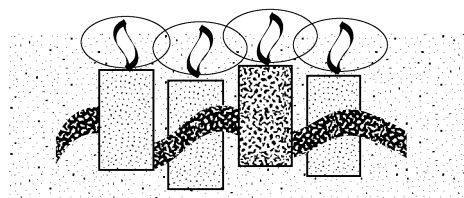


Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024

Today's Readings:

Micah 5:1-4a
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45



Today's Theme: *From Bethlehem shall come one who will rule Israel. Born of Mary, the servant of the Lord, he will protect and save us, offering himself once and for all in doing the Father's will.*

Wonder and Awe



Reflect, today, upon this holy gift of the Holy Spirit that Elizabeth experienced. Place yourself at the scene. Try to see the experience within her heart. Try to feel how she felt. Try to sense the praise that resulted. And try to open yourself more fully to receive this same gift of the Holy Spirit in your life. The Lord comes to you constantly by grace, especially every time you receive Him in Holy Communion. For that reason, we must all strive to live a holy wonder and awe every day of our lives.

My most glorious Lord, You grace me beyond imagination. Too often, I fail to experience the gratitude and the wonder and awe that should result. Please help me to first see the countless blessings of Your grace and presence in my life. And as I see them, please fill me with the Holy Spirit so that I, too, may continually sing Your worthy praises. Jesus, I trust in You.

(My Catholic Life)

Parish News

Religious Education – For those students participating in the Christmas Eve Children's Mass please have your children to the St. Joseph Family Center by 5:00 p.m.

Religious Christmas and New Years break runs December 25th – January 1st. there will be no classes. Classes resume Wednesday, January 8th, at 6 p.m.

Holiday Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 6 p.m. in the St. Joseph Family Center.
Christmas Eve Mass at 8 p.m. in the Church.
Christmas Day Mass at 10 a.m. in the Church.
New Year's Day Mass at 10 a.m. in the Church.

"O Antiphons" - The "O Antiphons" are prayed for 8 days in preparation for Christmas: December 17th – 23rd. For those familiar with the Liturgy of the Hours, these are the antiphons used with the *Magnificat* each day. They are based on Isaiah's prophecies and reveal the different titles given to the Messiah. For prayers and meditation visit www.stmaryoftheangels.com/events.



The Church & Parish Office will be closed December 25th – January 1st. The Parish office will resume normal business hours on Thursday, January 2nd.

MICHAEL + THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS + STEPHAN + CATHERINE

December 21 - 29

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. +JACKIE DAVIS (Ron & Nancy Davis)

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. +OTTO BRANDENBURG (Rita Brandenburg)

11:00 a.m. DECEASED MEMBERS OF +LARSON & +GALHOTRA FAMILY (Katherine Larson)

Monday: 9:00 a.m. +VAUGHN & +MARGARET LARSON (Katherine Larson)

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. +MORGAN KOEPP (Tim & Grizelda Williams)

8:00 p.m. +FRED & +DOROTHY ANN MCFALL (Marilyn Short)

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. +HANS VERHAAGEN (Madonna Guild)

Thursday: CLOSED

Friday: CLOSED

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. +BARBARA KINKELAAR (Tim & Grizelda Williams)

Sunday: *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*
9:00 a.m. +PAT BARRY (Paul Barry)

11:00 a.m. +LEO & +DOROTHY MCFALL (Marilyn Short)

NEXT WEEK!

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 Luke 2:41-52

NEXT WEEK:

TUESDAY: 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting – Church Overflow Hall

****AA – call hotline 928-537-7800 for meeting information.**



This Christmas, we pray God blesses you with joy that overflows. Let your heart be filled with His love and joy, this season! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Blessings, Fr. Dan, Margie, Mike, Toby, and Arleen

JUAN DIEGO + THOMAS MOORE + IGNATIUS + VINCENT de PAUL + PADRE PIO + MONICA

Madonna Guild


Prayer Shawl: If you know anyone who is ill or suffering in any way and could use the comfort afforded by one of these lovely shawls, please get in touch with the Parish Office. Shawls and pocket Shawls are also available in the Church before and after all weekend Masses. Upcoming Prayer Shawl Meeting on Thursday, January 2nd.

The Madonna Guild Winter Library is now operational in the Church overflow hall. Librarians will be available to assist with checking out books after all weekend Masses.

The upcoming Madonna Guild Meeting is on Thursday, January 9th.

How is this for a 2025 New Year's resolution: Grow Closer to God! Please join us for the first Spiritual Book Study entitled, **"HEAVEN An Unexpected Journey"**, Wednesday January 8th in the Overflow Hall at 9:30 am. Registration and \$15 book purchase will be done at this first session. Additional sessions will meet each Wednesday until February 12th. All are welcome. Please call or text Bernie McConnell at 703-508- 1573 if you have any questions.



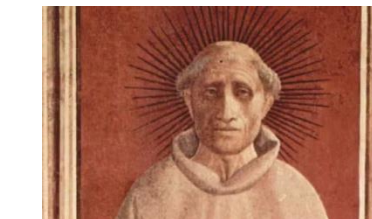
 The Knights of Columbus come from many places, backgrounds, and stages in life but are all of one faith. For Knights of Columbus membership information, contact Jim Giger at 928-242-9604. Upcoming meeting on Tuesday, January 14th.



Community Information

White Mountain Catholic Charities needs volunteers! If you'd like to apply, please get in touch with the Director of Operations, Tom Latimer, at 928-940-2571.

The Christmas Tree Angel gifts will be delivered to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Gallup, NM and St. Francis (Whiteriver) next week. We are overwhelmed with your kindness, gifts, and blessings. Thank you and may the peace of Christ fill your hearts and homes this holiday season!



Saint of the Day for December 22nd
Blessed Jacopone da Todi
(c. 1230 – December 25, 1306)
for more information, visit
<https://stmaryoftheangels.com/bulletins/>
(Franciscan Media)



Church Support... THANK YOU!
Last Week: Offering: \$5,391.00 Building Fund: \$124.00
Contribution envelopes are available for full or part-time parishioners.
Stop by the Parish Office to register!



Angels Rest Columbarium
Peace...Prayer...Perpetual Care. All faiths are welcome! Angels Rest is located on the grounds of St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church. We are the only blessed and consecrated above-ground resting place in the White Mountains. For more information, contact Arleen at 928-367-2080.

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Margie Zavala (Ex-Officio: Fr. Dan)
PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mike Caruth Jane Chavez Don Dodge Greg Smith
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