



Journey to Christ

Publication of Sangre de Cristo Catholic Community

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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*"Father Lancaster with Deacon Paul and the Pro-Life Ministry members."
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FATHER LANCASTER OPENING HIS FAREWELL GIFT FROM OUR PARISH—A WRISTWATCH. PHOTO BY HELEN BLACK.

During our Farewell Luncheon for Father Lancaster on June 12, 2011, our parish presented him with a scrapbook of memories that he shared with us from June 4, 2004 to June 17, 2011. The following letter was included in that scrapbook.

Dear Father Lancaster,

We the Parishioners of Sangre de Cristo thank you for everything you did for our Parish during the last seven years. There is no real way to say "thanks". There is no real way to completely "appreciate" everything you did for us. All we can do is thank you for being our Pastor. There is probably a thousand or more ways to say goodbye, but there's only one way to say hello and we all said that sometime ago. You followed up your hello by giving us strong spiritual direction. So perhaps the greater thanks we can give is for our spiritual growth as a Community during the last seven years. The spiritual guidance you gave us is better summarized in II Corinthians: "Finally, brothers, good-bye. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, and live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you." We will continue to strive, as a Catholic

Community, to be of one mind and to live in peace.

Of course, aside from the spiritual, you helped lead the remodel of our Church building which had been in need of remodeling for sometime. The result was fantastic and is a testament to your hard work. The remodeled building remains as one of your legacies although buildings remodeled or otherwise do not last forever. The Church-bell system that you had installed also remains and is a happy reminder that Mass is about to begin. Certainly, we will remember you when the bells ring and we shall say a prayer for your well-being. The wall mural at the Church entry that you designed and followed through to completion also leaves your lasting hand-print.

But time has a habit of moving at a rapid, ever-accelerating rate and we, God's children, are always experiencing change. In the end only we, the souls in continuing need of spiritual nourishment, and memories remain. So we leave you, Father Lancaster, with the following from the book of Numbers:

"The Lord bless you, and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

May God bless you and be with you always. We hope you will stop by and see us whenever you're in town.

With gratitude,
The Parishioners of Sangre de Cristo Catholic Community

If you would like to submit a question for our Q+A column or Letters from Our Parishioners, please e-mail to sd.c.newsletter@yahoo.com or mail to Journey to Christ, c/o Sangre de Cristo Catholic Community, 8901 Candelaria NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112. All correspondence must include full name, address, daytime phone number and email address, if available. Published questions and/or letters may be edited for length and clarity. Submission of questions and letters are not guarantees of publication.

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ABOUT THE COVER Blessing and Dedication of Unborn Memorial on April 20, 2011.
Photo by Santiago Black

From Our Ministry COORDINATORS

was speaking with several of the Council Knights. He mentioned that he could use maintenance help at SdC and that was the catalyst for Paul Higgins and Santiago Black transferring to SdC to help Father.

The Knights of Columbus reason for existing is to help the Church and the family.

To become a Knight of Columbus—you must be a Catholic man, in communion with the Holy See, and be over 18 years of age. After joining the Knights—your family becomes part of the K of C family as envisioned by Father McGivney. At present there are more than 1.8 million Knights worldwide.—*Santiago Black*

Lectors are commissioned ministers who enhance the Liturgy by proclaiming the word of God at Mass. Any Catholic in good standing who has a love for Scripture and willingness to prepare is welcome to be a lector. —*Linda J. Garcia*

Legion of Mary is a world-wide organization of Catholics, men and women, who offer their services to their pastor to aid him in performing spiritual works in the parish. This is done by placing themselves under the banner of Mary, so that with her help they may develop greater holiness in their own lives, as well as, spread a deeper devotion to her among others. We meet each Monday at 6 pm in the Community Center.—*Helen Ortiz*

Music There will be changes in the Mass prayers and parts of the Mass starting the

1st Sunday of Advent, 2011. This summer we will possibly be having a workshop for all the choirs to teach us the new singing parts of the Mass. Further information will be given at a later date.—*Dolores M. Silva*

Our Lady's Rosary Makers continues to make rosaries for missions around the world, as well as, supplying them to the Outreach Ministry here in the AD of SF. In addition to our regular meeting, the 3rd Wednesday of each month, we will be meeting during the summer months on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in joining us in this very special ministry, just come to our next meeting. Our group is for all ages, we provide all of the materials and would be happy to help you get started.—*Patt Hughes*

Religious Education hosted a Vacation Bible School the week of June 20–24. Sessions were from 9 am to 12 noon for children ages 4 to 12. Volunteers from our Youth Group assisted with instruction and leadership. Thanks to all who attended, it was a great success!—*Deacon Rudy Baca, office hours 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Mondays, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Tuesdays and 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm Wednesdays or call 293-2328.*

St. Vincent de Paul During the weekday meetings, usually 1 1/2 hours, home visits made by the members are discussed along with upcoming events. Home visits are made to needy individuals on weekdays.

The Young Adult SVDP group meets every other month on a Saturday and this

group makes visits to people in need on Saturdays.

The Junior SVDP high school group—Patt Hughes' Young People's Group—helps stock the pantry. The pantry supplies food to needy individuals coming to the parish requesting food.

We are always in need of new members for all of our groups—you will find this ministry a place that will change your life.—*Richard Bauman*

Women's Bible Study We meet every third Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am in the Community Center. We will not be meeting during the summer.

The following are testimonials from our ladies to share what the Women's Bible Study has meant to them and their spiritual growth.

"I have been with this, my first Bible Study, since it started in 2004. It has strengthened my relationship with God through the Holy Spirit. The ladies and our discussions have enlightened my mind and shown me the right path to pursue for spiritual growth." —*Aileen Stults*

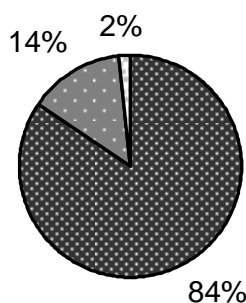
Ten of us also attended the Jewish Catholic Dialogue in March and found it a wonderful experience.




—*Christine Luke-Jones*



FOR MORE INFORMATION Please call the parish office for ministry coordinator contacts, volunteering and check our church bulletins for upcoming events.

Parish's FINANCIAL HEALTH

INCOME January–March 2011

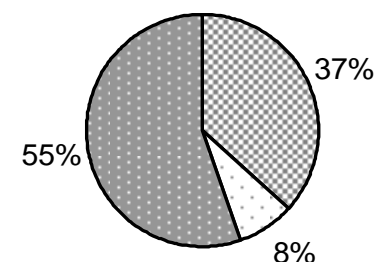


-  **Collections**
\$69,755.98
-  **Other Income**
\$ 11,541.00
-  **ACA Rebate**
\$ 1,335.00

-  **Personnel**
\$29,151.59
-  **Programs & Ministries**
\$ 6,391.28

Combined Operation Admin/Plant 
\$44,022.86

EXPENSES January–March 2011



From Our Ministry COORDINATORS

This is a more detailed explanation of some of our ministries. Each issue will contain a few ministries in this section.

Dear Parishioners,

Please take notice of the new memorial to the unborn just outside of the front doors of the Church. This beautiful tomb was a combined effort of the Knights of Columbus, the Pro-life Committee and the Maintenance Staff of Sangre de Cristo. Please pray for an end to abortion and all the offenses against life.—*Patti O'Rourke*

History of the "Memorial to the Unborn" at Sangre de Cristo.

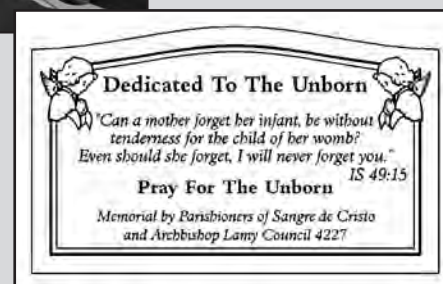
Since abortion is the most prominent SIN now stalking the earth—Father Lancaster speaks about the evils of abortion often and with a lot of passion.

The Knights of Columbus has had a program to help provide memorials to aborted babies for years. It concentrates on having memorials at Catholic Churches and uses its money to help parishes buy and install memorials.



LEFT, MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WITH FATHER LANCASTER & DEACON PAUL AT DEDICATION, PHOTO BY HELEN BLACK;

BELOW RIGHT, INSCRIPTION DETAIL ON MEMORIAL, COURTESY OF WORTHEN MEMORIALS.



It was fate that Father Lancaster would hear about the Knights program and bring it together with his passion about abortion and partner with the Knight of Columbus, Archbishop Lamy Council 4227, to provide a Memorial to the Unborn (Aborted Babies), at our Parish.

The only thing that was left was the inscription and placement of the Memorial. This was done by committees of Sangre de Cristo.

On April 20th, during Holy Week, after the 9:15 Mass, it all came together and the Memorial now has a permanent place in the front of our church.—*Santiago Black*

Adult Sacramental Preparation

includes Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for people interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and Adult Confirmation for practicing Catholics who have never been confirmed.—*Linda J. Garcia*

Confirmation

Four young people in our SdC community have successfully completed their class instruction, service work and retreat, and were confirmed in their Catholic Faith on May 25th at Our Lady of the Annunciation. They are: Jordan Coucke, Selena Fierro, Raymond Lopez and Delia Mora.—*Patt Hughes*

Evangelization The committee meeting was held in March. Discussions took place to develop a "Welcoming Package" to present to new people who register in

the parish. Other items under discussion were to develop a Blessing card; conduct door-to-door canvassing, with written notices of Masses, functions, etc. and to have a Ministry Fair after all Masses over a weekend to recruit new members.

—*Deacon Lloyd Martinez*

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

Our final dinner before the summer was held on April 2, 2011. We met in the community center for a pot luck dinner. As always the food was delicious and a good time was had by all. The consensus from those in attendance was that we should have all future dinners at the community center as a pot luck. People are more comfortable coming to church rather than to member's homes. Starting in September we will meet either 3 or 4 times for dinners at church. Anyone interested in meeting fellow parishioners and having a good time together please look for information in the future about joining the group. The more the merrier!

—*Jo Carilli and Aileen Stults*

Knights of Columbus Shortly after Father Lancaster was assigned to Sangre de Cristo (SdC), He was at a K of C potluck dinner; Father is a Knight. He

In Memoriam



FRANCIS MONTOYA

NOVEMBER 10, 1951—MAY 8, 2011

Original photo by Mary Kinney

A very dedicated man, who gave so much of himself to our parish—as an Eucharist minister and team leader, altar server, ministry coordinator for our Disabilities ministry, a religious education instructor, and lector—to name just a few. He was always willing to lend a helping hand. But most of all he was a dear friend, who will be greatly missed.

Keep God in mind in all you say and do, pray often, always.



The Beatitudes of VICTORY

The normal life of a disciple is described by Jesus in Matthew's gospel in chapter 5 where he begins the teaching about the Kingdom with the Beatitudes. The first three Beatitudes depend on humility, repentance, and faith. **"But without faith it is impossible to please him, for anyone who approaches God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."** HEB 11:6

In this article, we discuss the next stage of Christian life which is Victory through faith in Jesus. Jesus expects us to be doers of his words and summarizes; **"So be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect."** MT 5:48.

While our own experience and the world tells us this is impossible. Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible." MT 19:26

The first task which we participate in is **victory over self**. As the apostle said; HEB 12:14 **Strive for peace with everyone, and for that holiness without which no one will see the Lord.**

BEATITUDES

Matt 5:6 **"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied."**

Matt 5:7 **"Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy"**

Matt 5:8 **"Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God."**

First in the hearts of Adam and Eve the devil erected towers of deception and lies and strong desires for sins. The church fathers called these strong desires the seven deadly sins. The towers were freely chosen by Adam and Eve and they took them into their hearts then for all of their progeny, the entire human race by heritage. But we are Children of God and He gives us the Spirit of Truth and the gifts needed for our Victory in Christ in the sacrament of Confirmation.

Personal prayer or private prayer is essential. As James writes to the church; "But if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and

he will be given it." JMS 1:5.

Let us move on to Mercy for there are works of mercy and James tells us; **"See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone."** JMS 2:24. For us today mercy is a bridge to love.

And love is the essence of the pure heart. The person who has put on wisdom has victory over the flesh is able and ready to put on love. "But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity." JMS 3:17. In the story of St. Thomas More on the night before he was executed he realized that doing the right things for the wrong reasons was the final betrayal and feared for his salvation; and he prayed for a pure heart, to do the right things for the right reasons.

Love is a gift of the Spirit too, so do as the apostle tells us; "And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection." *No fear* comes from a pure heart as John says; "There is no fear in love, *but perfect love drives out fear* because fear has to do with punishment, and so one who fears is not yet perfect in love." 1 JN 4:18 As Jesus promises us who by faith obtain a pure heart, **you will see God!**

—Deacon Paul

Awakening Faith CONTINUES AT S de C

Awakening Faith program started at Sangre de Cristo on June 22. Our new program "Lumen Christi" is living in the Light Of Christ. Meetings were open to all and held on Wednesdays in June and July at 7:00 PM in the Community Center. Each evening we had three participatory parts: Prayer, Scripture Study, and Catechism of the Catholic Church for maturing Christian life. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.—Deacon Paul

Letters FROM OUR PARISHIONERS

We would welcome your comments or opinions for consideration for our newsletter. To submit a letter, please send to Journey to Christ, c/o Sangre de Cristo Catholic Community, 8901 Candelaria NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112 or e-mail to sdcc.newletter@yahoo.com. All correspondence must include full name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address, if applicable. Published letters may be edited for length and clarity. Submission of letters are not guarantees of publication.

Our Parish **MINISTRIES**

Everyone is encouraged to be part of a ministry. Regardless of your age or talents, there is a ministry that needs you. If you are already involved in a ministry, thank you for your gift of time and talent. If you are not yet involved, it's time to get involved. Review the following list of ministries and find one or two that sound like something you would like to do. It's a great way to meet new people and to serve your parish community.

Adult Sacramental Preparation

Linda J. Garcia

Coordinates Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A) and adult confirmation programs.

Altar Care

Edie Vigil

Cares for altar and linens.

Altar Servers

Deacon Rudy Baca

Assists the presider at Mass.

Building and Grounds

Charles Duran

Assists in maintenance and care of church property.

Church Historian

Mary Kinney

Maintains records, photos and information relating to the history of Sangre de Cristo.

Collection Counters

Grace Ortiz

Counts and reports donations.

Disabilities

Coordinator Needed

Promotes awareness and sensitivity of disabilities.

Evangelization

Deacon Lloyd Martinez

Generates Catholic outreach to our community.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Coordinator Needed

Distributes the Eucharist at Masses.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to the Home bound

Deacon Lloyd Martinez

Takes the Eucharist to people unable to attend Mass.

Greeters

Deacon Paul Ortwerth

Welcomes people at weekend Liturgies

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

Aileen Stults and Jo Carilli

Meet your fellow parishioners over dinner.

Hospitality

Coordinator Needed

Provide refreshments for R.C.I.A. and other parish activities.

Knights of Columbus

Santiago Black

Catholic men who support our Catholic families and our Church.

Lectors

Linda J. Garcia

Proclaims the readings at Masses.

Legion of Mary

Helen Ortiz

Dedicated to prayers, visiting the sick.

Living Rosary

Robert Martinez

Members pray one rosary decade each day.

Mass Team Leaders

Deacon Paul Ortwerth

Sets up items needed for Mass, organizes Eucharistic Ministers, people to take up gifts and people to do collection for the Mass.

Music

Dolores Silva

Our choirs lead the community in worship through vocal and instrumental performance.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers

Patricia Hughes

Prays and makes rosaries for those in need of them.

Parish Newsletter

Laurette Luff

Informs parishioners about our parish ministries, news and activities; the newsletter is mailed three times a year.

Prayer Chain

Coordinator Needed

Prays for the intentions of others at their request.

Prayer Shawl

Jan Keller

Knitters and crocheters pray while making shawls to be given to people in need of comfort.

Pro-Life

Pattie O'Rourke

Schedules and organizes activities to encourage the culture of life.

Religious Education

Deacon Rudy Baca

Coordinates children's liturgy, children's religious education and Rite of Christian Initiation for children (R.C.I.C.).

Saint Vincent de Paul

Richard Baumann

Provides a Food Pantry and other temporal assistance to the needy.

Social

Nadine Smith

Coordinates parish picnics, receptions and other social events.

Wednesday Morning Group

LaRene Rohwein

Holds weekly parish social following Wednesday morning Mass.

Women's Bible Study

Christine Luke-Jones

A time of fellowship and study of God's Word.

Youth and Confirmation

Patricia Hughes

Provides social and service opportunities for mid and high school aged young people and Confirmation preparation.

Deacon Lloyd's 35th Anniversary

On Sunday, March 7, 1976, at 2 pm, in the catacombs of the Gate of Heaven Mausoleum Chapel, Archbishop Sanchez, ordained Lloyd D. Martinez a Deacon for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Present were my family, Mary, my wife, children, Maryjane, Catherine, Lloyd L., Valerie, and Patricia; my grandchildren: Amy, Andrea, and Michael; my mother, Mary, four brothers and 45 parishioners.

Again on March 7, 2011, the Sangre de Cristo Catholic Community celebrated my 35th Anniversary with a reception in the Community Center building. The hall was decorated very elegantly and the food was supreme.

But most important was the welcome I received from the people. The beautiful accolades and cards and of course the gifts. One in particular really stands out is the Nambé-ware plate, inscribed with the following:

DEACON LLOYD D. MARTINEZ
MRS. MARY MARTINEZ



BELOVED DEACON AND WIFE

IN APPRECIATION FOR
35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
SANGRE DE CRISTO
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AND
CATHOLIC CHURCH
THANK YOU
MARCH 7, 2011

DEACON LLOYD AND HIS WIFE, MARY AT OUR PARISHES' RECEPTION IN CELEBRATION OF HIS 35TH DEACONITE ANNIVERSARY.

Mary and I are very grateful for the support this community has given us.

Thank you so very much,
Lloyd & Mary

A Note FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Your Parish Pastoral Council has been meeting regularly in the past few months since the last Newsletter. We now have By-laws which are the guidelines through which the Council operates. We are also guided by Fr. Lancaster's direction. We have established two modes by which you may communicate with the Council, if you wish: There is a "suggestion box" in the east side of the Church foyer. We have also established

an "e-mail" address, which is—sdcpastoralcouncil@yahoo.com. We encourage you to contact the Council to express your concerns. We are in the process of reviewing the goals for parish ministries established by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe known as "Pastoral Plan & Implementation Guide for Parishes." We are trying to assess how we (Sangre de Cristo Catholic Community) are doing in carrying out our mission in our

various ministries compared to what the Archdiocese expects of us. We hope that this assessment will result in a series of priorities that we, as a Parish Community, can act upon. We must always remember that WE are "the hands, the feet, and voice" of our Lord. He is continually asking all of us to "give back of our talents, our time, and our treasure."

May God continue to bless all of you.
—Marshall J. Montañó, Chairperson.