October 31—November 13

\$ 5,465.88

\$ 580.00 (St. Francis Associates)

\$ 30.00 (Building Fund)

\$ 765.92 (Campaign for Human Development)

\$ 1,063.60 (Office)

*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 4, 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.**