

*MAKING JESUS KNOWN*

## *Saint Joseph on the Rio Grande*

*Catholic Community*

*December 27, 2020*

*The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

### *The Lord remembers his Covenant forever.*

***When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord," and to offer the sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.***

Simeon was fully aware that the infant brought to him today is the Christ, and thanks God for that gift. His prayer expresses the tradition of Israel that the Child is the salvation of the world. The other person present is Anna, a widow who never leaves the temple. Her life is one of fasting and prayer who tells all who visit the temple about the infant she has seen. As Mary and Joseph leave for home, Luke describes the childhood years of Jesus, growing up in Nazareth as he prepares to fulfill the mission the Father has given him.

Today's Gospel describes Mary and Joseph fulfilling the law for the purification of new parents. They encounter two persons, Simeon and Anna, whom Luke describes as very devout and faithful Jews alert to the fulfillment of God's promise to send the Christ to redeem Israel.



#### **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph on the Rio Grande is a member of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and is in union with the Roman Catholic Church. We believe in and celebrate the presence of Christ in our world through Word and Sacrament.

We strive to make Jesus known in the local community through ministries of faith, hospitality, liturgy, compassion and justice. | [www.sjrgcc.org](http://www.sjrgcc.org) | 5901 St. Joseph Drive NW | Albuquerque, NM 87120 | 505-839-7952 |

## FYI: RESTRICTIONS & PROTOCOLS

With the celebration of the Christmas Season please remember that we are still in a pandemic and that precautions need to be taken in order to protect human life and to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and on the holy days of obligation—Christmas and Mary the Mother of God on New Year's Day—continues to be dispensed for all. The faithful are reminded that HOME IS THE HOLY PLACE and that they can gather with the members of their household to keep holy the Lord's Day and the Holy Days by their prayer at home.

Participation in the Holy Mass can occur either by television or online streaming services. Reflect on the scriptures for the daily Mass readings, pray the rosary and/or the chaplet of Divine Mercy. Prayerfully reflect on the many blessings which God has bestowed upon you and your family and give thanks to God for His love and mercy.

Masses are being celebrated on a daily basis with limited seating. Holy Communion is also being distributed on a daily basis at the end of Mass.

## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE IN CHURCH

Saturday: 4:00 pm (live streamed)  
Sunday: 10:00 am (Live/You Tube)  
[Sunday Mass may be viewed on your mobile device/computer on Sunday beginning about 10:00 am.]

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE IN CHURCH

Weekdays: 9:00 am (live streamed)  
[Mass uploaded and can be viewed later on mobile device/computer.]

## COMMUNION: Distributed after Mass

Weekdays: from 9:30 – 9:40 am  
Saturday: from 4:45 – 5:15 pm  
Sunday: from 10:45 – 11:15 am  
Location: Gathering Space

If you come for Communion only, line up from A – Z on the sidewalk between the church and the Nazareth Center. Keep social distance as indicated on the sidewalk by the blue letters and hash marks. Enter through the far, right door and exit by the opposite door. There are two communion stations inside.

CONFESSION: Saturday 2:00–3:00 pm  
Mask required. Wait outside. Only one penitent enters church at a time.  
Confession heard at the glass door with the sign: CONFESS HERE.  
Dress for the weather & stay warm.



Friday, January 1, 2021

9:00 am For the intention of the People

11:00 am ✠ Krishauna Perez

Saturday, January 2, 2021

4:00 pm ✠ Mike Aragon

✠ Richard Lopez

**Saturday December 26**

4:00 pm ✠ Peter M., Eufemia, and Peter Sonny Gonzales

✠ Serafico Carrillo

✠ Bette Telles

**Sunday December 27, 2020**

Mass: 8am For the Intention of the People

10:00 am Paul and Betty Vigil:  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
Steve and Dawn Wenzl  
35th Wedding Anniversary

12:00 pm No intentions

**Monday December 28, 2020**

9:00 am ✠ Robert Tellez

✠ Rudolfo, Liz, and Joe Anaya

✠ Dorrance and Pat Myrick

**Tuesday December 29, 2020**

9:00 am AJ Ortiz (health)

**Wednesday December 30**

9:00 am ✠ Bennie Ferran

✠ Irene Barela

**Thursday December 31, 2020**

4:00 pm ✠ Serafico Carrillo

Sunday, January 3, 2021

8:00 am No Intentions

10:00 am For the Intention of the People

12:00 pm No Intentions



After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph stayed a short time, visiting with the shepherds who came to see Jesus. They remembered the message of the angels as they sang about his birth. The angel told them Jesus was sent by the Father and that they should always remember seeing him at his birth. Mary and Joseph were so devoted to Jesus! They loved playing with him, talking to him and thanking the Father for sending his Son to earth. We know that when he grew up, many people loved to follow him, listen to his talks and ask for his blessing.



Thank you, Jesus, for coming to be my brother and to bring me home with you to God the Father.

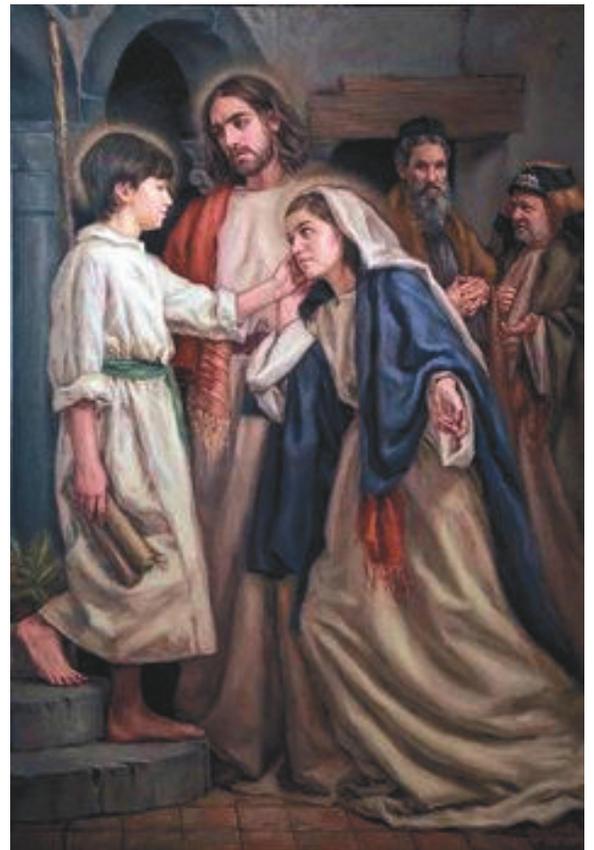
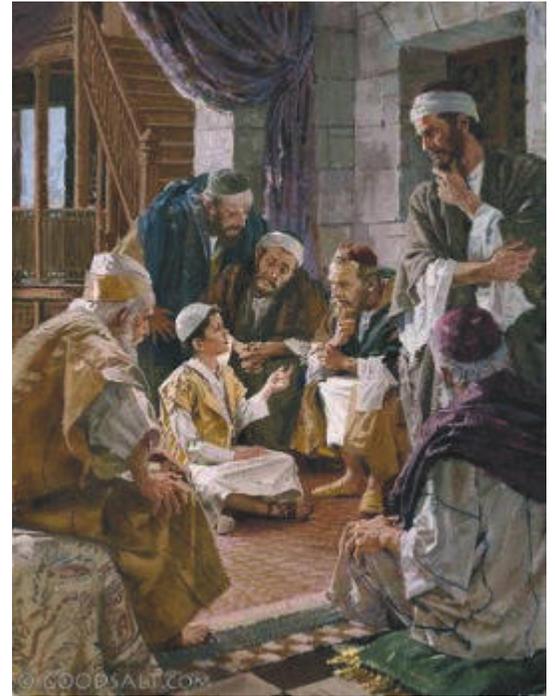
Before the Holy Family leaves Bethlehem for Nazareth, their home, they will entertain more visitors. Next weekend we celebrate the visit of the Three Wise Men, sometimes called the Magi. They left home, far away, after seeing signs in the night sky that might tell of the birth of an important person. They are curious and decide to follow the sign in the sky to see this person. These (three) Magi bring special gifts for the Person they hope to meet. The gifts they bring are Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.



Mary, Joseph and Jesus will soon leave for their home in Galilee. The Gospels tell us of some of Jesus' actions as he grew up there. Because Joseph was a carpenter, Jesus very likely spent much time observing his actions, making things for their home and for neighbors, and learning skills he would need later, before he begins his ministry for which the Father has prepared him. Jesus also was prepared to be a devout Jewish man, and learned prayers and important scripture passages that he used for prayer.



When Jesus was twelve he went with Mary and Joseph to Jerusalem for a temple service. He ended up somewhere in Jerusalem the day they were to go home to Nazareth, but his parents couldn't find him. They found Jesus and went home in joy to Nazareth.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27**

**GOSPEL FOR JANUARY 3**

**2020 Dec 27 SUN: HOLY FAMILY**

Sir 3: 2-6. 12-14/ Ps 105 / Heb 11: 8. 11-12. 17-19 / Lk 2: 22-40

**2020 Dec 28 Mon: Holy Innocents**

1 Jn 1: 5 2: 2/ Ps 124: 2-3. 4-5. 7b-8/ Mt 2: 13-18

**2020 Dec 29 Tue: Christmas Weekday/ Thomas Becket**

1 Jn 2: 3-11/ Ps 96: 1-2a. 2b-3. 5b-6/ Lk 2: 22-35

**2020 Dec 30 Wed: Christmas Weekday**

1 Jn 2: 12-17/ Ps 96: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10/ Lk 2: 36-40

**2020 Dec 31 Thu: Christmas Weekday/ Sylvester I, pp**

1 Jn 2: 18-21/ Ps 96: 1-2. 11-12. 13/ Jn 1: 1-18

**2021 Jan 1/ 1: Octave of the Nativity of the Lord;  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Numbers 6: 22-27/ Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2: 16-21**

**1/ 2: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,  
Bishops. 1 John 2:22-28 John 1:19-28**

**1/3: Epiphany of the Lord  
Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3, 2-3a, 5-6  
Matthew 2: 1-12**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: `And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" When Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense

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