



Journey to Christ

A publication of Sangre de Cristo Catholic Community

Lenten/Easter Season 2013

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*Mr & Mrs. New Parishioner
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Dear *Mr. & Mrs. New Parishioner*

Welcome to Sangre de Cristo Catholic Community! Thank you for joining our Parish.

We hope that being a member of our Parish will help you to continue to grow in our Catholic Faith.

May our Lord bless you and may we all grow together in the love of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor
Fr. Johnny Lee Chavez's signature will go here

*"The cup of blessing we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?"
1Corinthians: 10:16*

This is our new Welcome Card that will be mailed to new Parishioners starting January, 2013, welcoming them to our SdC family. Of course, it will be in color!

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MISSION STATEMENT We, the parish of Sangre de Cristo, are a Roman Catholic Community united by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and guided by the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Church. We willingly accept our mutual responsibility to carry out our true mission, doing the will of God, thus living out our faith as heirs in the hope of eternal life.

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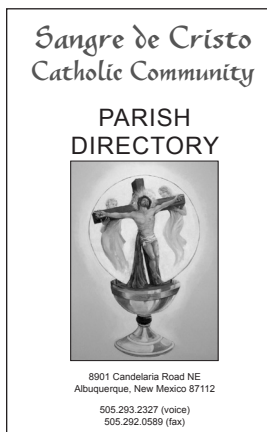
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What's Happening? IN OUR PARISH AND THE CHURCH

Year of Faith Pope Benedict XVI has declared a Year of Faith to coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the start of the Second Vatican Council, which ran from 1962 to 1965, and calls on Catholics to renew their faith and to take time to study and grow in understanding the Scriptures. As a faith community, the Parish Council encourages you to participate. Our parish will be offering two "A Sunday Scripture Reading/Reflection Study Group/Groups". The purpose is to study, reflect on, and discuss the coming Sunday Scriptures in order to gain a deeper understanding of the readings and to prepare and participate better in the Sunday Liturgy. Decide to make this Lenten season a special time to "grow in faith." Bring your Bible and join us at one of the following groups on either Friday mornings: 10:15–11:15 am in the Education Building or Wednesday evenings: 7:00–8:00 pm in the Community Center. Come as often as you can.

Other Resources for the Year of Faith The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has free videos and prayers that can be downloaded. Go to www.usccb.org, then to Year of Faith. No computer? Then you can: a) Read the Nicene Creed before you go to bed. b) Make a day trip to the Cathedral in Santa Fe or El Santuario. c) Read the lives of the Saints.

Parish Directory A newly updated Parish Directory has been completed and will be distributed to our new Parishioners starting in January, 2013. The cover, pictured to the right, will be in color, and shows a photo of Sangre de Cristo's handpainted wall mural in our church lobby. The mural was commissioned by Fr. Robert Lancaster after the 2009 church renovation and additions.



A Note FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

In this issue of the newsletter we are featuring the Parish staff. Also included in the newsletter is some commentary on the Year of Faith.

At the present time we are blessed with an excellent staff. Our staff members are people-oriented. Parishioners and prospective Parishioners can expect a courteous response and quick action to needs that they might express to the staff, although most of the work that is performed by the staff is not readily

visible to most of us. We want to express our appreciation to the staff members for the excellent work that they do!

In his Apostolic Letter for the indication of the Year of Faith Pope Benedict XVI wrote: "We need to rediscover the journey of faith..." The Year of Faith ends November 24, 2013. Various activities are recommended for Parishes to celebrate the Year of Faith; one of them is to celebrate the history of the Parish. Our

Parish did this when we celebrated our anniversary in October, 2012. Other activities are in progress, such as Time Line Bible Study (Thursday evenings) and Women's Bible Study (Wednesday mornings). Monday through Friday afternoons Divine Mercy Chaplets are prayed. Other activities are coming, please read your weekly Bulletin for information. But ultimately, it is up to each one of us to "rediscover our own journey of faith."

—Marshall J. Montañó, Chair

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Liturgical Season **UPCOMING**

LENT As we all know, Lent is the period of 40 days that precede Easter in the church calendar. It is marked by simplicity, an effort to strip away the frills that we take too much for granted. The church is plain of decoration and the liturgies may be marked by reflective and unadorned music and prayer. Traditionally, choirs may cut back on instrumentation and elaborate harmonies during this time. By observing the 40 days of Lent, we aim to replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

The season of Lent 2013 begins Ash Wednesday, February 13. Sangre de Cristo will have masses at 9:15 am, 12:15 pm (lunchtime) and 5:30 pm.

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Triduum commences Holy Thursday, March 28. During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm each Friday. A simple meal of soup may be shared from 5:00 to 5:45 pm right beforehand.

PASSION SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK Passion or Palm Sunday is the week before Easter and celebrates Christ's entry into Jerusalem and the subsequent events. We follow the normal Mass schedule: 5:30 pm Saturday, March 23; 8:30 am,

10:30 am & 6:00 pm Sunday, March 24.

TRIDUUM As Easter approaches we celebrate the Paschal Triduum, the three days that lead up to the Easter feast. These three days mark events crucial to Christian life. The Holy Thursday service may include the symbolic "Washing of the Feet" with members of the congregation standing (or sitting) in as disciples prepared to receive and continue the message of Christ. Holy Thursday liturgy will be at 6:00 pm.

On Good Friday there is no actual Mass, but services of Veneration and Distribution of Holy Communion will be held at 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm. The 6:00 pm service will feature live Stations of the Cross by members of the Confirmation class.

EASTER The Easter Vigil, the very first Mass of Easter, is traditionally held at sundown on Easter Saturday, March 30. Our service will be at 7:00 pm. Easter will continue Sunday, March 31, with masses at 8:30 and 10:30 am. There is no 6:00 pm Mass on Easter. If you are an "owl" by nature, try and make it to the Easter Vigil!

The Easter Season lasts until Pentecost, May 19.

—Dorothy Cole Domrzalski, *The Liturgy Team*

Year of Faith by **DEACON PAUL ORTWERTH**



The Holy Roman Catholic Community of Sangre de Cristo celebrates with the Archdiocese of Santa Fe (Holy Faith) this new year by deepening our love

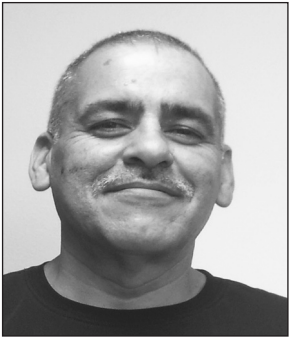
of Jesus. We love him and know him because of the faith passed on to us by our ancestors who knew him before us. Writing this letter causes stirring of wonder and gratitude for the believers who lived out their life with love for God and us. They told us of the ways God worked through them and the door of faith God opened to their families and friends, the gentiles of their times and place. This is a time of praise and thanksgiving.

The church writes to us and it always presumes faith but we need to focus on the aspects of what we were taught and now have experienced the person of Jesus and the realization that he who has Jesus has the Father also. Each person has the divine right to relationship with the Father and the Son who sends the gift of the Holy Spirit, third person into us.

Finally, we remember that Our Faith is crucial and without it we cannot please God. In fact no one can please God who commands all men to believe in His Son Jesus. He was named by the Angel Gabriel to be the one who would save the people from their sins. He is Emanuel "God is with us"! He still calls us to be his disciples observing all that he has commanded, and sends us to make disciples. We believers are examined by the world who know us in the context of our lives and have that life to witness to the truth. Maranatha!

Feature INTRODUCTION TO OUR PARISH STAFF

We introduced you to our new Religious Education Director, Donna Duran, in our Advent/Christmas 2012 newsletter, now we'd like to introduce you to the rest of our fantastic Parish staff!



CHARLIE DURAN

Charlie is our Maintenance Supervisor and with his wife and sons, has been a parishioner for 14 years.

He has been working for our parish for almost 3 years, maintaining and keeping everything in clean, working order — inside and out! These duties encompass all the parish's buildings (including the Rectory) and the landscaping and grounds.

Charlie enjoys his job because it gives him an opportunity "to see the parishioners and talk to them, when he can".

His favorite interests, hobbies and past times are that he likes to fix things (lucky for us!), likes to watch sports and listen to music, but mostly he loves to be around his family — especially his 5 year old grandson.



PATRICIA HUGHES

Patricia is our Youth and Confirmation Coordinator and joined our parish when the parish met at the Gate of Heaven Mausoleum. Her daughter was the first baby baptized in our Parish!

She has been working for our parish since August, 2000, and serves our community by coordinating the Religious Education program for the Middle and High School youth, including the Confirmation Preparation Program. She also plans and coordinates meetings, social activities and service work projects for the SdC Youth Group.

Patricia says, "I love the young people that I work with. They are awesome! To be a part of their Faith Journey is really a blessing".

Her favorite past times and interests include crafts, her pets (4 dogs, 1 cat, 1 bird and 1 fish), plus spending time with her family.



MARY GRACE ORTIZ

Grace is our Bookkeeper and Business Manager, and a parishioner of the Shrine of St. Bernadette.

She has been working for our parish for over 8-1/2 years and her job description is humongous!

Her duties as Bookkeeper are Accounts Payable; reconciling bank accounts; creates and maintains our annual parish budget for the Parish Ministries, employees and buildings; financial reports; and coordination/meetings with the Parish Finance Council.

Then, Grace takes care of all the aspects of employee payrolls: withholding taxes and employee insurance benefits. Other duties include maintaining Parishioner registrations, contribution envelopes, Collection Counters; Rental Property income and expenses; SdC Ministry for the Needy plus assists Briana, as needed.

As our Business Manager, she assists our Pastor from employee hiring, plant operation, correspondence, inventory, church & office supplies, to working with Charlie in obtaining contractors for maintenance projects.

When Grace relaxes, she enjoys reading, sewing and fishing.



BRIANA VARGAS

Briana is our Parish Secretary and has been a parishioner for 4-1/2 years.

She has been working for our parish for 3-1/2 months.

Her duties are the basic upkeep of the office, including Mass intentions, creating the weekly Bulletin, recording in the Sacrament books, completing and preparation of necessary paperwork for baptisms, funerals and marriages. She is instrumental in arranging funerals, assisting the parishes many ministries, and the scheduling of parish events. Registration of new parishioners, assisting the Religious Formation Director and Business Manager, as needed or during time of their absence are also part of her responsibilities.

Of course, in addition to all this, Briana assists our Pastor for other duties as needed for the parish.

"Getting to know the parishioners", is what Briana enjoys most about her job.

Her favorite past times are spending time with her husband, their two daughters, four dogs, two cats and a guinea pig. She also loves dragonflies and spending time at her grandparent's ranch near Socorro, NM.

Our next "Journey to Christ" newsletter will be for the Advent/Christmas season in 2013.

A Huge THANK YOU to Nancy Milligan, the Newsletter Ministry volunteers and our Parish Staff in preparing our Lenten/Easter 2013 newsletter for mailing, i.e. printing, folding, tabbing, labeling, and bulk mail sorting.

We, the Newsletter Ministry, send our Blessings to you and your family during this Lenten/Easter season.