



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

Tome, Adelino, La Ladera, Las Maravillas, Pasitos del Cielo,
La Constancia, Tavalopa, El Cerro Mission South, Casa Colorada,
Salomon Estates, San Fernandez and Rio Communities

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Saturday (Closed Mondays)
9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Martha Sanchez, DRE, (505) 865-4220
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MASS SCHEDULES

SATURDAY

5:30 P.M. MASS in ENGLISH

SUNDAY

8:00 A.M. MASS in SPANISH

10:00 A.M. MASS in ENGLISH

WEEKDAYS

9:00 A.M. MASS TUESDAY – FRIDAY

Casa Colorada Mission 12:00 noon

Every 4th Sunday of the Month

CONFESSIONS

4:00 P.M. Saturdays in the Chapel or by
Appointment

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday
starting December 3rd after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Holy Hour at
11:00 am followed by Benediction at 12:00 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In order for children to be enrolled in the CCD program it is
necessary that the parents/guardians be registered.

All students must attend Mass regularly.

SACRAMENTS ADULT INITIATION (RCIA)

Process of Initiation for non-baptized individuals, Christians of
other faiths wishing to become Catholic, Catholics who have not
received Holy Communion, or Confirmation and for Catholics
who are interested in deepening their faith.

SPECIAL SACRAMENTS (RCIC)

Process of initiation into the Catholic Church for baptized children under
the age of 15 and children over the age of 8 who have not yet received
their first Holy Communion.

CONFIRMATION

Contact the CCD office.

HOLY COMMUNION

Children must have completed the two year preparation process to enter
the Sacramental class in the third grade.

MARRIAGE

For registered parishioners 1) Interview with parish priest six months
before the wedding. 2) Diocesan marriage preparation program.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish office to make arrangements for the Sacrament
of Baptism. Registration of three months required.

CARE OF THE SICK

For Holy Communion and Anointing, for seriously ill or homebound
parishioners, please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

MINISTRY OFFICERS:

Finance Council Chairperson: Anna Moya Troyer

Parish Council Chairperson: Victoria Zamora

Lectors: Theresa Johnson

Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist

Anthony Furnari

Eucharist to Homebound:

Youth Altar Servers:

Tanisha Mora Gutierrez

Adult Altar Servers:

Lawrence Johnson

Music 5:30 p.m.:

Ron Vigil

8:00 a.m.:

Monica Padilla

10:00 a.m.:

Angela Norman

10:00 a.m. (1st Sun)

John Duran (Youth Choir)

Park:

Ramon Torres

Cemetery:

Flavio Perea

SVDP:

Erica Chavez

Flowers:

Angela Norman

Knights of Columbus:

Dominic Villeda

Mayordomos: 5:30 p.m. Ambrose & Jeanette Padilla

8:00 a.m. Adrian & Maria Delgado

10:00 a.m. Aaron & Melanie Hahn

CC:

12:00 p.m. Ramon & Carmelita Baca

Mission Statement

*Our faith-family of Immaculate Conception and
its rich history and traditions, invite all Catholics
to help them grow and mature as faithful followers
of Jesus Christ.*

December 5, 2021
 First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9
 Psalm: 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
 Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
 Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Dec. 6 - No Service

Tue. Dec. 7
 9:00 am +Monsignor Sipio Salas by M/M Ken Chavez
 +Hope Romo by Emilia Baca
 +Ernestina Barela by Emilia Baca

Wed. Dec. 8
 9:00 am +Mark Flores by M/M Ken Chavez
 +Isaac & +Frances Aragon by M/M Jacobo Romero
 In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered by Laura Madrid

7:00 pm For Immaculate Conception Parishioners Living & Deceased
 +Ida Rivera by Mary Ann Baca

Thu. Dec. 9
 9:00 am In Honor of Santo Nino de Atocha by Mary Ann Baca
 +Rita C. & +Gomicindo Baca by the Family
 +Brian Stevenson by Barbara Marsh

Fri. Dec. 10
 9:00 am +Gene Lucero by Urban & Maxine Lucero
 +Felis R. Chavez by the Family
 +Daniel Work by Virginia Baca

Sat. Dec. 11
 5:30 pm Luella Rubio (Birthday Blessings) by Priscilla & Friends
 +E. G. Lozano III by the Family
 +Terry Ulibarri by Vicky & Family

Sun. Dec. 12
 8:00 am +Manuel & +Margarita Montoya & +Pat Kellerman by Manuel Montoya
 +Jose Rito & +Esidora Baca by the Family
 +Jose Ramon & +Teofilo Baca by the Family

10:00 am +Guadalupe Madrid & +Guadalupe Chavez by the Madrid Family
 +Deacon Lorenzo, +Larry & +Daniel Castillo & All the Faithful\ Departed by Gloria Castillo
 +Joe & +Cora Martinez by Lola Sanchez
 Immaculate Conception Parishioners

Beginning the month of January Baptism class will be held on the second Sunday of the month. Class will start at approximately 11:00 a.m. (after the 10:00 a.m. Mass) in one of the classrooms. Baptisms will continue to be on the third Sunday of each month after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Collections:
 11/21: Reg: \$2,056.00
 Bldg. Fund: \$725.00 Loose: \$368.00
 All Saints: \$13.00 All Souls: \$23.00
 SVDP: \$71.00 Assumption: \$5.00
 CCHD: \$416.00 Cath. Charities: \$5.00

11/28: Reg. \$2,078.00 Loose: \$421.00
 Bldg. Fund: \$61.00 CCHD: \$9.00
 SVDP: \$642.00

Counters:
 12/12: Kristy, Mary Ann 12/19: Leeanna, Sylvia, Andy
 12/26: Melissa, Frances, Melanie

Online Giving the easy way to keep current with your envelopes; sign on to online giving on the website.



The Archdiocese of Santa Fe entered into Chapter 11 Reorganization during the first week of December 2018. The utmost concern is for the victims of abuse. Our prayers are with them. The Annual Catholic Appeal Foundation is not part of the Chapter 11 filing. ACA is separately incorporated and funding is not available for legal claims. ACA remains a significant source of funding for the ministries and services of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe throughout this process and beyond. Christ's loving work must endure through this. Thank you for continuing to support these efforts.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/6: RCIA 6:00 pm
 12/8: Holy Day—Masses at 9:00 am & 7:00 pm—No Bible Study
 12/9: Evening of Song & Praise 7:00 pm—No Youth Group
 12/10: Pray the Rosary at Home with Family—Joyful Mysteries
 12/12: Second Collection for Retired Religious
 12/13: Monday Mass at 6:00 pm followed by Posole Dinner



With compassion and concern, we offer our prayers for our community and especially for the sick of our parish:

Eliana Alderete, Martin Alderete, Chance Apodaca, Joe S. Aragon, Jaime Armendariz, Annette Baca, Jeff Baca, Michelle Baca, Antoinette Bencomo, Assunta Berry, Justin Beyerl, Elaine Bland, Jennie Brown, Jerry Buffington, Luga Calles, Gloria Castillo, Helen Chavez, Joseph Cook, Ernestine Cordova, Roselyn Cordova, Mary Crespín, Renee DeBaca, Flora Eylicio, Ernest Fresquez, Maria Garcia, Yolanda Gallegos, Patricia Gardner, Dolly Glass, Joel Gutierrez, Isabel Jacquez, Allen Kenyon, Eileen Krug, Diana Lara, David Lopez, Robert Frank Lopez, Dayna Lozano, Rita Lozano, Abel Lueras, Dayjah Lueras, Sally Lynch, Aryel Maldonado, Anna Marie, Connie Marquez, Prudencio Marquez, Manuel Montoya, Waylon Moore, Chester Moya, Phil Moya, Charli Orgas, Jose C. Ortega, Conrado Otero, Tonia Pena, Gene Perez, Freddie Peralta, Erlinda Rael, Herman Rael, Jose Rael, Benjamin Rispoli, Ray Rivera, Dennis Rodriguez, Connie Rodriguez, Eduardo Rodriguez, Nicario Romero, Steve Romero, Virginia "Jennie" Romero, Michelle Ruiz, Anthony Salcido, Isaiah Sanchez, Mariah Sanchez, Marty D. Sanchez, Proceso Sanchez, Tamara Sanchez, Michael Sandoval, Alex Santacruz, Mara Segal, Marcella Silva, James Sneed, William "Bill" Taylor, Angelica Torrez, Jose Luis Villa

Please call the office to add or remove a name. Thank you.

Preparacion Matrimonial en Espanol—29 y 30 de enero 2022. Para mas informacion llame al 505-831-8147 o ebecerra@archdiosf.org. El formulario para inscribirse se encuentra en el siguiente enlace: <https://form.jotform.com/212585009064150>. Invitamos a todas las parejas que se estan preparando para recibir el Sacramento de Matrimonio. La cooperacion para este retiro virtual es de \$50 por pareja.

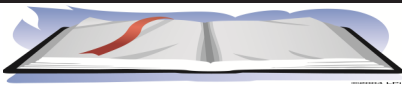
Gabriel Project Parenting Class:
 12/8: 10:00 am to 11:00 am—Healthy Holiday Eating
 12/15: 10:00 am to 11:00 am Local Employment Possibilities, finding that Right job.
 For Zoom ID and Password for each class, contact Julie at 505-850-4075.

Complements of San Clemente Gabriel Project: Attendees can receive a \$10.00 McDonalds gift card. Free child and adult masks.

Notes from our Pastor:
 Dear Friends,

Five Days in December to honor Mary will soon be here so plan to join the parish on December 8 at 7:00 pm in a Solemn Celebration of the patronal feast of our parish, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. After Mass gather together in the park for a special *Celebration of Light* to acknowledge the inauguration of God's plan to dispel the darkness of fallen humanity in the moment of Mary's conception. Join us the next night at 7:00 PM in church for an **Advent Evening of Prayer and Song**. This evening of Scriptures, prayer and song will uplift your spirit and make you ready for the Advent journey to Bethlehem. On Friday, December 10th, we ask everyone to find time to pray the **Advent Mysteries of the Rosary**, mysteries that we pray time and time again in the Joyful Mysteries. This is something we can do in our homes with family and friends or long distance by phone for Face Time. Then, on December 11th and 12th we once more join the Advent journey rejoicing in the **Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete** Sunday and the fast approaching Christ Mass. In the buzz of the secular Christmas' sales and songs allow these **Five Days in December to honor Mary** to help us all as a parish and as families discover the real Reason for the Season. We will conclude these days celebrating the feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** with our traditional Mass at 6:00 PM followed by **Posole**. (We will adapt the logistics for the eating together depending on the health regulations.)

God bless,
 Father Michael



Second Sunday of Advent

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. “You see that when the Word of God knocks hard on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him.” When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God’s gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God’s promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts’ doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God’s simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.



Question: With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it’s easy to stray.

Answer: Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord’s coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

Sale of church properties:
Phase II of the properties to be sold will be on November 2021. To register to bid online before the auction begins, for more information on the properties, and terms and conditions of the sale, go directly to the auction website at www.ASFbankruptcyauction.com. The auction company is SVN Auctions Services, LLC; 954-931-0592.

Schedules:

Youth Altar Servers:

12/8: 7:00 p.m. — Maurize, Madison & Mariangeli Aragon
12/11: 5:30 p.m.— Lainey Racette, Lyla Gallegos, Robert Benitez, Elena Benitez
12/12: 10:00 a.m.— Matthew, Adrian & Monique Chavez,
12/13: 6:00 p.m.— Zaylon, Zane, & DaniRae Zamora

Adult Altar Server:

12/12: 8:00 a.m.— Lawrence Johnson

Lectors

12/8: 9:00 a.m.—Anna Torres
12/8: 7:00 p.m.—Theresa Moya
12/11: 5:30 p.m.— Marianne Holmes
12/12: 8:00 a.m.— Ann Garcia
12/12: 10:00 a.m.— Vickie Zamora
12/13: 6:00 p.m.— Natalie Trujillo

Eucharistic Ministers:

12/8: 9:00 a.m.— Carolyn Matzke
12/8: 7:00 p.m.—Natalie Trujillo
12/11: 5:30 p.m.— Anthony Furnari
12/12: 8:00 a.m.— Ramon Torres
12/12: 10:00 a.m.— Ernest Gilbert
12/13: 7:00 p.m.— John Duran

*Order your Christmas Memorial Poinsettias.
Deadline for orders is December 21, 2021.
Price is still \$10.00 per poinsettia.*



ARCHDIOCESE WORKSHOP—ABUSE AWARENESS

IMPORTANT: For several years we have urged all of our members who are in a ministry to take the class on “Protecting God’s Children”. Many have not done so. The Archdiocese of Santa Fe mandates that this class be taken. This is for your protection. Please do not let this next year go by without taking this class. If you feel that there is a reason that you are unable or care to take the class, please call the office; otherwise we expect you to comply. It takes only 45 minutes to take the class online. In order to be in a ministry or volunteer in any capacity, this is mandatory.

OUR PARISH



Telephone : (505) 865-7495. Meetings are held every 4th Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted. Food distribution is on Wednesday beginning at 10:00 and Saturday beginning at 11:00. Requests must be called in before the days of distribution. Phone messages are accessed daily and responded to within 24 hours.

The Knights of Columbus meet on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. They start by praying the Rosary at 6:30. If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus Padre Pio Council 10629 in Tome, please contact Domonic Villella, at (505) 550-0755.

Divine Mercy meets each Thursday after Daily Mass in the Classroom. Join them in praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

For anyone interested in joining the Legion of Mary, we meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. The Legion of Mary would like to have the Pilgrim Virgin visit the homes of parishioners or anyone interested in having her for a week. Please contact Cecilia at 859-0547 or 864-7182 or Clara at 865-8488.

The Youth Choir practice is on the last two Wednesdays of the month. Practice will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Due to Covid-19 this is temporarily suspended.



First Friday Blessed Sacrament Devotions will resume December 3rd. Hours for Exposition—After 9:00 am Mass until Noon. Holy Hour at 11:00 a.m. Benediction at 12:00 noon. There will be a sign-up sheet at the front entrance of the church. Please sign up early. Someone must be present at all times during the Exposition.