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January 7, 2024

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Deacon Ruben Gutierrez



OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm



Matthew 2, 1-12

SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES / MISAS

WEEKENDS / FINES DE LA SEMANA

Saturday Vigil/Vigilia los Sabados: 5:30 p.m. (English)

Sunday/Domingo: 7:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)

9:00 a.m. (*Español*)

WEEKDAYS / DÍAS DE LA SEMANA

Mon. to Sat.: 8:15 a.m. (English)

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. (*Español*)

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (*Español*)

Friday: 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (English)

Baptisms: Call office for information

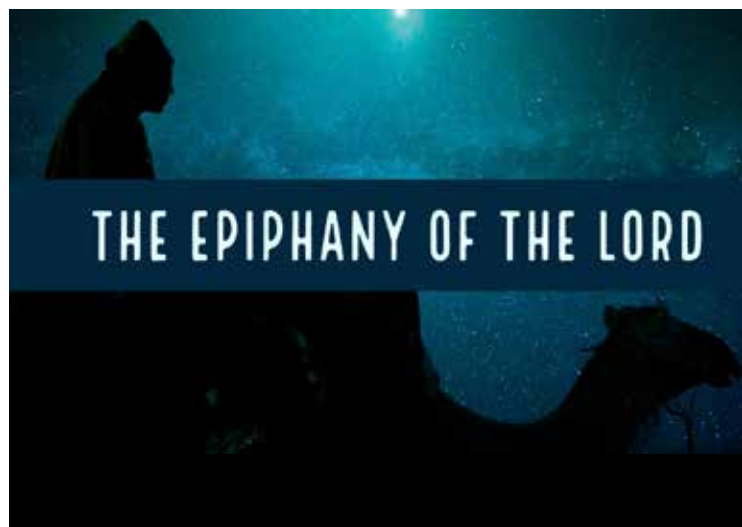
Confessions: Mon., Wed. & Fri.: 7:30am - 8am; Sat.: 4pm - 5pm

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00am - 8:15am

OR ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT WITH ONE OF THE PRIESTS

Anointing of the Sick: Upon Request

Marriage: Call Parish Office for Preparation at least 6 months in advance and before setting a firm date.



Registration: We welcome new parishioners, winter visitors and visiting friends to our parish.

New members are encouraged to visit the IHM office to complete a registration form. We encourage you to use your envelope even if your donation is a modest one; this helps us to know that you are an active parishioner.



RECENT EVENTS

1. The annual Christmas dinner for our priest. December 7, 2023.
2. Our 2024, \$10,000 Building Project Fund Raffle Winners.

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“They prostrated themselves and gave him homage!” Matthew 2:1-12

The Epiphany of the Lord is a great celebration in the life of the church. The word epiphany, as you all may know, is the manifestation of Christ to the gentiles as represented by Matthew. It comes from the Latin word ‘epifane’. Epiphany is one of my favorite celebrations, not just because we drink hot chocolate and eat the king’s bread (or rosca de Reyes), but because it is an opportunity for me to see what is hidden to our physical eyes.

To our IHM community and people of good heart: Let yourselves be surprised by God, let him enlighten your minds that we may all understand the greatness of his love. It is necessary that like the three magi we allow ourselves to enter the journey in search for God—guided by the light of faith. But please don’t forget that you are not yearning by yourselves. As we enter this new year, I ask God to grant us the grace to walk together on the path of salvation. I pray for full unity not just of Christians, but Catholics who are authentic missionaries inspired by the manifestation of Christ in their lives. Let our lives be a leavened communion for a divided world and society.

The light that shone in the night at Christmas, illuminating the Bethlehem grotto where Mary, Joseph and the shepherds remained in silent adoration, shines out today and is manifested to all. This light is symbolized by the star—but let us not forget that the true source of light, “the sun that rises from on high” (See Lk 1:78) is Christ. Neither you nor I are Christ!

This affirmation will help us to humble ourselves. How many times—because of our prideful attitude—do we want to be the star of the show? How many times do we want people to follow our ideas or philosophy, pretending that we know more than others? How many times do we want not just to be guides, but even try to control God?

The magi were not perfect people, but as the first fruits of the pagan people, they shared the news of the Messiah’s birth. How many times do we celebrate Christmas in monotonous ways, worldly ways, not putting Jesus at the center but centering on ourselves and our own priorities? Sometimes we proclaim ourselves Christians or Catholics, but we act and live like pagans. There are many Herod’s in our times who are trying to kill Jesus in our hearts. Let us ask for the intercession of the Archangel Saint Michael that we may not be deceived by them and that we may learn the meaning of true adoration.

Jesus has come to us! “The light came into the world, but men loved darkness rather than light.” (John 3:19) Therefore, search, see, and find out how great is the love of Jesus for you that he has revealed to you the face of the Father of mercy and compassion.

As we journey together as Church, the mystery of the Church and her missionary dimension are also revealed in the liturgical context for the Epiphany. She is called to make Christ’s light shine in the world, reflecting from herself as the moon reflects the light of the sun.

Finally, we have had an opportunity to begin this year with the celebration of the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. She is the morning star that guides us to her Son. Let us contemplate and learn from her humility. She can help us to see the true light and to hold on to hope. Jesus is the ultimate destination of history; the point of arrival of an exodus; the one who can give meaning to our lives and to the suffering of our journey on earth.

Happy Feast of the Epiphany 2024.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas Rector

¡Se postraron y le rindieron homenaje! Mateo 2:1-1

La Epifanía del Señor es una gran celebración en la vida de la Iglesia, la palabra epifanía como todos ustedes sabrán es la manifestación de Cristo a los gentiles como lo representa (Mateo) proviene de la palabra latina epifane.

Para mí es una de mis celebraciones favoritas no solo porque tomamos chocolate caliente o comemos el Pan de Reyes o la Rosca de Reyes, sino porque es una oportunidad para mí de ver lo que está oculto a los ojos físicos. A la comunidad IHM y a las personas de buen corazón, déjense sorprender por Dios, que Él ilumine sus mentes para que podamos comprender la grandeza de su amor. Es necesario que, como los tres magos, nos dejemos entrar en el camino en busca de Dios, guiados así por el inicio de la fe. Pero, por favor, no olviden que no están anhelando por sí mismos.

Al entrar en este nuevo año, le pido a Dios que nos conceda la gracia de caminar juntos por el camino de la salvación. Rezo por la plena unidad, no solo de los cristianos, sino también de los católicos que son auténticos misioneros inspirados por la manifestación de Cristo en sus vidas. Que nuestras vidas sean una comunión de levadura para un mundo y una sociedad divididos.

La luz que brillaba en la noche de Navidad iluminando la gruta de Belén, donde María, José y los pastores permanecían en adoración silenciosa, resplandece hoy y se manifiesta a todos. Esta luz está simbolizada por la estrella, pero no olvidemos que la verdadera fuente de luz, “el sol, que sale de lo alto” (cf. Lc 1, 78) es Cristo. ¡No somos ni tú ni yo, es Cristo!

Esta afirmación nos ayudará a humillarnos; Cuántas veces por nuestra actitud orgullosa queremos ser el comienzo del espectáculo. ¿Cuántas veces queremos que la gente siga nuestras ideas o filosofía pretendiendo que sabemos más que los demás? ¿Cuántas veces queremos no solo ser guías, sino controlar incluso a Dios??

Los magos no eran personas perfectas, sino las primicias de los pueblos paganos tomaron la noticia del nacimiento del mesías. Cuántas veces celebramos la Navidad de manera monótona, mundana, sin poner a Jesús en el centro, sino a nosotros mismos y a las prioridades. Sí, a veces nos proclamamos cristianos o católicos, pero actuamos y vivimos como paganos. Hay muchos Herodes de nuestros tiempos que están tratando de matar a Jesús en nuestros corazones, pidamos la intercesión del Arcángel San Miguel para que no seamos engañados por ellos y aprendamos cuál es el significado de la verdadera adoración.

¡Jesús ha venido a nosotros! “La luz vino al mundo, pero los hombres amaron más las tinieblas que la luz” (Juan 3:19). Por lo tanto, escudriñad, ved y descubrid cuán grande es el amor de Jesús por vosotros, que nos ha revelado el rostro del Padre de misericordia y compasión.

En el camino juntos como Iglesia: El misterio de la Iglesia y su dimensión misionera se revelan también en el contexto litúrgico de la Epifanía. Ella está llamada a hacer resplandecer la luz de Cristo en el mundo, reflejándose en sí misma como la luna refleja la luz del hijo.

Por último, hemos tenido la oportunidad de comenzar este año con la celebración de la solemnidad de María, la Madre de Dios. Ella es la estrella de la mañana que puede guiarnos hacia su hijo. Contemplemos y aprendamos de su humildad; Ella puede ayudarnos a ver la verdad y a mantener la esperanza. Jesús es el destino último de la historia, el punto de llegada de un éxodo, el que puede dar sentido a nuestra vida y al sufrimiento de nuestro camino en la tierra.

Feliz Fiesta de la Epifanía 2024
Atentamente, en Cristo Padre Alejandro Reyes Cárdenas Rector

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS

~ Readings of the Week ~

VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, January 6

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

5:30 PM †Anthonette Montella (by Victoria Leach)
†Petra Garcia & †Leroy Fitch
(by Wife, Daughter & Son)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, January 7

7:30 AM †Christine Jean Lopez
9:00 AM †Almas del Purgatorio
Arcadio & Gloria Garcia -
Sanación de Cuerpo y Alma (por Familia)
11:00 AM †Santa Eduwiges in Thanksgiving (by Lupe Fino)
†Bertha Gallegos (by Gallegos Family)

Monday/Lunes, January 8

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b 9b-10/Mk 1:7-11

8:15 AM †Mary McKinley (by Family)
†Oscar Nicholas & Guillermo Clark (by Ortiz Family)

Tuesday/Martes, January 9

Sm 1:9-20/(Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Mk 1:21-28

8:15 AM †Tony & †Letha Trujillo (by Gloria Lithgow)
6:00 pm Vocaciones para el sacerdocio

Wednesday/Miércoles, January 10

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10/Mk 1:29-39

8:15 AM †Maria Alcazar (by Family)

Thursday/Jueves, January 11

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26

8:15 AM †Saul Burciaga (by Family)

Friday/Viernes January 12

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-19/Mk 2:1-12

8:15 AM Sabrina Padilla Healing (by Grandma Nena)

Saturday/Sabado, January 13

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10-1a/Ps 21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17

8:15 AM IHM Parish Community

WHAT IS HAPPENING



Men's Conference

with Dr. Dan Schneider



Saturday, January 13th, 2024
Yannes Hall (Next to San Albino Basilica)
Mesilla, NM



Doors open at 7 AM
Recitation of the Rosary at 7:30 AM
First talk begins at 8 AM
Conference will conclude at 12 Noon



Dr. Dan Schneider is an Adjunct Professor of Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville and a member of St. John Henry Newman Research Centre for Theology at the Maryvale Institute in Birmingham, England. He is also a Benedictine Oblate who has been involved in teaching and evangelization in the Catholic Church for nearly twenty years. Dan is a former amateur boxer, U.S. Army Cobra helicopter pilot and Gulf War veteran who teaches with both humor and practical experience. His latest book "The Liber Christo Method: A Field Manual for Spiritual Combat" is published by TAN Books.

Magnificat.

A Ministry to Catholic Women

Breakfast

Saturday, January 27th, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
4100 Dripping Springs Road Las Cruces, NM 88011

Directions: Exit 1 off Interstate 25 in
Las Cruces and go east 1.5 mi.

Speaker: Fr. Francis Gyau

Price: \$24.00

Doors Open at 8:30 a.m.



Pope's January prayer intention: For gift of diversity of charisms in the Church

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of January, and invites Christians to embrace the diversity of charisms in the Church as a richness.

DIOCESE OF LAS CRUCES WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS - 2024

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their Paper (1st), Silver (25th), Gold (50th), or 50 plus wedding anniversary in 2024, are invited to attend a Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Las Cruces on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 5:30 pm and receive a blessing from Bishop Peter Baldacchino.

Couples wishing to celebrate these milestone anniversaries only, must register with their Parish Priest no later than January 25, 2024, and provide him with a Certificate of Marriage from the Catholic parish where the Sacrament of Holy Marriage 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 more information, please call the Parish Office.

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Abrazar a Jesús en los pequeños de hoy

"Representar el acontecimiento del nacimiento de Jesús equivale a proclamar con sencillez y alegría el misterio de la Encarnación del Hijo de Dios". Como nos recuerda el Papa Francisco, el nacimiento de Jesús ha inspirado a generaciones de artistas que a lo largo de los siglos han evangelizado a través de la belleza. Para vivir la Navidad, los Museos Vaticanos y Vatican News proponen algunas obras maestras de las colecciones pontificias acompañadas de las palabras de los Papas.

"Abrazar la pequeñez significa una cosa más: abrazar a Jesús en los pequeños de hoy. Amarlo, es decir, en los últimos, servirlo en los pobres. Ellos son los que más se parecen a Jesús, nacido pobre. Y es en ellos donde Él quiere ser honrado. Que en esta noche de amor, sólo nos asalte un temor: herir el amor de Dios, herirlo despreciando a los pobres con nuestra indiferencia. Ellos son los amados de Jesús, que un día nos acogerán en el Cielo"



SAINT OF THE WEEK



BD ANTONY FATATI, BISHOP OF ANCONA

Antony Fatati was born in 1410 AD, Ancona, in the Papal States, from a family of three sons, his brother being Marino and Lacopo, born from Simeone Fatati and Buzia dei Lavaroni. He received his studies for priesthood in Bologna.



He got appointed canon and arch-priest of San Ciriaco Cathedral on November 5 1431 AD by Bishop Astorgio Agnesi while holding a position as Vicar General of Rogusa from 1440 to 1441. He was appointed abbot of San Pietro al Conero convent in 1440 by Pope Eugene IV. He was named canon of St. Peters Basilica on June 4 1447 by Pope Nicholas V and was later made cleric in the Apostolic Camera in 1449. He was once Alfonso V of Aragon's Councillors in 1456 as he had impressed the king with his way of life and his management capabilities.

He was appointed bishop of Teramo on November 6 1450 AD by Pope Nicholas V. He was then assistant bishop of Siene, as appointed by Pope Pius in 1460. His skills further impress the Pope, having him appointed permanently as Bishop of Ancona e Umana on November 3 1463.

Pope Paul named him treasure for Bolgna from 1466 to 1470 AD. Fatati was widely respected by high ranking clergy for his professionalism, his management skills and his holy way of life.

Antony Fatati died in his diocese on January 9 1484 in Ancona, Papal States and was buried in the cathedral. His remains were later found in-corrup after their exhumation in 1529 AD.

Blessed Antony Fatati's Birth

He was born in 1410 AD, Ancona, in the Papal States.

Blessed Antony Fatati's Death

He died on January 9 1484 AD, in Ancona, Papal States.

Family Background

He lived in a family of three sons, his brother being Marino and Lacopo, born from Simeone Fatati and Buzia dei Lavaroni.

Education

He received his studies for priesthood in Bologna.

Blessed Antony Fatati's Profession

He lived as the Roman Catholic Bishop of Ancona e Umana, from 1463 AD.

Blessed Antony Fatati's Beatification

He was beatified on May 9 1795 AD, in St. Peters Basilica by Pope Pius VI.

Venerated in

He is venerated in the Roman Catholic Church.

Blessed Antony Fatati's Feast Day

His feast day is celebrated on January 9 and on September 2 in Ancona.

Attributes

He is attributed with episcopal attire.

Born of a noble family, Antonio studied in Bologna to become a priest. Returning to his home, he engaged in various pastoral ministries, ultimately being named Bishop of Ancona in 1463. He was a prudent pastor, generous to the poor and severe towards himself. He was beatified in 1765.

"Theology of Style" Conference



Sponsored by the Diocese of Las Cruces

Sunday
February 11, 2024
Las Cruces
New Mexico

SAVE THE DATE!

"The things we wear are a tangible sign of the relationship between body and soul."

Lillian Fallon

Lillian Fallon is the customer Experience Manager at Litany NYC, a Catholic fashion label based in New York. She is also a freelance writer, public speaker, and author. Her first book, *Theology of Style*, is out now!

Afternoon Session:

Middle & High School
Girls and Mothers

"Personal Style and Understanding Your Worth" with Q & A

12:00 - 3:00 PM

[Assorted Finger Foods and Beverages Provided]

Evening Session:

Women-18 years and Older

"Personal Style and the Gift of Femininity"

This session will delve deeper into self-worth and the theological truths of body and soul integration with Q&A.

4:30-7:30 PM

[Assorted Finger Foods and Beverages Provided]

For more information, contact:

Mariana Woosley at (575) 430-6483, woosley0898@gmail.com or Ana Noyola at (575) 414-0693, noyola.ana@gmail.com

There will also be Vendors and a Picture Booth!

Queridos adoradores de la Eucaristía:

He tenido el privilegio de ser un compañero adorador con ustedes desde que llegué a Las Cruces hace casi dos años. Lucy Muñoz e Irene Banegas coordinan la Capilla Eucarística desde hace 12 años. El sureste de Nuevo México ha sido y es verdaderamente bendecido y privilegiado de tener las 24 horas del día, los 360 días del año, orando a la puerta del cielo desde esta capilla desde 1998. ¿Sabías que el New York Times nombró a Las Cruces como la ciudad más benéfica de los Estados Unidos hace cinco años? Ciertamente, estas oraciones tienen mucho que ver con ese espíritu de caridad. Apreciamos mucho la fidelidad de los adoradores a través de los años. Después de reunirme con Lucy e Irene, me han pedido que comience las tareas de coordinación de la Capilla. Ellos me ayudarán a capacitarme en los deberes que incluyen la programación de las horas, las misas especiales y los eventos, el control de la asistencia y el manejo de emergencias. Lucy renunciará a sus deberes en las próximas semanas, pero ha accedido amable y generosamente a servir como apoyo en esas semanas. Gracias por su paciencia y comprensión al comenzar mis nuevos deberes. Les dejo con este pensamiento del arzobispo Fulton J. Sheen: "Nos volvemos como lo que contemplamos. Mirando hacia la puesta de sol, el rostro adquiere un brillo dorado. Mirar al Señor eucarístico durante una hora transforma el corazón de una manera misteriosa, como el rostro de Moisés fue transformado después de su compañerismo con Dios en la montaña".

Bendiciones

Debra Cole (704) 622-4505,
Irene Banegas (575) 993-3784,
Lucy Muñoz (575) 621-2176

Horas que deben cubrirse:

DOMINGO	LUNES
4am	12am
11pm	4pm

JUEVES	VIERNES
3am	1am
9am	3pm

SÁBADO
11am

El Papa en la catequesis: El cristiano no está solo en la lucha contra las tentaciones

Este 3 de enero, en su primera audiencia general de 2024, el Santo Padre continuó con su ciclo de catequesis sobre "los vicios y las virtudes".

"El combate espiritual, nos conduce a mirar desde cerca aquellos vicios que nos encadenan y a caminar, con la gracia de Dios, hacia aquellas virtudes que pueden florecer en nosotros, trayendo la primavera del Espíritu a nuestras vidas". Este fue el núcleo de la reflexión del Papa Francisco en la audiencia general de este miércoles 3 de enero, en la cual continuó con su nuevo ciclo de catequesis sobre "los vicios y las virtudes". En esta ocasión reflexionó sobre la lucha espiritual del cristiano.

La vida espiritual del cristiano es una lucha

Ante los miles de peregrinos que se dieron cita en el Aula Pablo VI para escuchar su catequesis, el Santo Padre les recordó que la vida espiritual del cristiano no es pacífica, lineal y sin desafíos, sino que exige un continuo combate. Por ello, no es casualidad que la primera unción que cada cristiano recibe en el sacramento del bautismo – la unción catecumenal – sea sin perfume y anuncie simbólicamente que la vida es una lucha.

"De hecho, en la antigüedad, los luchadores se ungían completamente antes de la competición, tanto por tonificar sus músculos como para hacer sus cuerpos escurridizos a las garras del adversario. La unción de los catecúmenos pone inmediatamente en claro que el cristiano no se salva de la lucha: su existencia, como la de todos los demás, tendrá también que bajar a la arena, porque la vida es una sucesión de pruebas y tentaciones".

No acostumbrarnos a vivir en la oscuridad

Y ante las pruebas y tentaciones, el Papa Francisco indicó que existen personas que se auto absuelven continuamente, que piensan que están "bien" y "en lo correcto", que se ríen de quienes confiesan sus pecados, estas personas, afirmó el Pontífice, se arriesgan a vivir en las tinieblas, porque se han acostumbrado a la oscuridad y ya no saben distinguir el bien del mal.

"Todos debemos pedir a Dios la gracia de reconocernos pobres pecadores, necesitados de conversión, conservando en el corazón la confianza de que ningún pecado es demasiado grande para la infinita misericordia de Dios Padre. Esta es la lección inaugural que nos da Jesús".

El Mesías es el Dios con nosotros

Estas enseñanzas de Jesús, subrayó el Santo Padre, las vemos en las primeras páginas de los Evangelios, en primer lugar, cuando se nos habla del bautismo del Mesías en las aguas del río Jordán. Este episodio, señaló el Pontífice, tiene algo de desconcertante porque no se entiende por qué Jesús tendría que someterse a este rito. Incluso el Bautista se escandaliza, hasta el punto de que le pide a Jesús que Él lo bautice.

"Pero Jesús es un Mesías muy distinto de como Juan lo había presentado y la gente se lo imaginaba: no encarna al Dios airado y no convoca para el juicio, sino que, al contrario, se pone en fila con los pecadores, como todos nosotros y con todos nosotros, para que nadie le tenga miedo".

Jesús es solidario con nuestra frágil naturaleza humana

Y prosiguiendo con su explicación en los Evangelios, el Papa Francisco indicó que Jesús se fue al desierto, donde fue tentado por Satanás. También en este caso surge la pregunta: ¿por qué razón el Hijo de Dios debe conocer la tentación? Y la respuesta es que así Jesús se muestra solidario con nuestra frágil naturaleza humana y se convierte en nuestro gran ejemplo: las tentaciones que atraviesa y que supera en medio de las áridas piedras del desierto son la primera enseñanza que imparte a nuestra vida de discípulos.

"Él experimentó lo que nosotros también debemos prepararnos siempre para afrontar: la vida está hecha de desafíos, pruebas, encrucijadas, visiones opuestas, seducciones ocultas, voces contradictorias. Algunas voces son incluso persuasivas, tanto que Satanás tentó a Jesús recurriendo a las palabras de la Escritura. Es necesario custodiar la claridad interior para elegir el camino que conduce verdaderamente a la felicidad, y luego esforzarse por no pararse en el camino".

El hombre es un ser abierto a la trascendencia

Finalmente, el Santo Padre invitó a recordar que siempre estamos divididos y luchamos entre extremos opuestos: el orgullo desafía a la humildad; el odio se opone a la caridad; la tristeza impide la verdadera alegría del Espíritu; el endurecimiento del corazón rechaza la misericordia.

"Los cristianos caminamos constantemente sobre estas crestas. Por eso es importante reflexionar sobre los vicios y las virtudes: nos ayuda a superar la cultura nihilista en la que los contornos entre el bien y el mal permanecen borrosos y, al mismo tiempo, nos recuerda que el ser humano, a diferencia de cualquier otra criatura, siempre puede trascenderse a sí mismo, abriéndose a Dios y caminando hacia la santidad".

The Roman
Catholic
Diocese of
Las Cruces



THE EPIPHANY
OF OUR LORD

January 6th



CHILDREN'S CORNER



PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL

Hortencia Butler	Bea and Silas Garcia	Jose Moreno
Juanita Mendoza	Leo Alirez	Maria Elena Moreno
Pat King	Manuel (Manny) Rodriguez	Fatima Aguilar Ortiz
Ernesto Salas	Michael Rodriguez	Donna & Jimmy Graham
Ernestina Rodriguez	Roni Trevillo	Yolanda Salas
Jesus Cordova Serna	Gabriel Granillo	Marko Artem
Freddy Castaneda, Jr.	Ed Fragoso,	Emilia Ortiz
Benjamin Mendoza	Mother Maria & Family	Virginia Mike Ortega
Dylan Wilson	Demetryoas Griffith	Deacon Ed Misquez
Daniel Telles	Raymond Matlak	Sylvia Briseño
Merlinda Moreno	Matilda Evaro	Angela Varela
Keith Bird	Briana Telles	Ralph Cadena
Pat Villines	Arturo Serna	Eloy Flores
Paul Harrington	Ramon Madrid	Liz Garcia
Tim Thomas	Angel Baker	Alicia Romero
Alice & Carlos Castro	Danny Gamboa	Jimmy & Josh
Emanuel & Micaela	Frank Jimenez	Mary Mayers
Frietze and Family	Robert R. Carrillo	Oscar Rico
Angel Varela	Richard S. Serna	Mary Moyers
Edward Frias	Felicia Krynitz	Arcadio Garcia
Sam Tomé	Everardo Meza	Jimmy Martinez
Nellie Rigales Vigil	Blanca Echevarria	Josh Willhite
Esther Holguin	Jose Ignacio Garcia	Mary
Mike & Inez Frietze	Amparo Espinosa	Sabrina Padilla

If you would like to add a name to the list, please call the office (575) 524-8563.

Collections: 12-31-2024

Sunday Collection: \$5,125.00	Upcoming 2nd Collections:
Second Collection: \$7,950.00	January 14: The Building Fund
New Year's Day: \$638.00	January 28: Collection for the
Mail Donation: \$2,360.00	Church in Latin America
Online Donations: \$550.00	February 4: St. Mother Teresa
Front Office: \$600.00	

Did you know you can sponsor?

Mass Intentions Weekday: \$10.00 • Weekend: \$15.00

Prayer Request: Free

**** Please request Mass Intentions at least 2 weeks in advance.****
Mass Intentions for 2024 are now being accepted

Dear adorers of the Eucharist,

I have been privileged to be a fellow adorer with you since coming to Las Cruces almost two years ago. Lucy Muñoz and Irene Banegas have been coordinating the Eucharistic Chapel for 12 years now. Southeastern New Mexico has been and is truly blessed and privileged to have 24 hours a day, 360 days a year prayer knocking on Heaven's Door from this Chapel since 1998. Did you know the New York Times named Las Cruces the most charitable city in the United States five years ago? Most certainly these prayers have much to do with that spirit of charity. We greatly appreciate the faithfulness of adorers through the years. After meeting with Lucy and Irene, they have asked me to begin duties of coordination of the Chapel. They will help with training me in the duties which include scheduling the hours, special Masses, and events, checking attendance and handling emergencies. Lucy will be resigning her duties in the next few weeks, but has kindly and generously agreed to serve as a support in those weeks. Thank you for your patience and understanding as I begin my new duties. I leave you with this thought from Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, "We become like that which we gaze upon. Looking into the sunset, the face takes on a golden glow. Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way, as the face of Moses was transformed after his companionship with God on the mountain."

Blessings,

Debra Cole (704) 622-4505, Irene Banegas (575) 993-3784,
 Lucy Muñoz (575) 621-2176

Hours that need to be filled:

SUNDAY	LUNES
4am	12am
11pm	4pm
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3am	1am
9am	3pm
SATURDAY	
11am	

Memorial to the Unborn

IHM is looking to give the innocent babies, who were denied life outside of the womb, a proper memorial. Through your generosity, we have made a beautiful start, which is located outside the Perpetual Adoration Chapel, but are in need of additional donations to complete the project. If you are able to help, please bring donation to the church office.

Thank You For Your Generosity

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ROSCA DE REYES is a sweet bread, which is a special food for Three King's Day, known as "Día de Reyes" in Spanish, and celebrated on January 6 in Mexico. The holiday is sometimes referred to as the Twelfth Night because it falls twelve days after Christmas, but is also known as Epiphany, and marks the day the Wise Men or Magi, Melchor, Gaspar and Baltazar, are believed to have visited the Christ Child. On this day, Mexican children receive gifts from the three kings, sometimes placed in shoes that the

children have left out overnight and placed hay in as a gift of food for the kings' animals.

"Rosca" means wreath and "Reyes" means kings, so a direct translation of Rosca de Reyes would be "Kings' Wreath". The sweet bread is shaped in the form of a wreath and usually has candied fruit on top, and a figurine of a baby baked inside (now made of plastic but previously they were porcelain or tin). This special treat is often simply called "Rosca." The traditions surrounding this sweet bread is similar to the custom of eating King Cake in New Orleans during Carnival season.

In Mexico, it is customary for friends and family to get together on January 6 to eat Rosca, usually accompanied by hot chocolate or another warm drink such as coffee or atole. Usually, each person cuts their own slice and the one who gets a piece of Rosca with the baby figurine is expected to

host a party on Día de la Candelaria (Candlemas), which is celebrated on February 2nd. On that day, the traditional food is tamales. Nowadays bakers tend to put several baby figurines in the Rosca, so the responsibility for making (or buying) the tamales can be shared among several people.

SYMBOLISM

The symbolism of the Rosca de Reyes speaks of the Biblical story of Mary and Joseph's flight to Egypt to protect the infant Jesus from the slaughter of the innocents. The shape of the Rosca symbolizes a crown, in this case, the crown of King Herod from whom they were trying to hide the infant Jesus. The dried fruit placed on top are jewels on the crown. The figurine in the Rosca represents baby Jesus in hiding. The person who finds the baby Jesus is symbolically his godparent and must sponsor the party when he is taken to the temple to be blessed, celebrated as Día de la Candelaria, or Candlemas, on February 2nd.

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