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From the commentary on Isaiah by Eusebius of Caesarea, bishop (Cap. 40: PG 24, 366-367)

The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the paths of our God. The prophecy makes clear that it is to be fulfilled, not in Jerusalem but in the wilderness: it is there that the glory of the Lord is to appear, and God's salvation is to be made known to all mankind.

It was in the wilderness that God's saving presence was proclaimed by John the Baptist, and there that God's salvation was seen. The words of this prophecy were fulfilled when Christ and his glory were made manifest to all: after his baptism the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove rested on him, and the Father's voice was heard, bearing witness to the Son: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

The prophecy meant that God was to come to a deserted place, inaccessible from the beginning. None of the pagans had any knowledge of God, since his holy servants and prophets were kept from approaching them. The voice commands that a way be prepared for the Word of God: the rough and trackless ground is to be made level, so that our God may find a highway when he comes. Prepare the way of the Lord: the way is 'the preaching of the Gospel, the new message of consolation, ready to bring to all mankind the knowledge of God's saving power.

## Religious Education News

by Joan Dudley, Director of Religious Education

Religious education questions are to be directed via e-mail to DRE@elvallecatolico.org

### Youth News Locally and Around the Archdiocese

Here's hoping everyone had an enjoyable and safe Thanksgiving holiday. As we begin our Advent season I hope we will consider participating in activities like the Pasadas that help give meaning to the importance of Advent and for those students preparing for sacraments, the relationship between the season and the sacrament you will be making.

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of class for the year. Christmas vacation will run from December 19<sup>th</sup> – January 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Around the Archdiocese

There are several confirmation retreats sponsored by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Most are in Albuquerque however a new one has been scheduled for Espanola which gives us two choices closer to home.

- **April 5-7, 2019** Santa Cruz (for which I am still waiting for more information)
- **March 30, 2019** Sacred Heart Parish (9:30 am – 3:00 pm) Registration applications can be obtained from the DRE.



# EL VALLE CATOLÍCO SAN JOSÉ, SANTO NIÑO & ST. PATRICK PARISHES

December 8-9, 2018

Fr. Ted Butler, Pastor, Deacon Harold M. Gallegos and Deacon Joseph S. Valdez

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**Confessions:** Saturday, December 15, 2018 will be held at Santo Niño/Tierra Amarilla at 2:00 p.m and after Mass in Canjilon Sunday, December 16 San José, Los Ojos-1st Saturday ~ St. Patrick, Chama-2<sup>nd</sup> & 4th Saturday ~ Santo Niño, Tierra Amarilla-3<sup>rd</sup> & 5th Saturday  
**San Juan Nepomuceno, Canjilón-1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays after Mass ~**  
Santo Niño de Atocha, Cebolla-2nd and 4th Sundays after Mass

**Baptisms:** By prior arrangement with Fr. Ted Butler and attend Baptismal Preparation Class: Call Offices to Register.

**Marriages:** By prior arrangement with Fr. Ted Butler (6 months before wedding date)

**Funerals:** Please contact the Parish Offices before making final arrangements/dates. Masses will be at 11:00 am

**FORMED Website:** Register at FORMED.org Parishioners, enter code: 8HKJKQ

**El Valle Católico Prayer Group:** 2nd Friday of the month at Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel of St. Patrick Church in Chama at 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### Daily Readings

Sunday, December 9, 2018  
Second Sunday of Advent  
BAR 5:1-9  
PS 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.  
PHIL 1:4-6, 8-11  
LK 3:1-6

Monday, December 10, 2018  
Monday of the Second Week of Advent  
IS 35:1-10  
PS 85:9AB AND 10, 11-12, 13-14  
LK 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 11, 2018  
Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent  
IS 40:1-11  
PS 96:1-2, 3 AND 10AC, 11-12, 13  
MT 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 12, 2018  
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
ZEC 2:14-17  
OR  
RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB  
JUDITH 13:18BCDE, 19  
LK 1:26-38  
OR  
LK 1:39-47

Thursday, December 13, 2018  
Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  
IS 41:13-20  
PS 145:1 AND 9, 10-11, 12-13AB  
MT 11:11-15

Friday, December 14, 2018  
Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
IS 48:17-19  
PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6  
MT 11:16-19

Saturday, December 15, 2018  
Saturday of the Second Week of Advent  
SIR 48:1-4, 9-11  
PS 80:2AC AND 3B, 15-16, 18-19  
MT 17:9A, 10-13

### Masses at San José

Sundays 10:00 a.m.  
Fridays 9:00 a.m.  
First Saturday Devotion 8:00 a.m.

### Masses at St. Patrick

Saturday 6:00 p.m.  
Sundays 8:00 a.m.  
Mondays & Wednesdays 9:00 a.m.  
First Friday Devotion 8:00 a.m.  
**Spanish Mass: 4th Sunday of month 5:00 p.m.**  
**Blessed Sacrament Adoration:**  
Monday starting 10:00 a.m. through  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

### Masses at Santo Niño

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

**Blessed Sacrament Adoration:**  
Wednesdays starting 12:00 noon  
through Fridays 12:00 noon



### Masses at San Juan Nepomuceno/Canjilón

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 12:30 Noon  
**Communion Service:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday,  
12:30 Noon

**Blessed Sacrament Adoration:**  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and  
Monday 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Masses at Santo Niño de Atocha/Cebolla**  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 12:30 Noon

### Organization Meetings / Activities

**\*Al-Anon.** Gatherings are on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Chama Senior Citizen's Center.

**\*AA Meetings** are on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Chama City Hall.

**\*IT'S TIME TO BE FREE FROM ADDICTION** - La Clinica del Pueblo is proud to announce our new Substance Abuse Program, called KIN (KICK IT AND NAIL IT). We also have a Medication Assistance Treatment Program (MAT). Please call Jo Anne Martinez or Phyllis Richards at 575-588-9506 for an appointment.

**\*Knights of Columbus** Santo Niño Council #4445 Monthly meeting will be held **Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Santo Niño Parish Hall in Tierra Amarilla.** Officers meeting at 5:30 p.m. and General meeting at 6:00 p.m. (during Mountain Standard Time. During inclement weather, notification will be sent out.)

Washington Federal Bank in Chama and New Mexico Bank and Trust in Tierra Amarilla have **"Gifting" Christmas Trees** filled with names, ages and Christmas wishes of children in the valley. Please be generous!

You are invited; Come to the Well! **I Thirst...A Retreat Day for Lay Ministers.** Retreat Master: Archbishop John C. Wester on Saturday, February 23, 2019, Cristo Rey Catholic Church, 1120 Canyon Rd, Santa Fe, NM 87501. Retreat will begin at 9:30am with registration and end with Mass at 4:30pm. Cost is \$10.00 and includes lunch. Visit <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=1b5cec> to register today! For more information, contact Denise Frias at the Office of Pastoral Planning and Evangelization at 505-831-8165 or dfrias@archdiosf.org

Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. Not sure how to help or what to say? Learn ten tips at [www.usccb.org/support-her](http://www.usccb.org/support-her).



- Sat. Dec 8 Santo Niño/TA 4:00 p.m.**  
 †Lee Dion Rodela, †Margarita Sanchez and †Milton Romero  
 To Our Blessed Mother †Dion Rodela (1 year Anniversary December 8),  
 †Ramon Sanchez (Anniversary December 31) and to St. Jude for †Genevieve  
 Sanchez by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rodela and Joe Ray Rodela  
 †Tony Esquibel by Cathy Esquibel and family
- Sat Dec 8 St. Patrick/Chama 6:00 p.m.**  
 For the health of Dora Casados by Juanita Manzanares  
 †Horacio Gutierrez (Birthday) and deceased members of the †Gutierrez and  
 †Quintana families by Eddie and Margaret Quintana  
 †Loyola Vigil and all deceased members of the Vigil family by Joe Vigil
- Sun Dec 9 St. Patrick/Chama 8:00 a.m.**  
 For all the people of the parishes  
 To Santo Niño for all deceased members of the †Rivas family by Cornelia Martinez  
 †Rose Martinez (Birthday December 10), †Tony and †Robert Martinez  
 by Judy Martinez
- Sun Dec 9 San José/Los Ojos 10:00 a.m.**  
 For all the people of the parishes  
 †Walter Grimes (Anniversary) by Howard and Cecilia Grimes  
 †Corrine Navarro (18th Anniversary) and †Frank Jiron (6 year Anniversary)  
 by Bidal and Connie Candelaria
- Sun Dec 9 Santo Niño de Atocha/Cebolla 12:30 p.m.**  
 †Rita Trujillo (Birthday) by Livia Olguin  
 †Davy and †Nancy Martinez by Virginia Gustafson  
 †Moises and †Juan Pablo Morales by Octaviano Montaño
- Sun Dec 9 San Juan Nepomuceno/Canjilon 12:30 p.m. Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**
- Mon Dec 10 St. Patrick/Chama 9:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
 †Johnny (Juan) Vigil (Acabo de los ocho dias December 8) by Cornelia Martinez
- Tue Dec 11 San José/Los Ojos 9:00 a.m. Communion Service**
- Wed Dec 12 St. Patrick/Chama 8:00 a.m. \*\*\*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe\*\*\* Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
 †Johnny (Juan) Vigil by Bessie Neher
- Wed Dec 12 San José/Los Ojos 6:30 p.m. \*\*\*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe\*\*\***  
 †Manuel and †Susie Gallegos by the family
- Thur. Dec 13 Santo Niño/TA 9:00 a.m.**  
 To St. Jude for the health, well-being and recovery of Melinda Garcia by Juanita Manzanares
- Fri. Dec 14 San José/Los Ojos 9:00 a.m.**  
 In thanksgiving for the health of Kamie Ulibarri by the family
- Sat. Dec 15 Santo Niño/TA 4:00 p.m.**  
 †Fermin Manzanares (Anniversary) by Justiniano and Dolores Valdez  
 †Piedad Sanchez (Anniversary December 16) and †Rose Trujillo (Anniversary December 16) by Mickey Jaramillo and family  
 †Jose Maria Abeyta, Sr. and †Jose Maria Abeyta, Jr. by Elviria Abeyta and family
- Sat Dec 15 St. Patrick/Chama 6:00 p.m.**  
 †Martin Gabriel by Vickie Lazzell  
 †Johnny Martinez (1 year Anniversary December 17) by Vanessa and Eppie Martinez and family  
 †Loyola Vigil and deceased members of the †Vigil family by Joe Vigil
- Sun Dec 16 St. Patrick/Chama 8:00 a.m.**  
 For all the people of the parishes  
 †Nick Rivas and deceased †sons by Cornelia Martinez  
 For the intentions of the Blessed Mother and the intentions of her children
- Sun Dec 16 San José/Los Ojos 10:00 a.m.**  
 For all the people of the parishes  
 †Juan Antonio Candelaria (6 year Anniversary) and †Melicio Jiron (11 year Anniversary) by Dad, Mom, Sisters, Nephew and Nieces  
 To Our Lady of Guadalupe for †Manuel and †Susie Gallegos by the Gallegos family
- Sun Dec 16 San Juan Nepomuceno/Canjilon 12:30 p.m.**  
 †Vidal "Robert" Vigil (Anniversary) by the family  
 †Johnny Leyba by Leo and Dorothy Leyba  
 †Aquilino Baca by Dolores and Kiki Baca and family (transferred from 12/2/2018)

\*\*\*Mass intentions for San Juan Nepomuceno on Sunday, December 2, 2018 will be transferred to next available date. Sorry for any inconvenience\*\*\*



Collections/Attendance  
 December 1 and 2, 2018

	San José Parish	Santo Niño Parish	St. Patrick Parish	Mission:
Envelopes:	\$896.54	\$187.00	\$516.85	\$481.00
Loose:	\$35.00	\$52.00	\$139.00	\$28.00
Designated Donation:	\$250.00	\$265.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Attendance:	Not Recorded	Not Recorded	100	Not Recorded
ACA 2018 Goal:	\$6,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,500.00	Canjilon Bldg Fund: \$0.00
Pledged:	\$5,850.00	\$2,395.00	\$4,640.00	Cebolla Bldg Fund: \$0.00
Total paid:	\$5,815.00	\$2,270.00	\$4,090.00	
Actual Shortfall:	\$185.00	\$230.00	\$1,410.00	
			Bldg. Loan Collect: \$310.00	

Valley Wide Assignments for the week...

SJSN Collection Counters Monday, December 10, 2018 at 9 am: Pauline Sanchez, Casilda Esquibel and Mary Louise Martinez

SANTO NIÑO, December 15, 2018

Lectors: Fermin Abeyta and Chris Casaus

Gifts: Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jaramillo

EMHC: Stan and Dianne Tarasek

Ushers: Fernando Chavez and Joey Quintana

Servers: Volunteers

Cleaners: Hema Ulibarri and Tatum Terrazas

ST. PATRICK, December 15, 2018

Lectors: Roberta Martinez and Ernest Vigil

Gifts: Volunteers

EMHC: Frank and Ruby Mestas

Ushers: Volunteers

Servers: Volunteers

Cleaners: Roy and Ramona Jaramillo

SAN JOSÉ, December 16, 2018

Lectors: Michael Toelle and Mary Louise Martinez

Gifts: Steve and Lala Gallegos

EMHC: Deacons, Elizabeth Toelle, Michael Toelle and Carol Schultz

Ushers: Joe Avalos, Agapito Candelaria, Robert Archuleta and Medardo Sanchez

Servers: Volunteers

Cleaners: Michael and Lily Lopez, Cleo Valdez and Gloria Valdez

ST. PATRICK, December 16, 2018

Lectors: Bernardo Serrano and Miranda Holm

Gifts: Volunteers

EMHC: Maxine Daggett and Martha With

Ushers: Volunteers

Servers: Volunteers

Cleaners: Irene V. Martinez, Alanna Valdez and Lori Sandoval

\*\*\*CONFESSIONS: Saturday, December 16, 2018 will be held at Santo Niño/Tierra Amarilla at 2:00 p.m.\*\*\*

Valley Wide Church Announcements...

A Valley Wide Penance Service will be held Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at San José Church/Los Ojos.

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Wednesday, December 12, 2018. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am. at St. Patrick Church/Chama followed by a potluck and Holy Mass at 6:30 p.m. at San José Church/Los Ojos followed by refreshment potluck at the San José Parish Hall.

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Mass schedule is: Vigil Masses Monday, December 24, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at San Juan Nepomuceno/Canjilon and 8:00 p.m. at San José/Los Ojos; Tuesday, December 25, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Patrick/Chama; 12:00 noon at Santo Niño/TA.

The 2018 Las Posadas sign-up sheets are in the back of the Churches. Thank you to those who have signed up to host so far. If one Parish is unable to fill up the sheet, then we encourage those interested to join with the another parish to complete the Novena. If the San Jose Parish Hall is needed for Las Posadas, please contact Alanna Valdez. Thank you for your support. All are welcome!

2019 Pilgrimages For Vocations theme is "Be imitators of me as I am of Christ." 1 Corinthians 11:1. May and June applications are available on-line at [www.pilgrimagesforvocations.org](http://www.pilgrimagesforvocations.org). May and June Pilgrimage Applications are due by Wednesday, December 12, 2018. May Pilgrimage is scheduled for May 11, 2019 and the fee is \$20/individual. June Pilgrimage is scheduled for June 2-8, 2019 and the fee is \$40/individual. If you have questions or are interested in walking in pilgrimage, please contact Nathan and Edwinia Rivas. The Pilgrimage for Vocations local meeting will be held Sunday, December 9, 2018, 3:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish in Chama. The 2019 May and June applications along with fees will be collected at this meeting.

Please pray for the couple from our valley who are enrolled in the Marriage Preparation class, pray for those enrolled in RCIA and pray for our valley children preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. May God bless them and the Holy Spirit guide their hearts on their journey. Also, please pray for our valley Knights of the Altar and their continued encouragement as they serve Our Lord at his Altar.

San José Parish held its quarterly fundraiser Bingo on Wednesday, December 5, 2018. Thank you to everyone who assisted/participated in conducting the Bingo event fundraiser and its concessions. Thanks also goes out to all those who attended and played Bingo. Congratulations to all the winners!

2018 San José/Los Ojos Church Christmas Decorating will begin Friday, December 14, 2018 at 5:00 pm and Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Mayordomos Joe and Mariella Avalos for more information or to assist. Many hands make light work!

San José and Los Ojos Farolitos construction/assembly will take place Sunday, December 23, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the San José Parish Hall. Setting out of the farolitos will be on Monday, December 24, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. starting at the Parish Hall. Please contact Valentina Galvan or Maria Abeyta-Garcia if you have any questions about the farolitos. Help is greatly needed and appreciated to make these beautiful displays and traditions happen. Come help light the way for our Lord!

Christmas Decorating at St. Patrick Church will be held on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Please come and give of your time and talent to welcome Jesus as we near the season of giving. Jesus came to earth to be of service and not to be served, can we not do the same?

St. Patrick Parish Snow Removal Raffle: St. Patrick Parish is holding a raffle for the purpose of paying for snow removal costs at St. Patrick Church in Chama. Donations for raffle prizes are needed and are being accepted at this time. The goal is to have the raffle tickets printed by December 21, 2018. So please, if anyone can donate to this raffle, call the Parish Office at 575-756-2926 or Finance Council Members: Frank Martinez at 575-491-7585, Richard Atencio or Danette Madrid.

A Big Thank you in advance to all those who volunteer their time, talent, treasure and equipment throughout the year and most especially during the winter months to keep the Church's sidewalks and parking lots swept and plowed! May God bless you all! Thank you to the anonymous Parishioner who swept the snow at St. Patrick Church this past week. It was noticed and very much appreciated. May God bless you!

Knights of Columbus Santo Niño Council #4445 has selected for the month of October 2018, Deacon Joseph, Alanna Valdez and their children as the family of the month and Mr. Arturo Baeza as Knight of the month. Congratulations to you and your families! A correction to the previous announcement...Knights of Columbus Santo Niño Council #4445 had selected for the month of September 2018, Steve and Mary Rendon as the family of the month and Mr. Joey Sanchez as Knight of the month. Once again, congratulations to you and your families!

2019 Offertory Box sets are in the back of the Churches. Please do not begin using them until January 1st. On January 1st, discard any old envelopes that you may have as some re-numbering has taken place for 2019. Please put your names on the front of the envelopes to ensure proper credit.

