

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Mission: We are a dynamic and welcoming Catholic community, cooperating with God's grace for the salvation of souls, serving those in need, and spreading the Good News of Jesus and His Love.

Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón

Misión: somos una comunidad católica dinámica y acogedora, cooperando con la gracia de Dios para la salvación de las almas, sirviendo a aquellos en necesidad, y compartiendo la Buena Nueva de Jesús y Su amor.



Pastoral Team

Pastor:

Rev. Fr. Franklin Iwuagwu

Deacons:

Rev. Mr. Juan A. Rodríguez

Rev. Mr. Michael Rowley

Rev. Mr. Eric Nelson

Masses/Misas

Monday: 12:10 p.m.

Tuesday: No Mass / No Misa

Wednesday: 12:10 p.m.

Thursday: 7:00 a.m.

Friday: 12:10 p.m.

Saturday/sábado: (Vigil/vigilia)

6:00p.m. (Spanish / en español)

Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
5:00 p.m. &

No Mass (St. Catherine's in Melrose)

1st Saturday Mass / Misa del

Primer Sábado: 9:00 a.m.

2nd Saturday Mass / Misa del

Segundo Sábado: 9:00 a.m.



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Food Pantry/Despensa:

2nd & 4th Saturday/2^o y 4^o sábado:
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Office Hours/

Horario de la oficina:

Monday - Friday / lunes - viernes

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Lunch / Almuerzo

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

January 7th, 2024 / 7 de enero, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

La Epifanía del Señor

Confession Times/

Confesiones

Mon., Wed. & Fri.

lunes, miércoles y viernes

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Thurs. / jueves

6:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.

Sat./sábado: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration/

Adoración del Santísimo

Friday / viernes

6:30 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.

**Monday & Wednesday /
lunes & miércoles**

**For 1 hour after Mass /
Por 1 hora después de Misa**



The Mystery of the Star of Bethlehem



By National Catholic Register, 2020

The Star of Bethlehem, mentioned in St. Matthew's Gospel, is one of the main symbols associated with Jesus' birth, embodying the light of hope of salvation in the midst of darkness. But beyond its symbolism, this star is also an exhaustible subject of debate as a scientific phenomenon.

Was it a historical event or only a pious fiction invented by St. Matthew? And if it was a historical event, how can we scientifically explain the occurrence of this exceptional astronomical event? Such questions have given rise to many different interpretations over the centuries.

Moreover, as it is difficult to determine with certainty the exact year of the Nativity, a scientific explanation of the phenomenon would also be a potential time marker to help pinpoint the date of Christ's birth.

According to a calculation by German astronomer Johannes Kepler in the 16th century, an extremely rare conjunction between Jupiter and Saturn occurred three times in the constellation Pisces in 7 B.C., appearing to observers as a single luminous star. This would coincide with St. Matthew's description of the celestial body appearing, disappearing and then reappearing to the Magi. A century earlier, Portuguese Rabbi Isaac Abravanel had already claimed that this specific kind of conjunction triggered the birth of the Messiah.

This theory gained more credibility in 1925, when German orientalist Paul Schnabel deciphered ancient cuneiform tablets from the astronomical school of the Babylonian city of Sippar, which described the exact same astronomical conjunction in 7 B.C.

"This is a good theory," Father Giulio Maspero, a physicist and theologian at the pontifical University of the Holy Cross, told EWTN, mentioning other plausible scientific explanations, including the possibility of a comet.

"Another theory, which may be shocking for us, is that the star was an angel. So, no astronomy here, but just a spiritual light that accompanies the Three Wise Men along their path," he said. Father Maspero says this explanation is "coherent with the whole narrative," as Bethlehem was filled with angels who were "proclaiming the glory of Jesus and announcing to the shepherds what was happening there".

There is also the possibility of an appearance of a nova or the explosion of a supernova around 5 B.C., as suggested by several Chinese and Korean astronomer's chronicles, but this has never been definitively determined.

The Spiritual Strength of Mystery

For Brother Guy Consolmagno, astronomer and director of the Vatican Astronomical Observatory, the importance of the shining Star of the Holy Night lies above all in the fact that it shows that the physical universe can be used to get closer to God.

"We don't know whether Matthew was intending this to be a pious story to show that Christ was even more significant than Augustus, who had used astrology to say that he had to be an emperor, or if he was describing a real star or a real astronomical event, or if it was something totally miraculous and we will never know until we can interview St. Mathew himself and find out!" he said.

But if there is no definitive scientific conclusion regarding the nature of the Star, the mystery surrounding this story makes it even more powerful for Christians.

"We have to read the symbols, we need to look at the narrative, otherwise we cannot catch the true meaning of what God is saying to us," Father Maspero said, adding that everything in the Gospel is a mystery.

And the universality of redemption and assurance that God always answers those who seek him is the central meaning of the Christmas Star — a symbol that shouldn't be distorted by an excess of scientism.

25th Diaconal Anniversary

of

Rev. Mr. Juan A. Rodríguez,

Rev. Dr. Michael Rowley,

and Rev. Mr. Daniel Chávez

January 28th, 2024

Immediately after the 10:30a.m. Mass in the parish hall.

“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.” John 12:26

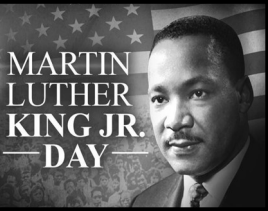


Christmas Vacation / Vacaciones Navideñas

Christmas vacation for religious education begins on **Wednesday, December 27th**.

Children will return to class on **Wednesday, January 10th**.

Vacaciones Navideñas para educación religiosa comienza **miércoles, el 27 de diciembre**. Los niños regresan a clases **miércoles, el 10 de enero**.



The church office will be closed on **Monday, January 15th** in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

*La oficina de la iglesia será cerrada **lunes, el 15 de enero** en observación del Día de Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*



Adult Faith Formation Calendar 2023-2024

Adult Faith Formation is open to everyone. However, participation is **MANDATORY** for parents whose child(ren) is/are currently enrolled in 2nd grade, 3rd grade, Sacramental Prep. I, Sacramental Prep. II, Confirmation I, Confirmation II, and RCIC. Parents must attend 4 classes in order to fulfill the requirement. Sign-in sheets will be available in the rear of the church; please sign-in next to your child's name. Classes start at 6:00 pm.

Jan. 3 No Class (Christmas Break)

Jan. 10 Spanish Class

Jan. 17 Spanish Class

Jan. 24 Spanish Class

Jan. 31 Spanish Class

Feb. 7 English Class

Feb. 14 No Class (Ash Wednesday)

Feb. 21 English Class

Feb. 28 English Class

Mar. 6 Spanish Class

Mar. 13 Spanish Class

Mar. 20 Spanish Class

Mar. 27 No Class (Spring Break)

Horario de Formación en la Fe para adultos 2023-2024

La formación de fe para adultos está abierta a todos. Sin embargo, la participación es **OBLIGATORIA** para los padres con hijos inscritos en 2.º grado, 3.º grado, Preparación Sacramental. I, Preparación Sacramental. II, Confirmación I, Confirmación II y RCIN. Los padres deben asistir a 4 clases para cumplir con el requisito. Las formas para registro estarán disponibles en el posterior de la iglesia; firmen junto al nombre de su hijo. Las clases comienzan a las 6:00 pm.

3 de enero No hay clases (Vacaciones Navideñas)

10 de enero Clase en español

17 de enero Clase en español

24 de enero Clase en español

31 de enero Clase en español

7 de febrero Clase en inglés

14 de febrero No hay clases (Miércoles de Ceniza)

21 de febrero Clase en inglés

28 de febrero Clase en inglés

6 de marzo Clase en español

13 de marzo Clase en español

20 de marzo Clase en español

27 de marzo No hay clases (Vacaciones de Primavera)



Religious Education

Grades Kindergarten to 5th, Sacramental Prep. 1&2:

Wednesdays, 6PM to 7PM

Grades 6th to Confirmation II:

Wednesdays, 7:20PM to 8:30PM

RCIC: Mondays, 6PM to 7PM

RCIA: Tuesdays, 6PM to 7PM

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Grados Kinder hasta 5, Preparación Sacramental 1&2:

Miércoles, 6PM - 7PM

Grados 6 hasta Confirmación II:

Miércoles, 7:20PM - 8:30PM

RCIN: Lunes, 6PM hasta 7PM

RCIA: Miércoles, 6PM hasta 7PM



The food pantry operates each 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 9:00a.m. in an effort to help the less fortunate of God's children in our community. Thanks be to God, our Food Pantry is now the largest in Eastern New Mexico! Any-one interested in volunteering, please come at **8:30AM** or call **Mary Marez** at **575-693-0232** for further information.

We are only providing commodities outside of the gym. This drive-thru system will be in effect until further notice.

Many thanks to all those who donate their time and goods to this wonderful ministry!!!

ATTENTION!!! All donations are greatly appreciated. However, if you are donating to the Food Pantry, please ensure that all items are in their original packaging and are unopened. Also, no items past their best buy date will be accepted. Thank you for your generosity!



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

<https://ppay.co/0TYR7SoWmA>

Scan this QR code to give your donation or tithe to Sacred Heart Church online.



Here we go Sacred Heart! It is officially time to begin our joint endeavor that is the Annual Catholic Appeal. Praise be to God and the overwhelming generosity of you, our parishioners, we have met our ACA goal for the last four consecutive years. Let's get this year started right!

¡Vámonos parroquia del Sagrado Corazón! Ahora es el momento para empezar con nuestra empresa conjunta del Campaña Católica Anual. Gracias a Dios y ustedes, nuestros feligreses, hemos cumplido nuestros objetivos para el CCA los últimos cuatro años. ¡Vamos a empezar este año bien!

Remember folks, **NO CASH** will be accepted! Ensure your contributions are done so by check or money order. Also remember that the amount of the contribution is not as important as participating! You can also donate to the ACA by visiting the

Archdiocesan website at **www.archdiosf.org**, click on "Offices", click on "Annual Catholic Appeal", then click on "Donate" or "Pledge Here" if you are not yet ready to donate but wish to make a pledge and pay the entire sum later or in installments.

*¡Recuérdense, **NO EFECTIVO!** Solo aceptamos cheques o giro postal. También recuérdense que participación es más importante que el tamaño de su contribución. Si quieren, también se puede donar visitando el sitio web de la Arquidiócesis en **www.archdiosf.org**, hagan clic en "Offices", hagan clic en "Annual Catholic Appeal", luego hagan clic en "Donate" o "Pledge Here" si quieren pagar después.*

Weekly Readings



Monday, January 8th: The Baptism of the Lord

IS 42:1-4,6-7 *PS* 29:1-2,3-4,3,9-10 *MK* 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9th:

ISM 1:9-20 *ISAMUEL* 2:1,4-5,6-7,8abcd *MK* 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10th:

ISM 3:1-10,19-20 *PS* 40:2&5,7-8a,8b-9,10 *MK* 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11th:

ISM 4:1-11 *PS* 44:10-11,14-15,24-25 *MK* 1:40-45

Friday, January 12th:

ISM 8:4-7,10-22a *PS* 89:16-17,18-19 *MK* 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13th:

ISM 9:1-4,17-19,;10:1 *PS* 21:2-3,4-5,6-7 *MK* 2:13-17

Sunday, January 14th: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ISM 3:3b-10,19 *PS* 40:2,4,7-8,8-9,10 *ICOR* 6:13c-15a,17-20 *JN* 1:35-42



The Sacred Heart Men's Group meets every **Monday at 5:30 P.M.** in Room One in our school. This is a wonderful opportunity for Catholic Men to gather together in fellowship and grow in their faith. All men are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



Sacred Heart Prayer Warriors!

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please contact Mary Shockley at (575)799-6402. She will place that individual that is in need of prayer into a circle of prayer. Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church will then pray for those individuals to Almighty God. This is a wonderful ministry and privilege for us to be able to pray for you.

<u>Holy</u>	<u>January 1st</u> - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
<u>Days of</u>	<u>May 9th</u> - Ascension of Jesus
<u>Obligation</u>	<u>August 15th</u> - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	<u>November 1st</u> - All Saints Day
	<u>December 9th</u> - Immaculate Conception
<u>2024</u>	<u>December 25th</u> - Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ

Monday

12:00 AM

January 8th, 2023

The intentions of the celebrant

Tuesday

7:00 AM

January 9th, 2023

†Frank D. Stella (1st Anniversary)

Wednesday

12:10 PM

January 10th, 2023

The intentions of the celebrant

Thursday

7:00AM

January 11th, 2023

The intentions of the celebrant

Friday

12:10 PM

January 12th, 2023

The intentions of the celebrant

Saturday

6:00 PM

January 13th, 2023 (Español)

For the parish of Sacred Heart

Sunday

8:30 AM

January 14th, 2023

Garbriel Bryant & family, Bryant grandchildren, †Anita Hanby

10:30 AM

End to conflicts in Israel, Palestine & Ukraine

5:00 PM

Brad Hodges, Marlon Lopez & Francine Garcia (Healing)



The Sacred Heart parish has a vibrant Youth Group! They meet on **Sundays from 6:15PM to 7:30PM** in the Sacred Heart Gymnasium. Ages 13 through 12th grade are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Ministros—Sábado, 13 de enero, 2024 - 2do Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario

Sacristanes

6:00PM Carmen Sosa

Lectores

6:00PM Carmen Sosa & Marisol Velasco

Monaguillos

6:00PM Guadalupe Sosa (I), Michelle Valdivia & Yaretzi Sánchez

Ministros Extraordinarios de Santa Comunión

6:00PM R-Tina Hernández L-Carmen Sosa

Ministers—Sunday, January 14th, 2024 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristans

8:30AM Mary Shockley

10:30AM Francisco & Jacob Rodriguez

5:00PM Martha Campos

Lectors

8:30AM Rick Rowley & Mary Shockley

10:30AM Libby Nichols & Billy Penland

5:00PM Julie Ford & Ruben Lucio

Altar Servers

8:30AM Samantha Streseman, Elijah Rodríguez, Juan Díaz & Jacob Clark

10:30AM Catherine Rodríguez, William Thomas, Edgar Reyna, & Nykolaz Sotelo

5:00PM Gabby Campos, Luis Campo, Christopher Bouchard, & Carlos Bouchard

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8:30AM R-Laura DeBusk L-Priscilla Garcia

10:30AM R-Cisco Rodríguez L-Francisco Rodríguez

5:00PM R-Marta Campos L-Julie Ford

Tithes and Offerings - December 31st, 2023

Diezmos y Ofrendas - 31 diciembre, 2023

Envelopes / Sobres
Loose / Sueltos
Needy / Necesitadas
Online / En Línea
Total

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