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We are called to help everyone see themselves as Members of the Body of Christ and accept Jesus as Lord. We are a family; a worshiping, healing and a listening presence to our community, open to the spirit of God in our lives, and committing ourselves to proclaiming the message of the Gospel in word and in action through lives of Catholic Christian witness and service to all people.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

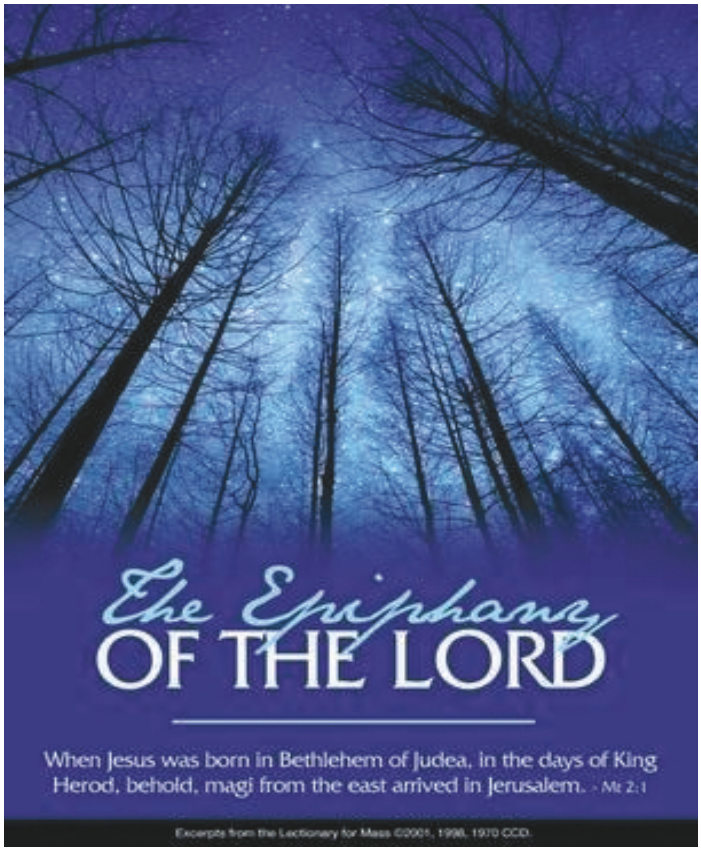
Monday— Friday
9:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

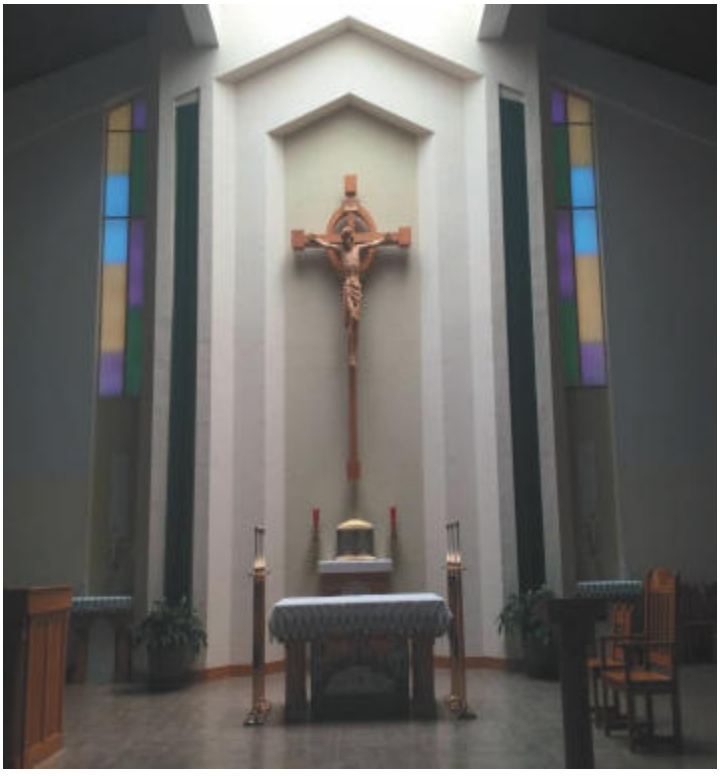
MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Weekday Masses
Daily Adoration and Rosary
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Monday Communion Service 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 2:00—3:30 p.m.





THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

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Readings for the week of January 3, 2020

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	**January 4**
9:00 A.M.	Communion Service
TUESDAY	**January 5**
9:00 A.M.	+George Le Bow
WEDNESDAY	**January 6**
9:00 A.M.	+Alvin J. Regensberg
	Spec. Int. of Karen and Family and Greg Ortiz
THURSDAY	**January 7**
9:00 A.M.	+Emmett Richner
FRIDAY	**January 8**
9:00 A.M	+Randy and Adam
	+Jean Louise and Amadeo Solano
SATURDAY	**January 9**
4:00 P.M.	+Frances and Pasqual B. Baca
	+Jerry Montano
SUNDAY	**January 10**
9:00 A.M.	+Deceased Members of Holy Name Society
	+Nick Trujillo Jr.
	+Robert M. Montoya
11:00 A.M.	+Bill Schmitt

JANUARY: RESPECT LIFE MONTH SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

January 20: Sanctity of Life Awareness & Unity Day
Holy Mass, 12:00 noon
Livestreamed at youtube.com/c/dioceseofgallup. All three of New Mexico's bishops will celebrate the Mass.

January 21-29: 9 Days for Life Novena
www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life

Ongoing: *Walking With Moms in Need*

Walking with Moms in Need is a year of service where Catholic communities "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need. The Archdiocese of Santa Fe is compiling a list of resources that can be shared with pregnant moms. Please visit the Office of Social Justice and Respect Life at the Archdiocese of Santa Fe for resources to be published in January at justice@archdiosf.org.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
2020 Goal: $ 45,000.00

Pledged to Date: $ 48,433.00
Paid to Date: $ 51,912.00

Congratulations, St. John's, for not only meeting but exceeding our assessed 2020 ACA goal of $45,000.00. To date, payment on pledges has resulted in a refund due of over $6,000.00, which will be returned to the parish. We will publish our new goal for the year 2021 in a few weeks. In the meantime, we thank you for your faithful and generous offering!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP, DECEMBER 19 & 20, 2020

Sacrificial Giving Envelopes……	$ 9,322.00
Building Fund……..	197.00
Heart^2 Heart ……..……..	846.00
Lunch Kitchen…….	340.00
Christmas Day…….	361.00
Solemnity of Mary (New Year's)……	46.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development….	101.00
World Mission Sunday……	101.00
Seminarian Support…….	1.00
Ash Wednesday (2021)……..	1.00
Retirement Fund for Religious……	627.00
Loose Cash……..	371.88
Online Giving……..	8,460.00
Total ……...	$ 20,774.88

Many thanks to the 258 families who used their stewardship envelopes and the Online Giving this week. These contributions make possible the administration and maintenance of our Parish ministries. When making your contributions to our Parish, please use your stewardship envelope. If you forget your envelope, there are supplemental envelopes located in the bulletin racks at the entrances of the church.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

We are in the process of hiring a new Maintenance Manager for St. John the Baptist parish. Persons interested may submit their resumes or call the office for more information. Fr. James will interview applicants upon reception of applications. The position requires experience in maintenance/janitorial and landscaping, and includes management of the lunch kitchen. Proficiency in various maintenance areas is preferred. Some computer experience is needed as well as the ability to think critically and work well with people. It is important that the applicant be a practicing Catholic, a person of integrity, have a solid work ethic, and strive to follow Christ in the service of His Church. Salary to be determined with Fr. James.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES

FROM THE MINISTRY OF THE SERVANT OF THE HEART LIFE SKILLS CENTER

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
Let us pray the following prayer for the New Year, 2021:

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen.

Deacon Martin Gallegos Cell: 505.690.3216, Office: 505.983.5034

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS

Registration for classes has begun, now through December 31. Classes begin January 20. If you are interested in obtaining High School Equivalency, English as a Second Language, Citizen Preparation, and more, please register online at ccasfnm.org/edu.

JANUARY WORD OF LIFE

Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. 'Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age' (Matthew 28:20).

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PRAYERS FOR HEALING - ST. PEREGRINE

The Rosary is prayed on the first Saturday of each month, before Mass at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel. The St. Peregrine Chaplet is prayed after Mass on subsequent Saturdays in the chapel. We pray for those who are sick and especially for those with cancer.

Laura Christian
Mary Garcia
Jeffrey Little
Rosalie Piemonte
Brenda Martinez
Henry DeHerrera
Joey Lerma
Andrea Sedillo
Bonifacio Griego
Camille Montoya
Mary Alice B. Montoya
Lyle Johnson
Mike Lara
Joey Valdez
Alejandra Guevara
Ellen K.
Olivia Romero
Barbara Martinez
Jay & Roshelle Salazar
Anna Ortega
Larry F.
Rose Gallegos
Saturnino Martinez

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND OUR HOMEBOUND

Tanisia Ochillo
Jose Gonzales
Stephen Garcia
Angie Lucero
Reverie Escobedo
Kayden Sanchez Lee
Ramon Sanchez
Laura Wilson
Aaron Smith
Deborah Watkins
Wally DeOchoa
Gloria Dofflemyer
Norma Encinias
Jason Harbison
Anthony J. Martinez
Gilbert & Marcella Lucero
Enrique Martinez
Mary Michelle Mendoza
Bonnie Plaue
John McGuire & friends
Matthew Trujillo
Carlos Martinez Sr.
Luann Loomis
Denali Sawyer
Janine Rowlett
Candice & Allen Mirabal
Wanda Richner

THANK YOU

Fr. James would like to thank everyone who sent cards, cookies, candy, and other goodies to him for Christmas. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are appreciated.

PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

Jesus, receiver of the wise men and their gifts, help us to follow the light in the midst of our dark world. Fix our eyes and hearts on your light, that we might be bearers of that light to all those who walk in the dark.
Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

Worshipping with us at Mass and registering at least **90** days prior to Baptism is a time to spiritually prepare both you and your family for this sacrament. A pre-baptismal class is required for parents and godparents. Classes are held the first Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. **Classes will be conducted on a case-by-case basis.** For more information, please call the office at 983-5034 or Deacon Martin Gallegos at 505-690-3216.

Godparents must be confirmed and, if married, married in the Catholic Church and if not married, should not be living with someone outside of marriage and attempting to live the fullness of their faith as Catholics.

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CALENDARS FOR 2021

are available near all entrances to the church and in the Parish Office.
Sorry folks—we will not be selling the **St. Joseph Sunday Missal** this year.

ATTEND MASS

Until further notice, our usual Mass schedule is back in place—Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 a.m., Communion Service on Monday at 9:00 a.m., and on the weekends, Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. A maximum of 75 people will be allowed in the church but, if we are at capacity inside, you are welcome to stay and listen to the Mass in your cars in the parking lot, just tune to 95.3 FM (Saturdays and Sundays only). A Deacon will come outside and offer Holy Communion to those in their cars. Please stay tuned for information on Mass times and procedures as restrictions can change at any time. We will post the most up-to-date information as soon as we can on our outgoing phone message, 983-5034, option 1, and on the website at stjohnsantafe.weconnect.com.

Confession is held on Saturday from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in Lamy Hall.

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