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From a sermon by Saint Augustine, bishop (Sermo 293, 3: PL 1328-1329)

The voice is John, the Word is Christ

John is the voice, but the Lord is the Word who was in the beginning.

John is voice that lasts for a time; from the beginning Christ is the Word who lives forever.

Take away the word, the meaning, and what is the voice? Where there is no understanding, there is only a meaningless sound. The voice without the word strikes the ear but does not build up the heart.

However, let us observe what happens when we first seek to build up our hearts. When I think about what I am going to say, the word or message is already in my heart. When I want to speak to you, I look for a way to share with your heart what is already in mine.

In my search for a way to let this message reach you, so that the word already in my heart may find place also in yours, I use my voice to speak to you. The sound of my voice brings the meaning of the word to you and then passes away. The word which the sound has brought to you is now in your heart, and yet it is still also in mine.

When the word has been conveyed to you, does not the sound seem to say: The word ought to grow, and I should diminish? The sound of the voice has made itself heard in the service of the word, and has gone away, as though it were saying: My joy is complete. Let us hold on to the word; we must not lose the word conceived inwardly in our hearts.

## Religious Education News

by Joan Dudley, Director of Religious Education

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

Gaudete, Gaudete Christus est natus Ex Maria Virginæ Gaudete Youth News Locally and Around the Archdiocese

The Posadas will be starting soon, Hopefully our students will be able to attend these spiritual and cultural events. Dates and locations are available at all the parishes.

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.

Gaudete, Gaudete Christus est natus Ex Maria Virginæ Gaudete

Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary: rejoice!



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

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**Confessions:** Saturday, December 22, 2018 will be held at St. Patrick/Chama at 2:00 p.m. and after Mass in Cebolla Sunday, December 23, 2018 San José, Los Ojos-1st Saturday ~ St. Patrick, Chama-2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday ~ Santo Niño, Tierra Amarilla-3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday San Juan Nepomuceno, Canjilón-1st, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays after Mass ~ Santo Niño de Atocha, Cebolla-2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 16, 2018  
Third Sunday of Advent  
ZEP 3:14-18A  
IS 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.  
PHIL 4:4-7  
LK 3:10-18

Monday, December 17, 2018  
Monday of the Third Week of Advent  
GN 49:2, 8-10  
PS 72:1-2, 3-4AB, 7-8, 17  
MT 1:1-17

Tuesday, December 18, 2018  
Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent  
JER 23:5-8  
PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19  
MT 1:18-25

Wednesday, December 19, 2018  
Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent  
JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A  
PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17  
LK 1:5-25

Thursday, December 20, 2018  
Thursday of the Third Week of Advent  
IS 7:10-14  
PS 24:1-2, 3-4AB, 5-6  
LK 1:26-38

Friday, December 21, 2018  
Friday of the Third Week of Advent  
SG 2:8-14  
PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21  
LK 1:39-45

Saturday, December 22, 2018  
Saturday of the Third Week of Advent  
1 SM 1:24-28  
1 SAMUEL 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD  
LK 1:46-56

### Masses at San José

Sundays 10:00 a.m.  
Fridays 9:00 a.m.  
First Friday 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 Saturday Devotion 8:00 a.m.  
Spanish Mass: 4<sup>th</sup> 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

"In 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman, now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe. She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous peoples." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2018-19 Respect Life Reflection, [www.usccb.org/respect-life-reflection](http://www.usccb.org/respect-life-reflection)

**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)

**Mon Dec 17 St. Patrick/Chama 9:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
 To San Martin de Porres for the health of Eppie Gallegos by parishioners of St. Patrick

**Tue Dec 18 San José/Los Ojos 9:00 a.m. Communion Service**

**Wed Dec 19 St. Patrick/Chama 9:00 a.m. Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
 For the health of Vickie Lazzell by parishioners of St. Patrick

**Thur. Dec 20 Santo Niño/TA 9:00 a.m.**  
 †Deacon David Esquibel, †Eliseo Esquibel and †Emilia Duran by Casilda Esquibel

**Fri. Dec 21 San José/Los Ojos 9:00 a.m.**  
 To St. Jude for the health, well-being and recovery of Melinda Garcia by Juanita Manzanares

**Sat. Dec 22 Santo Niño/TA 4:00 p.m.**  
 †Stella Montano (December 23 Anniversary), †Phil Montano and †Tito Garcia by Angie Garcia  
 †Brother Amedy (Ramon) Esquibel, †Rose Esquibel and †Tony Esquibel (1 month Anniversary) by Cathy Esquibel's family  
 †Johnny Martinez (1 year Anniversary December 17) and †Higinia Martinez by Johnny and Alicia and family

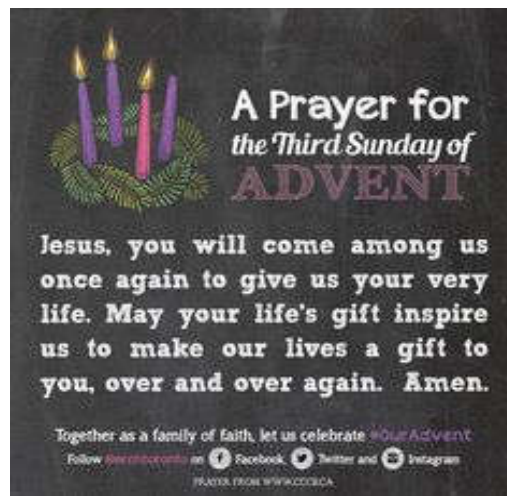
**Sat Dec 22 St. Patrick/Chama 6:00 p.m.**  
 To San Antonio for a miracle received by Irene Martinez  
 †Mary Ivancic by Vickie Lazzell  
 †Narciso, †Porfiria, and †Narcie Rendon by the family

**Sun Dec 23 St. Patrick/Chama 8:00 a.m.**  
 For all the people of the parishes  
 For the intentions of Pope Francis and the intentions of his people  
 For the health of Felix "Cardo" Gallegos, Juanita Atencio and Milinor Manzanares

**Sun Dec 23 San José/Los Ojos 10:00 a.m.**  
 For all the people of the parishes  
 †Bernie Rivera (4 year Anniversary) by Oralia Rivera  
 †Richard J. Boyle by Rosemary O'Neill

**Sun Dec 23 Santo Niño de Atocha/Cebolla 12:30 p.m.**  
 †Hipolito Leyba, Sr. (50 year Anniversary) by Theresa Beavers and family  
 †Davy and †Nancy Martinez by David and Adela Martinez  
 †Antonio and †Vicentita Valdez and †Edwinia Trujillo by Adriano and Valeria Valdez

**Sun Dec 23 San Juan Nepomuceno/Canjilon 12:30 p.m. Sunday Celebration in the Absence of A Priest**



| Collections/Attendance |                                |   |                              |                            |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| December 8 and 9, 2018 |                                |   |                              |                            |
|                        | San José Parish                | Santo Niño Parish                         | St. Patrick Parish           | Mission:                   |
| Envelopes:             | \$637.00                       | \$866.00                                  | \$473.00                     | \$354.00                   |
| Loose:                 | \$147.70                       | \$72.00                                   | \$148.50                     | \$122.00                   |
| Designated Donation:   | \$558.00                       | \$343.00 (includes Immaculate Conception) | \$10.00                      | \$0.00                     |
| Attendance:            | 143                            | 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                   |                            |
|                        | Immaculate Conception \$107.00 |   | Bldg. Loan Collect: \$230.00 |                            |

Valley Wide Assignments for the week...

SJSN Collection Counters Monday, December 17, 2018 at 9 am: Marie March, Lala Gallegos and Carla Lucero

SANTO NIÑO, December 22, 2018

Lectors: Stan and Dianne Tarasek

Gifts: Agripina Salazar and family

EMHC: Volunteers

Ushers: Jose Jaramillo and Melvin Jaramillo

Servers: Volunteers

Cleaners: Philo Martinez, Vicky Torrez and Andrea T. Martinez

ST. PATRICK, December 22, 2018

Richard Atencio and Kathy Ortiz

Volunteers

Tomas and Teri Rivas

Volunteers

Volunteers

Juan and Beatrice Maestas

SAN JOSÉ, December 23, 2018

Lectors: Howard and Cecilia Grimes

Gifts: Anthony and Merlinda Garcia and family

EMHC: Deacons, Fran Christiansen, Laurita Martinez and Rosa B. Martinez

Ushers: Rico DeYapp, C.J DeYapp, Benjie Salazar and Joseph Martinez Jr.

Servers: Volunteers

Cleaners: Steve and Lala Gallegos and Michael and Elizabeth Toelle

ST. PATRICK, December 23, 2018

Mary Rendon and Martha With

Volunteers

Steve Rendon and Felipe Atencio

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Valley Wide Church Announcements...

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 still 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!

The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass schedule is: Vigil Mass Monday, December 31, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at San Juan Nepomuceno/Canjilon and Monday, January 1, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at St. Patrick/Chama; 12:00 p.m. at Santo Niño/TA; 6:00 p.m. at San José/Los Ojos.

Please pray for the couple from our valley who is 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 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!

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.

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?

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 valley church sidewalks and parking lots swept and plowed! May God bless you all! May God bless you!

"We, the family of Tony Esquibel, would like to extend our most sincere appreciation to all the people who were at our side during our time of grievance. Thank you for all the food that was brought to the hall and to the house. Thank you for the monetary donations, phone calls, visits and for accompanying us at the Rosary and at Mass. A special thank you to those who helped at the hall and Father Ted who was at our side through out. Thanks to Deacon Joseph and the Hermanos for the Vigil Service and Rosary and the St. Patrick Choir for singing at Mass. If we have forgotten anyone, our sincere apologizes, but we thank you for your support." ~Cathy, Christina and Paul Esquibel and families

Attention Lectors: If you ordered the 2019 Lector Workbook from Father Butler, the workbooks are available for pickup at the St. Patrick Parish Office in Chama.

Archdiocese of Santa Fe Chapter 11 Reorganization The Archdiocese of Santa Fe entered into Chapter 11 Bankruptcy 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. ~ACA Staff

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, no need to enter the amount given. Remember, Parishioner's boxed sets that are not picked up will be changed to inactive status. If a parishioner is not using their envelope, their registration can be changed to an inactive status due to inactivity after 6 months. Usage of your envelope, allows for the parish staff to produce End of the Year tax statements. Any parishioner 18 years or older is encouraged to register as an individual parishioner, not under their parents' names/registration. These updates assist not only the parish staff but the Archdiocese of Santa Fe staff as well i.e. the Annual Catholic Appeal office and the ParishSoft database office.