

# San Juan Catholic Community



**December 13, 2020**

## Saint Joseph Monte Vista

Tuesday: 5pm  
 Wednesday: 7am  
 Thursday: 5pm  
 Adoration Thurs: 7:00pm  
 Friday: 7am  
 Adoration Fri: 9:00 am  
**Saturday 9:30 am**  
**for 50+ or older**  
 Saturday: 5pm  
 Sunday: 10am  
**Seating 86**

## Holy Name of Mary Del Norte

Friday: 7am  
 Adoration Fri: 7:30 am  
 Sunday: 8:00 am  
**Seating 50**

## Saint Francis Jerome Center

Sunday: 10am (English)  
 12 pm (Spanish)  
**Seating 50**

## St. Agnes Mission

Saguache  
 Closed for  
 Winter Months

## Immaculate Conception

Mission Creede  
 Saturday: 4:00 pm

## Holy Family Mission

South Fork  
 Saturday: 5:30 pm  
**Seating 20 both Missions**

**The Church office is closed to walk -in visits.  
 Please call in advance to make an appointment.**

**Office Hours : Tues—Thurs 8:00 am - 4:30pm**  
**Closed for lunch 12:00pm —1:00pm**  
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- Deacon. Jerry LeBlanc Deacon Religious Ed Director Ext. 1005
- Deacon. Ray Torres Deacon/ RCIA Coordinator
- Lori Hathaway Office/Business Administrator Ext. 1000

**Emergency Priest Call**  
**(719) 852-0644**



**Advent Penance: December 15th & 17th**

*St. Joseph : Tuesday & Thursday after Mass till 7:00 pm*  
*St. Francis Jerome: Wednesdays 7:00 pm during*  
*Adoration*

***We are offering individual Penance to keep everyone safe on the above dates***

**Christmas Novena Rosary**

St. Francis Jerome Dec. 16-24, 6:30-7:30 pm

**Christmas Eve**

St. Joseph 6:00 pm

Holy Name of Mary 6:00 pm

St. Francis Jerome 8:30 pm

**Christmas**

Del Norte 12:00 am

St. Joseph 9:00 am

St. Francis 10:00 am (Bilingual)

St. Joseph 12:00 pm

**New Years Day**

St. Joseph 9:00 am



## Reminder

**All Masses are first come first serve.**  
**A Mask, Parish Event Sign Up Sheet and a temperature check will need to be completed before entry into the Church Buildings.**

**St. Joseph - 86 seats**

**St. Francis & Holy Name of Mary - 50 seats each**

**All Mission Churches - 20 seats each**

***All Church Attendance is subject to change do to updated County COVID Regulations***

## Mass intentions

December 15- December 20, 2020

Tuesday December 15:

**St. Joseph 5:00 pm**  
+Catherine Stoerber by Family

Wednesday December 16:

**St. Joseph 7:00 am**  
+George Harper by Greg & Shirley Thompson

Thursday December 17:

**St. Joseph 5:00 pm**  
+Theresa Duran by Anita Mondragon

Saturday December 19:

**St. Joseph 5:00 pm**  
+Andrew May Jr., +Bill Whitmer & +Aedin Jaramillo  
by Margaret Van Bibber

**Holy Family 5:30 pm**  
+Delma & +Joe Trujillo by Pat Velasquez

Sunday December 20:

**Holy Name of Mary 8:00 am**  
+Victor (Kiki) Sanchez by Eli & Alice Sanchez

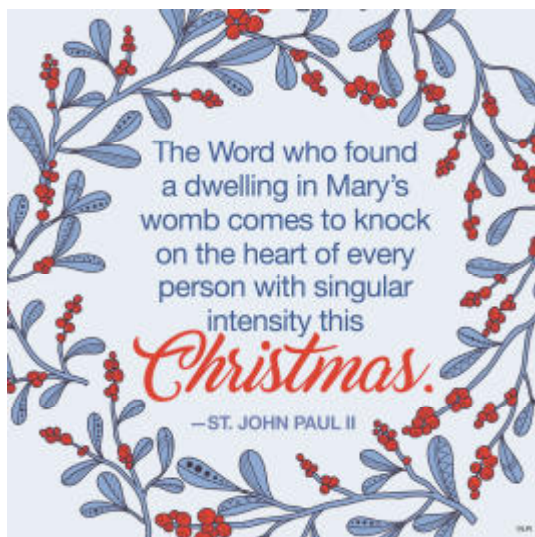


Merry Christmas!

### Christmas Flowers

Once again we will be filling our churches with the flowers donated by our Parishioners.

Please bring your flowers by  
**December 22**



### Offertory November 29th

**St. Joseph 2000.35**

Budget Needs 2592.00 per week

**Holy Name of Mary 655.00**

Immaculate Conception Creede 199.00

Holy Family 650.00

Budget Needs 2228.00 per week

**St. Francis Jerome 2124.00**

Budget Needs 1897.00 per week

### Home Based Faith Formation

Religious Education program 1st –8th grade  
**Please call the office at 852-2673 to make an appointment . This is for New Registration and Re-Enrolling Students for all Churches.**

Our new Program will be learn at your own pace on-line and in the home

. There are no start and stop dates!

Fees: \$30.00 per student

Sacrament Classes will be an additional charge

### Dates to Remember

#### PARENT SUPPORT MEETINGS:

Held at St. Joseph on the  
Second Sunday of each month @ 6:30 pm  
In person, Streaming on FB or Zoom  
Español St Francisco Jeronimo Second Thursday of  
Each month @ 6:30 pm

#### Upcoming Events

Every Wednesday: Exposicion del Santisimo (FB)  
7:00 pm

Every Friday: Bible Study on Romans Streaming on FB  
7:00 pm

Office Closures: **December 23–28**  
**December 30–January 4**

Fr. Don on Vacation: December 28–January 4

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

**Monte Vista:** Saturday 4:00 pm or by appointment

**Center:** Confessions Sunday 11:00 am

**Del Norte:** Confessions Sunday 7:30 am till 7:50 am

**South Fork:** Confession Saturday after mass until 6:30 pm

**Creede:** Confession Saturday 3:30 pm till 3:50 pm

#### Marriage:

By appt with Priest or Deacon six months prior to your wedding date.

#### Baptism:

Please call Office for information on this Sacrament.

On-line Baptism Classes now available

#### Quinceañera:

Enrolled in Rel. Ed, Quinceañera Classes & fees paid to book date.

#### Sacramental Anointing:

By appointment or upon request.



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#### Spirit of Giving Program

You may cast one vote for each account held with the bank for your church. You can vote online or in person at any branch. Each of our churches will receive a pro-rated share of the \$30,000, based on the number of votes per church. Voting ends on December 18th, don't miss this opportunity to help you church.

#### UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

January 24: Church in Latin America

Please make checks payable to :

**The San Juan Catholic Community** with charity name in the memo. The San Juan Catholic Community sends one check for each collection to the Diocese. Any checks made out to a National Collection Name will not be accepted for deposit.

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 13, 2020

- SUN** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
- MON** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
- TUE** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
- WED** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
- THR** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
- FRI** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
- SAT** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
- SUN** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

#### A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.



### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.

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