

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent



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SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASS:

5:00 pm Saturday

SUNDAY MASSES:

7:00 am, 10:00 am and 11:30 am (English)

8:30 am (Bilingual)

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday-Saturday

8:30 am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm or by appointment during regular office hours.

Mission Statement:

Created in God's image, we are the people of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Parish. In communion with the Roman Catholic Church and the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, we dedicate ourselves to living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit; nourished by the Sacraments; and under the Patronage of Our Lady of the Assumption; we strive to use our varied gifts and rich heritage to build the Body of Christ through worship, prayer, education, and service to all.



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF December 11 - December 17, 2017

Mon., 11th * Weekday Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalms 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14 Luke 5:17-26	8:30am	–	<u>St. Damasus I</u> S.I. for Candice DeMar by Kathie Leyendecker † Mary Jo Sugden by Adeline Wilson † Larry Locke and S.I. for his family by Carol Kain
Tue., 12th * Weekday * Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a 10ab Judith 13:18bcde, 19 Luke 1:39-47	8:30am 6:00pm	† – –	<u>Our Lady of Guadalupe</u> Guadalupe Peña by the family S.I. for Tina Green and family by the Villa family S.I. for Liz Vigil S.I. for Mary Frias
Wed., 13th * Weekday * Isaiah 40:25-31 Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 * 10 Matthew 11:28-30	8:30am	† † †	<u>St. Lucy</u> Elma Tafoya by the family Arturo Brito, Sr. by the family Frank and Helen Padilla and Fran Babbitt by the family
Thur., 14th * Weekday * Isaiah 41:13-20 Psalms 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13ab Matthew 11:11-15	8:30am	† † –	<u>St. John of the Cross</u> Joe R. Gallegos by the family Michael Marshall by the family S.I. for James Marshall and family by mom
Fri., 15th * Weekday * Isaiah 48:17-19 Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 Matthew 11:16-19	8:30am	† † –	Tony and Sarah Velarde by the family Frankie Luna by Don Luna and family S.I. for those suffering from mental illness
Sat., 16th * Weekday * Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Psalms 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Matthew 17:9a, 10-13	8:30am 5:00pm	– † † †	S.I. for Maria Frias Daw as she graduates from UNM Felipe Gonzales by OLA Parish Trisha Nicole Campos by Barbara Lepori Susan Yslas Koonze, Mucio Yslas family, and Henry Salazar family
Sun., 17th Third Sunday of Advent Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28	7:00am 8:30am 10:00am 11:30am	† – † † † † †	Christine Romero by John Romero and family S.I. for the Casados family by Dan and Celine Crawley Floyd Sahd by the Aragon and Smith families Frank Gonzales, Sr. and Frank Gonzales, Jr. by Irene Gonzales Constance Barnes by Angela and family Antonia Jaramillo & Beva Jaramillo; Mary and Pete Jaramillo by Selsa & Abby Poor Souls in Purgatory and – SI for Law Enforcement by the Nieto family Deceased family members



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalms - Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading - Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel - I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura - Prepara el camino del Señor; proclama la buena nueva (Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11).

Salmo - Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia y danos tu salvación (Salmo 85 [84]).

Segunda lectura - El Señor no tarda en guardar su promesa donde está la justicia de Dios (2 Pedro 3:8-14).

Evangelio - Juan Bautista apareció proclamando un bautismo de arrepentimiento (Marcos 1:1-8).

LAY MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 9 & 10, 2017					
	Sat., 5:00pm	Sun., 7:00am	Sun., 8:30am	Sun., 10:00am	Sun., 11:30am
Lectors	Dan Domme Scott Nary	Celine Crawley Anita Reiser	Guillermo Madrid Hermila Madrid	Kim Madrid Fran Lerma	Ann Gilpin Mary Ann O'Keefe
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim Klarkowski/c Mary Ortega/s	Linda Trujillo/c Sr. Lucia Ikwen/s	Judy Gutierrez/c Gertrude Gutierrez/s	Bill Fiedler/c Jeanne Holtby/s	Thomas Johnston/c Robert Paiz/s
Ministry of Altar Servers	Josiah Chavez Nicholas Mittas Marika Mittas	Diego Flores Gabriela Hoswell Kirk Schrinier	Anthony Rice Abigail Rice Aylene Lucero	Samantha Tafoya Jacob Madrid Selena Ortiz	Logan Clark Ariana Galaviz Donavon Phillips
Gift Bearers	Elida Saucedo	Robert Laguna	Gulibaldo and Ofelia Trejo	Phyllis Everett family	Reyna and Seena Vigil

Lay Ministers, if you are unable to serve, please find a replacement. *Thank you!*

LAY MINISTERS FOR WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 16 & 17, 2017					
	Sat., 5:00 pm	Sun., 7:00 am	Sun., 8:30 am	Sun., 10:00 am	Sun., 11:30 am
Lectors	Mary Ann Polster Margaret Gates	Robert Laguna Linda Trujillo	Kathie Griego Quintin Pacheco	George Gibbs Alicia Montoya	Ann Gilpin Emilie Underwood
Eucharistic Ministers	Jack Wise/c Becky Wise/s	John Reilly/c Don Luna/s	Phil Silva/c Tom Gutierrez/s	Gary Stone/c Mary Anne Polster/s	Carol Valentine/c Gina Broussard/s
Ministry of Altar Servers	Emo Sedillo Nathaniel Miera	Alex Converse Lily Converse	Sofia Cisneros Laisha Pedroza Michael Pedroza	Alexandra Fiedler Santana Larrañaga Olivia Pohl	Clara Johnston Joseph Brito Silas Cerami
Gift Bearers	Becky Vigil family	Margaret Romero	Arturo and Elva Solis	Ed Larrañaga family	Gina Broussard family

OLA MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Biblia en Español	9:50 am - Office	Wednesday	This Man Is You	6:00 am - Office
	Cenacle Rosary	1:30 pm - Chapel		Spanish Choir	7:00 pm - Church
1st Sunday	Coffee & Donuts	All Masses - Gym	2nd & 4th	Knights of Columbus	7:00 pm - Gym
2nd Weekend	Religious Article Sales	All Masses- Church NE Gathering Area	Aug. - Nov.	Adult Confirmation	6:45 pm - Office
Monday			Thursday	Legion of Mary	9:00 am - Sacristy
1st & 3rd	St. Vincent de Paul	5:00 pm - Office		10 am Choir	6:30 pm - Church
Tuesday	Legion of Mary	6:00 pm - Sacristy	Friday		
Sept. - April	RCIA Adult Formation	6:30 pm - Office	2nd & 4th	Blankets & Booties	9:30 am - Office
			2nd	Spanish Baptism Class	6:30 pm - Office
			4th	English Baptism Class	6:30 pm - Office

St. Damasus I Pope Saint Damasus I was Pope of the Catholic Church from October 366 to his death in 384. He presided over the Council of Rome of 382 that determined the canon or official list of Sacred Scripture.

St. John of the Cross was a major figure of the Counter-Reformation, a Spanish mystic, a Roman Catholic saint, a Carmelite friar and a priest, who was born at Fontiveros, Old Castile. John of the Cross is known for his writings.

St. Lucy, Lucia of Syracuse, also known as Saint Lucy or Saint Lucia, was a young Christian martyr who died during the Diocletianic Persecution. She is venerated as a saint by the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, and Orthodox Churches.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Official Catholic accounts state that the Virgin Mary appeared four times before Juan Diego and one more before Juan Diego's uncle. According to these accounts the first apparition occurred on the morning of December 9, 1531, when a native Mexican peasant named Juan Diego saw a vision of a maiden at a place called the Hill of Tepeyac, which would become part of Villa de Guadalupe, a suburb of Mexico City. Speaking to Juan Diego in his native Nahuatl language (the language of the Aztec empire, the maiden identified herself as the Virgin Mary, "mother of the very true deity" and asked for a church to be built at that site in her honor).



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Where your
treasure is,
there will
your heart
be also.
John 8:21

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Name _____
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Sunday Collection

December 2/3, 2017
\$22,299.75

*Thank you for your continued support of
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish!*

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

The following are advent penance services available in our Deanery:

Monday	December 11	Annunciation	7:00 pm
Wednesday	December 13	St. Pius H.S.	9:40 am
Thursday	December 14	Holy Ghost	10:00 am
Tuesday	December 19	Risen Savior	7:00 pm

CHURCH CLEANING

As we approach Advent and Christmas we invite you to consider serving the Lord by graciously giving of your time to assist with a thorough church clean-up on Saturday, December 16, between 11:30 am-2:00 pm. For further information call 505-321-3103.

BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING

Blood Pressure monitoring will be available at coffee and donuts on the first Sunday of the month in the gym as well as the 3rd Sunday in the gathering area of the church.



RELIGIOUS ARTICLE SALES



Religious Articles will be sold this weekend, December 9/10 after all the Masses in the gathering area.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

If you use a blue envelope from the back table please label it with your name and designation. If you are new to the parish and would like to receive Sunday envelopes, please fill out a parish registration form located in the magazine rack and turn it into the office. Thank you.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

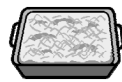


The 2017 assessment for our parish is \$60,000. We are so close to meeting this assessment, please consider helping out. Payment needs to reach the Archdiocese before December 31, 2017.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The Lector workbooks (English and Spanish) for the upcoming Liturgical year 2018, which started on December 3, 2017, are now available in the Parish Office.

OLA'S GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRY



Casserole cooking is a simple way to give of your time and talent. This ministry provides good, hot meals to our community's homeless and hungry men, women and children. Come to the Parish Office during regular business hours to pick up recipes and containers.

For more information contact the Parish Office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY REFLECTION DECEMBER 10, 2017

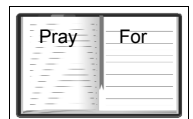
John knew the Advent secret: He focused his whole life on the coming of Jesus. He realized that his all-consuming vocation was to prepare the way of the



Lord. Our own vocation is very similar. Saint Vincent tells us that the person of Jesus must be absolutely central in our lives, as it was for following Christ. We seek to share in his love and reverence for the Father and his compassionate and effective love for the poor. With him we trust in God's providence, which rules over all. For Vincentians, as for John the Baptist, there is nothing else but Jesus. (Maloney, Seasons in Spirituality, p. 47)

SPECIAL INTENTION BOOK

A special intention book is available on the table at the back of the church for weekend Masses. Please feel free to write your intentions in the book before Mass begins.



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Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.

— Mark 1:3



CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING PROGRAM

Bring joy to the needy young children of our community this Holiday Season by participating in the **Christmas Gift-Giving Program** sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. On Dec. 2/3 & Dec. 9/10 please select a tag from the trees at the back of the Church. The blue tags represent boys and the pink tags for girls. These tags represent families that registered in November to receive gifts for their children for Christmas.

Please do not take a tag if you cannot return the gifts before Christmas.

Wrap the gifts and firmly attach the angel tag to the OUTSIDE of the box. Wrapped gifts are to be placed back under the trees at all weekend Masses but no later than **Sunday, December 17th or at the Parish Office thru December 15.** Gifts are scheduled to be picked up on December 18th from 1:30-3:00pm ONLY. No exceptions will be made. If you have any questions feel free to call or leave a message for Deacon Maurice at 715-0056.

PROGRAMA DE REGALOS NAVIDEÑOS

Presentamos una oportunidad para traer felicidades para los niños más necesitados de nuestra Parroquia Nuestra Señora de la Asunción, durante esta época navideña por medio del programa de donaciones de regalos navideños, patrocinado por la sociedad de San Vicente de Pablo. Los sábados/domingos, 2 y 3, y el 9 y 10 de diciembre, pueden coger un ángel de los árboles navideños localizados al posterior de la iglesia. (Los ángeles azules indican regalo para masculino y los de color rosado indican regalo para femenina.) Las etiquetas (ángeles) representan niño/a de familias que se registraron en noviembre para recibir regalos navideños.

Favor de envolver el regalo al estilo navideño; pegue la etiqueta en el regalo. Los regalos serán puestos de bajo de los árboles navideños en todas las misas los fines de semana, terminando con las misas el 17 de diciembre. También se pueden traer a la oficina parroquial, no más tarde que el 15 de diciembre.

Los regalos serán distribuidos a los padres de los(as) niños(as) **solamente un día, el 18 de diciembre de la 1:30 hasta las 3:00 pm. No habrá excepción.** Si tiene preguntas, llame al diacono Maurice al 715-0056.



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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE-DECEMBER 12th



Join us as we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe **Tuesday, December 12th with 6:00 pm Mass**, followed by a Posolé Dinner in the hall/gym. We are always grateful for the assistance given to make this evening a success. If you can help in any way, please call Barbara Saiz at 220-0153. Thank you!!

SPECIAL THANK YOU

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to all those who so generously gave of monetary funds and non-perishable food on Thanksgiving Day. May God Bless You!!

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection this weekend, December 9/10, for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal for Retired Religious which distributes basic, supplemental and special assistance retirement grants from the fund to religious institutes based on a formula and criteria approved by the conferences of major superiors and bishops. As designated in 2012, the December retirement collection will be allocated 50/50 between the Retirement Fund for Religious and the Archdiocesan Priest Retirement Fund. Please be generous!

BLANKETS and BOOTIES



Please consider joining us in the parish office on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 am. We would love to see you!



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We light a second purple candle on the second Sunday of Advent to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world. The word "hope" has two meanings in the Bible. The first, *tiqvah*, contains the sense of eager anticipation or waiting. The second, *elpis*, depicts a sense of confident expectation based on certainty. Biblical hope is secured by God's faithfulness to His promises. For the Old Testament leaders, their hope was in the Messiah's arrival. For us, it is the hope of the Messiah's return. God's plan for humanity unfolded in the town of Bethlehem, the birthplace of the Messiah, joyously fulfilling a long-awaited promise. Today we confidently wait for the Messiah's triumphant return.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHRISTMAS BREAK

The Religious Education classes grades 1-8 will be on Christmas break from December 12, 2017 until January 9, 2018. May you have a blessed, safe and fun filled holiday!

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA DESCANSO NAVIDEÑO

Las clases de Educación Religiosa grados 1-8 estarán en vacaciones de Navidad desde el 12 de diciembre, 2017 hasta el 9 de enero, 2018. ¡Que tengan unas vacaciones bendecidas, seguras y llenas de diversión!

BAPTISM CLASS

In preparation for a child's baptism, the parent(s) must be registered and attending Mass at OLA for at least 2 months. Registration may be completed in the parish office prior to the child's birth. Baptism classes are held monthly from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the parish office. The next **English** class is scheduled for **Friday, December 22, 2017.**



WORD FOR CHILDREN

1st-3rd Grade
Sundays in the Sacristy
During the 10 am Mass

CLASES DE BAUTISMO

En preparación para el bautizo de un niño(a), los padres deben registrarse y asistir a la misa en Nuestra Señora de la Asunción al menos durante 2 meses. El registro puede hacerse en la oficina parroquial antes del nacimiento del niño(s). Las clases de bautizo son mensuales de 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm en la oficina de la parroquia. La proxima clase en **español** será **el viernes 15 de diciembre del 2017.**

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CHRISTMAS BREAK

The Youth Confirmation class will be on Christmas break starting Sunday, December 17 and will resume on Sunday, January 7. May you have a blessed, safe and fun-filled holiday!

La clase de Confirmación Juvenil estará en vacaciones de Navidad desde el domingo, 17 de diciembre, 2017, hasta el 7 de enero, 2018. ¡Que tengan unas vacaciones bendecidas, seguras y llenas de diversión!

OUR LADY of the ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

Join us for an Advent Photo Challenge! Post your Advent pictures and tag OLA on Facebook! Pictures can be of Christmas trees, Nativity scenes, baking/cooking or decorating, prayer time, etc. How do you and your family prepare for our Savior's birth? Share it with us!

OLA's annual Christmas program will be held on Thursday December 14, 2017, at 6:00 PM in the OLA gym. Please come and celebrate with us!

School Mass: Wednesday
December 13 grade 8
December 20 grade 7

ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION

In order to take care of God's earth and raise needed funds for new library/classroom books, OLA School will be collecting aluminum cans at the Saturday Vigil Mass and all Sunday Masses. This year, a large blue recycle bin will be placed next to the large NW gate of OLA Hall. Just bag your cans and toss them over the fence and into the recycle bin. We are also entering a recycle challenge. Help us to win the State Challenge again!

RECYCLING

OLA School is still recycling and saving labels, so please continue to save them during the Summer. We take:

- computer cartridges, laser & inkjet
- cell phones
- soft plastic rings
- (The city does not recycle the above items.)

Aluminum tabs from soft drink cans
Campbell Labels & General Mills labels.
They can be sent to the School or Parish Office.

LITURGY CORNER

NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many people think that Saint Francis originated the Christmas crèche, but its origins go far back. The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome has housed what is said to be relics of the cradle of Jesus since the seventh century. In time, every year during the Christmas season, the reliquary (container for relics) was surrounded by an increasingly grand three-dimensional scene of the place of Jesus' birth. Rocks and trees, houses, streams, figurines of villagers going about their daily tasks were all included. It was a very dramatic presentation. If you've ever seen an elaborate model train installation, you get the idea. The proper term for this depiction is *presepio*, from the Latin word for "surround" or "hedge."

Over the centuries, the custom spread first to churches, and then to aristocratic homes. In Italy, whole chapels are often set aside for the *presepio*, and it is not unusual to have hundreds of figures. It can sometimes be a challenge to locate the Holy Family amid the crowd, almost like a *Where's Waldo?* children's book. The oldest surviving *presepio* is in St. Mary Major and dates from the thirteenth century, although many pieces have been broken or lost. Saint Francis of Assisi took a decidedly creative step in 1233 in the village of Greccio, when he directed his followers to fill a manger with hay and tether an ox and ass nearby. He then invited the villagers to attend Mass outdoors near the crib, the worshipers themselves becoming a living *presepio*. By the seventeenth century, the tradition was well-established, particularly in Naples, and had a firm hold in Portugal, Spain, and in the Provence region of France. Today, it is not unusual to find *presepios* with five hundred figures, a vivid reminder of Emmanuel,

NOTICIAS QUE DAN CONSUELO

En un tiempo de preparación, relacionado en gran medida con cosas materiales, es bueno escuchar las palabras de Isaías: "Consuelen, consuelen a mi pueblo, dice nuestro Dios" (Isaías 40:1). En un tiempo de tanta nerviosidad y prisa, cuando nuestras cargas habituales se duplican a causa de los miles de preparativos navideños, podemos elegir aminorar la marcha, dedicar un tiempo a curar las heridas y valorar el enorme regalo que estamos por recibir. Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, se ha convertido en uno de nosotros y conoce nuestras limitaciones humanas. Sin embargo, Dios, incluso ahora, nos está librando de las cargas que se nos amontonan por no prestarle atención a él ni a nuestros anhelos más profundos. El Señor llega, no como un rey con ejércitos poderosos, sino como un pastor que guía a los rebaños con amor y ternura. Isaías anuncia buenas noticias: nuestra servidumbre terminó, nuestros pecados han sido perdonados. El salvador que esperábamos está llegando, no por primera vez, sino al final de los tiempos, como nuestra salvación.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El día 9 de diciembre conmemoramos a san Juan Diego de México. Hace un par de años este indígena mesoamericano fue canonizado por su misión en las apariciones Guadalupanas. Hubo controversia alrededor de su canonización porque había quienes insistían que Juan Diego nunca existió. Después de investigar, el Vaticano decidió que no sólo existió, sino que fue y es santo, digno de ser modelo e intercesor.

Las investigaciones encontraron que el nombre indígena de Juan Diego era Cuauhtlatatzin, es decir "Águila que habla". Tal vez por este nombre tan significativo fue que los franciscanos lo bautizaron Juan Diego. El nombre Juan recuerda al apóstol, quien escribió el evangelio más místico y cuyo símbolo es el águila. Diego viene del apóstol Santiago o san Diego quien evangelizó a los españoles durante el siglo I. De cualquier manera, Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin se convirtió en el "Águila que habla" y anuncia el evangelio místico según Guadalupe, es "Águila que habla" de amor, paz, consuelo y desafío en una tierra conquistada, oprimida y llena de promesa.