



November 2019 Newsletter

Spiritual Greeting from Deacon Andy

Sunday, December 1, 2019, is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. We use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember what the coming of Jesus into the world means. Yes, Jesus was born over thousand years ago but he continues his presence among us. We need to be awake, and look and we will see and hear Jesus with us. We wait for the Coming of Jesus at Christ; the Coming of Jesus at the end of world; and the coming of Jesus right now in this time and place.

The colors of the church change as we go from green to violet. Violet signifies a time of penance. We normally don't hear about advent being a time of penance but this advent would be a great time to reflect on our lives - to pray, fast and give alms.

The Attitude of Waiting

Henri Nouwen

When Jesus speaks about the end of time, he speaks precisely about the importance of waiting. He says that nations will fight against nations and that there will be wars and earthquakes and misery. People will be in agony, and they will say, "The Christ is there! No, he is here!" Many will be confused and many will be deceived. But Jesus says, you must stand ready, stand awake, stay tuned to the word of God, so that you will survive all that is going to happen and be able to stand confidently (con-fide, with trust) in the presence of God together in community (see Matthew 24). That is the attitude of waiting that allows us to be people who can live in a very chaotic world and survive spiritually.

Pray especially for our Cursillo Movement. Do Palanca for the entire movement on the National, Regional and Diocesan level. Pray for the "new" Secretariat. Have a great Advent and blessed Christmas.

Recently we had to re-schedule both our Men's and Women's Cursillo that were planned for August 2019. The Cursillo's have been postponed and rescheduled for June 2020. The weekends have been booked and are on the calendar for June 4 – June 7, 2020 and June 11 - 14, 2020. Both of these will be at Santa Maria de la Paz in Santa Fe. The Spanish Cursillos will May 21-24 and May 28-31, 2019 at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Albuquerque.

The Annual Ultreya was held on October 5, 2019 – this was a success; everyone had a great time. There were various speakers and time for sharing amongst Cursillista's and a great bar-b-que for lunch.

Please continue to keep Lee and Sally Romero in your prayers during their illness.

Also, please pray for Archie Madrid who is dealing with an illness and has announced he can no longer continue his position on the Secretariat for this reason. Please keep Archie and his family in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

The Secretariat and School of Leaders is held the 3rd Saturday of each month. The School begins at 9:30am and is held at Santa Maria de La Paz, we share a meal together with a potluck and then the Secretariat is held afterward. Please join us and see what's going on amongst all schools and what we are working on.

During the last Secretariat Meeting in October – Juan Montoya was nominated as Lay Director for the next 3 year term. The vote was unanimous.

Geri Salazar also announced she will be stepping down from the Secretariat after she has given much thought and consideration to this role Geri, has made a commitment to work with her local parish in another capacity. Geri's current position is Secretary and she will resign December 2019. Geri's suggestion is to merge the Secretary and Communication position. Melissa Tanuz has one more year remaining and will most likely accept the combined role. All were in agreement of this suggestion.

We also have the 3 day and Post Cursillo Positions becoming vacant December 2019. We will continue to work towards filling these positions.

November Saint

In every newsletter I normally select a Saint to focus on for the month. This month I thought that it would be a good idea to take a look at what All Saints Day and all Souls Day mean.

All Saints' Day is a Solemn Holy Day of Obligation that the Catholic Church celebrates annually on November 1. This day is dedicated to the Saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven

All Souls Day is the Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed celebrated on November 2nd and it is not a Holy Day of Obligation - We should pray for the dead throughout the year, especially on the anniversary of their death, but in this Month of the Holy Souls, we should devote some time every day to prayer for the dead. We could start with those closest to us—perhaps our mother and father. We should also offer prayers for all the souls, and especially for those most forsaken.

Upcoming Events –

January 11, 2020 is Lay Ministry Convocation, Baptized for Service and Mission. This will be held at St John XXIII Catholic Community, 4831 Tramway Ridge Drive NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111 from 10:00am – 5:00pm (lunch will be served). You can go on line and register now, registration fee is \$20.00 and there is Early Bird Registration if you register before December 16, 2019 you save \$10.00. We are all planning to attend and hope to see you there. Here's the link for registration <https://archdiosf.org/christian-service>

Wishing you and your family A Happy Thanksgiving – De Colores

