

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

Today's Readings:

Baruch 5:1-9
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6

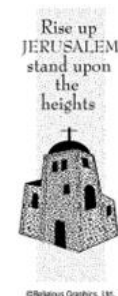


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Today's Theme: *The Lord has done great things, leading his people out of slavery to the glorious splendor of Jerusalem. Let us make ready the way of the Lord by abounding in love and in works of justice.*



Removing the Obstacles to Grace



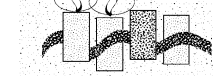
Reflect, today, upon whether or not your soul is like that dry and barren desert, detached from all the false and passing satisfactions of this world, and prepared to soak up the mercy and grace of God alone. Repentance brings forth detachment, and detachment prepares the soul for God. When one is truly detached and free from the many obstacles to God, then the road from God to your soul will be straight and easily traveled. Reflect upon your soul today and where you see unhealthy attachments. Repent with all your heart so that you are among those most fully ready for an abundance of the grace and mercy of God.

Lord, I turn to You in my need and repent of the many lies and false promises of satisfaction in this world. Please free me from all that is not of You so that my soul will be more fully prepared to soak You and Your mercy up like a gentle rain upon a dry and barren desert. I open myself to You, my Lord. Come fill and satiate my soul. Jesus, I trust in You.

(My Catholic Life)



Parish News



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass on Monday, December 9th, at 9 a.m. in the church.

We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful. ~From the Apostolic Constitution issued by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is on December 12th. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation, and a Communion service is scheduled. *Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish for? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything. ~Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego*

Religious Education Class on Wednesday, December 11th, at 6 p.m. in the St. Joseph Family Center.



Saint Andrew Christmas Novena - The Saint Andrew's Christmas Novena prayer is traditionally prayed 15 times daily from November 30, the Feast of Saint Andrew, through Christmas Eve. The Novena may be found at www.stmaryoftheangles.com/events.

December 7 - 15

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. +JAY PEISER (Jeannie Peiser)

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. +PAM SHULTZ (Rhonda Spaulding)

11:00 a.m. +ZOFIA MICHALSKA (Dorota Rapacz)

Monday: 9:00 a.m. +PAULA GILLETTE (Cindy Smyers)

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. +PAT BARRY (Paul Barry)

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. +MORGAN KOEPP (Tim & Grizelda Williams)

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday: CLOSED

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. +TOBY & +ANNIE CASTILLO (Sarah Castillo)

Sunday: *Third Sunday of Advent*

9:00 a.m. +WILBUR SMITH (Barbara Sue Smith-Shaffer)

11:00 a.m. +VIRGINIA BALESTRINO (Marcia Balestrino)



NEXT WEEK!

Zephaniah 3:14-18a Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18



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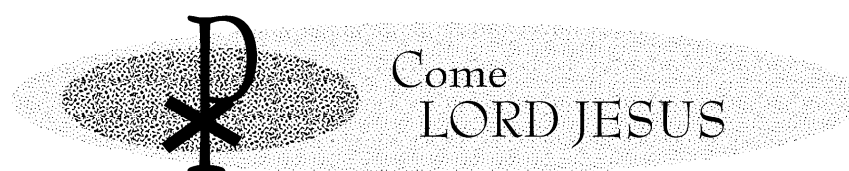
MONDAY: 9:00 a.m. Holy Day of Obligation - Church

TUESDAY: 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet – Following 8 am Mass
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting – Church Overflow Hall

WEDNESDAY: 8:30 a.m. Novena to OLPH – Following 8 am Mass
10:00 a.m. Madonna Guild Party – Church Overflow Hall
6:00 p.m. Religious Education – St. Joseph Family Center

THURSDAY: 8:30 a.m. Rosary for America – Following Communion Service

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



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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.

The **Madonna Guild Christmas Party** is on Wednesday, December 11th. We will begin stuffing stockings at 10 a.m. in the Madonna Room. We ask that you bring small, wrapped candy canes or Christmas candy for the stockings. The party will be in the church overflow hall at 11 a.m. Please bring a dish to share and a present (under \$25) to trade. If you are planning on attending, RSVP via email at madonnapinetop@gmail.com. If you haven't let Christina Vasquez know what dish you plan to bring to the party, please text Christina at 909-313-9639.



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.



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.

Bishop's Beef Raffle has returned, offering you a chance to win fantastic prizes! The grand prize is one full beef with your choice of a 'Custom Cut' plus a stand-alone freezer. Visit www.stmaryoftheangles.com/events for additional information.

Christmas in the Pines Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 17th, at 6 p.m. in the St. Joseph Family Center. Admission is by donation. Participating schools share the gross proceeds to support their performing arts and music departments.

Christmas Tree Angel—With your generous help this year, we will partner with the Little Sisters of the Poor (Gallup location) and St. Francis Church in Whiteriver. The Christmas tree tags will be in the church lobby. PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS. You may return unwrapped gifts with the tag attached in the Parish Office or the Church lobby from December 3rd to 18th. Thank you for being so supportive!



Saint of the Day for December 8th
The Immaculate Conception
(December 8th)

for more information, visit <https://stmaryoftheangles.com/bulletins/> (Franciscan Media)



Church Support... THANK YOU!
Last Week: Offering: 4,156.00 Building Fund: \$2,607.00
Week 12/1: Offering: 4,843.67 Building Fund: \$87.00
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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Katherine Larson Tim Williams Steve Vasquez
Margie Zavala (Ex-Officio: Fr. Dan)

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mike Caruth Jane Chavez Don Dodge Greg Smith

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