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## MISSION STATEMENT

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is under the direction of the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, in communion with the Holy Father, shepherd of the Universal Church. As parishioners, we are called to help everyone live as Members of the Body of Christ and accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. We are a family; a worshiping, healing, and 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. Embracing the Holy Eucharist as the 'Source and Summit' of our lives, we strive to live as faithful Catholic witnesses in service to all people.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**

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

**Friday:** 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**Parishioners can also tune-in to 95.3 FM & listen to the Mass in the parking lot.**

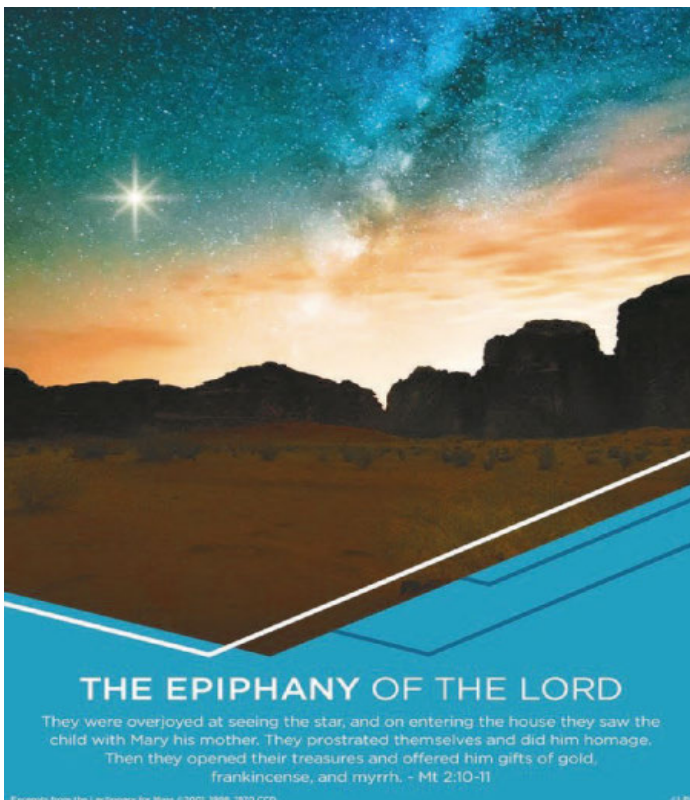
#### Weekday Masses

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

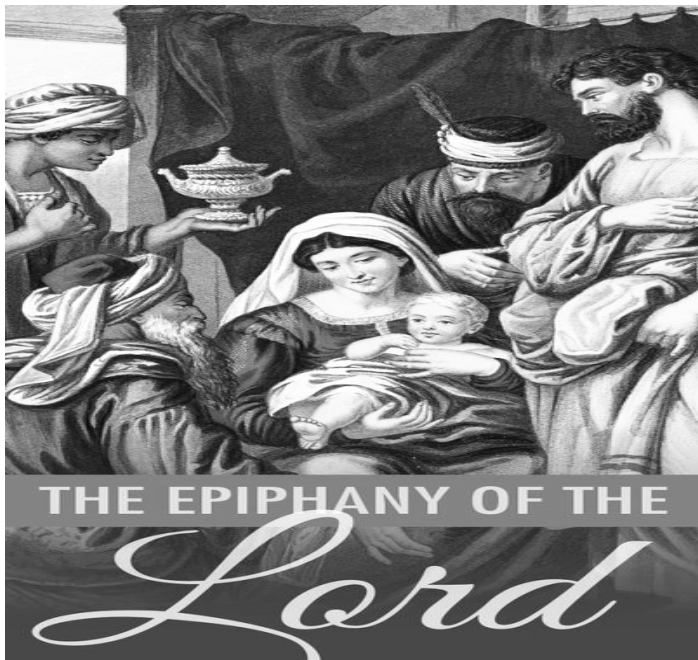
## GOSPEL MEDITATION

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00 A.M.	<b>January 3</b> Communion Service
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00 A.M.	<b>January 4</b> +Mildred Inez Freeman Ortega Spec. Int. of Fr. Bill Sanchez All Families in the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00 A.M.	<b>January 5</b> All Parishioners of St. John's +Nickie Gallegos
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00 A.M.	<b>January 6</b> +Alvin J. Regensberg Happy Anniversary Robyn and Vernon Cardenas
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00 A.M.	<b>January 7</b> +Emmett Richner +Randy Romero +Ernest J. Gonzales
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:00 P.M.	<b>January 8</b> +Dora Baros +Frances and Pascual B. Baca +Estevan and Florinda Gonzales
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00 A.M.	<b>January 9</b> +Deceased Members of Holy Name Society +Katherine and William Schmitt +Yvonne Romero
<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	+Cordelia Fernandez Schab

## IN GRATITUDE

St. John's sends a big *Thank You* to Fr. Bill Sanchez for celebrating Mass and hearing confessions throughout December while Fr. James was out. We are truly grateful! We also thank Fr. Larry Brito and Fr. Dennis from St. Anne's for their help as well as Deacon Andy Carrillo, who carried much of the load this past month. We've been so blessed!

## Readings for the week of January 2, 2022

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/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12- 16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/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/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/ Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2022 Goal: \$ 41,000.00

As you can see we have been given our annual ACA goal for 2022. Parishioners who have donated in the past to the ACA will soon receive a letter from the Archbishop as well as a pledge form in the mail. Please use this form when making your pledge instead of forms that will be placed in the church—these are for persons who have not contributed before. More information on the Appeal will follow in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please pray and consider your pledge, and thank you for your generosity to the ACA.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP December 18 and 19, 2021

Sacrificial Giving Envelopes.....	\$ 7,762.00
Building Fund.....	30.00
Heart <sup>2</sup> Heart .....	444.00
Lunch Kitchen.....	405.00
Retirement Fund for Religious.....	238.00
Christmas Day.....	355.00
Loose Cash.....	675.00
Online Giving.....	<u>8,845.00</u>
Total .....	\$18,754.00

Many thanks to the 208 families who used their stewardship envelopes and the Online Giving this week. These contributions make possible the administration of our Parish ministries. When making contributions, please use your envelope. If you forget, there are supplemental envelopes located at the entrances of the church.

### PLEASE PASS THE WORD! FOOD GIVEAWAY

There is a food giveaway the 3rd Thursday of every month. This month it is on **January 20** at 3:00 p.m. Bring your own bags or boxes. All are welcome.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**\*AACC Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass**, January 16, 2022 at Noon. Most Rev. John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe will be the presider at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande. At this time, the church is fully open. All are required to wear a mask. Or join virtually. Mass will be live-streamed and recorded. For more information, call 505-401-8983.

**\*Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day Mass**, January 19, 2022 at The Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis. This year, there will only be the annual Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day Mass, no March or Rally. The Mass with the 3 Bishops of New Mexico will also be live-streamed at 12 noon, Wednesday, January 19, 2022 from the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis. Stay tuned for more information about this Mass.

**\*Pray to Protect Human Life:** Join a Novena January 19-27, 2022! You're invited to join thousands of Catholics nationwide in prayer for the respect of human life during a special novena called *9 Days for Life*. Visit [9daysforlife.com](https://9daysforlife.com) to sign up to receive daily intentions from January 19th through the 27th.

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Let's recite the following prayer for a blessed New Year and for the Feast of the Holy Innocents to nourish our souls.

#### A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again  
Thank you for this new year

For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us

A mighty flame

So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen.

#### Feast of the Holy Innocents

Holy children of God, you suffered death before you enjoyed the fullness of life, yet now you rest and reign with Christ in glory. Look down from heaven on our poor earth where children like you still suffer and die at the hands of those blinded by this world. Surround and protect the innocent, and when our own poor efforts fail, comfort and console the parents whose loss we can hardly comprehend or imagine. We commend to your joyful company in heaven the souls of all dear children who have died. Help us to become like you, simple, pure, and true! Teach us to accept love and blessings like you! Fill us with the joy and laughter of life to remind us that to such babes as you, the Kingdom of Heaven belongs. Amen.

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### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023



The next international celebration of World Youth Day will be held July 31 to August 8, 2023, in Lisbon, Portugal.

After years of anticipation, the WYD Local Organizing Committee in Lisbon finally announced the event's official dates.

The Office of Faith Formation has confirmed a travel package with Faith Journeys for World Youth Day. This is an 8 night/10-day trip beginning Sunday, July 31, 2023 and returning Tuesday, August 8, 2023. The package price is for 20 individuals or more. If less than 20 people respond, you will be responsible for planning your own trip. Please let the Archdiocese know by **January 31, 2022** if you're interested in going so they can move forward with the travel agency. This is for young adults 18-40. For more information on WYD 2023, please visit <https://www.lisboa2023.org/en>. For information on the travel package, please visit [asfoff.org](https://asfoff.org) and scroll down to *WYD Lisbon 2023*.

**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.**

Bonifacio Griego	Dennis Rodriguez
Camille Montoya	J. Salazar
Mary Alice B. Montoya	Margie Lucero
Lyle Johnson	Amanda Duran
Joey Valdez	Jeremy Vargas
Ellen K.	Ruben Gonzales
Olivia Romero	Gregorio Sanchez
Anna Ortega	Toni Tapia
Larry F.	Arthur Portillo
Saturnino Martinez	DeAna Vejil-Sanchez
Alejandra Guevara	Lyn D.
Roland Valdez	Mark Archuleta Jr.

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND OUR HOMEBOUND**

Frank & Angie Giamalva	Phyllis Rodriguez
Annette Brumley	Pat Rivera
Anthony Fazio	Nancy Ulibarri
Amir Gonzales	Pat Rodriguez
Eric Watkins	Jonathan Bartrum
Chris Sanchez	Kristi M.L.
Frank Montoya	Frances Saiz
Gloria Dofflemyer	Norma Encinias
Matthew Trujillo	Sofia Sanchez
Larry Gagnon	Kathy McCloud
Neva Montoya	Ed & Cheryl Matuz
Gil & Marcella Lucero	Lydia D. Tsosie
Debbie M. Garcia	Aaliyah Montoya
Luann Loomis	Margie Montoya

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**PRAY FOR DOBBS**

The Dobbs case addresses the constitutionality of a 15-week abortion ban passed into law in Mississippi, and it has the potential to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Oral arguments were heard by the US Supreme Court on December 1, and a decision is expected in June *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* could help protect millions of pre-born babies and their moms!

Please continue to pray and fast for Dobbs until the decision (likely in June 2022).



**FROM THE ARCHDIOCESAN  
OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE**

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

Evenings for the Engaged. Couples must attend the whole weekend. The cost is \$85.00 per couple. Please visit [www.familylifem.org](http://www.familylifem.org) to register for one of the events.

Dates are:

- February 25-27, 2022
- May 27-29, 2022
- August 26-28, 2022
- November 11-13, 2022

For questions, please contact the Family Life office at 505-831-8117.

**ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS**

2022 dates are:

- March 4-6
- June 3-5
- September 23-25

To register, visit [abqsfee.org](http://abqsfee.org).

**ARCHDIOCESAN NATURAL FAMILY  
PLANNING**

Please call the Family Life Office, 505-831-8117.

**MARRIAGE SUPPORT**

**Retrouvaille, a lifeline for troubled marriages.** Is your marriage tearing you apart? Are you considering separation or divorce? We believe Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille will teach you a method to re-establish communication. This three phase program consists of a weekend experience, a series of 7 follow-up sessions over a three-month period, and a monthly meeting for lifelong support. For more information or to locate a virtual weekend, please call 505-890-3495 in Albuquerque or 1-800-470-2230. You can also find us at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

EPIPHANY



**RAFFLE WINNERS**

St. John's Altar Society announces the winners of their raffle, held recently during the Holiday Ole arts and crafts fair:

- 1st prize of \$500.00 to Jackie Romero
- 2nd prize of \$250.00 to Veronica Kirby
- 3rd prize of \$100.00 to Edward Gonzales

Congratulations!



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