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# CLERGY

Bishop: Most Rev. Peter Baldacchino, J.C.L.

Rector: Rev. Alejandro Reyes Cardenas

Deacons:

Deacon Ed Fierro Deacon Ruben Gutierrez



OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

# **SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES / MISAS**

WEEKENDS / FINES DE LA SEMANA

Saturday Vigil/Vigilia los Sabados: 5:30 p.m. (English) Sunday/Domingo: 7:30a.m., 11:00a.m. (English) 9:00a.m. (*Español*)

# WEEKDAYS / DÍAS DE LA SEMANA

Mon. to Sat.:	8:15 a.m. (English)			
Tuesday:	6:00 p.m. ( <i>Español</i> )			
Thursday:	6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (Español)			
Friday:	3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (English)			
<b>Baptisms:</b>	Call office for information			
Confessions in Church: Monday - Friday: 7am-8am				
Sat.: 4pm-5pm				
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, fall 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.







1. Christmas Children's Mass 2. Midnight Christmas Mass 3. IHM 2024 Christmas Tree Lighting











From the <b>Pastor</b>	Del <b>Párroco</b>

# MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS ~ Readings of the Week ~

# VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, December 28 5:30 PM World Peace

## SUNDAY/DOMINGO, December 29

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5. / Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 / Lk 2:41-52

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7:30 AM	† Myndi Williams Vizcaino (by Elvira and Michael Sanchez)	
	† Sam Tome (by Annette Davis)	
	Purgatory Souls (by Lucia Gutierrez)	
9:00 AM(Sp)	† Saul Burciaga † Manuel Burciaga (por Bertha Burciaga)	
	† Mercedes Flores (por Teo Rodriguez)	
	Almas del Purgatorio	
11:00 AM	† Luis Garcia (by his family)	
	† Pete Connelly (by Minnette Connelly)	
	† Jennie Rowlison (by Dale Schueller and Family)	
	† Stan Bernal (by Annette Davis)	

## Monday/Lunes, December 30

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

8:15 AM Margaret Marrufo, Happy Birthday (by Viola Anderson)

## Tuesday/Martes, December 31

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

8:15 AM	† Charlotte Delgado (by	Vy Ysidro Delgado)
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6:00 PM(SP) Por los jóvenes de nuestra comunidad

## Wednesday/Miércoles, January 1

Numbers 6:22-27 / Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 / Galatians 4:4-7 / Luke 2:16-21

8:15 AM <sup>†</sup> Pete Granados (by the Granados Family)
<sup>†</sup> Charlotte Delgado (by Ysidro Delgado)
<sup>†</sup> Jesus Reyes Lozoya (by the Lozoya Family and his sister)

# Thursday/Jueves, January 2

1 John 2:22-28 / Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 / John 1:19-288:15 AMFor the protection of life and the unborn6:00 PM(SP)Familias parroquiales

# Friday/Viernes, January 3

1 John 3:7-10 / Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9 / John 1:35-42

8:15 AM † Jesse Garza (by Crystal Medina)

# Saturday/Sabado, January 4

1 Jn 1:5—2:2 / Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 / Mt 2:13-18 8:15 AM For family unity



For pilgrims of hope

Pope's Prayer Intention

# Holy Hour of Reparation

WHAT IS HAPPENING





Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 – 7:00 PM IHM Cathedral

Council 17083

Is a holding a campaign for



Three donation types are acceptable: monetary donation, new coats, or used coats in good, clean condition. Note:Coat sizes should fit children between 1 & 17 years old Donations go to **the Las Cruces Coats for Kids Foundation** You can bring your money donation(s) to the IHM office. Please make any checks payable to Las Cruces Coats for Kids. Any used/new coat(s) donations can be placed in the Coats for Kids donation box located in the church foyer or dropped off at the church office.



Thank you for supporting this worth community program hat is co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus organization

> Gift Shop Is Open!

Immaculate

Monday-Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm

Located in the IHM office



# PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL

Hortencia Butler Juanita Mendoza Pat King Ernestina Rodriguez Freddy Castaneda, Jr. Benjamin Mendoza Dylan Wilson Daniel Telles Merlinda Moreno Pat Villines Tim Thomas Alice & Carlos Castro Emanuel & Micaela Frietze and Family Edward Frias Nellie Rigales Vigil Inez Frietze Leo Alirez Michael Rodriguez Roni Trevillo Gabriel Granillo Ed Fragoso, Mother Maria & Family Raymond Matlak Matilda Evaro Briana Telles Arturo Serna Angel Baker Danny Gamboa Frank Jimeniz Felicia Krynitz Everardo Meza Blanca Echevarria Jose Ignacio Garcia Amparo Espinosa Fatima Aguilar Ortiz

Donna & Jimmy Graham Yolanda Salas Marko Artem Virginia Mike Ortega Deacon Ed Misquez Sylvia Briseño Ralph Cadena Liz Garcia Alicia Romero Jimmy & Josh Mary Mayers Oscar Rico Mary Mayers Oscar Rico Mary Moyers Arcadio Garcia Jimmy Martinez Josh Willhite Ethel Vigil Ebner Caesar Lopez Sally Lozano Raymond Telles Richard Duran Lewie Chavez Gabriel Gomez Albert Medina Silas & Bea Garcia Jeannie Lucero Priscilla Serna Lorraine D Matteo Les Flores Jr. Albert Chavez Sr. Msgr. Juan Moreno Daniel Jasso Isaiah Jimenez

Jesus Frietze Samuel Gutierrez Martha Legarreta Rena Carson Tammy Martinez Linda Salaiz Vicki/Peter Alvarez Sandra Lucero Marissa Madrid Mary Benavidez Melissa Benavidez Jacob Villa Christopher Villa Terri Villa Bertha Lucero Sandra Ramirez Toni Frietze Mary & Tony Gallegos Cassie Hamilton & Melinda Moreno Josh A Lucero Jim Hirschy Manuel Garcia Mr. and Mrs. Gino Delvillar Bill Chubb Carlos Armendariz Margie Armendariz Raquel Chubb Ruth Laguna Cathy Healthon Gloría Babb Elenor Misquez Jose Alfredo Trujillo Vargas

## Collections: 12-22-2024

1st collection 2nd collection Front Office Gift Shop \$5,474.00 \$795.00 \$4,932.00 \$686.00 2nd Collections:

December 22: IHM Building Fund

Mass Intentions Weekday: \$10.00 • Weekend: \$15.00 • Prayer Request: Free \*\* Please request Mass Intentions at least 2 weeks in advance. \*\* Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1. 2025

Holy Day of Obligation

English Masses: 8:15am, 12:10pm, 5:30pm

Spanish Mass: 7:00pm

Compatibilidad de Belén Juvenil para jóvenes de 1 a 21 años

# Youth Nativity Scene Competition Open to Youth ages 1-21

# Enter By/Ingresar por: Jan. /en. 5

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entregarán

premios!

Prizes will be Awarded!

Contacte a la oficina para más información Contact office for more information



"Pray, Hope and Don't Worry! Worry is useless, God is merciful and will hear your prayer" ~Saint Padre Pio~

To add a name to the parish prayer list in the bulletin, simply call the IHM office at (575)523-2252 or email frontdesk@ihmcathedral.org

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If your loved one has recovered or found healing, please contact the office so that their name can be removed from the list. Thank you!

# Saint Sylvester, **Pope and Confessor**

Patron Saint of: Harvests and the chivalic order Militia Auata Feast Day: December 31



St. Sylvester was the first Pope of Rome to reign entirely under the liberty of the Church. He was elected Pope in 314. He is thought to be the one who converted and baptized Constantine, the first Christian Roman Emperor.

During Sylvester's reign, the city began its transition into its Christian

era, with the construction of the great Constantinian basilicas including the Basilica of St. Peter on the Vatican Hill, which was erected above a temple dedicated to Apollo, to mark the burial place of the first Bishop of Rome. Pope St. Sylvester also contributed to the development of the liturgy.

Pope St. Sylvester is patron of the chivalric order called the Militia Aurata, or "of the Golden Spur", which, as tradition would have it, was founded by Emperor Constantine I in person.

# San Silvestre, Papa y Confesor

Patrona de: Cosechas y la orden caballeresca Milicia Auata Día festivo: 31 de deciembre

San Silvestre fue el primer Papa de Roma que reinó enteramente bajo la libertad de la Iglesia. Fue elegido Papa en 314. Se cree que fue quien convirtió y bautizó a Constantino, el primer emperador romano cristiano.



Durante el reinado de Silvestre, la ciudad comenzó su transición a la era cristiana, con la construcción de las grandes basílicas constantes, incluida la Basílica de San Pedro en la colina

del Vaticano, erigida sobre un templo dedicado a Apolo, para marcar el lugar de enterramiento, del primer obispo de Roma. El Papa San Silvestre también contribuyó al desarrollo de la liturgia.

El Papa San Silvestre es patrón de la orden de caballería llamada Militia Aurata, o "de la Espuela Dorada", que, según la tradición, fue fundada por el emperador Constantino I en persona.

# Pope opens Holy Door at a prison for first time ever

In the Rebibbia New Complex Prison in Rome, Pope Francis opens a Holy Door and celebrates Mass for prisoners. **Bv Kielce Gussie** 



"I wanted the second Holy Door I open to be here at a prison," Pope Francis explained. For the 2025 Jubilee of Hope, the first Door to be opened was the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on 24 December 2024, then, for the first-time ever, the Pope opened the Holy Door at a prison. Arriving at the Rebibbia New Complex

Prison in Rome, the Pope spoke about the importance of opening the Door there. In front of the prison's chapel, the Church of Our Father, he explained that he wanted everyone to "have the opportunity to fling open the doors to their hearts and to understand that hope never disappoints."

# Open doors, open hearts

After walking through the Holy Door himself, the Pope presided over Mass in the church. In his homily, Pope Francis reflected on the historic reason for his visit, describing it as "a beautiful gesture of opening." But more than simply opening doors, the Pope encouraged the prisoners present, to open their hearts. Brotherhood, he said, is "open hearts." The Pope warned against closed, hardened hearts, which keep us from living. He explained that the Jubilee gives us the grace to "fling open" our hearts to hope.

Even in the most difficult and challenging times, he reassured, hope does not disappoint.

Hope is an anchor Pope Francis likened hope to an anchor on the shore, tied securely with rope. "Sometimes, the rope is hard," he continued, "and it hurts our hands." Yet even in these moments, the anchor of hope keeps us moving forward, because, he said, there is always something ahead of us. Don't leave it half-closed

"When one's heart is closed, it becomes hard like stone; it forgets tenderness," the Pope cautioned, expressing this is why it is necessary to keep the doors of our hearts open, even in the most difficult situations. He challenged the prisoners present to be open to hope, encouraging them as he said, "everyone knows how to do it.

Pope Francis also explained that everyone knows if their heart is closed or half-closed, and concluded by reminding those present that the Holy Door he opened is "a sign of the door of our heart." Pope Francis asked for their prayers, telling the group that he truly prays for

them, and that it is "not just a figure of speech

# **Öffering of gifts**

At the end of the Mass, some of the prisoners and guards presented the Pope with gifts, including a miniature reproduction of the Holy Door and a basket containing oil, cookies, and ceramics.

The Prison Administration gave Pope Francis a painting of Christ as the Savior created by a former prison officer, artist Elio Lucente. The Pope, in turn, gave the prison a parchment commemorating the event.

# Death toll continues to climb on Christmas Day

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Israeli aircraft reportedly targeted

tents housing displaced persons in the north of Gaza City. Civil defense crews recovered at least seven bodies and 25 injured people

from the school following the attacks. Meanwhile, the Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz has stated that Israeli troops will remain stationed in Gaza to maintain security control, sparking concerns that the latest round of ceasefire talks may face further stalemate.

During a visit to a buffer zone, Katz said security control in Gaza would remain in the hands of the Israel Defense Forces.

Meanwhile, according to reports in the British press, UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer has assumed a prominent role in a new international initiative aimed at achieving lasting peace between Israel and Palestine.

Reports say he has drawn upon his experiences in Northern Ireland to support the revival of a program intended to establish a sustainable resolution in the Middle East.

Sir Keir has instructed Foreign Secretary David Lammy to assemble an international summit in London early next year to launch the International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace (IFP), which is endorsed by The Alliance for Middle East Peace (ALLMEP), a coalition of over 160 organizations dedicated to fostering civil society peacebuilding efforts between Israelis and Palestinians.



# Pope at Christmas Urbi et Orbi: May we become pilgrims of hope, peace, and unity

Wishing everyone a "a serene and blessed Christmas," Pope Francis celebrates the joy of this day on which we celebrate the birth of Lord Jesus, "the mystery that never ceases to amaze and move us." He underscores how "the door of God's heart is always open" and may we "be reconciled with God" and with one another for a world marked by peace and harmony. **By Thaddeus Jones** 



"The mystery that never ceases to amaze and move us was renewed this night: the Virgin Mary gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger. That is how the shepherds of Bethlehem, filled with joy, found him, as the angels sang: 'Glory to God and peace to men"

At midday on Christmas morning, Pope

Francis gave his customary Christmas greetings and message from the central loggia of Saint Peter's Basilica before the crowds in the square and live to people watching around the world via media. At the conclusion, he imparted his blessing

"Urbi et Orbi" - to the city and the world as he also does on Easter Sunday. The launch of the Jubilee year 2025 marked the theme of this year's Christmas message and context, as the Pope opened the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica at the start of yesterday's Christmas Mass during the Night.

**God's heart always open to us** The Pope began his Christmas message explaining that the joy we celebrate today comes from an event that took place two thousand years ago - the birth of the Lord Jesus, the eternal Word of salvation - "made new thanks to the Holy Spirit" and which continues to speak to every man and woman today, saying, "I love you, I forgive you; come back to me, the door of my heart is open!"

He emphasized how "the door of God's heart is always open" and called on us to return to the heart "that loves and forgives us" and lets us be reconciled to Him.

# Holy Door of salvation open to all

Recalling the Holy Door he opened in Saint Peter's Basilica yesterday evening inaugurating the Jubilee of 2025, the Pope explained this Door "represents Jesus, the Door of salvation open for all," and the Good Shepherd, who awaits us with open arms.

"Brothers and sisters, do not be afraid! The Door is open, it is wide open! Come! Let us be reconciled with God, and then we will be reconciled with ourselves and able to be reconciled with one another, even our enemies. God's mercy can do all things. It unties every knot; it tears down every wall of division; it dispels hatred and the spirit of revenge. Come! Jesus is the Door of Peace." Courage to cross the threshold

The Pope acknowledged how crossing the threshold of that Door requires courage because we have to sacrifice our old ways and mindset, putting behind us disputes and divisions, and surrendering ourselves to God's love. "This Christmas, at the beginning of the Jubilee Year, I invite every individual,

and all peoples and nations, to find the courage needed to walk through that Door, to become pilgrims of hope, to silence the sound of arms and overcome divisions!"

May weapons be silenced

Turning to the challenges facing our world, the Pope prayed that the sound of weapons may be silenced in war-torn Ukraine and urged for a strength and openness to negotiation and dialogue for a just and lasting peace.

He prayed for an end to war in the Middle East, recalling the Crib of Bethlehem and Christian communities in Israel and Palestine. He prayed especially for Gaza, where the humanitarian situation is dire, saying "may there be a ceasefire, may the hostages be released and aid be given to the people worn out by hunger and by war."

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Pope Francis also expressed his closeness to the Christian communities in Lebanon and in Syria in the midst of transition. He prayed "the doors of dialogue and peace be flung open throughout the region, devastated by conflict." He also encouraged the people of Libya as they work for national reconciliation.

### Humanitarian help for the suffering

The Pope prayed the birth of the Saviour we celebrate today may inspire hope for the many thousands of children suffering from a measles outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Mozambique. He pointed out how this humanitarian crisis is due primarily to human causes - armed conflicts, the scourge of terrorism



and worsened by climate change, forcing the displacement of millions and putting many at mortal risk.

The Pope remembered the peoples of the Horn of Africa, praying for "the gifts of peace, concord and fraternity" for them, as well as the civilian population of Sudan, so that desperately needed humanitarian aid may reach them and new ceasefire negotiations may take place.

# Prayers for dialogue and social harmony

May Christmas bring comfort to the people of Myanmar, the Pope prayed, where the ongoing conflict has inflicted great suffering and displaced so many.

Remembering the Americas, the Pope encouraged political authorities and people of good will to work together to overcome divisions with justice and truth and to promote social harmony and the common good to which people aspire. He mentioned Haiti, Venezuela, Colombia and Nicaragua.

The Pope remembered the people of the island of Cyprus, now fifty years a divided island, praying that the walls of separation may come down and that a mutually agreed upon solution can be found in full respect for the rights and dignity of all communities.

### Jesus awaits us

"Jesus, the eternal Word of God made incarnate, is the wide-open Door that we are invited to enter, in order to rediscover the meaning of our existence and the sacredness of all life, and to recover the foundational values of the human family."

The Pope underscored how Jesus awaits us at the threshold, "especially the most vulnerable," such as the children suffering due to war and hunger, and the elderly often forced to live abandoned and in solitude. He described how the Lord awaits those who have lost homes, fled homelands for safety, lost jobs and cannot find one, those in prisons, and people enduring persecution for their faith.

### **Gratitude for all**

The Pope praised those who give of themselves in service, doing good, and helping others, remembering parents, educators and teachers, "who have the great responsibility of forming future generations." He thanked healthcare workers, service men and women, charitable organizations, and especially missionaries throughout the world as "they bring light and comfort to so many people in difficulty."

### **Forgive our debts**

In conclusion, the Pope prayed that this Jubilee offer an opportunity to forgive debts, especially of the poorest countries. We are all called to forgive others, as "the Son of God, born in the cold and darkness of the night, has forgiven our own," the Pope recalled, and as the Lord "heals us and forgives us."

"As pilgrims of hope, let us go out to meet him! Let us open to him the doors of our hearts, as he has opened to us the door of his heart. I wish everyone a serene and blessed Christmas."

# Francisco: "Basta de colonizar a los pueblos con armas"

El Papa, en su saludo después del Ángelus, el día en que se celebra la memoria de San Esteban, pide trabajar por "el desarme, contra el hambre, las enfermedades y el trabajo infantil". Su oración por la paz en el mundo, el saludo a los judíos que celebran Hanukkah y a los peregrinos que cruzan la Puerta Santa: "Un hermoso signo que expresa ir hacia Jesús que nos permite entrar en su Reino de amor, alegría y paz".

### Francesca Sabatinelli - Ciudad del Vaticano

La oración para que la paz llegue a los lugares más atormentados del mundo, que sufren por la guerra, y luego la esperanza de que con el Jubileo podamos ayudar a los países aplastados por la pobreza a experimentar el desarrollo. Francisco después de la oración del Ángelus de este 26 de diciembre,



agradece al mundo los buenos deseos recibidos en los últimos días y recuerda una vez más a los necesitados de apoyo y paz.

### Condonación de deuda

La misma mañana en que abrió la "primera Puerta Santa después de la de San Pedro", es decir, la de la prisión romana de Rebibbia, definida como la "catedral del dolor y de la esperanza", el Pontífice recuerda que uno de las acciones que caracterizan el Jubileo es "el perdón de las deudas" e invita a los fieles a apoyar la labor de Caritas Internationalis en este sentido sosteniendo la campaña Transformar la deuda en esperanza ". La iniciativa tiene como objetivo aliviar a los países oprimidos por una deuda insostenible y promover el desarrollo. La cuestión de la deuda está vinculada a la de la paz y al "mercado negro" de

armamentos. ¡Dejen de colonizar a la gente con armas! Trabajemos por el desarme, trabajemos contra el hambre, contra las enfermedades, contra el trabajo infantil. ¡Y por favor oren por la paz en el mundo entero! Paz en la atormentada Ucrania, en Gaza, Israel, Myanmar, Kivu del Norte y muchos países que están en guerra

# Śaludos a los judíos que viven Hannukkaň

A continuación, el Papa envía su deseo de paz y de fraternidad a los "hermanos y hermanas judíos del mundo" que, desde ayer por la tarde y durante ocho días, vivirán la Hanukkah, la fiesta de las luces, así como su saludo a los peregrinos romanos y a los que han venido de otros lugares, que habrán completado el camino jubilar que conduce a la Puerta Santa de la Basílica de San Pedro: "Un hermoso signo que expresa el sentido de nuestra vida: ir al encuentro de Jesús que nos ama y abre su cuerpo a para que entremos en su Reino de amor, de alegría y paz?

### **Important Dates at IHM** Youth Nativity Set **Religious Education** the Solemnity of Mary, **Competition** Mother of God **Classes Resume January 15** Due By Sunday, January 5 Holy Day of Obligation Beginning at 6pm Open to Youth ages 1-21 Wed., January 1 Prizes will be Awarded!!! Enjoy your break! Please return English Mass: 8:15am, 12:10pm, Can Be a kit, completely original, 5:30pm or store-bought pieces ready to learn! Spanish Mass: 7pm in an original design. Bring finished set to the Church office or leave on the table in the back of the church

(be sure to fill out entry sheet!)

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces requires that all clergy, employees, and volunteers undergo a background check, participate in a

VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Training Module,

and sign a code of conduct every 5 years.



For questions in complying with these requirements

please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator, Mary Frances Garcias for Assistance. mgarcia@rcdlc.org



The Immaculate Cristeros of San Joselito IHM Youth Group

They will beginning meeting again Friday January 3 from 6-8pm Grades 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend!



Grisell Gonzalez, Office Manager • Victor Hernandez, Maintenance • Sr. Gloria Gutierrez, Director of Religious Education
 Salma Hernandez, Receptionist • Jackelyne Ontiveros, Receptionist • Wilman Oliveros, Custodian • Ana Baltodano, PT Custodian