

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2009**

MON, NOV 30:	8:30 AM -- +	CORINE LUNA BY ANNUNCIATION MARIANITES + DECEASED MEMBERS OF D'ONOFRIO, RICCOBENE & BURWINKLE FAMILIES BY ANGIE BURWINKLE + ALICE OLIVERI BY MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM THOMAS
	5:30 PM -- +	JERRY CONSTANT BY TOM & MARY KAY SI FR. BENNETT J. VOORHIES & FAMILY BY BETTY LANE
TUES, DEC 1:	8:30 AM -- +	ALENE DUNCAN BY BETTY OTHMER + GABE & KATIE JURIC BY FAMILY SI JOHN BURWINKLE FAMILY BY BETTY OTHMER & FAMILY
	5:30 PM -- +	TERRY ALLEN BY HIS LOVING FAMILY + SABRY MARIKAR BY JOHN & TERRY SANCHEZ
WED, DEC 2:	8:30 AM -- +	BOB DAWSON BY FAMILY + BERNHARDT LORENZEN BY LORENZEN FAMILY SI ALLYSON THOMAS BY MOM & DAD
	5:30 PM -- +	DAVID SISNEROS BY MARY SISNEROS + THADDEUS STASIEWICZ BY HIS DAUGHTER, DOROTHY
THURS, DEC 3:	8:30 AM -- +	BOB GARCIA BY ANA & FAMILY + BARKER & CHIADO FAMILIES BY BARKER FAMILY + LALA DOMINGUEZ BY HER DAUGHTER MARIE & FAMILY
	5:30 PM -- +	TED GAGNON BY AGNES GAGNON & FAMILY + FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY
FRI, DEC 4:	8:30 AM -- +	TIM FANNING BY FAMILY + DR. JOSEPH HELAK BY FRANK & DOLORES STOLL SI ELIZABETH CHAVEZ' HEALTH BY SECULAR FRANCISCANS
	5:30 PM -- +	SABRY MARIKAR BY WILLIAM & JANE GUENTHER SI GUIDANCE OF HOLY SPIRIT FOR SINGLE PARENTS
SAT, DEC 5:	8:30 AM -- SI	FR. VOORHIES' INTENTIONS
	5:00 PM -- +	ELAINE COPE BY PENNY & LEO DE ANGELES + RAY MILLER BY MILLIE & FAMILY SI FR. BENNETT J. VOORHIES & FAMILY BY JAN & MIKE TAGLIALEGAMI
SUN, DEC 6:	7:00 AM -- SI	FOR THE PEOPLE
	9:00 AM -- +	SABRY MARIKAR BY BICKEL FAMILY + ROBERT MUELLER BY PATRICK & KERRIE SENA + ANN CONNOLLY BY PATRICK & KERRIE SENA
	10:30 AM -- +	LALA DOMINGUEZ BY MEL & MARIAN MONTANO + ELAINE COPE BY CRESCENTIA K. MORRIS + DR. JOSEPH HELAK BY FAMILY
	12:00 PM -- +	TILLIE FRESQUEZ BY RUBEN, TIFFANIE & MELISSA SANCHEZ SI FR. BENNETT J. VOORHIES & FAMILY BY DREBING FAMILY SI WILLIAMS FAMILY BY HIRT FAMILY
	5:30 PM -- +	BILLY SAIZ BY MOM, DAD, RON & DON SI FOR ALL REFUGES & THEIR FAMILIES SI THE FAMILY OF SABRY MARIKAR BY CLINT & CAROL DORWART



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6,8-11 Lk 3:1-6
December 6, 2009**

How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me? (Psalm 116:12)

The Parish Budget for Fiscal Year 2010 (7/1/09 - 6/30/10) is based on the giving of our faith family for Fiscal Year 2009. The portion of our budget contributed in envelopes, checks and loose cash is \$1,550,000 or \$29,808 per week. Thank you for your continuing generosity. Contributions for the 21st weekend of the fiscal year were \$29,750.00. In the 21st week of our fiscal year, our budgeted goal for ministry programs and ordinary operating expense is \$625,961.00 and our collections are \$660,770.00 We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider using the Capital Improvement Envelope in your packet to help recover the renovation cost of Saint Magdalene Center.

Our collection for CCHD was:\$6,675.62.

May God bless you in your sacrificial giving. Lord, help me move from comfort to sacrifice.



**FAMILY CENTERED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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ADVENT: EXPECTING WHAT HAS ALREADY COME...

"... ALREADY ... AND NOT YET ..."

Is it possible to wait for the past??? When speaking about salvation history this becomes possible for salvation history continues today. The point of telling and re-telling the history of our salvation is so that we may recognize when it breaks into our world. In fact the message of salvation history is that God is that kind of God who breaks into our world, creating, liberating, healing, raising from the dead and saving. God has done it so often through history and he will do so again and again but we need to train ourselves to recognize his action in our life and in our world. This is why we have the season of Advent - to slow down and become aware and see what God is doing with our very eyes. God is present in our world and so often we fail to recognize him. The words of a poem summed this up so well:



Earth is crammed with heaven, and every bush afire with God; but only he who sees takes off his shoes—the rest sit around it and pluck blackberries.

So as not to be among those who simply *pluck blackberries* this advent, we want to invite the Lord to come into our lives, our families, our own very struggles. As we pray for this grace we might want to use frequently the invocation **Come, Lord Jesus, Come!** Indeed come Jesus and let us see and experience each in our own way, a bit of the healing presence you are offering us especially during this grace-filled season of advent. Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Breaking Open the Word



- ◆ **QUESTION FOR ADULTS:** St. Paul exhorts us "to make greater progress" in our spiritual lives. What step could you take to make greater progress during this advent season?
- ◆ **QUESTION FOR ADOLESCENTS:** What can you do this advent to prepare spiritually for Christmas?
- ◆ **QUESTION FOR CHILDREN:** Say often this week: Come Jesus into my heart!

Nov 29 10:15-11:45 am MSA Session - School bldg.

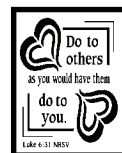
DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Dec 2	4:00-5:30 pm	ERE Session - School bldg.
Dec 6	10:15-11:45 am	MSA Session - School bldg.
Dec 9	4:00-5:30 pm	ERE Session - School bldg.
Dec 13	2:00-4:00 pm	Journey to Bethlehem - Gym
	10:15-11:45 am	RCIC Session - School bldg.
Dec 16	4:00-5:30 pm	Penance Service Gr. 3-4-5—Church
Dec 20	10:15-11:45 am	MSA Session - School bldg.
	10:15-11:45 am	RCIC Session - School bldg.
Dec 23	NO ERE SESSION	



**SESSIONS RESUME:
January 6 for Elementary
January 10 for Mid-School**

MERRY CHRISTMAS



YEAR OF THE PRIESTS JUNE 2009- JUNE 2010

It's important to remember that priests are people too, with the same normal limits. Just as you need a day or two off every week, so does your priest, to help them maintain both their spiritual focus and their energy levels.



-Our Sunday Visitor -Year of the Priests

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Stewards wait in joyful anticipation for God's Word to continue to change the world.

- ▶ **WOMEN'S GUILD BOARD MEETING:** Wednesday, December 2nd at 9:15 AM in the Bakhita Room.
- ▶ **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING:** Monday, December 7th at 6:30 PM in St. Magdalene Hall.
- ▶ **FAITH IN THE WORKPLACE:** Saturday, December 5th, 9:45 AM in St. Francis Hall. Bill Myszkier will continue the discussion on the Encyclical: Laborem Exercens.

▶ **INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Parents and Godparents seeking Baptism for a child have a responsibility to attend a Baptism preparation session before the Baptism takes place. Annunciation Parish offers a Baptism Preparation instruction class once a month. Parents should carefully consider choosing a Saint's name for their child, perhaps a role model whose life reflects the hopes and aspirations for this God-given child. Please contact the Parish office for more information. The next class is Monday, December 14, 2009, in St. Magdalene Hall from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

▶ **THANK YOU!!! A total of 249 families were helped!!!** Thank you to all our wonderful parishioners and parents in the school who donated so much in so many ways to our "Adopt A Family" for Social Concerns Thanksgiving Project. May God bless you all abundantly this Thanksgiving season and always! !

- ▶ **GOLDEN AGERS:** Tuesday, December 1st -- 11:30AM Board, Happenings and Business Meetings in St. Frances Hall.
- ▶ **UPCOMING EVENT:** Tuesday, December 15th, 1:00PM Christmas Luncheon at Cooperage Restaurant. Please call Mary Agnes at 299-9111 for reservations.



PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ **DIVINE MERCY CENACLE:** meets every other Monday at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 7th in St. Francis Hall.
- ▶ **CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER / LECTIO DIVINA:** Tuesday, December 1st, St. Francis Hall
- ▶ **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Please contact the Parish Office for information
- ▶ **DIVINE OFFICE (LITURGY OF THE HOURS):** 8:00 a.m. every weekday morning in the church.
- ▶ **ROSARY GUILD:** everyday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Church.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

- ▶ **SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READING REFLECTION GROUP:** meets every Thursday morning in St. Francis Hall at 9:30 AM. The reflection is on the Sunday Liturgy readings for the following Sunday. Just show up with your Bible and the Living Faith Booklet for the month.
- ▶ **CHURCH HISTORY:** Monday, November 30th, Topic: Fathers of the Church. Taught by John Humbel. Monday evening sessions began on October 19 through December 7. Sessions will be held in the school portable classroom 304, 7-9:00 pm. For more information and to register call 299-9111.



RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Canossian Spirituality Center 5625 Isleta Blvd. SW tel. 452-9402. Offering: \$100 for the series or \$40 per retreat (lunch included)

- ▶ Saturday, December 5 -- 9AM - ends with Mass at 3:30PM
"And the Word became Flesh and Dwells among Us", by Kyle S. Turner
- ▶ Saturday, December 12 -- 9AM— Mass at 11:00 and will end at 2:30PM with the Holy Rosary, " Our Lady of the New Advent", by Fr. Bennett J. Voorhies
- ▶ Saturday, December 19 — 9AM - ends with Mass at 3:30PM
" The Forerunner and the Virgin: Our Witnesses to the Christ this Christmastide", by Kyle S. Turner

Our Lady of the Annunciation Roman Catholic Parish is a people of living faith rooted in the Gospel, centered on the Eucharist and led by the Holy Spirit. We are inspired by the example of Mary to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by ministering to all.

Annunciation Parish Website: www.annunciationparishabq.org

ADVENT ARRIVES

As we celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent, we begin the new liturgical year. This is the season in which we reflect on the coming of Christ in history, mystery and majesty. Yes we are all aware that everyone is preparing for the celebration of Christmas, but how many realize that this is really a continuation of the Incarnation of Christ, begun at the Annunciation nine months before. The Word—Jesus—first took on flesh when Mary said yes to the Lord through the request of the Archangel Gabriel. So already in the womb, from conception, Jesus entered our world as the Word made flesh. Now, at Christmas we remember the glory and wonder at Jesus' birth. The Advent season also has us prepare for Jesus' coming in majesty at the end of time. Meanwhile, we must be more attentive to Jesus' coming to us in the mysteries of our faith, through the sacraments and in the daily encounters in which the Holy Spirit moves us interiorly. Come Holy Spirit and reign in our hearts that we might better prepare for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ!

NEW HYMNALS

To begin the liturgical year, we have new hymnals called "Worship" which will replace our former paperback hymnals and missalettes. The Worship Hymnal includes not only more than 500 hymns but all the Sunday readings for the 3 year cycle. This will give us a new repertoire of hymns and new psalm tones as well. The hardback editions will be more durable and will save on paper too. Enjoy this new tool for lifting up your hearts and giving praise and worship to God!

MEDITATION OF A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER

The following text was found on the body of a Confederate soldier during the Civil War. It expresses a spirit of gratitude for the mysterious ways God answers our prayers:

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked God for health, that I might do greater things,
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy,
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for
- but everything I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am among men, most richly blessed.

~ Found on the body of a Southern soldier 1861-1865

FILIPINO ADVENT NOVENA MASS "SIMBANG GABI" (EVENING MASS)

You are cordially invited to the Filipino Advent Celebration Novena Evening Mass (Simbang Gabi) here in our Church, Our Lady of the Annunciation on the following dates: Wednesday, December 2nd—7 pm; Friday, December 11th—7 pm;

Wednesday, December 16th—7 pm & Wednesday, December 23rd—7 pm.

All Masses will be celebrated in English with readings and songs in Filipino (Tagalog) with English translations. Please come and enjoy the long tradition of the Filipino Culture in celebrating the Advent Novena Simbang Gabi. *Special Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, December 20, 2009 10:30 at Prince of Peace Parish.

"DISCOVER, RE-DISCOVER AND LIVE IN CHRIST SPIRIT" ADVENT WEEKEND SEMINAR/RETREAT

Prince of Peace Catholic Community invites you to Advents "Christian Life Program" on December 12-13, 2009. A weekend seminar/retreat open to all walks in life (married, single parents/adults, separated, widowed, divorced, and young people) who want to "discover and re-discover" how it is to live in Christ Spirit. The seminar is free. Lunch and snacks will be served. The seats are limited. For more information or reservation, please call Fr. Joel at the Parish Office 298-7553. Registration starts at 8 am, Saturday, December 12th at Prince of Peace Community Room, 12500 Carmel Ave., NE, ABQ, NM 87122. More information will be posted in the next bulletin.

LECTIONARY READINGS November 30th — December 5th, 2009				3
Monday	MEMORIAL: ST. ANDREW	Rom 10:9-18	Mt 4:18-22	
Tuesday	Advent Weekday	Is 11:1-10	Lk 10:21-24	
<small>School Mass</small>				
Wednesday	Advent Weekday	Is 25:6-10a	Mt 15:29-37	
Thursday	MEMORIAL: ST. FRANCIS XAVIER	Is 26:1-6	Mt 7:21,24-27	
Friday	Memorial: St. John of Damascus	Is 29:17-24	Mt 9:27-31	
Saturday	Advent Weekday	Is 30:19-21,23-26	Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8	

MUSIC & LITURGICAL MINISTRY
Dr. Jane Smith, Director 298-9636
Maria Campos Neiber, Assistant

MINISTRY & MUSIC HAPPENINGS

MUSIC

- **Children's Choir Rehearsal:** Monday, November 30, 4:00-4:45 pm, in the church
- **Laudate Rehearsal:** Tuesday, December 1, 6:45 pm, in the church
- **Cantor Rehearsal:** Thursday, December 3, 6:45-7:30 pm, in the church
- **Parish Mixed Choir Rehearsal:** Thursday, December 3, 7:30-9:00 pm, in the church

A new liturgical year brings changes: a different cycle of readings (Year C); purple banners replacing the green ones of Ordinary Time; and a new music and worship book. We begin using our new *Worship* hymnals today! With many familiar hymns (especially during Advent and Christmas), the transition should be an easy one. Take some time to become acquainted with this excellent resource for worship and sung praise!

MINISTRY

New *Liturgical Minister Schedules* have been mailed out! If you have not received one, please call the Liturgy Office at 298-9636 to make sure we have your correct address, etc. A Reference Copy is available in both the Sacristy and the Adornment Room; the current month's schedule is also available on the parish website. A form requesting ministers for the upcoming Christmas and New Year's Masses was included in the mailing; please consider serving at this festive season! On the other hand, if you find you are scheduled and you will be out of town over the holidays, please arrange for a substitute well in advance. Thank you for your service!

The Liturgical Minister Schedule is available on the Annunciation Parish Website: www.annunciationparishabq.org

The Laudate Men's Choir Renaissance Madrigal Dinner

Saturday, December 12, 2009 – Annunciation Parish Gymnasium \$50/Person – Contact Gene at 884-4730 for information.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 12, 2009

St. John's United Methodist Church's Family Life Center (2626 Arizona Street NE, 87110; across from Coronado Mall)

Two Seatings: 8:30 AM -10AM & 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Tickets \$10/Child; \$12/Adult. Call 275-2470 or 293-5044 for tickets or information. Hosted by Casa Angelica Auxiliary.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): BECOMING A CATHOLIC

R.C.I.A. will not meet on Tuesday, December 1st in St. Magdalene Hall, at 7:00 p.m.

Coffee and Donuts will be served by the School Advisory Council the weekend of December 6th in the Community Center.

SCHOOL JUBILEE PHOTOS

Did you attend Annunciation School or have a child or grandchild that attended? Then you will want to order your "50 Years of Annunciation School" photo disk for only \$10. Please call the School at 299-6783 to reserve your copy.

★ **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** Entertainment books have arrived. They are available for sale at the Parish Office. The cost is \$35/book.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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YOUTH CONFIRMATION 2009 - 2010



- ▶ **Sponsor Affidavit of Eligibility Forms** – Please call or e-mail me if you are having difficulty getting copies of the required certificates.
- ▶ **CONFIRMATION SAINT PAPER** - Almost everyone has turned in their Saint paper. Thank you! If you have not turned in your paper, please bring it to the parish office or e-mail it to me as soon as possible.

- ▶ **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 – 5:30 p.m. RITE OF WELCOME MASS**
Candidates and sponsors meet in the Community Center at 4:00 p.m. for practice before the Mass. Sponsors must have their paperwork turned in to be able to participate in the Rite of Welcome. If a sponsor is from out of town and cannot attend the Mass, then a proxy can accompany the candidate. **All candidates need to have a sponsor or a proxy with them for the Mass.**
REMINDER: This will be a well attended Mass, so please arrive early.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 280 LUMINARIA SALE

The Boy Scouts are selling luminarias as a fundraiser activity to help support our scouts and offset the cost of summer camp. Bags are double folded at the top and ready to go (sand already loaded and candles provided). Bags are guaranteed to be dry. To order luminarias call Steve Pink at 292-0146. The cost is \$7.00 per dozen. Make checks out to: Boy Scout Troop 280. Orders will be taken through December 5th and the luminarias will be passed out after all Masses the weekend of December 13th. Thank you for your support.



VENTURE CREW

The Venture Crew meets on **Thursday, December 3 from 7-9 p.m. in the Community Center.** Call Jason at 823-4750 for more information.

CHALLENGE CLUB

CHALLENGE Catholic Girl's Club - A PLACE OF FRIENDSHIP, FORMATION AND APOSTOLATE for girls ages 10 – 16, will have their next meeting **Friday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m.** at the school. Call 323-3967 for more information.

REACHING OUT

The following opportunities are available to all high school youth who would like to "lend a hand" to our parish and city community. You can also earn your service hours that are required for your school.

- Sister Josie is looking for teens who would like to sing Christmas Carols at the Juvenile Detention Center.

Call Leslie @ 293-6760 if interested in helping.

YOUNG ADULTS

- ▶ If you are interested in joining the Young Adults Group, please call Leslie at the Parish Office.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS

In this Year for Priests, we will be praying daily for the Priests of our Archdiocese. Please pray for the following Priests this week:

- 11/29/09: Reverend John Carney, Pastor, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Los Alamos
- 11/30/09: Reverend Ron Carrillo SF, Parochial Vicar, Holy Family, Chimayo
- 12/1/09: Reverend Johnny Lee Chavez, Pastor, Queen of Heaven, Albuquerque
- 12/2/09: Reverend Carlos Chavez, Pastor, Sacred Heart, Clovis
- 12/3/09: Reverend Patrick J. Chavez, Pastor, San Juan Nepomuceno, El Rito
- 12/4/09: Reverend Vincent Chavez, Pastor, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Albuquerque
- 12/5/09: Reverend Michaelangelo Cimino, Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of the Assumption, Albuquerque



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & FIRST SATURDAY MASS

We invite you to come and spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION will begin after the 8:30 AM Mass and end with Benediction at 5:00 PM on Friday, December 4th in the Church.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

Saturday, December 5th at 8:30 AM.

